



**Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club**  
2021 PACIFIC COAST OPEN

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (August 22nd, 2021) The past Sunday, Pacific Coast Open narrowed the six teams down to just four to go through to the semi-finals to be held on Friday. Therefore, all the teams came out with their best horses, best strategies, and best focus to secure a spot, or keep their spot, to advance in the tournament.

At 11 AM, Klentner Ranch and BenSoleimani.com played each other. Klentner Ranch had a strong first chukker with five goals between Santiago Toccalino and Jesse Bray. BenSoleimani.com fired back in the second with four goals of their own, all from Inaki Laprida. The first half ended at a close 8-6. However, Klentner Ranch turned it on in the second half to pull away in score, ultimately coming out on top, 17-11.

The first afternoon game at 2 PM matched up Antelope and Farmers and Merchants Bank. Antelope held the lead after two chukkers, but remarkable play from Luqitas Criado pulled FMB ahead to finish the half. Good defense and strategic play dominated the second half with few goals, almost all of them off of penalty shots. After a hard-fought match, FMB took the win with a two goal margin, 11-9.

Wrapping up the day at 4 PM, Santa Clara and Lucchese battled it out on the US Polo Assn Stadium field. Santa Clara came out strong in the first and second chukkers with six total goals, Lucchese made it up by winning the third chukker three goals to none for Santa Clara. This made the score all tied up 6-6 at half-time. Lucchese used the fourth and fifth chukkers to gain a lead of one goal. Santa Clara pulled out all the stops in the final chukker, with equally impressive back to back goals from Nico Escobar to tie the game up. But it proved to be not quite enough as Jeff Hall scored the winning goal, ending the game 11-10 to Lucchese.

At the end of the day, BenSoleimani.com, Klentner Ranch, Lucchese, and Farmers and Merchants Bank continued on in the Pacific Coast Open. Klentner Ranch will face Farmers and

Merchant Bank on Friday in one of the semi-finals and Lucchese will take on BenSoleimani.com in the second semi-final. The next press release will report the Pacific Coast Open Finals.

**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](http://www.sbpolo.com).