



Press Release

CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 2016 about to start



Photo: Polo Times

Baku (POLO+10 – 09/09/2016) – Yesterday, teams were welcomed enthusiastically by members of the local and international press to the Hotel Badamar in Baku, Azerbaijan, in anticipation of the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 2016 which begins in earnest this evening.

Defending champions Azerbaijan will compete with teams from Switzerland, Spain and Argentina for the World Cup which will be played over three days from, Friday, 9th September to Sunday, 11th September. The CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan is being held at the Elite Horse & Polo Club in Baku.

With the iconic Badrutt's Palace from St. Moritz providing the VIP hospitality, the event is anticipated to draw large crowds. Similarly, CBC Sport are broadcasting the polo live from Azerbaijan which has created large amounts of interest in the increasingly popular sport from the Azeri people.

Today, local favourites, Gilan Holding (Azerbaijan) will take on Italdizian Group (Argentina) in the first game. The second game will be played between Badrutt's Palace (St. Moritz) and Bogner (Spain).

About polo in Azerbaijan:

Azerbaijan is known as the birthplace of polo and in 2013, the sport returned to Baku with the Grass Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. In the past three years World Polo organised three successful polo events in the Azerbaijani capital, under the direction of Reto Gaudenzi and in cooperation with the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) and the Elite Horse and Polo Club Bina. Following the huge success of the first two years, Baku was last year scene for the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship. 2018 the vibrant city applies for the European Championship in grass polo.

Programme:

Friday, 9th September 2016

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1st Polo match: GILAN HOLDING – ITALDIZAIN GROUP

7.15 pm 2nd Polo match: BADRUTT'S PALACE – BOGNER

Saturday, 10th September 2016

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1st Polo match: BADRUTT'S PALACE – ITALDIZAIN GROUP

7.15 pm 2nd Polo match: BOGNER – GILAN HOLDING

8.00 pm "Baku Moritz Night" Polo Party sponsored by AZERSUN HOLDING presented by Badrutt's Palace Hotel St. Moritz and Elite Event Hall Baku

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Sunday, 11th September 2016

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1st Polo match – Garachay Holding Cup – Finals for 3rd/4th Place

7.15 pm 2nd Polo match – CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan – Final Arena Polo World Cup

Azerbaijan 1st/2nd Place

8.20 pm Prize-giving ceremony - Fireworks

Teams:

TEAM BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL (Evviva Polo Club St Moritz, Switzerland)

Patrick Maleitzke (GER, +4)

Tito Gaudenzi (CH, +3)

René Kleinlugtenbelt (GER, +1)

TEAM GILAN HOLDING (Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku, Azerbaijan)

Elchin Jamalli (AZE, +3)

Tarlan Gurbanaliyev (AZE, +2)

Rashad Hasanov (AZE, +2)

Ali Rzayev (AZE, 0)

TEAM BOGNER (Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande, Spain)

Santiago Torreguitar (ESP, +3)

Richard Fagan (IRL, +1)

Mario Gomez (ESP, +4)

Daniel Gariador (ESP, +2)

TEAM ITALDIZAIN GROUP (Alegria Polo Club Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fabio Meier (CH, +2)

Luca Meier (CH, +2)

Fabian Bolanterio (ARG, +4)

Werner Meier (CH, +1)

OFFICIALS

Speaker: Jan-Erik Franck

Timekeeper: Christian Dunkelberg

Ball Judge: Antonio D'Aurelio

Umpire: Mark Holmes

Polo DJ: Ray Douglas

SPONSORS

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Bogner

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Italdizain Group

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Santa María Polo Club

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La Alegria Polo Team

Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku

Azersun Holding

La Martina

Hotel Badamdar Baku

General Information

at Elite Horse & Polo Club 9, 10, 11 September 2016, 17:00 – 20:00

ITALDIZAIN GROUP Open Air VIP Lounge & VIP-Ticket Sales

Admission by invitation only or with VIP tickets. Culinary delights by Badrutt's Palace Hotel St. Moritz and Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku, DJ music.

9, 10, 11 September 2016 VIP-Ticket Sales: Badamdar Hotel +994 12 538 90 90, Elite Horse & Polo Club (+994 12) 565 31 51, (+994 51) 664 52 51, (+994 55) 246 68 96 or (+994 55) 920 99 51

Grandstands

Admission by tickets. Price 20 AZN. Free sitting. Culinary offer available for purchase. 9, 10, 11 September 2016 Grandstand-Ticket Sales: City ticket booths, ASAN service centers: (+994 12) 565 31 51, (+994 51) 664 52 51, (+994 55) 246 68 96 or (+994 55) 920 99 51

Prize-giving Stage

The prize-giving ceremony takes place on Sunday after the final games.

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Hotel St. Moritz & Elite Events Hall Baku

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Media Desk

Information for media representatives at Elite Horse & Polo Club
9, 10, 11 September 2016, 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact:

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