



## **Berenberg Polo-Derby: polo stars and over 100 ponies in Klein Flottbek**

- Six teams expected with top German and international players
- Recognised as one of Germany's leading polo events

**Hamburg. It's polo time again from 24 to 26 June, when top players from Germany and Argentina will do battle for the prestigious silver trophy at the Berenberg Polo-Derby. This is already the 16<sup>th</sup> time that Germany's oldest private bank has played host at the Hamburg Polo Club's facility at Klein Flottbek. The encounters are at the very highest class of the sport, known as High Goal.**

Since its inception in 2001, the Berenberg Polo-Derby has evolved into one of the most important and prestigious polo events in Germany. "We want to enable the polo-mad Hamburg public to watch polo at the very top level," says Dr. Hans-Walter Peters, Spokesman for the Managing Partners of Berenberg. "It's been our pleasure and privilege to support polo since 2001, with Hamburg acting as the focal point of our polo-related activities." The Berenberg Polo-Derby features top class encounters at international level, emphasizing precision and dynamism, fairness and team spirit. The long-running tournament is right at the top of the polo calendar, forming part of the German Polo Tour, an umbrella for the biggest German tournaments.

Six teams of four are expected to appear at the Berenberg Polo-Derby. **Team Berenberg** will feature Uwe Schröder (0), Christian Badenhop (+1), Gastón Maiquez (+7) and Miguel Duggan (+4). All eyes will be on Maiquez as the Argentinian superstar is considered one of the game's best performers. Tournament organiser Christopher Kirsch (+3) plays for **Team Porsche** together with Lucas Di Paola (+5), Maximilian Singhoff (0) and Sven Schneider

(+3). Also expected to do well is **Team Lanson** featuring Matthias Grau (0) and Thomas Winter (+4), supported by the Argentines Cristobal Durrieu (+4) and Tatu Gomez Romero (+4). Girl power will be driving **Team Süddeutsche Zeitung** with the sisters Tahnee and Naomi Schröder (both 0 and daughters of Uwe Schröder from Team Berenberg) playing alongside the Argentines Santiago Marambio (+6) and Santos Anca (+6). **Team Meissler** features the Crasemann family of Daniel, Caesar and Caspar (handicaps 0, +2, +3), backed by the Argentine Adrian Laplacette (+6). **Team Rumöller** will line up with Estelle Wagner (0), Joaquin Copello (+3), Eduardo Anca (+6) and Patrick Maleitzke (+3). The six teams will bring more than a hundred ponies with them to the Hamburg Polo Club in Klein Flottbek: in the High Goal, some of the mounts are even changed during the course of a chukka, each of which lasts up to seven and a half minutes. As the animals' hooves leave their tracks in the field from sudden stops and fast turns, the spectators are asked to tread down the surface again during the intervals.

Besides the sporting challenge, the tournament is also a major social event and family festival that attracts large crowds from a wide range of backgrounds. Numerous spectators are expected to make their way to the Hamburg Polo Club's ground at Jenischstraße 26 in Klein Flottbek over the finals weekend on 25/26 June. The matches will take place from 2pm to around 6pm. Tickets cost 15 euros each, with half-price entry available for concessions. A special offer has been created for families, with a family ticket for two adults and two children costing just 20 euros.

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