



TT Win the CPL and Invitational Cup Double! ...Well Kind Of.



The poster for the Classic Polo League (CPL) now in it's tenth season.

Rank	Team	GP	Won	Draw	Lost	Diff.	Points
1.	Dark Horses	14	14	0	0	+ 54	42
2.	Farmland Freight	14	11	1	2	+ 24	34
3.	Wild Radioactives	14	10	2	2	+ 26	32
4.	Farmland Fillies	14	7	5	2	+ 19	26
5.	Hyper Cyclons	14	8	2	4	+ 15	26
6.	Rubber Noodles	14	8	1	5	+ 19	25
7.	Trash Pandas	14	7	2	5	+ 09	23
8.	Wild Chicks	14	7	2	5	+ 05	23
9.	Naughty Ponies	14	7	1	6	+ 11	22
10.	Vikings	14	4	3	7	+ 02	15
11.	Wildest Ponies	14	5	0	9	- 23	15
12.	2 Fast & Furious	14	3	3	8	- 07	12
13.	FarmHands ButtGrab	14	1	0	13	- 47	3
14.	Star's Ponies Cadre Noir	14	1	0	13	- 50	3
15.	Leafs	14	1	0	13	- 57	3

The final league positions of teams in this seasons CPL.

I imagine that most people connected to ponyplay will at some point have come across pony polo. Perhaps they even watched a match and marvelled at the ease in which the players dribble and pass around the ball the size of a beach ball. Perhaps inspired seeing this, they ventured onto a polo field and tried for themselves and learned like I did, that it's not as easy as it looks. It's exhausting running up and down the field whilst trying to keep the ball at your feet and requires quite some skill.

One thing people may not know, is that there is a pony polo league. It's called the CPL (Classic Polo League). I have also learned that this season of the CPL ran from October 2023 to February 2024 and has just finished.

On learning about this, I was very keen to find out what position Tall Tails finished in the league. But my hopes were dashed, as the convention is that ponies enter with a unique team name rather than the name of their stable.

However... there are two teams with TT ponies, namely Dark Horses and Rubber Noodles.

So first of all I want to congratulate Dark Horses who have team members PipPup (Erika Dianthus), m3w(Jennanekogirl Resident) and Joline Komarov who finished as champions.

Finishing an impressive 6th place were Rubber Noodles with team members Ana Lacroix (Anatova Akina), Ginger Morningstar (Jessicamorningstar Resident), Airi (Kouranaiki Resident) and Molly Lacroix (Magentamolly Resident).

At the end of each season, the top eight teams are selected to participate in an invitational cup.

In this months cup, Dark Horses won the final 5-0 against the Trash Pandas! In the third place play-off, the Rubber Noodles sadly lost their game against the Farmland Fillies 5-1.

As part of my search for this article I reached out to polo superstar Joline Komarov to make sure I wasn't talking complete nonsense, well - no more than usual. In her comments to me she suggested I mention the slope polo league. Wait, what?

After checking this is a real thing and it wasn't April Fools Day I realised I had so many questions. How sloped? Sloped which way? So I went to visit the one up on the TT training platform and learned that it turns out that the pitch has sloped edges. So yes shame on me. In my head, one team would be play up a hill and the other team down and they would switch at half time.

Erm, no. But sorry, my idea is way cooler and I hope next year someone takes on my idea for the fresh season.

Anyway, all this talk of sloped polo, I should clarify that the upcoming WOM and PROAM tournaments will be of the flat rather than sloped variety. Information about both types can be found using the web links provided at the end of this article.

If you are interested in trying for polo for yourself, occasionally there are some training sessions set up. I have seen that Vivian Tearfull has set up some night time ones and Joline plans to run a training session on Sunday April 14th at 11^{am} SLT, so do keep an eye out in announcements for details of these.

Also don't forget that the Week of Madness features the Madness Cup and anyone can enter a team. It's not too late to start practising! Here are the details of [last years event](#) which is likely to be similar again in 2024. And as if that that wasn't enough, there is also the Spring PROAM cup on Sunday 28th April at 10^{am} SLT.

Molly is very keen to mention that people should not be afraid to take part in this if you have never played polo before. This tournament is about getting people with little to no experience involved and to give them a taste of the fun that can be had. Have a look under Upcoming Events for more detail and how to join.

Results, fixtures and other information about the CPL League is hosted on [Ralnas Pony Page](#).

Navigate via the menus to Polo | Classic Field to find more information including match results.

Current & Upcoming Events

Here are the exciting upcoming events at TT currently on our radar!

- **Easter Egg Hunt 2024** - Spring is here so it's time again for the TT annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will last from March 28th at 3^{pm} SLT, until April 1st at 3^{pm} SLT. And Hazel warns us: "No April Fooling here. At 3^{pm} on the 1st, all the eggs will vanish, so be sure you find them in time!"

On April 2nd, at Noon SLT, Berry and Stumbles will be hosting a prize draw for all those raffle tickets we crack out of our eggs! There are L\$25,000 worth of prizes waiting to be won!

- **Week of Madness 2024** - This infamous annual event returns for it's fourth amazing year. For those who don't know, it features a week packed with a rich variety of different competitions including Sumo, Polo, Blind Carting, Whip Circle, Silent dressage. Participants can also submit their own unique cart designs in Pimp my Cart, and enter the photo competition. One evening is dedicated to a forum and the week of madness always ends with a wild party.

You do not need to be a TT member to take part, the week of festivities is open to all!

Remember to update your calendars: Saturday 25th May until Sunday 2nd June.

- **Spring PROAM Cup 2024** - This competition is a unique idea, the clue being in it's name. It is a bi-annual polo competition hosted at Tall Tails where randomised teams are made consisting of one professional polo player and one amateur polo player. This event is scheduled for Sunday 28th April 2024 at 10^{am} SLT.

More [detail about the PROAM is available here](#)

Tall Tails Discord Resources

For those that haven't visited for a while, there are now some very useful additions to the Discord site including:

- **Outposts Gallery** - This section provides a really useful list of all the many TT outpost sites, each one featuring a beautiful showcase picture. Outposts are a great place to start your mainland carting adventures. Each have a rezzer so you can grab a TT cart to use.
- **Tracks Gallery** - This section contains a comprehensive list of every single track event that you can rez to use on the training platform. Where appropriate, these are also labelled with their difficulty level.

An Interview with the Pearl of TT - Danna Pearl.

Danna needs little introduction, she is the multiple winner of shiniest person in TT award, is rumoured to know Rebel better than anyone and will forever be associated with the infamous 'flattening' incident. She is also often spotted hanging out with the creator of RLV, Marine Kelly.

Tori: I am very pleased today to have Danna with us who has agreed to answer some of our questions. Danna is one of the TT founders, so has been here from day 1. She has been involved in a number of projects and events that we now take for granted, and it's always interesting to learn how the ideas came about and were put into practice.

Tori: How did you first come to get involved in ponyplay?

Danna: In Second Life it took me a bit to get involved in ponyplay. The gear was disappointing back then, it was stupidly expensive and the animations were not elegant at all. I think I only got involved in it later on, when more affordable and better looking gear became available. I started hanging out in SnR which had a way of doing things that was more on my kinky side and I spent some time there as pony, mare and trainer.

Tori: How did the idea for the Sumo wrestling and the shrinking wrestling ring idea come about?

Danna: Well as usual Axelle and Molly were up to some shenanigans in TT. Not entirely sure where the idea came from to be fair, but they built a very ugly, very primmy platform for it. People were obviously having fun with it but the whole prim platform looked bad. It used a primmy ramp that did not really made it easy for ponies to go back up and restart the event. It was impractical but I felt like the idea had potential, and sorta not wanting it to fade away, just decided to make a good looking arena. The raising platform was just an elegant solution to avoid using a space consuming ramp and the minimise time between events. I also added a way to adjust the size of the arena manually for whatever reason, and Molly came up with the idea of making it shrink automatically over time as a way to create an extra challenge for ponies.

Tori: I think you made the pony cannon as well? Please can you tell us more about that?

Danna: Again it's a bit like the Sumo Arena. There was a cannon somewhere that was used for silly funs. Blame Axelle. But it was...ugly! So Molly asked me to make one and to make it big and functional! It was pretty much a silly idea, because... Axelle was involved. .. but given that people were having fun with it, it was one of those ideas worth investing time in to make them work.

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The stoats up to mischief in the early hours. [Photo: Shay]



Cookie from the Fun Police sets off to stop them. [Photo: Cookie]



Arasus and Hastur find a great new viewpoint that doesn't need a roof pass. Yet. [Photo: Arasus]



In preparation for Easter, Berry sneaks around to make sure it's safe for bunnies. [Photo: Berry]

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Tori: How many people have solved your puzzles in the underground vault and managed to open the safe?

Danna: I really have no clue how many were able to finish the cidersweeper. But am convinced quite a few were able to do it and got the cider bottle as reward. As for the safe, only a handful of people were ever able to open it without any help. It was actually meant to be the start of some adventure, and for that reason I gave very few clues since it was unfinished project. I may have been too ambitious there and never got the time to really invest in it, so it never got done. I'm sure it frustrated some people but I never advertised it anyways ;P

Tori: Do you know what will happen with your underground vault with the rebuild?

Danna: Assuming you are talking about Rebel's hideout, I don't really have plans for it at the moment, and to be fair it's not being used a lot these days so it may just end up being derezzed. If I ever go back to invest time in it, I'm sure the M's would help me find another spot.

Tori: Now I wonder how many hideouts you have...

Tori: Are there any other things you have made for TT that I have overlooked?

Danna: I made a few projects that were requested by Molly. The table at the windmill. The mesh for the trainer/groom badges, achievement pins, medals and some trophies. Usually things that require some custom work. I can understand what it feels like to have unique things in TT and that it makes things extra special for everyone there. I enjoy those sort of projects.

Tori: You went through a brief phase where you weren't wearing shiny clothes, what was the reason behind that?

Danna: Certain people told me I wore latex too often or that I was always wearing latex! I decided to punish them! It started as a few days thing, but as time went on I just kept at it, in particular to annoy Axelle, which was super fun. It lasted months.

Tori: You sell some fabulous things in your store, do you have any new ideas you are working on that you can tell us about?

Danna: I'm not short on ideas but right now they aren't really a priority to make them as a product. I tend to make things for myself and if the idea appeals to me I don't mind helping others. I guess a little bit in me enjoys wearing custom made things that are unique and have people beg for them to be released. Am evil that way.

Tori: It is rumoured you are close to Rebel and know her plans and how she thinks. What can you tell us about The Rebel and particularly her habit of marking virgin territory with graffiti?

Danna: Rebel never talks. But I suspect she believes that TT lands are actually her property and that basically we are invading her territory, therefore any new building are her property by default and she makes it known by marking them. For that reason she finds it quite disrespectful when people don't offer her tribute when crossing paths with her. I pay my tribute by giving her custom made latex gear, so she tolerates me in her territory with minimal bumps.

Tori: Have you ever thought about joining the Ponizei? I imagine with crime high they could always use more members.

Danna: I was part of the Ponizei but I quit. There was poor pay...or rather, non-existent, and failed promises of promotion. Also the green colour is not my thing!

Also..I am a bit more the rebellious type....

Tori: You have often been seen hanging around with the infamous Marine Kelly, how did you meet her?

Danna: Well some time ago Angelina Sinclair asked me if I wanted to domme and train a ponygirl that just happened to be Marine. I knew and engaged with her as a customer before, but that was how we were officially introduced. At the time, Angie was her sub and Marine was working on RLV vision spheres which give you an idea of how long ago this was.

Tori: Didn't you also create the amazing underground caves at Pike?

Danna: Yes, the M&M wanted to do caves there, and I wanted to experience doing a big build, so I proposed doing it for them. And I got - as Magic described it - ambitious - which is usual when I am focused on a project. I can't be credited for the final effect, because the M&M gave it the final touch with the typical addition of British garbage props.

Tori: And of course there was the infamous incident known as 'The Flattening' and a monument to that still stands to this day. Is there anything you want to say about that, or is it better left forgotten?

Danna: Well. In order to work on the caves I asked for terrain edit rights for the Sim. I was fairly confident because it was not the first time I worked on terrain but.... I messed up...

Danna: To avoid getting into too much detail, basically I rendered the terrain surface completely flat. I ruined the entire Sim except for the mesh objects.

Danna: But the fun bit that makes me laugh was that no one noticed... There was an event on the platform and everyone was there... So I felt like I could fix it...

Tori: There is no undo button of course so you must have had that dreaded sinking feeling when you realised the amount of the damage...

Danna: Well I felt like I had fucked up on my first day at the job. Magic had given me the rights to edit terrain only that day or the day before.

Danna: So while I was redoing everything, and mind you, doing a rather decent job, Axelle poked me an IM, likely because I was alone down there.

Danna: I panicked and I believe my immediate answer was something like. "I know I messed up! Am fixing it!" guessing Axelle saw my blunder.... She didn't.. She just wanted to invite me upstairs...

Danna: And of course she told Molly...

Tori: Oh no!

Danna: I think Molly found it funny, Magic not so much, some things were ruined badly and she had to fix them. To this day I have still been too ashamed to properly apologise.

Tori: The caves are absolutely awesome, so I hope you agree the pain was worth it?

Danna: I don't regret working on them, so yes.

Tori: Thank you very much for coming in to talk to the Gazette Danna. it's been great to understand more about some of the projects you have been involved along with the controversies!



Shiny Danna watches a PROAM match [Photo: Cookie]



TALL TAILS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Have you got the skill, patience and knowledge to collect them all?



Green Mist uncovers and captures the Fake Axelle!

In recent weeks some citizens came to the view that something was off with our beloved Axelle. They felt she did not seem herself. In fact some citizens felt she seemed so different that they started referring to her as Faxelle. I mean yes, she looked like Axelle, sounded like Axelle and she even bore her trademark flower in her hair, but still something did not seem quite right.

Given that the Ponizei were somewhat reluctant to investigate their own boss, someone we have not seen in some weeks decided to step up and take matters into their own hands.

Remember Green Mist? She pops up now and then to undertake some charitable cause or other and then disappears again into her own mist. The Gazette has learned that she decided to investigate the mystery of Faxelle. Drawing upon a long tradition of great investigative journalism, the Gazette decided to tell this story through the medium of photo story...

So next time Real Axelle is slapping, taunting or putting us through a particularly tortuous pony sports routine, remember we have Green Mist to thank for returning her safely back to us. I understand that Molly in particular is overjoyed to hear of Axelle's safe return.

Maybe we should ask Green Mist if she can find Mara who has been missing from our estate in recent weeks...

[Photos by Green Mist]



Green Mist conveniently captured in an archetypal hero pose. [Photo Tori]

Green Mist hears that Axelle is involved in a suspicious property deal, possibly involving selling the Ponizei HQ, so she goes to investigate.



Green Mist goes in pursuit of Axelle with two expert ponies pulling her infamous matching green all-terrain super hero cart.



Green Mist corners Axelle in the stable basement. Meanwhile, the ruckus creates a distraction...



... And Fleur spots her opportunity to flee and runs like the wind. When will we see her again!?



After an apparent rousing battle for which there are no photos, Green Mist manages to capture Faxelle, now convinced she is a fake Axelle.



Not convinced the mystery is over, Green Mist breaks into Axelles home and finds the real Axelle tied up and frees her. The mystery is solved! Axelle is back!

