

Clinique La Prairie's Time to Shine

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Four teams of up to 14 goals participated in the return of this tournament which was interrupted for two years due to Covid. Team Clinique La Prairie, owned by French patron Sébastien Le Page achieved victory by defeating Kielder Agro, owned by brothers Luca and Fabio Meier, in the final.

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After two years, the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad is back at the temporary field set up on the airport runway. It is Swiss summer's highest-level polo competition.



Opposite page. Clinique La Prairie Polo Team was the champion: Raúl Laplacette, French patron Sébastien Le Page, Lucas Labat and Facundo Kelly.

Lucas Labat, winner of this cup in 2019, celebrates with Facundo Kelly.



Sébastien Le Page and his wife Morgan cheerfully celebrate their victory!



One of the participants in the Friday afternoon parade.

Patrons Luca Meier and Marco Elser, patron of Hublot Polo Team.

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Pierre Genecand and Andrea Scherz, owner of Gstaad Palace, with Kielder Agro Polo Team: Fabio Meier, Gallego Martínez Ferrario, Bautista Beguerie (substitute), Pato Bolanteiro and Luca Meier.

After a two-year hiatus, the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad made a magnificent return with a grand final whose winner was decided in the last few seconds. An impressive match that crowned Clinique La Prairie as the new champion of the 25th edition of the Hublot Polo Gold Cup. The tournament, the highest-level of the summer season in Switzerland, delivered four watches, offered by Hublot, the main sponsor of the championship.

Four teams of up to 14 goals were part of this tough and even contest. Clinique La Prairie, captained by the French,

Sébastien Le Page (who currently resides in Switzerland and owns Polo Park Zurich) played alongside Lucas Labat (winner of this cup in 2019), Raúl Laplacette (best player in the final) and Facundo Kelly, and defeated Kielder Agro—a team starring brothers Luca and Fabio Meier. Third place was awarded to Hublot Polo Team, featuring Marco Elser, Teo von Neufforge, Goffredo Cutinelli-Rendina and Pedro Fernández Llorente, who defeated Cedric Schweni's team Gstaad Palace.

The matches were played in the Saanen airfield, which is next to Gstaad, the most

stylish ski town perched on the canton of Bern. The field is set up in the airport runway. It closes only during the tournament.

Polo activity began on Thursday with two polo matches. On Friday there was a colorful parade through the picturesque streets of Gstaad. The tournament continued on Saturday and ended on Sunday. Results aside, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Those who were present this year already dream of returning in 2023 from August 17 to 23. Gstaad's competitive polo returns to the heart of the mountains, where it has been for 25 years.

Luca Meier clears the way for his brother, Fabio. Both officiated as patrons in their team Kielder Agro, the tournament finalist.



The airport runway was converted into a polo field. Pierre Genecand is in charge of the throw-in from a beautiful Ferrari.





Facundo Kelly crosses the path of the Swiss patron of Gstaad Polo Team, Cedric Schweri, owner of Legacy Polo Club.

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The weekend's matches kicked off after an exquisite lunch for 500 VIP guests. Later, the polo games were followed from the terrace next to the field.



Hublot Polo Team had this Falcon 8X plane right next to their ponylines. Pedro Fernández Llorente, Teo von Neuforge, Marco Elser and Goffredo Cutinelli-Rendina.



Kielder Agro takes on Hublot. Gstaad is a charming town located in Saanenland, a canton in Bern.

Gstaad Palace Polo Team at the street parade: Tomi Astelarra, Dario Musso, João Novaes and Cedric Schweri.



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Ponylines next to planes is quite rare. The takeoff and landing strip comes to a halt only for the days that the tournament takes place.

Everyone participated in the parade promoting the tournament: organizers, all four teams and sponsors.

Lucas Labat and his son Francisco.



"It was a pleasure to organize this tournament again and rebuild the field, which was in bad shape after a two-year pause due to Covid," said Pierre Genecand, president of Polo Club Gstaad.

Guests arrived early for lunch and watch the following two daily games.



The curtain falls and everyone says goodbye until August of next year.





Hublot Polo Team rides through the beautiful center of Gstaad in the traditional parade.



Kielder Agro played a great final but unfortunately lost. After the frustration is over, everyone smiles. The tournament was a lot of fun.

The Gstaad Palace Hotel. A symbol of the city that can be seen from all angles.



Between team and team, the parade also exhibited all kinds of animal-drawn carts.



The champions salute the public. "In the third chukker I thought we were losing the final, but we woke up in time," said Sébastien Le Page, who lives in Switzerland.

Right. Pierre Genecand and Sonia Spring, Marketing Director of Clinique La Prairie, accompany the Gstaad Palace Team: Tommy Astelarra, team patron Cedric Schweri, João Novaes and Dario Musso.





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A luxurious Ferrari, the car brand that was one of the tournament sponsors.



A sunny day and some rain... of champagne.



"Gallego" Martínez Ferrario with Luca and Fabio Meier, Wernie Meier's sons, who played so much polo in Switzerland throughout his life.

A view from the Gstaad Palace Hotel.



The referees: Oliver Ellis and Charles Seaville.



The iconic and imposing Gstaad Palace Hotel.

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The whole town is filled with very intricate carved wood details in its houses.



During the winter Gstaad is a very famous ski resort.