



Press Release

5. CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 2017 Ready to play: Glamorous team presentation in Baku



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Baku (POLO+10 – 08/09/2017) – Team presentation at the JW Marriott Absheron in Baku for the 5th CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 2017: Yesterday afternoon, four international polo teams were introduced to the local and international press at the terrace of the JW Marriott Absheron in Baku in anticipation of the 5th CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup which begins tonight at 6pm. With CBC Sport, a great title sponsor will feature the polo venue again and will provide an impressive live coverage of the matches on the Azeri TV. Bahruz Nabijev of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) organises this international arena polo tournament together with World Polo of Reto Gaudenzi and his team.

Teams and sponsors enjoyed a warm welcome from the organisers Bahruz Nabijev and Reto Gaudenzi, from the international guests and members of the press. The 5. CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 2017 will be played over three days from Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th September at the Elite Horse & Polo Club in Baku. The tournament is played with a 10-12 handicap (grass +1 or Arena Handicap) and each participating team consists of three players and two substitutes. The 5. CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup will feature Team Improtex Motors/Grand

Champions Polo Club (Palm Beach, USA), Team CBC Sport/Elite Horse & Polo Club (Baku, Azerbaijan), Team Pasha Private Banking/Monte-Carlo Polo Team (Monte-Carlo, Monaco) and the Team Azersun/Evviva Polo Club (St. Moritz, Switzerland).

Last year, Reto Gaudenzi launched the unique „Baku Moritz Polo Night“, where he brought together two outstanding polo locations for the first time: Baku and his birthplace St. Moritz in Switzerland. For the first time ever in Baku, 2016 the legendary Hotel Badrutt’s Palace from St. Moritz was in charge of the VIP Catering together with the local caterer from Elite Horse & Polo Club. 2017, the „Baku Moritz Polo Night“ is again the highlight of the social program and will be held on Saturday, 9th of September.

Today, the local Azeri team CBC Sport will take on Improtex Motors (USA) in the first game which starts at 6 pm. The second game will be played between Pasha Private Banking (Monaco) and Azersun (Switzerland).

About polo in Azerbaijan

2013 the unique sport of polo was brought back to Azerbaijan, as one of its origin countries, where the traditional polo version Shovgan was played over the centuries. Since 2013 Bahruz Nabijev of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) together with World Polo of Reto Gaudenzi and his team create and set up this highly successful arena polo tournament. Thanks to General Elcin Gulijev, President of ARAF, and his visionaries of a new polo era in his country, the modern sport of polo was raised from zero to a remarkable international level in Azerbaijan during the last five years. After hosting the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship in 2015, the ARAF-Elite Horse & Polo Club now presents the 5. CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. Following the huge success of the tournament, the vibrant city of Baku has been awarded for the FIP Grass Polo European Championship in 2020. Therefore two full-size grass polo fields have been built in Azerbaijan.

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TEAMS:

TEAM IMPROTEX MOTORS
GRAND CHAMPIONS POLO CLUB | Palm Beach, USA (+5)



- Captain**  Melissa Ganzi (+1)
Player  Juan Bollini (+1)
Player  Tito Gaudenzi (+3)

TEAM CBC SPORT
ELITE HORSE & POLO CLUB | Baku, Azerbaijan (+10)



- Captain**  Elchin Jamalli (+4)
Player  Rashad Hasanov (+2)
Player  Ali Rzayev (+1)
Player  Amil Namazov (+1)
Player  Tarlan Gurbanaliyev (+2)





TEAM PASHA PRIVATE BANKING
MONTE CARLO POLO TEAM | Monte Carlo, Monaco (+12)



- Captain**  Rommy Gianni (+2)
Player  Chris Hyde (+9)
Player  Giles Greenwood (+1)

TEAM AZERSUN
EVVIVA POLO CLUB | St. Moritz, Switzerland (+13)



- Captain**  Zhanna Bandurko (+1)
Player  Raya Sidorenko (+1)
Player  Martin de Estrada (+4)
Player  Santiago de Estrada (+7)



POLO SPEAKER, UMPIRE, DJ

- Speaker** Jan-Erik Franck
Timekeeper Christian Dunkelberg
Umpire Marcello Garrahan

PROGRAMME:

8th of September, 2017 / Friday

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm **1st Polo match**

CBC Sport/Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku – Improtex Motors/Grand Champions Polo Club

Palm Beach

7.15 pm **2nd Polo match**

Pasha Private Banking/Monte Carlo Polo Team – Azersun/Evviva Polo Club St Moritz

8.30 pm World Polo Party (by invitation only)

9th of September, 2017 / Saturday

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm **1st Polo match**

Pasha Private Banking/Monte-Carlo Polo Team – Improtex Motors/Grand Champions

Polo Club Palm Beach

7.15 pm **2nd Polo match**

Azersun/Evviva Polo Club St Moritz – CBC Sport /Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku

8.00 pm Baku Moritz Night Polo Party at Elite Event Hall Baku

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10th of September, 2017 / Sunday

2.00 pm Gate Open

3.00 pm **1st Polo match** finals 3th and 4th place

4.15 pm **2nd Polo match** finals 1st and 2nd place CBC Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan

5.00 pm Prize giving ceremony - farewell party

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