



Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club
2021 PACIFIC COAST OPEN

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (August 15th, 2021) The coveted Pacific Coast Open began at the Santa Barbara Polo Club last Sunday. After two tournaments of high goal polo, the six 16 goal teams were ready to bring it all to the field for this prized tournament. Since this weekend only held the first round of the PCO, all teams are still in the running to compete in the finals on the 29th of August.

The PCO kicked off with a match up between Antelope and Santa Clara. This game maintained even play throughout the game with either team having a chance to win it. Antelope stayed in it through the first half solely off penalties from Tomas Garcia Del Rio. Between brother duo, Nico and Lucas Escobar, Santa Clara made an equal number of goals to finish the half 4-4. However, in a low-scoring, defense focused second half, Antelope managed to pull away just enough to secure the win 8-7.

At 2 PM, Klentner Ranch and Lucchese faced off on Santa Barbara field 1. The first chukker had a slow start with just one goal from 16 year old Kristos Magrini for Lucchese. Klentner Ranch took the lead with five goals in the second chukker to bring up the intensity of the game. The first half finished 6-4 to Klentner Ranch. After a riveting half time chat, Klentner Ranch widened the gap in score with four additional goals in the fourth chukker and no rebuttal from Lucchese. With a miracle comeback effort in the final chukker, especially from Magrini, Lucchese came up with five goals. However, it was not quite enough and the final score was 13-11 to Klentner Ranch.

The last match of the day featured BenSoleimani.com and Farmers and Merchants Bank on the US Polo Assn Stadium field in front of a large crowd. Maco Llambias substituted for Luqitas Criado on Farmers and Merchants Bank. BenSoleimani.com wasted no time to pull ahead and scored four goals in the first chukker, capitalizing on the FMB's adjustment to their new roster. However, Lucas Criado and patron, Danny Walker, helped keep FMB in the game with five goals between the two of them in the second and third chukker. This made the score 8-5 to BSI.com at

half-time. After an equal second half, the difference in score remained similar to end the game 12-8 to BenSoleimani.com.

This Friday, Farmers and Merchants Bank will take on Lucchese to start the second round of play. Then, Santa Clara will face BenSoleimani.com. Finally, Klentner Ranch and Antelope will play each other. After this round, another set of match-ups will be played to determine the semifinals for the Pacific Coast Open.

About Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club

Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club is the premier destination for summer polo. Players and Patrons from all across the globe call Santa Barbara their home for the summer, bringing world class polo to the Southern California coast. We welcome spectators back to our club to enjoy the matches in 2021. Please visit the “Spectator Information” page for more information.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit our website, www.sbpolo.com.