

ADINA POLOCROSSE WORLD CUP 2019 DAILY HIGHLIGHTS & RESULTS – FRIDAY APRIL 26

AUSTRALIA, THE ONLY UNDEFEATED TEAM LEADING INTO THE SEMI FINALS

Four teams have made it to the semi-finals: Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Zambia.

The Aussies have arrived having won all of their World Cup matches so far, the only undefeated team.

All of the other teams have lost one game: South Africa lost to New Zealand on Tuesday by two goals. New Zealand in turn was defeated by last-ranked Irish team by one goal in a close match on Wednesday. On Thursday, Zambia was defeated by Australia by a huge margin, 25-8, in a game that was expected to be very close.

In recent pre-World Cup international friendly games, Australia beat New Zealand in all of the four matches they played in February and March, though Lauren Sillitoe of the Australian team said the NZ team improved by leaps and bounds after every match. Nine months ago, the Australian squad met Zambia for three test matches with the Aussies winning all three. However, when South Africa met Australia two years ago, South Africa beat the Aussies in all three games.

Australia and New Zealand used to be very similar in ability and style of playing. When the New Zealand team failed to bring younger players into the team, they slipped behind in recent years. NZ's current team is a mix, including Captain Russell Tye and his daughter Mirren. Kyla Hill is daughter of coach, Shane Hill. Their team has been lifted by star Beau Moore who married a Kiwi and moved to NZ about a year ago.

Does this make Australia the favourite to get into the finals, or have their losses given the other teams something to prove?

Please see below the results and highlights from day one of the Adina Polocrosse World Cup 2019.

Supporting images can be [viewed here](#) and are available as high resolution without watermarks by contact the marketing team on 0439 192 193 or marketing@polocrosseworldcup.com.au

A video highlights reel and interviews with the New Zealand winners has been produced and can be [viewed and downloaded here](#) for media purposes.

WORLD CUP GAME RESULTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Semi Final: United Kingdom vs USA

Final score: United Kingdom 29 defeated USA 16

Awards: Male Player of the Match (sponsored by Carroll Truck Sales): Jason Webb (UK)
Female Player of the Match (sponsored by Carroll Truck Sales): Charlotte Pykett (UK)
Men's Horse of the Match (sponsored by Black Toyota): Silver Hills Perler (#99)
Women's Horse of the Match (sponsored by IOR Petroleum): Gallagher (#71)

Semi Final: Ireland vs Zimbabwe

Final score: Ireland 25 defeated Zimbabwe 19

Awards: Male Player of the Match (sponsored by Carroll Truck Sales): Luke Brandon (IRE)
Female Player of the Match (sponsored by Carroll Truck Sales): Joanne Laverty (IRE)
Men's Horse of the Match (sponsored by Black Toyota): Zipper (#122)
Women's Horse of the Match (sponsored by IOR Petroleum): Future Tess (#140)

Results of all World Cup games will be released live on the website post each game.

Full details on results for the **Barastoc Interstate competition** can be viewed on the website at <https://polocrosseworldcup.com.au/barastoc-results>

PLAY OF THE DAY FROM THE CALL TEAM

Skip: Jo Lavery - chukka #7 a 5-goal chukka Jo threw to set up the win for the Irish!

Harry: Team Webb! Shout out to Jason Webb for taking out player of the match and Dougie Webb owning horse of the match.

WHAT'S ON TOMORROW

With only two days remaining, the competition is getting intense. Tomorrow South Africa and Zambia and Australia and New Zealand will go head to head in the final two semi-final games. We will also see the first of the World Cup finals, with Ireland taking on United Kingdom.

Ross Shepherd's predictions for tomorrow:

SA v ZAM: This game will be a cracker as both will be desperate to win and know each other's play. Maclarty and Steenkamp are yet to hit their straps, will be an interesting matchup with Harris and Krynauw. Maybe this game we will see Hall start to reverse swing.

ZIM v IRE: Australia are going in as favourites, so it's Australia for the win, however they will need to be on their game as NZ have already beaten the reigning world champions in South Africa.

IRE v UK: been fighting forever - this might settle it. The Irish like speed and more speed, Ireland to win if they don't have a blowout

Full event details can be found on the official event website at www.polocrosseworldcup.com.au

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