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A lot of rain and two Champions



Team E.I. Sturdza Investment Funds and Team SIR shared the 2015 Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad Trophy

In unique circumstances Team E.I. Sturdza Investment Funds and Team SIR, new to the tournament this year, have tied in first place and will share the 2015 Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad Trophy.

Following much deliberation from the tournament officials the decision was made to change the format of the final of the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad. Taking into consideration the safety of the players and ponies, the waterlogged pitch was deemed too dangerous to play a competitive match.

RANKING

1. E. I. Sturdza Investment Fonds (14)

- Ignacio Bello (+2)
- Mohammed El Sewedy (+2)
- Juan Manuel Gonzalez (+4)
- Eduardo Menendez (+6)

1. SIR (13)

- Andreas Tombor (0)
- Juan Jose Storni (+5)
- Juan Cruz Greguoli (+4)
- Matias Machado (+4)

3. Banques Baring Brothers Sturdza (14)

- Chris Falk (+1)
- Cedric Schweri (0)
- Marcos Riglos (+5)
- Olavo Novales (+8)

4. Palace Gstaad (14)

- Michael Brüggler (0)
- Segundo Condessa Stanga (+3)
- Marcelo Pascual (+6)
- Juan de Ezcurra (+5)


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Die Teams E.I. Sturdza Investment Funds und Team SIR teilen sich den Sieg beim diesjährigen Hublot Polo Cup in Gstaad. Ein Novum in der Geschichte des Traditions-Events. Mit Rücksicht auf die Gesundheit der Spieler und Pferde entschieden die Verantwortlichen, den Final aufgrund des regendurchtränkten Bodens in einem Exhibition Match auszutragen. Das Match endete mit 7:7 Toren. Das Spiel um Platz drei – entschieden im Penalty-Schiessen – gewann Team Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA gegen das Team Gstaad Palace 5:4.



Pierre Genecand

The crowds were not left unsatisfied, the announcement was made the final would be replaced by a 4-chukka exhibition match. The four team-patrons and the four best players of the tournament were split into two teams to play in a non-competitive manner. One of tournament's referees, Tony Keyte commented, "The pitch was too waterlogged to play a safe match and our top priority is the safety of the horses and the safety of the players. The decision was discussed at length with the players and the committee and everyone agreed an exhibition match would be the best option to replace the final."

The teams remained head-to-head throughout each chukka until the final whistle blew with a finishing score of 7-7. The best play of the match was undoubtedly the impressive teamwork between Hublot Polo Gold Cup favourite, Eduardo Menendez (ARG) – who is competing in the tournament for the 16th time – and home favourite Michael Brüggler (SUI); an aerial shot from Menendez opened up the field for Brüggler to accelerate down the pitch, and strike a powerful shot cleanly through the posts. Gasps echoed among the crowds at the unbelievable display of talent from both players.

The third place play-off was decided by penalties. Team Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA beat Team Gstaad Palace 5-4 to take third place position at the 20th edition of the tournament.



10 years Big Bang: Pierre Genecand and Jean-Claude Biver

