



**Press Release**

**England To Play Hong Kong China In Grand Final Of Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup**

02 October 2014, Tianjin – England will once again face their great rivals Hong Kong China this Sunday to decide which elite polo team will be crowned champions of the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup 2014. England dispatched their opponents Argentina today by 10 goals to 8 in a closely fought contest at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club, the glamorous new home of the “Sport of Kings” in China.

It was day two of the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup, and China’s Golden Week national holiday was finally living up to its name, autumn sun warming the grass at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club. Conditions were perfect; the ponies eager to get underway.

England had tasted recent success here, winning the FIP Snow Polo World Cup in January this year. Max Charlton and Jack Richardson, part of that victorious side, were back in action today, ably supported by George Meyrick and Tom Morley. Their opponents Argentina comprised the talented quartet of Pablo Llorente, Pablo Dorignac, Tomás Ruiz Guiñazú and Martín Tassara, all six-goal players.

First blood went to the Argentineans as the game got underway, a snatched charge by Pablo Dorignac catching England by surprise. Max Charlton showed deft stick work a moment later to dribble the ball between the posts, but an infringement meant no goal was awarded. Dorignac swiftly punished England again with another breakaway score, putting Argentina two goals to the good going into the second of six chukkas.

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England piled on the pressure in the second, Argentina managing to defend two 60-yard penalties. It was third time lucky for England, Richardson making the best of the goal mouth melee from Morley's penalty to put England's first score on the board. Morley evened up the odds soon after with another smoothly struck penalty.

A beautifully-worked Argentinean attack ended with the rampant Dorignac pulling his shot just wide of the near post, but Tomás Ruiz Guiñazú made amends by converting a penalty to put Argentina into the lead. Chances fell for both sides as tempers flared; Pablo Dorignac kept his cool to roll over a 40-yard penalty, his third goal of the game putting his country ahead by four goals to two.

Argentina were defending resolutely, out-muscling the English players and catching them on the break. It was the same story for penalties, Argentina always managing to get horse or stick in front of the ball, forcing Tom Morley to go for height instead. Unfortunately for England his accuracy was found wanting.

England fought back, their dogged persistence winning a penalty which Max Charlton converted to close the deficit to a single goal. Seizing the momentum, England's George Meyrick squared the scores soon after. What followed was the best passage of play in the game. Argentina's Pablo Llorente spurned a gilt edged chance only for Tom Morley to score a wonderful field goal for England, drilling it home from out towards the boards. With seconds left in the chukka, Argentina's Pablo Llorente thumped in a carbon copy of Morley's goal to set up a thrilling second half, the scores poised at five goals each.

England caught Argentina napping after the restart, Jack Richardson breaking away to put his side ahead. Max Charlton and Tom Morley linked up well soon after, Dorignac coming across Morley's attacking line to give away a penalty. England dutifully converted, nosing ahead seven goals to five.

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Max Charlton exploded out of the blocks in the fifth chukka, keeping his composure at speed to run the ball between the posts and make it advantage England. Yet more England pressure resulted in a penalty conversion by Tom Morley, his fourth goal of the game. Short on ideas, Argentina hadn't scored since half time; England were well worth their four goal lead, going into the final chukka winning 9 - 5.

Argentina fought valiantly to close the gap on England, and by the halfway bell had chipped away at the deficit to make the scores 10 – 7. The South Americans were beginning to dominate possession but they had left it too late. Despite another penalty goal, England held on to claim victory by ten goals to eight.

Argentina will go off and lick their wounds in preparation for Saturday's third place clash with the USA. England, meanwhile, will be looking to get one over on their rivals Hong Kong China this Sunday in what promises to be an electric finale to the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup 2014.

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### **Daily polo matches are contested as follows:**

#### ***Wednesday, 1 October 2014***

Result: Hong Kong, China VS USA 13 – 6

#### ***Thursday, 2 October 2014***

Result: Argentina VS England 8 – 10

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The tournament schedule will continue as follows:–

| Date                  | Time | Team                       | Team |
|-----------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| 03 October 2014 (FRI) | 2 pm | Rest Day                   |      |
| 04 October 2014 (SAT) | 2 pm | Argentina VS USA           |      |
| 05 October 2014 (SUN) | 2 pm | England VS Hong Kong China |      |

### **Information on Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup 2014**

Gates open: 1 pm

Match Time: 2 pm

Address: 16 Hai Tai Hua Ke Ju Lu Bin Hai Gao Xin Qu, Tianjin, China

Official website: [www.supernationscup.com](http://www.supernationscup.com)

You may wish to catch the matches:

- Live in Hong Kong on nowTV, Channel - Sports Prime 630,635,100
- Or catch delayed telecasts online

[http://www.hurlinghampolo.com/polo\\_videos.php](http://www.hurlinghampolo.com/polo_videos.php)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thepoloclubchannel>

### **Team List**

#### **HONG KONG, CHINA**

|          |                   | <u>Handicap</u> |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Player 1 | Lucas Lalor       | 6               |
| Player 2 | Santiago Cernadas | 6               |
| Player 3 | John-Paul Clarkin | 8               |
| Player 4 | John Fisher       | 4               |
|          |                   | 24              |
| Reserves | Bautista Sorzana  | 6               |

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**USA**

|          |                    | <u>Handicap</u> |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Player 1 | Carlos Gracida Jr. | 3               |
| Player 2 | Andres Weisz       | 5               |
| Player 3 | Nicholas Roldan    | 8               |
| Player 4 | Mike Azzaro        | 8               |
|          |                    | 24              |
| Reserves | Joel Baker         | 2               |
|          | Jason Crowder      | 6               |

**ARGENTINA**

|          |                    | <u>Handicap</u> |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Player 1 | Pablo Llorente     | 6               |
| Player 2 | Pablo Dorignac     | 6               |
| Player 3 | Tomás Ruiz Guiñazú | 6               |
| Player 4 | Martín Tassara     | 6               |
|          |                    | 24              |
| Reserves | Agustín Málquez    | 6               |

**ENGLAND**

|          |                 | <u>Handicap</u> |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Player 1 | Jack Richardson | 5               |
| Player 2 | George Meyrick  | 6               |
| Player 3 | Max Charlton    | 6               |
| Player 4 | Tom Morley      | 6               |
|          |                 | 22              |
| Reserves | Jonny Good      | 5               |

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<http://www.fippolo.com>

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### **CO-ORGANISERS**

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Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club

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## **About Fortune Heights**

Fortune Heights is the only luxury residences with polo club membership in China. Located in Goldin Metropolitan with a gross floor area of approximately 700,000 square meters, the development includes high-rise residential buildings, low-density luxury villas and townhouses.

## **About Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club**

Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club currently features three standard-size polo fields, stabling for over 200 horses, all-weather training facilities, a riding school and a luxurious

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Club House and 167-room resort-style hotel. The state-of-the-art equestrian facilities are used and maintained by professionals from all over the world.

Apart from being the host venue of the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup 2014, major international fixtures on the Club's annual calendar include various spring and autumn tournaments and matches for different levels of play from youth to professional.

### **About Federation of International Polo (FIP)**

The Federation of International Polo (FIP), founded in 1982, is the international body governing the sport of polo recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and includes 59 National Federations as full members. Polo has been played in the Olympics and is growing in popularity all over the world. Polo is a sport of horse and player. Men and women compete together in this contact sport as players are handicapped and games have a handicap range. While polo has primarily been played outdoors on a large green field, variations of the sport such as snow, beach and indoor polo are emerging and gaining popularity. FIP aims to develop rules for the safe conduct of the sport for both horse and player. Competition, sportsmanship and compliance with international rules of fair play are at the core of our sporting ethos.

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