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Ivan The Terrible



Twilight Challenge



Guards England

Clive Reid (0)
 Adolfo Casabal (4)
 Vieri Antinori (5)
 Jakob Lindquist (1)

Russia

David Giovanis (1)
 Alexis Rodzianko (0)
 Hernan Traverso (4)
 Alejandro Traverso (5)



HRH Prince Michael of Kent with both teams that played in the Ivan The Terrible Twilight Polo Challenge

England defeat **Russia** at dusk

A Guards England team took the honours in the third Ivan The Terrible Twilight Polo Challenge at Smith's Lawn on the first Saturday in June. They defeated a Russian team (rec 0.5) 6-4.5. The team names were slightly misleading though as the England team fielded two Argentines while the Russians only had one native playing – Alexis Rodzianko.

However the 300-plus strong crowd, which included HRH Prince Michael of Kent, did not appear to mind and much enjoyed the four-chukka game which was played in glorious evening light at Smith's Lawn.

The Guards England squad, all of whom are regular players at Guards Polo Club, used their local knowledge to dominate the first half of the game. They were 4-0.5 up at the end of the first chukka thanks to goals from Vieri Antinori, Jakob Lindquist and Clive Reid. Alejandro Traverso put the Russians on the board in the second, but it looked England's game at half-time, with the home team leading 4-1.5.

Hernan Traverso scored for Russia at the start of the third, but both Antinori and Lindquist also found the flags to retain England's commanding lead. However by the fourth the Russians were really into the game and not only prevented England from scoring, but the Traverso duo added two further goals to the Russian tally. Unfortunately time was against them and by the final whistle, England were leading 6-4.5.

Adolfo Casabal of the Guards England team, who had worked so hard throughout the game creating the opportunities for the home side, was named Most Valuable Player and he then returned to the presentation area to receive the Best Playing Pony blanket for his five-year-old mare Torda. She has only just arrived in the UK from Argentina and so this was her first pony honour.

After the presentations, all the guests of Ivan The Terrible, including HRH Prince Michael, were entertained by a sumptuous dinner and dancing in an elegant marquee at Smith's Lawn. ✨