

Yunghanns Charity Challenge

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Polo Training Foundation

Twelve up and coming polo players took to the field on Monday March 26th at the beautiful International Polo Club to battle for the Polo Training Foundation's Yunghanns Charity Challenge.



The first 2 chukker match pitted the Horses Give Hope Education Foundation team of Grace Grotnik, and brothers Landen, Benji and Justin Daniels against the GJ Racing Team of Nick De Valentino, Jack Whitman, Juanse Olivera and Valentino Echezarreta. The first Chukker was controlled by HGHEF, with two unanswered goals by Justin Daniels. The GJ Racing team came back strong in the second chukker, with three goals by Juanse Olivera, putting them ahead three to 2 to end the match.



Juaanse Olivera reaching for the hook on Joao Pedro Aranha.

The HGHEF then met the Yaloak Polo Club Team of Joao Pedro Aranha, Cipriano Echezarreta, Clark Mayer and Tenzin Tognini in the second 2 chukker match. Yaloak put the first goal on the board with a penalty shot by Clark Mayer, but was quickly followed by a converted penalty by Benjamin Daniels for HGHEF. Grace Grotnik broke the tie with a field goal, which was then countered by Clark Mayer with his own field goal, ending the first chukker even, two to two. The second chukker had another penalty conversion for Mayer and a field goal by Landen Daniels to end the match tied three to three.

For the final, Yaloak and GJ Racing met with an almost scoreless first chukker, with a penalty one being called in favor of GJ Racing with only seconds left on the clock. Clark Mayer was able to convert a penalty two to tie the score early in the second chukker but two unanswered goals, one by Valentino Echezarreta and one by Juanse Olivera gave the win to GJ Racing with a final of three to one.



Left: Justin Daniels on the Purina Best Playing Pony, followed by Landen Daniels; Right: MVP Juanse Olivera with Clark Mayer, the Sportsmanship Award winner.

Justin Daniels first chukker horse was named the Purina Best Playing Pony, while Clark Mayer was awarded the Sportsmanship award, and Juanse Olivera took the Most Valuable Player Award.

Peter Yughanns, a graduate of the PTF Florida Junior Program, challenged all the players make a difference in their community by raising funds for a charity of their choice.

“From the Yunghanns Charity Challenge, Horses Give Hope Education Foundation is challenging all of the young polo players to raise funds for charities. Our aim is to encourage social awareness and charitable responsibility. I shall be raising for Horses Give Hope Education Foundation. Each of us should choose a charity, decide on a fundraiser, raise funds and make a difference.”

The Challenge will end on April 30th. The person who raises the most funds for his or her chosen charity will receive a prize which will be announced at a later date.”

Yunghanns is the founder of the Horses Give Hope Education Foundation and believes that “*charity is the heart or conscience which gives a benefit void of clear reward or obligation.*”

Horses Give Hope Education Foundation strives to enhance the lives, first and foremost, of young people, by ensuring that they are socially responsible and aware while leading and guiding them to stay on the best possible path. We have evolving and comprehensive programs which reach out to the hearts and consciences of the people of the equestrian and equine world to make our mission with our vision, possible. Our organization caters to orphans, foster care and underprivileged children by educating them to acquire aspirations they never imaged; we promote literacy among children and young people; we

serve students, going to college and away from their family for the first time and who may be experiencing loneliness and anxiety; we are there to support youths looking for an opportunity to learn to serve their community through volunteerism; we support the mentally and physically challenged youth, and we offer certificates and certifications related to and in support of our mission. We also support organizations that have the same or similar programs. We are not alone with our mission; we explore the concrete concept of a cooperation with horses who give us hope such that we might achieve our vision. More information about Horses Give Hope Education Foundation can be found at www.horsesgivehope.org.



Peter Yunghanns, Founder of Horses Give Hope Education Foundation

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