

Enigma goes to 3-0 in feature match; wins by Audi/Millarville, Tonkawa and Palm Beach Illustrated in Joe Barry Memorial Cup play

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PBI/TechnoGym 15, Coca Cola 10

Play resumed in the 2016 Joe Barry Memorial Cup on Sunday following a number of rain delays. Eight of the ten teams competing in the 20-goal tournament took the field in the final preliminary round.

In the opening game of the day Palm Beach Illustrated (Nacho Badiola, Jared Zenni, Facundo Obregon and Jesse Bray) built on a 7-5 halftime lead to decisively defeat Coca-Cola (Gillian Johnston, Sugar Erskine, Julio Arellano and Steve Krueger) by the score of 15-10.

Coca-Cola jumped all over Palm Beach Illustrated in the opening chukker with goals from the field from Steve Krueger and team captain Gillian Johnston. A 60-yard penalty conversion from Julio Arellano had Coca-Cola in the lead with 3:25 left in the chukker. Facundo Obregon finally got Palm Beach Illustrated on the scoreboard to close out the period trailing Coca-Cola 3-1.

A determined and refocused Palm Beach Illustrated team took control of the second chukker. Single goals from Nacho Badiola, Jared Zenni and Jesse Bray (penalty shot for a goal) was complimented by shutout defense. Palm Beach Illustrated left the field at the end of the second period on top of a 4-3 score.

Arellano tied the game, 4-4, with a 30-yard penalty goal in the third. Palm Beach Illustrated countered with a penalty goal from Obregon and goals from the field from Zenni and Bray, 7-4. Arellano scored on a penalty shot to end the chukker trailing Palm Beach Illustrated, 7-5.

Coca-Cola rallied in the fourth with a penalty goal from Arellano that brought Coca-Cola to within a goal of the lead, 7-6. Johnston tied it at 7-7 with her second goal of the game. Obregon and Arellano traded goals with Obregon sending the ball through the goalposts from the field while Arellano scored on a 60-yard penalty shot. The score remained even, 8-8. Obregon gave the lead to Palm Beach Illustrated on a foul shot, 9-8, but Arellano's third penalty goal of the chukker leveled the score at 9-9 at the 2:54 mark. Zenni scored the final goal of the period to give Palm Beach Illustrated a delicate 10-9 advantage.

Two-and-a-half minutes into the fifth chukker Obregon scored on a pass from Zenni, 11-9. Bray drove an impressive cut shot through the Coca-Cola goalposts from about 90-

yards out, 12-9. Arellano finally answered with a penalty goal for Coca-Cola, 12-10, but it was Badiola with the final goal of the period that gave Palm Beach Illustrated the 13-10 lead with one chukker left to play.

A listless Coca-Cola team took the field for the sixth and final period of play. Obregon opened the period with a penalty goal in the first 30 seconds, 14-10, and put the final nail in the coffin with 1:59 on the clock for the 15-10 victory.

Obregon's seven goals (three on penalty conversions). Bray and Zenni scored three times each and Badiola added a pair of goals for the win. Arellano scored all seven of his team-high seven goals on penalty shots. Johnston scored twice and Krueger added a goal in a losing effort. The win improves the Palm Beach Illustrated record to 2-1; Coca-Cola falls to 1-2.