



Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series

**Press Release**

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# **Zedan Polo wins the Dubai Cup 2016**

## **Mahra Polo achieves the Subsidiary Cup**

*Under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai.*

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2016, DUBAI, UAE** : Zedan Polo won the Dubai Cup 2016 after defeating Habtoor Polo by 8 goals to 7 in a great final at the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club, a new equestrian development in DubaiLand.

Patron Amr Zedan's team, with Rashid Bin Draï, Martín Gándara and Manuel Plaza achieved the last trophy of the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Season which ends with great success.

The final of the Dubai Cup was played at a great polo level with both teams battling till the very end for the victory.

Zedan, after a great comeback in the last 7 minutes of the game, achieved the victory, and the trophy, thanks to patron's Amr Zedan gol in the last action of the match.

Manuel Plaza was named the MVP of the final and Doctor, played by Marcos Panelo and property of Habtoor Polo, was the Best Playing Pony.

### **Match Progression:**

**Zedan:** 2-2/ 4-3/ 5-7/ 8-7



Before the great final, Mahra Polo won the Subsidiary Final after defeating F4Z by 7 goals to 3.5.

Mahra played a great match from the first minute and achieved a deserved victory to lift the subsidiary trophy.

### **Match Progression:**

**Mahra:** 3.5-0/ 4.5-1/ 6.5-2/ 7-3.5

The medium goal tournament was played by 5 teams with 8-10 goal handicap, and the tournament being the last of the season and part of the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series.

Khaled Al Dhubaib, CEO of TABCo Emirates, (Elevation Burger Franchisee), said: "As part of our ongoing support for Live Healthy, Stay Fit campaign; Elevation Burger, the first and largest organic burger chain in the USA, with outlets now across the UAE, is delighted to be supporting the Dubai Cup 2016 polo event. We are hopeful that our participation will introduce Elevation Burger's organic menu offering to a whole new audience and we're looking forward to a great competition, on the day".

وقال خالد الضبيبي، الرئيس التنفيذي لشركة تابكو الإمارات، المالك لامتياز 2- إليفيشن برجر: "كجزء من دعمنا المتواصل لحملة "حياة صحية.. رشاقة دائمة"، يسر إليفيشن برجر، أول وأكبر سلسلة مطاعم برجر عضوي في الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية والتي باتت لها فروع اليوم في دولة الإمارات، المشارة بدعم فعاليات كأس تحدي دبي للبولو 2016، ونأمل بأن تسهم مشاركتنا في تقديم قائمة مأكولات إليفيشن برجر العضوية إلى شريحة جماهيرية جديدة. وننتظر أن نشهد منافسة رائعة اليوم"



## **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT :**

### **About Dubai Sports Council:**

Dubai Sports Council is the official government body responsible for the development of the sport sector in the Emirate of Dubai. Under the Chairmanship of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, and its 14 Board Members; the Council supervises the work of nine local clubs in Dubai, six of which practice a variety kinds of individual and or team sports, such as football, handball and archery; in addition to the chess club and a club devoted for those with special needs.

Since its inception in 2006, with the vision of creating a unique sporting community, the Council organizes various annual major Sports Championships and Conferences, in cooperation with multiple International/National sports bodies and Dubai Government Entities, such as the Dubai International Sports Conference, Samsung Beach Soccer Intercontinental Cup and the FINA Diving World Series; in an attempt to enhance the culture, knowledge and expertise of professionalism in all aspects of the field; from the overall preparation and/or execution of the event.

Dubai became the first Arab and Middle East city to host the Sport Accord International Convention in 2010, and stages the annual Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award, the most prestigious Award of the Middle East Region. Though the Council works on various major international sports events, it does not overlook the importance of spreading the awareness of a healthier, more active lifestyle locally; and in order to achieve such objectives, physical activity programs and initiatives, such as the Dubai Pulse Physical Activity program, the Furjan District Championships and the Dubai Beach Soccer League, have all been designed to target the various communities within the Emirate.



## **About Dubai Polo Gold Cup:**

The DPGC Series has wrapped up its latest season with resounding success. Each year the tournament reaches new heights. In 2012 the Dubai Gold Cup Series was recognized by the World Polo Tour (WPT) and in January 2014 the WPT committee announce that the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series' has enabled it's important tournament (Gold Cup) for being the highest tournament in points within the Challenge Cup category by raising to 50 points for the winners. The certificate of entry was presented by the international polo. In 2015 marked the first time ever that the World Polo Tour (WPT) upgraded the Tournament from 'Challenge Cup' to the highly coveted 'WPT Cup', meaning winners received 60 points. The 18 goal handicap competition is now the highest handicapped event in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, ranking it among the best polo tournaments worldwide.

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