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## 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND FOR THE 23RD CARTIER POLO WORLD CUP ON SNOW

Situation poised in battle for places in final.

The second day of this year's Cartier Polo World Cup on Snow in St. Moritz featured some good polo and attracted around 3000 spectators onto the surface of the frozen lake of St. Moritz. At temperatures of about 12 degrees below, the Engadine was once again bathed in sunshine, creating an atmosphere that was clearly an inspiration to the players in the four teams contesting this tournament. Saturday's qualifying round promises to be very exciting because three teams could still make the final on the strength of their own efforts.

### Two nine-goal aces decide the first game of the round

It all started very well for Swiss Philipp Maeder's men: with the Maybach team playing a good opening phase, Agustín García Grossi shot the team into the lead. But then two penalties converted by nine-goaler Eduardo Novillo Astrada for the Brioni team, with its two amateurs Charlie Hanbury (UK) and Guy Schwarzenbach (CH/AU), left the Maeder team, playing here for the first time on snow, looking increasingly unsure of themselves as the game progressed. After the point when things were evenly tied at 2-2, Brioni increasingly took the initiative, the two amateurs emulating the team's top players Novillo Astrada and Milo Fernandez Araujo and putting up an impressive performance. Like yesterday, Argentinians Agustín García Grossi und Nicolas Espain, both of whom are playing in Switzerland for the first time and have 6 handicaps, were very convincing but their relentless attacking play was rewarded with just one goal.

A deserved victory in this Strellson Trophy match finally went to Team Brioni, even if the scoreline was little flattering.

### Agosti's Team Cartier now in role of favourites

The team around Swiss patron Adriano Agosti made a concentrated start in the first chukker of the Swiss Air Lines Trophy und romped to a 2:0 lead. After this lightning start, the team maintained the high pace and gave Englishman Tony Pidgley's Bank Julius Baer Team little opportunity to hit back.

In the two middle chukkers, the Baer team showed a marked improvement – particularly the Argentine 8-goaler Marcos Di Paola and



Australian Jack Baillieu (hcp 7), who helped their team get back in the game. The score stood at 2:3 before the final chukker got under way.

Thanks mainly to the high speed it was played at, the game was absolutely world-class and was finally decided in Cartier's favour by two superb goals from Argentinean Juan Jose Brane (hcp 8), the last of them just 30 seconds before the final bell.

After this victory, and mainly because of its tactical superiority, Agosti's team has been catapulted into the role of favourite to win the tournament, even it still needs another point to be sure of reaching the final.

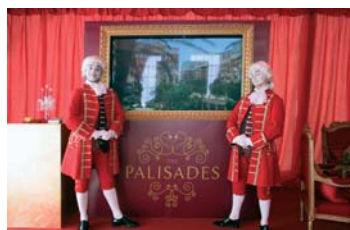
In the intermediate rankings, Cartier's two victories have put it ahead of Brioni and Maybach. Team Bank Julius Baer will definitely be playing in the consolation final for places 3 and 4. The top scorer list is headed by Nicolas Espain and Marcos Di Paola, both with five goals followed by Eduardo Novillo Estrada with four und Flaco Grossi, Jose Donoso and Milo Fernandez Araujo, each with three goals. *fw*

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## PALISADES – STRAIGHT FROM THE DESERT AND INTO THE SNOW



Representatives of the Palisades project

The ambassadors spreading the word about The Palisades, an architectural vision currently taking shape in Dubai, are doing so with typical Oriental charm.

Spread over 35 million square metres, the Palisades is destined to be Dubai's largest area of urban landscaped parkland. Apartments, offices, schools, a shopping mall and five-star hotel: what the planners have in mind is little less than a self-contained town directly adjacent to the heart of Dubai. For Finance Manager Sami Hennawi and Partner Mohammed al Ghafli, the connection between St. Moritz and the sport of polo with this major architectural project is only too obvious. 'We're looking for unusual and exclusive events where we can present our project. Besides, we both love polo. For us, being here in St. Moritz is an outstanding opportunity that we'd like to take advantage of in the years ahead.'

And, after their first day in St. Moritz, what did our guests from the desert think about sub-zero temperatures and winter sport? 'It's pretty cold, I have to admit. But we certainly won't miss the chance to go skiing. People ski in Dubai, but that's on sand and it's not the same thing,' laughs Mohammed al Ghafli.

The two entrepreneurs, who are here in Europe to present the Palisades project to a select clientele, have particularly set their sights on families. Glass and aluminium, which feature prominently in many of the more recent building projects in the city of Dubai, will be absent here. 'We're taking our inspiration from the 18th and 19th centuries and getting back to the traditional architecture of the Georgian, Regency and Victorian periods.' Further information at [www.thepalisadesdubai.com](http://www.thepalisadesdubai.com) *sts*



## SWISS MADE – FEELING AT HOME IN THE AIR



How are guests able to tell between a good airline and a very good airline?

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### SWISS – an award-winning airline

Just how much passengers and the travel industry appreciate SWISS is demonstrated year after year by the many distinctions that the airline has regularly received from travel magazines and industry organisations ever since it was founded in 2002. Last year, those awards included the World Travel Award as 'Europe's Leading Airline' (for the fourth time running), 'Europe's Leading Business Class Airline' and 'World's Leading Economy Class'.

SWISS currently serves 69 destinations in 42 countries with a fleet of 70 aircraft (status mid-January 2007). Welcome on board! *Swiss*

## ST. MORITZ AUTOMOBILE CLUB

**The St. Moritz Automobile Club offers an elegant and cosmopolitan platform to enjoy your love for exceptional automobiles and life-style, and to share them with a select group of international and influential aficionados.**

**It is not a single-marque affair; it is not about Ferragattis or Merceratis. It is about beautiful, fast, old and new, and - above all - fascinating automobiles.**

**St. Moritz offers an incomparably beautiful location for having some very good times and tons of fun with your families and partners, for meeting friends and making new and interesting acquaintances.**

**Although the main focus is, obviously, on fun, the Club also wants to create sustainable events, i.e. think about the automotive future, alternative power-sources, latest technologies and design, etc. and invite industry- and opinion-leaders to share their experience and views with our Members. *mtj***



José M. Oliver and guests of the St. Moritz Automobile Club on the frozen lake

## WEATHER FORECAST



**Saturday, 27 January 2007**  
scattered cloud, mainly sunny  
morning -14°C, afternoon -6°C  
fresh northerly wind



**Sunday, 28 January 2007**  
sunny and cloudless  
morning -13°C, afternoon 0°C  
fresh wind from north-northwest

## VIPS IN THE RIDING HALL – A NEW VARIANT WITH CHARM

The construction team at this year's event had a challenge on their hands when it became clear, on Tuesday afternoon, that the usual VIP tent set-up wouldn't be possible. Where would everyone go to warm their bones, feast on a banquet, sip champagne and socialise? Would they have to make so with a sausage stand on the lake?

Thankfully not – due to an idea by Heinz Reber from the board of the Polo Club to use the town's riding hall, which sits right beside the lake. The hall, which was built in 1911 by Hetzer, a German architect, was until about 10 years ago used for parties as well as riding, until fire regulations curtailed the former.

Plans quickly swung into action: Angela Tonet and Bernhard Pöllinger, who run the school, agreed, but the

local commune, which owns the hall, also had to give permission, as did the fire brigade: any gathering of more than 100 people must be approved by the fire authorities, to approve escape routes, corridor widths and so on.

Just 24 hours before the first VIPs were due to arrive, the building began. On wooden platforms on the parking areas around the hall went the kitchen tent, the reception area and the lavatories. Then came cooks, generators, heating and insulated water-piping. There's no room for washing-up – everything is transported to a dairy firm at Bever, near Samedan, to be washed overnight.

By Thursday evening the hall was filled with tables and chairs to seat 660 guests, and at lunchtime on Friday the first VIPs arrived. 'They en-

joyed the scenic ride to the hall by horse and sleigh after the first polo match between Cartier and Julius Baer,' says catering entrepreneur Peter Gamma. It was certainly a change from the glamorous, sparkling interiors of previous years, but the set-up has a charm and ambience of its own, in the historic vaulted building, with cartwheels and equestrian murals as decoration, and the faint aroma of horse, woodshavings, feed and forage. And the school's equine residents? Well, in daytime, they relax outside. When it gets dark, as the VIPs head back to their hotels, the horses are led past the kitchen, through a corridor lined with all sorts of hospitality equipment, and to their beds. *yc*



## MAYBACH IN ST. MORITZ – READY TO ROLL OUT ANOTHER NEW MODEL

For Maybach, the Polo World Cup on Snow in St. Moritz has a firm place in the calendar year, and this year's 23rd event in the series is no exception. The unique backdrop provided by Switzerland's most famous winter sports resort is the perfect setting for a high-calibre event that has long been supported by the legendary luxury automobile brand. The exclusive nature of the event in the fabulous Engadine is underscored by the first-class polo, international celebrities from all over the world and highly professional organization.

Like last year, Maybach will be taking advantage of the situation to present another brand-new addition to its portfolio of exclusive masterpieces: the Maybach 62 Special. The world's most powerful chauffeur-driven limousine, the new model boasts a wealth of unparalleled qualities. When designing the newly developed Maybach 62 S, the engineers and technicians at Maybach's manufacturing plant in Sindelfingen, Germany, integrated many of the requests and suggestions of its demanding clientele and transformed them perfectly into reality. The result is an unmatched synthesis of superior performance and unique comfort in exclusively elegant surroundings, which passengers in the generously proportioned back area of the new high-end limousine will particularly appreciate. With an impressive maximum torque of 1000 Nm (electronically regulated), the muscular 450 kW/612 hp bi-turbo engine always has more power in reserve than will ever be required, enabling the driver to react instantly to any situation and meet any of the challenges of high-speed motoring.

The interior is dominated by select, carefully matched materials like piano lacquer and a choice of carbon or poplar wood applications. On the outside, details like a modified radiator grille with its striking double ribs and eleven-spoke 20-inch alloy wheels give the

vehicle a discreetly dynamic feel. Visitors to the Polo World Cup on Snow will find the new Maybach 62S next to the VIP marquee on the lake of St. Moritz together with the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren 722 Edition, which was limited to 150 vehicles and is already sold out.

Apart from its support for an event that already has the aura of tradition, Maybach this year will be venturing into a new area: the recently founded Maybach Family Foundation will be drawing on the commitment of the luxury automobile brand at this exclusive event to present the idea behind the Foundation. Ulrich Schmid-Maybach, Executive Director of the Maybach Family Foundation and great-grandson of company founder Karl Maybach, sees the Foundation as a way of fostering young talent in a wide range of different areas through a mentor program. The concept is very much in the tradition of the Maybach family history: great-grandfather Wilhelm Maybach grew up in an orphanage and was an outstanding engineer whose talents were recognized and encouraged by Gottlieb Daimler. As the designer and developer of the first Mercedes in 1901, he became a legend in his own lifetime. *Maybach*



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DER MAYBACH 62S.

## 'SNOWY CONDITIONS MAKE IT MORE FUN...'

The Chilean professional Jose Donoso (7), number three on yesterday's winning Cartier team, talks polo, skiing and tobogganing.



### What were conditions like on the field yesterday morning?

The ground played really well – better than Thursday, when the surface felt fairly choppy and slippery. The falling snow didn't cause a problem – if anything, snowy conditions make it more fun and interesting.

### How was the game?

Extremely tough. Bank Julius Baer had to win to stay in and they came out playing really hard – they're a great team. We, too, came out very focused. In the third chukka they drew ahead of us and the last chukka was pretty even. Then David Sterling scored our winning goal with an amazing shot – a fluke shot really, from way out near the boards.

### How did you form your team?

Adriano Agosti and I put the team together. Jaime Huidobro (CL, hcp 8) was meant to come but he had an accident in December, from which he's recovering, so Juan José Brane came in his place. Sterling was always going to come – he's the talent; the upcoming star. The three of us are very good friends: chemistry and friendship on the field are always very important.

### Have you had time to ski this week?

Yes, a lot of us have been skiing. If I had to give the polo players skiing handicaps, from minus-two to ten, like in polo, Eduardo Novillo Astrada would be a nine. Marcos di Paola and I would be eights and Jack Baillieu, who snowboards, would be seven. Sterling would be a four, but worth six. Juan José Brane is good, but he was teaching his girlfriend, who's a beginner. Milo Fernandez Araujo is dangerous, but good fun.

### What else have you been doing in St Moritz?

On Thursday night, a group of ten of us went tobogganing on the Preda-Bergün run, which is 6km long. We had a shot of tequila and off we went. The race was won by Milo Fernandez Araujo.

### What are your plans after St Moritz?

I'm going on a month-long polo tour of Asia with an English patron, to Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia. Then I'll be back in Argentina for two months, for the autumn season, before going to England in May. *yc*

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## Results

### Rankings after two days play

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| 1. Team Cartier          | 2 points |
| 2. Team Brioni           | 1 points |
| 3. Team Maybach          | 1 points |
| 4. Team Bank Julius Baer | 0 points |

### 2nd Qualifying Round, 26 January 2007

#### Maybach vs. Brioni 3:7 (1:1, 1:2, 1:2, 0:2)

**Maybach:** Maeder (CH), Grossi (ARG) (2 scores), Espain (ARG) (1), Jauretche (ARG). **Brioni:** Hanbury (UK) (1 score), Novillo Astrada (ARG) (3), Araujo (ARG) (3), Schwarzenbach (AUS/CH).

**Best Players:** Novillo Astrada, Grossi, Hanbury

#### Cartier vs. Bank Julius Baer 5:4 (2:0, 0:1, 0:2, 3:1)

**Cartier:** Agosti (CH), Sterling (UY) (1 score), Donoso (CL) (2), Brane (ARG) (2). **Bank Julius Baer:** Pidgley (UK), Baillieu (AU) (1 score), Di Paola (ARG) (3), Hine (UK). **Best Players:** Di Paola, Brane, Sterling

### 1st Qualifying Round, 25 January 2007

#### Maybach vs. Bank Julius Baer 6:3 (1:1, 1:2, 3:0, 1:0)

**Maybach:** Maeder (CH), Grossi (ARG) (1 score), Espain (ARG) (4), Jauretche (ARG) (1). **Bank Julius Baer:** Pidgley (UK), Baillieu (AU), (1 score), Di Paola (ARG) (2), Hine (UK). **Best Players:** Espain, Di Paola

#### Cartier vs. Brioni 2:1 (1:0, 1:0, 0:0, 0:1)

**Cartier:** Agosti (CH), Sterling (UY) (1 score), Donoso (CL) (1), Brane (ARG)  
**Brioni:** Hanbury (UK), Novillo Astrada (ARG) (1 score), Araujo (ARG), Schwarzenbach (AUS/CH). **Best Players:** Sterling, Brane, Novillo Astrada

## Teams

### Team Cartier

1 Adriano Agosti (CH) (hcp 0). 2 David Sterling jr. (UY) (hcp 7). 3 José Donoso (CL) (hcp 7). 4 Juan José Brane (AR) (hcp 8). Total 22

### Team Maybach

1 Philipp Maeder (CH) (hcp 0). 2 Agustín García Grossi (AR) (hcp 6). 3 Nicolas Espain (AR) (hcp 6). 4 Pablo Jauretche (AR) (hcp 8). Total 20

### Team Brioni

1 Charlie Hanbury (UK) (hcp 2). 2 Eduardo Novillo Astrada (AR) (hcp 9). 3 Milo Fernandez Araujo (AR) (hcp 9). 4 Guy Schwarzenbach (CH/AU) (hcp 1). Total 21

### Team Bank Julius Baer

1 Tony K. Pidgley (UK) (hcp 1). 2 Jack Baillieu (AU) (hcp 7). 3 Marcos Di Paola (AR) (hcp 8). 4 Andrew Hine (UK) (hcp 6). Total 22

## Program

### Saturday, 27 January 2007

|          |   |
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| 11.00 am | Trophy «Das Magazin»: Brioni – Bank Julius Baer |
| 02.30 pm | Nespresso Trophy: Cartier – Maybach             |

### Sunday, 28 January 2007

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| 11.00 am | Mercedes AMG Cup: 3rd and 4th place |
| 02.30 pm | Cartier Trophy: 1st and 2nd place   |