

## Polocrosse Scores

## Novice Overall

1	Eastern PA Banshees .....	42.2
	Halee Stroh, Kevin McPeek, Heidi Stroh, Tabitha Marschall, SM	
2	Carolina/Virginia Crush.....	27.8
	Samantha Majors, Melanie Watson, Francesca Huber, Susannah York, SM	
3	Delmarva/Capital/New Jersey Just Cauzin Trouble .....	11.8
	Jacob Shriner, Rachel Vanderbossch, Leigh Patullo, Paige Vallee, SM	

## Novice Horse Management

1	Carolina/Virginia Crush.....	0.2
2	Eastern PA Banshees .....	3.8
3	Delvarva/Capital/New Jersey Just Cauzin Trouble .....	4.2

## Intermediate Overall

1	MidSouth/Capital Hail Storm .....	26.5
	Kayla Pavlick, Nichole Vanderbossch, Nicholas Balogh, Emily Balogh, SM	
2	MidSouth Scorpions.....	22.4
	Joseph Calfee-Vittetoe, Caitlin McCord, Dalles Phillips, Leila Owen, SM	
3	Capital/Maryland Happy Feet.....	19.3
	David Lynn, Erin Bottner, Ashtyn Lake, Abigail Honeycutt, SM	

## Intermediate Horse Management

1	MidSouth Scorpions.....	0.6
2	Midsouth/Capital Hail Storm.....	6.5
3	Capital/Maryland Happy Feet.....	8.7

## Introducing the Cadillac Award for USPC Polocrosse Champs

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Who is Cadillac? When I read the description for the Cadillac Memorial Award in the USPC Polocrosse Championships program, I felt tears well up in my eyes. I remember driving down to Lexington at 2 in the morning in 2004 to catch the first Chukkah of play at USPC nationals and seeing the great horse play her heart out all weekend. That year she accomplished a feat that no horse had yet achieved at USPC Polocrosse Champs, and no horse has achieved again... she locked out the competition. Over three days of intense play, no one, not one player, got a goal past that great red mare, Cadillac and her talented rider, Andrew Diemer.

Cadillac spent her younger years as a top level polo pony, but the years of pressure had their toll and while still in her prime she was cast off as a burned out polo pony. She found a loving home with the Diemer family in North Carolina, and with much patience, perseverance and hard work they discovered one of the best Polocrosse horses the sport has been lucky enough to see.

Cadillac was a chestnut, Argentinean thoroughbred mare, and was a feisty, funky, athlete. Her rider, Andrew Diemer, flew through the ranks of Polocrosse on his talented horse. In 2007, Andrew was chosen to represent the US on an under 16 tour versus the New South Wales (Australia) under 16 team, and together he and Cadillac played Polocrosse on the mall in Washington DC over the 4th of July weekend. The pair was a powerful combination, helping their team give the Australians a tough time on the field. Tragically, after performing so valiantly on the field, Cadillac was later kicked in a paddock. While the initial surgery to repair the damage went well, the brave mare later succumb to complications due to surgery.

In Cadillac's memory, the Diemers have sponsored the traditional 'Best Horse Award' for all USPC Polocrosse championships, by donating beautiful leather halters with brass plaques to the best horse in each division. 2008 was the inaugural year for the Cadillac award, and at USPC Championships East the awards were given to two deserving horses in the Novice and Intermediate horse division. The 'Best Horse' award is classically given to the horse with the best moves, greatest fitness, and best manners- the all around best horse. This year, fittingly, the horses that met these standards shared some other similarities with the award's namesake. Both horses were chestnuts, and both had been passed along from careers where they were seen to have no future, and both are ridden by promising young riders.

In the Novice division, the Off-the-track thoroughbred Boston, ridden by Heidi Stroh, was without a doubt the star of the division. In the defensive position, this tough combination let through very few goals and was the rock that carried the team to victory. In the intermediate division, the mystery horse Captain, ridden by Erin Bottner, was the deserving recipient of this award. Though only 6 years old, Captain has had a very rough

life. Rescued from an auction with injuries on his legs and face, this horse has evolved from a timid, wary horse into a Polocrosse machine. This horse showed his abilities at nationals at both the 2 and the 3 position, and impressed the umpires, opposition, and spectators with his moves, his stamina, and most of all, his heart.

While both of these horses are undeniably great Polocrosse horses, they are also great all around horses- carrying their riders through all manners of competition and ratings. While these horses perform well under many riders, it is clear that these horses have a love for their rider that is evident with the effort they put in for the person that has ridden and loved them the longest. While it is sad to realize that the great horse Cadillac will never be able to defend her title as the only undefeated horse at USPC Polocrosse Championships, it is also fitting that the horses that received the awards that bear her name share so many similarities: great playing abilities, varied pasts, and amazing hearts.