



Her Majesty The Queen presented the Trophy to the Apes Hill Club Barbados team of Luke and Mark Tomlinson, Tom Morley and Ed Hitchman.

Apes Hill Club Barbados wins the subsidiary Queen's Cup final

Sir Charles William's Apes Hill Club Barbados polo team went into the British Open Gold Cup final 2008 as one of the teams to beat, following an incredible run of form which has seen Apes Hill sponsored polo teams pick up three trophies in just 7 days.

After completing a clean sweep in the group stages of the famous Queen's Cup at Guards, Apes Hill faced the 2004 Gold Cup winners Azzurra in their quarter-final tie, only to miss out 7-6 in the dying seconds of the last chukka. Captain Luke Tomlinson was upbeat despite the loss, "It was one of those games that could have gone either way and today it went the wrong way! The most important thing now is preparation for the Gold Cup. A good run in the subsidiary tournament will stand us in good stead."

Next up, local rivals Lovelocks and a place in the subsidiary final of the Queens Cup against Grayshurst. An enthralling tactical battle saw the Apes Hill Club Barbados quartet the eventual winners 11 goals to 10 after a nerve racking final chukka. All eyes now turned to the final, and the familiar black and bronze army of Apes Hill Club Barbados supporters descended onto Guards Polo Club with high expectations.

Having beaten Grayshurst by a single goal in the group stages it was always going to be close. Neither team could get more than 2 goals in front, but it was Apes Hill who led 8-6 at half time.

