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WORLD CLASS POLOCROSSE PLAYERS MEET THEIR TRUSTY STEEDS

Adina Polocrosse World Cup



It's not only the 64 players from across the world that are performing at the Adina Polocrosse World Cup next week – some of the best polocrosse horses from across Australia will also be on show.

Today, Tuesday 16 April, the official World Cup horse draw took place, which allocates a pool of horses to each of the eight competing teams. Players now have around one hour each day over the coming week to get to know their horse and how it plays, before competition commences on Monday 22 April.

Over 150 horses have been sourced for the World Cup, resulting in one of the largest horse recruitment drives in Australia's peacetime history. Some of these horses have been supplied by the Australian players, with some of the best polocrosse horses from around Australia in the pools.

The full horse directory can be viewed online at <https://polocrosseworldcup.com.au/horse-catalogue>

Suzette Thomas, Australia ladies player, has a few crackers all the way from Western Australia in the pool including Australian Stock Horse 'Bentley' who recently won A grade champion ladies horse and rider at the Jugiong carnival in NSW, and Australian Stock Horse 'Action Man' who took out A grade champion ladies horse and rider at Trafalgar with 2015 World Cup player Elizabeth Reid.

Australia's youngest player Beth Hafey has her eight horses in the pool and finds it hard to pick the best, because she has all of her best Australian Stock Horse mares in the pool.

Sarah and Charlie Grills of Albury NSW, parents of Australian players Jim and Lucy Grills, have 24 Australian Stock Horses in the pool, including 'Berragoon Percussion' who has won the best Australian Stock Horse at the last three National Championships and is often played by Australian Captain Abbott Grills. The Grills have not left any of the 'cream' at home, they have all of their top horses in the pool.

With teams coming from all over the world, it would be a very expensive and exhausting task to transport horses to and from the host city, Warwick. In order for the events to proceed, horse owners across Australia have loaned their valuable and much-loved mares to go into the horse draw for the players to compete on. In most cases, players have not previously ridden the horse they are allocated, which is the same horse they will use for the duration of the event.

The official horse draw took place this morning at the Mayoral Breakfast at Warwick Gold Club, with results as follows:

COUNTRY	POOL	HORSES
Ireland	1	73 Jaylyn Downs Joy 68 Rayjen Park Night Drover 37 Edenhope Marlin 89 Ola 33 Banjo 125 Beragoon Vegimite 67 Brookview Mandalay 122 Zipper 53 Woodduck 129 Haydon Dove

		140 Future Tess 4 Bignalls Tiffany 3 Riuna Reclaim	51 Katandra Sienna 22 Berkeley Park Colorado 19 Cadbury Rose
USA	2	76 Jaylyn Downs Sudie 64 Brookview Cowgirl Jess 78 Kooribinjai Trudy 34 Future Eternity 92 Lealucas Candy Girl 8 Hawthorne Matilda 44 JH Pandora 62 Lady Gaga	106 Tarraway Heather 55 Drafters Stud of Valour 152 Berragoon Dennis 143 Indy 116 Kate 113 Valeview Coco 24 Taylor Made Cowgirl 20 Fatty Vautin
South Africa	3	70 Tallawudjah Bert 142 Barny 85 Jaylyn Downs Carter 90 Berragoon Dior 13 Kildare Bonnie 32 Edenhope Hammer 7 Superact Scout 61 Oops Daisy	103 Nungaburra Mavis 108 Katrinda Sonatina 114 Berragoon Tilly Devine 115 Narrengullen Musket 26 Taylor Made Shiny 136 Arakoola Courtney 144 Surprise 25 Hawthorne Big Jake
United Kingdom	4	96 Cobungra Artist 127 Berragoon Hussey 71 Galligar 133 Ablee Crush 137 Bonus 79 Edenhope Sharky 38 Bengoran Tara 36 Hawthorne Sandy	99 Silver Hills Perler 77 Django 123 Jindalee Enterprise 119 Banjo 57 Elroy 16 Molly 27 Sea Biscuit 100 Quinten
Zimbabwe	5	72 Music 83 Rosebrook Paella 82 Piccininny 128 Newburn Truth 87 Glendeen Pricilla 138 Kapundas Brown Man 39 Lucy 31 Throwers Stud Rome	102 Berragoon Jingle 52 Future Sunbeam 126 Berragoon Bloss 121 Berragoon Chapstick 58 Blackwood 15 Jaylyn Downs Presents 145 Cocco 46 Rajaar Ace
New Zealand	6	97 Belldiva Josie Acres 91 Berragoon Percussion 132 Haydon Signiture 75 Jaylyn Downs Perth 80 Bentley 88 Nandeye Spider 5 Wendall Sailor 65 Springbrook Twirl	17 Blazer 104 Snake 111 Berragoon Poem 107 Jade 48 Bengoran Natalia 60 Pete 28 Serenity 146 Baringa the Judge
Australia	7	74 Kyona Mystery 12 Roseneath Mercedes 84 Action Man 93 Sailor Moon 41 Rosebrook Galant 11 Stormbray Alchemi 42 Edenhope Snoop Dog 30 Leggetts Halo	105 Away 120 JH Stonemason 110 Berragoon Beaches 117 Berragoon Shifty 23 Jaylyn Downs Favourite 21 Jasmine 14 Waymere Cruise 50 Emazon

Zambia	8	29 Emma's Girl 69 Rayjen Park Sister 35 Future Kiss 86 Vince 63 Brookview Boot Up 10 Stockie Tic Tac 43 Edenhope Tory 135 J Star In the Game	98 AussieMite 124 Berragoon Pinch 109 Berragoon Scarlett 118 Berragoon Ace 49 Bengoran My Way 59 Giggles 18 Katandra Bayonet 66 Brookview Bo Peep
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Further details and bios on some of the horses can be found on the website at <https://polocrosseworldcup.com.au/horse-bios>

Team managers are now tasked with matching a horse to each player.

The horse scouts responsible for sourcing the horses are Warwick Polocrosse Club members, Charlie Brook, Kent Wells and Cameron Shepherd, and International Polocrosse Council President, Gill Mathie. The process took 18 months and was supported by the Australian Stock Horse Society and the many horse owners and loaners that are passionate about polocrosse and horse events.

Taking place from 22-28 April 2019, the 2019 Adina Polocrosse World Cup is the biggest international event on the polocrosse calendar and will be the largest international sporting event ever to be held in rural Australia. It will attract 60,000 spectators, over 2,000 international visitors, and players from eight countries, all battling it out for the sport's top honour.

Polocrosse is one of only three home-grown Australian sports, along with Aussie Rules football and Campdrafting. The Polocrosse World Cup is held every four years, with South Africa being the reigning champions having won the cup in 2015.

To find out more about the event or to purchase tickets, please visit www.polocrosseworldcup.com.au Tickets can also be purchased from Crossdraw Western Emporium in Warwick.

The Queensland Government, via Tourism and Events Queensland, is proud to support the 2019 Polocrosse World Cup, which features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Our perfect next event is in Queensland where live events combine with the most incredible destinations, and life is beautiful one day, perfect the next.