

MUSCOVY AT GUARDS

*The Rest of the World retained their title in the
2nd Tsar Ivan the Terrible Twilight Polo Challenge*



Canada's Marc La Voie on line

Grand Duke of Muscovy from the age of three, and later the first ruler of Russia to assume the title of tsar, Ivan IV Vasilyevich (1530-1584) is known to history as Ivan Grozny, 'the Terrible'.

Polo seems to have been unknown in Russia during his reign, and indeed the first tournaments appear to have been played as comparatively recently as the late nineteenth century.

Perhaps it was as well that Ivan did

not play the game – his violent temper would have made finding an opposition team well nigh impossible, for who would have dared beat the Tsar? Four centuries after his death, however, this extraordinary man has at least a tournament named



HRH Prince Michael of Kent meets Anastasia Huaco

after him.

The Tsar Ivan the Terrible Twilight Polo Challenge was launched at Guards Polo Club last year, when the Rest of the World defeated Russia 6½-3. It was the first time that a Russian tournament had taken place on British soil, reflecting a major development in Russian polo.

Teams lined up this summer, again at Guards, for the second tournament. Russia was captained by Victor Huaco, chairman of the Russian Polo Club and



Malcolm Borwick is presented to HRH Prince Michael of Kent



The teams line up at the presentation

the person responsible for the Russian polo renaissance.

He was joined by his wife, Anastasia, who has been playing for the last three years; and by two well-known South American players, Pepe Riglos and Pablo Roemmers.

Facing them were the Rest of the World, hoping to retain the Wedgwood-sponsored trophy. Team captain Karen Kranenburg, from Guyana, was instrumental in starting the tournament last season, and is also active in the organization of polo events around the world.

She had recruited Scotland's Malcolm Borwick, known popularly as the 'thinking man's player'; Canada's Marc La Voie, who is usually found on the fields at Polo Club Nacional in Montreal; and, from Argentina, the suitably-named Ivan Rubinich, who has been playing since the age of sixteen and is a member of the celebrated Jockey Club in Rosario.

REST OF THE WORLD	
Karen Kranenburg	-2
Malcolm Borwick	6
Marc Andre La Voie	0
Ivan Rubinich	4
	<u>8</u>
RUSSIA	
Victor Huaco	-1
Anastasia Huaco	-1
Pepe Riglos	6
Pablo Roemmers	2
	<u>6</u>

A extremely tight game eventually saw the Rest of the World ride out the winners, 6-4½, due to two quick goals

scored towards the end by Ivan Rubinich. The trophy was presented by Prince Michael of Kent.

Spirits abounded, thanks to sponsors Ivan the Terrible Vodka. If, however, the spirit of Ivan IV himself was watching from the sidelines, one can imagine him thinking that his namesake should have played for Russia.

Umpires were Mariano Darrichon and Eduardo Miles.



Players at the reception



HE The Russian Ambassador & Mrs Yuri Fedotovgna, Julian Gallant & Olga Balakleets



Karen Kranenberg, Andria Dorler, Katerina Hudson, Jayne & Kenney Jones

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