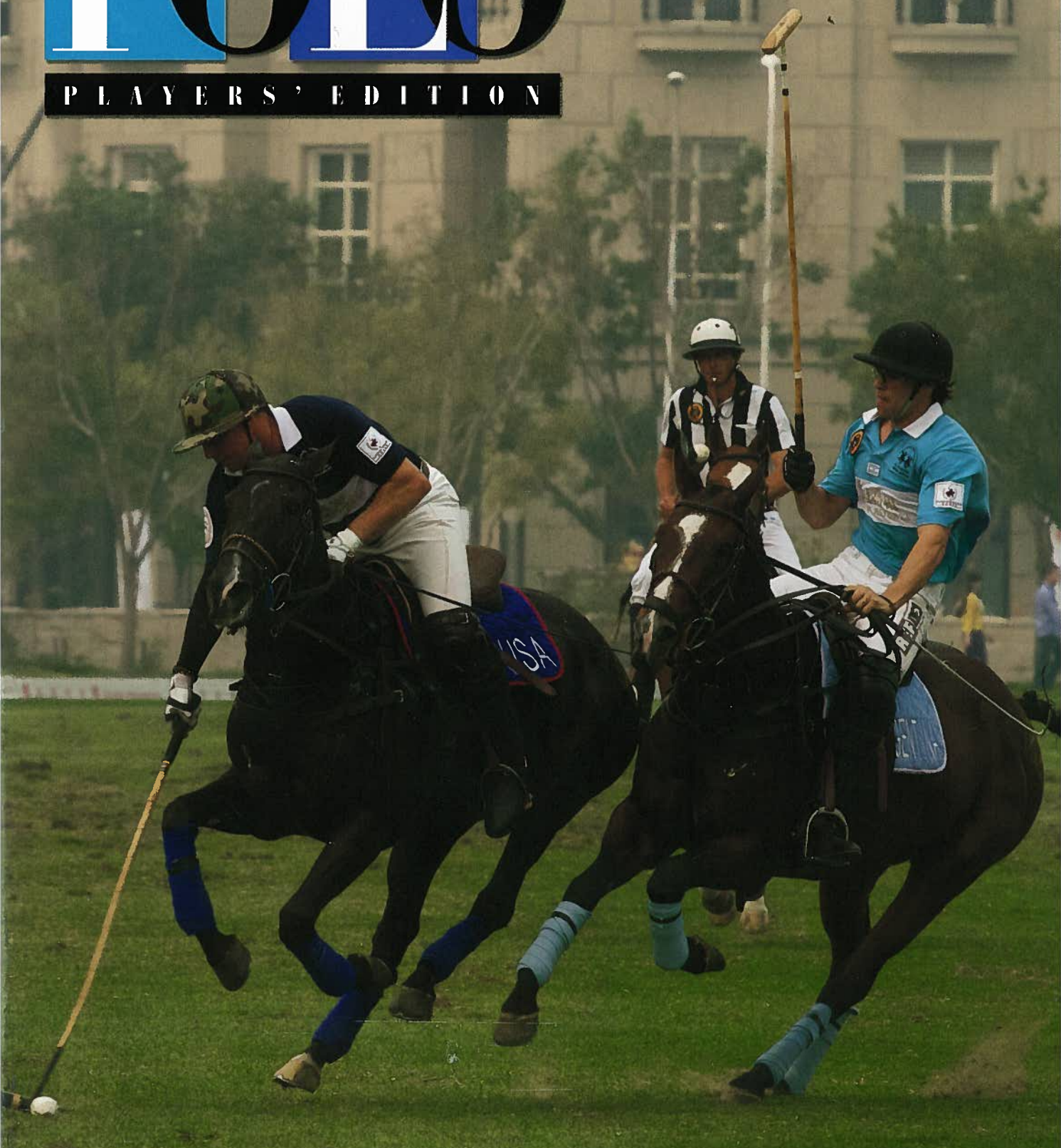


POLO

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USA battles Argentina for Super Nations Cup

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The Lakeside Polo Club field in Escondido, California, is used at the end of summer by the White Horse Ranch Riding and Polo School, taught by club vice president Susan Harris. Between the two sessions on August 13-17 and August 20-24, 10 new students were introduced to the game.

Among this year's students were three great-grandchildren of the late Dr. "Bud" Hering, who built the field in 1956. Since then, four generations of Herings have played on that field.

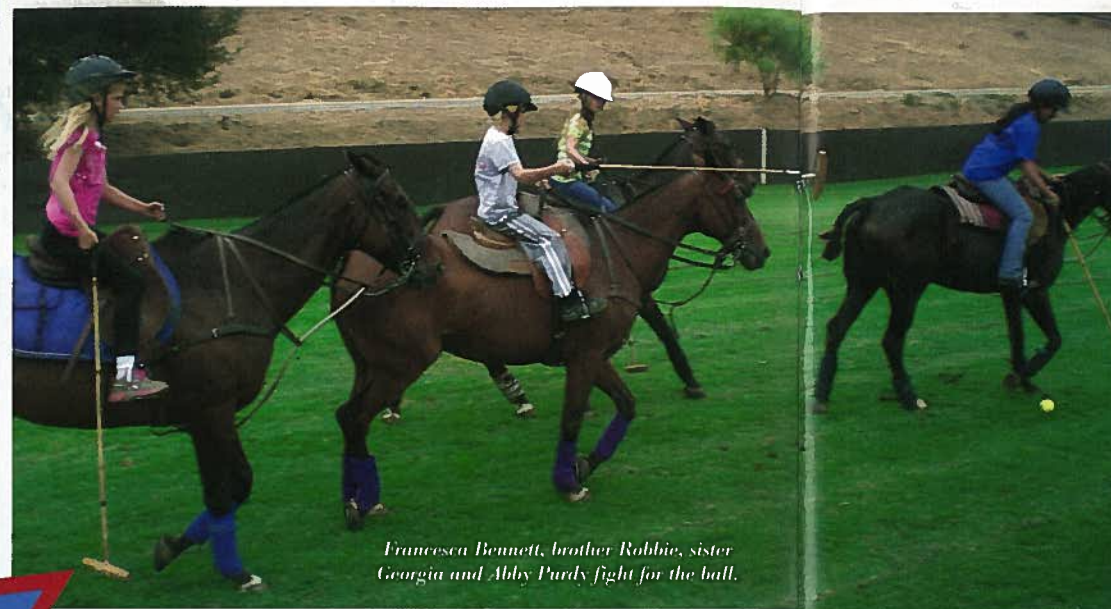
In the week-long camp, kids learn to tack up and care for their ponies as well as how to play polo, first with foot mallets and then on horseback. Thursday nights were particularly fun for students, as well as parents, who were invited over for a skills demonstration and barbecue. Then, there was an optional tent camping sleepover on Thursday night. Campers got up early Friday morning to feed the horses before loading them into the trailer for polo in Lakeside on Friday.

The "finals" are at the Hering Ranch, where the youngsters played their very first polo game on the emerald green field. Kip Hering generously loaned additional ponies at the field for students, in addition to helping umpire and coach.

Graduates of the first week are encouraged to play again with the second group on Friday. It was amazing to see kids without much riding experience go from being afraid of the "giant" horses and "needing help" to haltering, leading, tacking up, riding and playing polo on these same equines in a week. We do enjoy our polo!

—Susan Harris

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Francesca Bennett, brother Robbie, sister Georgia and Abby Purdy fight for the ball.



Robbie clears the ball from the goal.

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One of the most important ways polo is being developed for the long-term in the United States is through the country's numerous polo schools and camps. At polo school, kids learn the basics of horsemanship, polo, and barn care. But more importantly, it is where many youngsters first learn the fun and joy of the sport, to form bonds with the horses and get that rush of excitement playing on horseback for the first time.



Georgia shoots for goal while Robbie backs her up.



Georgia wraps Hamlet's leg.



Francesca Bennett, Doc Hering's great-granddaughter, is shooting the goal while her sister Georgia goes for the hook. Their brother Robbie is up for the pass to make sure the ball stays on course.



Francesca wraps Hollywood's leg.



Robbie prepares to saddle his horse with Francesca's help.