



PRESS RELEASE
PIPA Snow Polo World Cup Tour 2017
SHOWDOWN AT BAD GASTEIN

Vienna, Bad Gastein, February 16th, 2017: From February 17th - 19th the polo community will look at Bad Gastein. The opening game of the PIPA Snow Polo World Cup tournament will be between Team Happy Horse Austria and Team Auto Frey England 2 with Tim Ward. In the second game the Argentinian-German Team Engel & Völkers faces Richard Newman's Team A Quechua England 1. Free entrance on all gamedays!

Bad Gastein is ready for polo action! Four international teams will compete for the title at the „Monte Carlo of the Alps“ from Friday to Sunday. Fascinating games can be expected as there will be very high quality on the field with players from Argentina, Germany, England, France and Austria. The tournament starts Friday 2 p.m. with the locals of Team Happy Horse Austria against Team Auto Frey England 2 with Tim Ward. A thrilling tournament is guaranteed as every team has still chances to win the 2017 tour.

„The pitch is in a perfect shape. I am expecting fast rallies and spectacular turns with lots of goals!“ stated tournament director and PIPA President Dr. Uwe Seebacher, who will be the Non-Playing Coach of Team Happy Horse Austria at Bad Gastein.

Ward Goes for Gold

Tim Ward, „everybody's darling“ and crowd pleaser goes for gold. Together with Ingeborg Keeling his chances are good to win the tournament. The second English, Richard Newman is looking forward to the start of the tournament, he even visited Gastein last weekend. The Austrian Team Happy Horse wants to perform much better than at the Seefeld tournament. However, it won't be easy as also the fourth team with the in Germany living Argentinian Dominik Velazquez and Paul Kukal can also be named as one of the favourites for the title. „The Voice of Polo“ Jan Erik Franck moderates the games. In addition to the VIP area a DJ will create the perfect atmosphere.

„The game mode promises new encounters every day and therefore pure excitement, so it is worth every day to come to the world cup arena of the riding club Bad Gastein / Bad Bruck, where we feel very comfortable and have the perfect atmosphere for such an event !“ states PIPA Chief Veterinarian Officer Dr. Yvonne

Halden.

„We are looking forward to bringing this high-class equestrian event to the region in Bad Gastein, since Snowpolo is only played and offered in a few selected locations. Bad Gastein and the entire Gastein valley line up in the phalanges of top places such as Seefeld, Zakopane, Cortina or St. Moritz, which will contribute significantly to the image of the place - but only if the event is established long-term in the village! We would like to thank Doris Höhenwarter and Liddy van Gennip together with the team for a perfect preparation and organisation!“ stated PIPA-Marketingvorstand Thomas Hofirek.

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