



Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club

2021 Lisle Nixon Tournament

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (May 16th, 2021) The Lisle Nixon Tournament saw an exciting first week of play. This tournament's format included a draw for the first four games, then winner versus loser matches on the 16th. This format made for thrilling polo to watch with each game having one team needing to maintain their position, and the other trying hard to move up in the ranks to improve their record.

The first game at 10 AM included SpongeBob SquarePants and Folded Hills/FMB Too!. SpongeBob SquarePants pulled away in the first half to end the third chukker at 6-2. The final score was 11-7 to SpongeBob SquarePants.

At noon at Cancha de Estrellas, Dundas and Antelope played. Antelope came into this game with something to prove after their loss on Friday. Meanwhile, Dundas had to hold their own to follow up their win. They came out strong with a penalty conversion from Sarah Magness, a goal from Mariano Fassetta, and one from Nico Escobar. Grant Palmer with Antelope countered with a penalty of his own, but Dundas was up 3-1 after the first chukker. Antelope turned it around and finished the first half up by one goal. Antelope kept up this momentum and held Dundas at bay to finish the game victorious at 13-9.

The 2 PM game also at Cancha de Estrellas was Dundas II versus Farmers and Merchants Bank. Dundas II held a lead of 4-2 after three chukkers of fast play with strong defense. FMB came back in the second half, but not quite enough. The final score was 8-7 to Dundas II.

The featured game on the US Polo Assn Stadium field took place at 4 PM when BenSoleimani.com faced off against Klentner Ranch. Both teams played evenly in the first chukker, then Klentner Ranch pulled away in the second with two field goals and two penalty conversions. They kept it close again in the third, finishing the first half at 7-4 to Klentner Ranch. BenSoleimani.com had an inspiring half-time chat that allowed them to pull away in the fifth and sixth chukker. The final score was 14-12 to BenSoleimani.com over Klentner Ranch.

At the end of the weekend, only two teams sit 2-0: BenSoleimani.com and Dundas II. The other four teams still in the running with 1-1 records are: Folded Hills/FMB Too!, Antelope, Dundas, and SpongeBob SquarePants.

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. No spectators will currently gather for matches due to COVID-19. We are taking all precautions during the 2020 season including weekly testing, face-masks, and social distancing. Please visit the Spectator Information page for more information.

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