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CARLOS GRACIDA PASSES AWAY AT AGE 53



It is with extreme sadness that we must announce the passing of Carlos Gracida. Carlos suffered a fall yesterday afternoon in a 14 goal Freebooters Cup match; he was Trauma Hawked to the Delray hospital where he died at 8 pm, surrounded by his sons Carlitos and Mariano, his brother Memo, fellow polo players and close friends.

Carlos became an American citizen about two weeks ago, and was so excited, thrilled actually, two days later when he got his first job as an American player. Carlos was 53. He gave us 40 years of some of the best polo one will ever see. He was a great horseman. He still had so much to give, to his sons, to polo, to the rest of us. Carlos, we will miss you.

(photos left and below right by David Lominska)



Above left, Carlos Gracida showing his great style on Saturday playing with Scott Devon, his cousin Alejandro Gonzalez and Marcos Alberdi, who was replacing Wes Finlayson for Catamount on the day. *(ph Alex Pacheco)*

CV WHITNEY SEMIFINAL TODAY



To Carlos,

A friend, a gentleman, a sportsman, a horseman and a father.
An artist whose paintbrush was a mallet,
whose palette was his horses,
whose canvas was the Polo field.

David Lominska

The Avendaño family and the Patagones Polo Team will never forget the joyfull moments that we shared with Carlos, a great player, teacher and friend. Just a few weeks ago Carlos send me this picture, remembering the great run that we had together in the 20 goal seasons of 2008 and 2009 in Wellington and Santa Barbara. We will never forget him.



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C.V. WHITNEY CUP

International Polo Club, Palm Beach

Feb 21-March 2, 2014 - 8 teams - 26 goal

Single-Elimination

Les Armour Subsidiary

Steve Van Andel A* Santiago Chavanne 8	ORCHARD HILL	Match Friday Feb 21st Def. Lechuza 12-7	Semifinal Wed. Feb 26 at 1pm on field #5
Pablo MacDonough 10 Matias MacDonough 8	CRAB ORCHARD		
*Peke Gonzalez A 26 Facundo Pieres 10 Magoo LaPrida 8 Paco de Narvaez 8 George Rawlings A 26	VALIENTE	Match Friday Feb 21st Def. Flight Options 14-10	Final Sunday March 2 at 3pm
Bob Jornayvaz 1* Santi Torres 6 Sapo Caset 9	ALEGRIA		
Adolfo Cambiaso 10 *Franco Veronesi 1 26 Julian Mannix 3 Hilario Ulloa 9	VALIENTE	Match Friday Feb 21st Def. Audi 11-9	Semifinal **Thurs. Feb 27 at 3pm
Mariano Aguerre 9* Clemente Zavaleta 5 * Polito Pieres 9 26	ALEGRIA		

Out of respect for Carlos Gracida, Jimmy Newman visited with his brother Memo about the suitability of playing the 26 goal Orchard Hill - Crab Orchard game today. Memo said he thought Carlos would have wanted the polo match to go on today so that will proceed.

International Polo Club - 561-282-5290 - CV Whitney 26 Goal - Iglehart Cup

Wed 26 CV Whitney Semifinal

1pm Orchard Hill vs. Crab Orchard field #5

Thurs 27 Les Armour Cup Semifinals 10:30am Audi vs. Coca-cola

1pm Lechuza vs. Flight Options

CV Whitney Semifinal 3pm Valiente vs. Alegria

Fri 28 Iglehart Cup (Feb 28-March 8)

1pm CT Energia vs. Palm Beach Illustrated

3pm Los Machitos vs. Casablanca

Sun March 2 Noon Les Armour final

3pm CV Whitney final

Wed 5 Iglehart semifinals

USPA Piaget Gold Cup Official Start Date

1pm Villa del Lago vs (winner CT Energia vs Palm Beach Illustrated)

3pm Faraway vs (winner Los Machitos/Heathcote vs Casablanca)

Sat 8 1pm Iglehart Final

LES ARMOUR

International Polo Club, Palm Beach

Subsidiary to CV Whitney - Feb 27-March 2, 2014 - 4 teams - 26 goal

Single-Elimination

Victor Vargas 1 Nico Pieres 8	LECHUZA	Semifinal Thursday Feb 27 at 1pm
Juan Martin Nero 10 Nico Espain 7 26	FLIGHT OPTIONS	
Melissa Ganzi A Eduardo Astrada 9 Miguel Astrada 9 Alejandro Astrada 8 26	AUDI	Final Sunday March 2 at noon
Marc Ganzi 1 Gonzalito Pieres 10 Rodrigo Andrade 8 Gonzalo del Tour 7 26	COCA-COLA	
Gillian Johnston 2 Sebastian Merlos 9 Julio Arellano 9 Facundo Obregon 6 26	COCA-COLA	Semifinal Thursday Feb 27 **at 10:30



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Benja Quiroga at the 1st annual Valiente Jr. Tournament Monday. (ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)

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Sieber Memorial Cup - February 12 Goal

Grand Champions - 10 teams - Final Sat. March 1st

Bracket I (5 teams)

KIG 12 // 1-2

Bash Kazi 0
Jeff Blake 6
Brandon Phillips 5
Cody Offen 1

Goose Creek 12 // 3-1

Maureen Brennan 1
Tano Vial 6
Cote Zeggars 5
Lucas Arellano 0

Casablanca 12 // 0-3

Grant Ganzi 0
Juancito Bollini Jr. 1
Nic Roldan 8
Leo Mandelbaum 3

Catamount 12 // 3-0

Scott Devon 2
(Carlos Gracida 6)
Wes Finlayson 2*
Alejandro Gonzalez 2
*Marcos Alberdi 2

Enigma 12 // 1-2

Tony Calle 1
Carlucho Arellano 5
Mariano Obregon 7
Esther Kane -1

Bracket II (5 teams)

PBEquine 12 // 3-0

Scott Swerdlin 0
Juan Bollini 5 (Lucas Lalor 5)
Luis Escobar 6
Agustin Arellano 1

Far Niente 11 // 2-1

Michael Bellissimo 0
Tommy Collingwood 4
Michel Dorignac 6
Gene Goldstein 1

Pony Express 12 // 2-2

Benji Daniels 0
Bob Daniels 0
Tomas Goti 6
Julian de Luzarreta 6

Hawk Hill 12 // 2-2

Phillip MacTaggart 0
Gringo Colombres 6
Matt Coppola 3
Robbie Bilbao 3

Skaneateles 11 // 0-4

Marty Cregg 0
Pelon Escapite 6
Ulyses Escapite 4
Cesar Jimenez 1

Halo Cup - February 5 Goal

at Grand Champions - 11 teams - Both Finals Sat. March 1st

Series A

Pony Express 4 // 2-0

Benji Daniels -1
Matthew Cohen -1
Bob Daniels 0
Julian de Luzarreta 6

Santa Clara 5 // 0-3

Lucas Escobar -1
Nicolas Escobar 0
Francisco Escobar 0
Luis Escobar 6

La Casa Hermosa 5 // 3-0

Connell Erb 0
Tom Sikes 0
Brad Blake 4
TBA 1

Grand Champions 4 // 2-2

Juanse Olivera -1
Tato Bollini -1
Julio Ezcurra 4
Juan Olivera 2

Top Gun 5 // 1-1

Lori Summers -1
Neku Atawodi 0
Liam Lott 0
Guille Usandizaga 6

Series B

Patagones Blanco 5 // 0-1

Gonzalo Avendano 2
Benjamin Avendano 0
Jaoquin Avendano 0
Fernando Asenjo 3

Patagones Azul 4 // 1-2

Lorenzo Merlotti 1
Santiago Avendano 0
Martin Astrada 4
Ricky Mershad -1

Elegante Polo/tuffrider 5 // 1-0

Robert Kiger 0
Omar Sosa 3
Timmy Sharma 1
Shahmir Quraeshi 1

SLS Jets 5 // 2-1

Simon Garber 0
Shawn Garber 0
Tavi Usandizaga 5
Jeffrey Garber 0

Ganaraska 5 // 0-2

Bill Custer -1
Luis Ansola 2
Ian Angus 0
Marcos Onetto 4

Aliano Realty 5 // 2-0

Nick Aliano 0
Eddie Osses 1
Michael Connolly 2
TBA 2

Grand Champions at Palm Beach Polo

Sun 23 5G Patagones Azul def. Ganaraska/Custer Cap 8-7
12G Pony Express def. Hawk Hill 16-13
5G SLS Jets def. Patagones Blanco 8-7
8G Tonchala def. Tulum/tuffrider 11-8
Wed 26 POST. 12G Catamount vs. Kig on field 10
3pm 12G PBEquine vs. Far Niente on field 8
4pm 12G Enigma vs. Casablanca
at La Herradura Ecuador, 50th street next to Valiente
Thurs 27 10 am 5G Aliano Realty vs. Elegante Polo/ Tuff Rider
on Cypress field, inside palm beach polo
4pm 5G Santa clara vs. Pony Express at Santa clara
Fri 28 3pm 8G Tonchala vs Hawk Hill at las palmas
4pm 5G Pony Express vs Top Gun at Pony Express

USPA Cyril R. Harrison

Feb. 8 Goal at Grand Champions
One Bracket - 5 teams

One Bracket (5 teams)

Tonchala 8 // 3-0

Enrique Barco 0
Eduardo Barco 1
Pablo Pulido 2
Tavi Usandizaga 5

Hawk Hill 8 // 3-0

Phillip MacTaggart 0
Robbie Bilbao 3
Gringo Colombres 6
TBA -1

Tuffriders 8 // 1-2

Timmy Sharma 1
Andres Weisz 5
Juan Ghirlanda 2
Javier Guerra Jr. 0

Naimara/Custer 7 // 0-4

Neku Atawodi 0
Guille Usandizaga 6
Luis Ansola 2
Bill Custer -1

TLC Development 8 // 1-2

Dani Wasty 1
Juan Olivera 2
Nacho Acuna 5
Glen Straub 0

Freebooters Classic

February 14 goal
International Polo Club

One Bracket (3 teams)

Goose Creek 14 // 1-1

Maureen Brennan 1
Nick Johnson 2
Tano Vial 6
Cote Zegers 5

Four Seasons 14 // 1-1

Kaiser Makaar
Mason Wroe
Luis Escobar
Chris Nevins
14

Santa Clara 14 // 1-1

Francisco Escobar A
(Carlos Gracida 6)
Malcolm Borwick 6
Alejandro Gonzalez 2

Freebooters Classic 14 goal

Wed 12 Santa Clara def. Goose Creek 8-7
Sat 15 Four Seasons def. Santa Clara 11-5
Tue 18 Goose Creek def. Four Seasons 7-6 OT
Tue 25 POST. Santa Clara vs. Goose Creek
Fri 28 3pm Four Seasons vs. Santa Clara
Tue 4 3pm Goose Creek vs. Four Seasons
Fri. Mar. 7 3pm Final



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