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THE PLAYERS

BRAZIL

Brazil is fielding one of the strongest teams to be seen on an English polo field in 2011. The names might not be as familiar as Tomlinson, Beim and Gonzalez but England will underestimate these talented South Americans at their peril. The Brazilians will ride out onto Smith's Lawn with plenty of big match experience under their saddles – particularly from playing in Argentina, the home of some of the fiercest polo competitions to be played in the world today. In addition to their impressive handicaps, the Brazilian players will be keen to restore their country's honour in this match – having previously registered two defeats. Brazil's focus on winning has seen them even send some of their best ponies over especially for this game. This passion and dedication to their sport can only mean one thing for all the spectators on Cartier International Day 2011 – this year's Coronation Cup will be a game to remember.



**Rodrigo Vilela Rosa
Ribeiro de Andrade**

Handicap: 8

Rodrigo de Andrade may not be a household name to the English polo supporter, but he possesses an impressive polo CV. He was a member of the Brazilian World Championship-winning team in 2001 and has represented Brazil in several other matches both at home and abroad. The Argentine and American polo communities are very familiar with his work though as he won the Copa de Oro (Argentina, 22 goals) and the USA Gold Cup (26 goals). In Argentina Rodrigo also played in several of the world's highest handicapped competitions, including the Camara de Diputados, Abierto de Tortugas, Hurlingham and Palermo Trophies.



**Luiz Paulo
Martins Bastos**

Handicap: 7

Luiz was a member of the Brazilian national team in the Polo World Cup of 1998, which was played in the USA. Like team-mate Rodrigo, he has also represented his national team in many exhibition games both in Brazil and further afield. The well-travelled player has competed in Uruguay, Peru, Mexico, USA, France, Holland, Belgium, England and Spain. Of course, like his team-mates, he regularly plays in Argentina too, in competitive tournaments such as the Copa Camara de Diputados and the Belgrano.



João Paulo Ganon

Handicap: 8

Another impressive, South American eight-goal player, João was a member of the Brazilian World Championship winning team in 2001, which was played in Australia. He has also represented the Brazilian team in several exhibition games in Brazil and abroad, including playing in countries such as Uruguay, USA, France, England and Spain. Closer to home, João has registered an impressive collection of trophies including the Abierto do Estado de São Paulo, the Gold Cup and Copa Xavier de Lima Ronaldo. Of course, a player of skill is a regular competitor in the higher rated games in neighbouring Argentina. Successes have included Camara de Diputados and the Copa de Oro – which he won in 2011; Copa Remonta y Veterinaria - champion in 2011; President Cup – the Champion in 2011 and the Novillo Astrada Cup – of which he was Champion in 2010.



**José Eduardo Kalil
(captain)**

Handicap: 6

Jose is the Brazilian national team captain. In addition to this important role, he is also the owner and captain of one of the leading Brazilian polo teams – São José Polo. He has represented the Brazilian national teams in several exhibition games in Brazil and abroad, including wearing a national shirt in the Copa de las Naciones 2009 in Argentina. Other successes in Argentina have included the Champion in Copa Diamante and Copa de Oro Ellerstina 2010. Jose's victories on Brazilian soil have included the Abierto do Estado de São Paulo; Aberto do Helvetia; Campeonato Brasileiro and Copa de Duro.