



Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club

2021 Lisle Nixon Memorial

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (May 23rd, 2021) The Lisle Nixon Memorial came to a close with a thrilling final this last Sunday. The two teams competing for the title were BenSoleimani.com and Dundas II. Both teams came to win with the abilities to do so based on their well-balanced teams and competitive attitudes. They matched up well against each other and the game could have gone either way.

The first chukker started strong with few fouls and several goals. BenSoleimani.com put the first goal on the board with Iñaki Laprida scoring right out of the lineup. Remy Mueller brought the score up to 2-0 by jumping on Bayne Bossom's pass to score. Dundas II closed the gap starting with a goal from young player, Cable Magness, off an angled neck shot. Jason Crowder kept the momentum up for Dundas II with a huge shot from the boards at 80 yards away. The score was tied 2-2 at the end of the chukker.

Within the first 20 seconds of the second chukker, Geronimo Obregon scored off Crowder's penalty 5. Still keeping it even, Laprida converted a penalty 4 for BenSoleimani.com. A huge run from Bayne Bossom aboard Soleimani's grey mare "Violeta" put another goal on the board. The combination of Crowder and Luke Klentner brought Dundas II into the lead with two goals of their own to finish the chukker 5-4 to Dundas II.

The third chukker saw strong defense with no goals scored for five whole minutes. A penalty 2 conversion from Laprida and another goal from Mueller in the final 30 seconds brought BenSoleimani.com into the lead finishing the half at 5-6.

Laprida, confident on his penalties, started the fourth chukker with another penalty conversion. Then Mueller put yet another goal on the board with a huge neck shot. Jason kept Dundas II in the game with a penalty 2 conversion. The chukker finished 9-6 to BenSoleimani.com.

Dundas II began the comeback in the fifth chukker with a tail shot into goal from Klentner and a goal from Crowder by tapping the ball through three players then the posts. Iñaki Laprida scored another penalty 2, but Dundas II drew a penalty 1 to finish the chukker within one goal at 10-9 to BenSoleimani.com.

Cable Magness tied the game up to start the sixth with a huge coast to coast goal. A penalty 2 from Crowder put Dundas II in the lead for the first time since the second chukker. Laprida scored a safety to bring the game into overtime.

Within the first minute of overtime, Iñaki Laprida scored the golden goal to win the game for BenSoleimani.com. Remy Mueller had Dundas II cleared out of the way for Laprida to send the ball soaring through the air with a perfect view from the grandstands to finish the most exciting final of the season yet. This goal along with his consistent penalties and impressive stickwork earned him MVP. Best playing pony went to "Valencia" played by Iñaki Laprida and owned by Ben Soleimani.

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.

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