

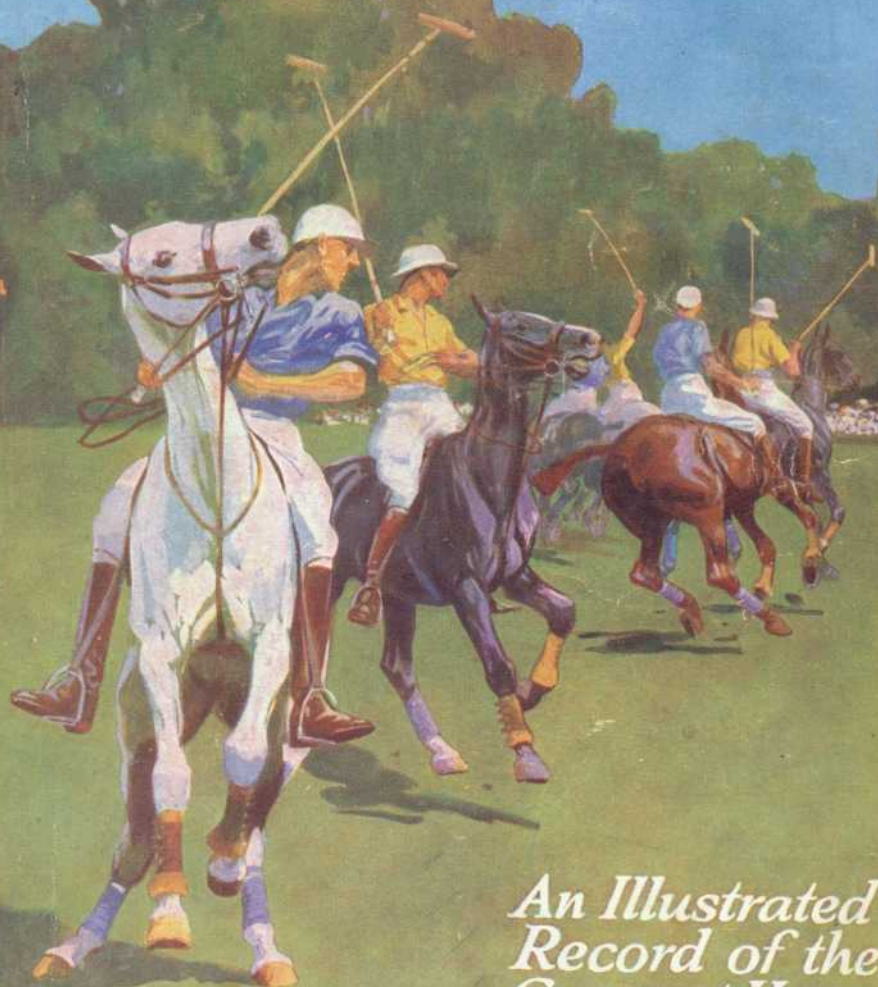
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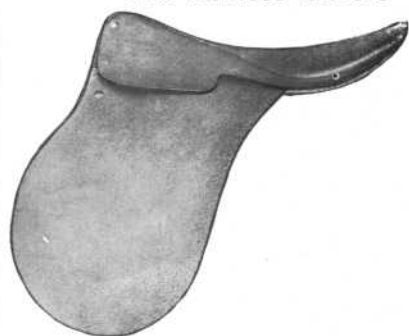


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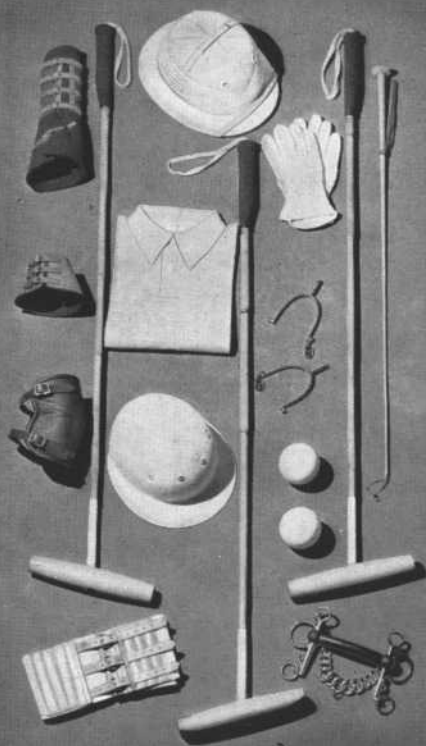
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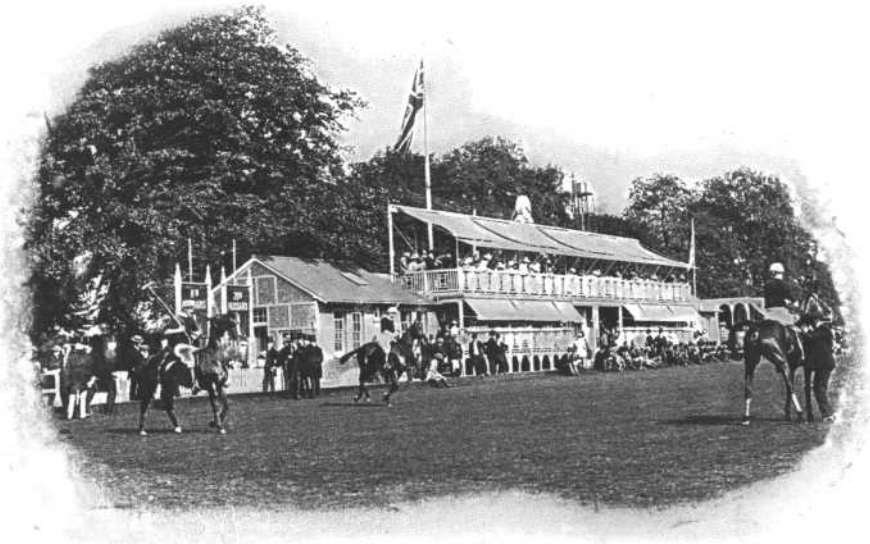
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CURRENT TOPICS.



Hurlingham Polo Association.

The governing body of English polo will in future be known as The Hurlingham Polo Association, instead of The Hurlingham Club Polo Committee. The change, which has met with general approval, is intended to make it clear that it is a body representative of the Empire, and not of a members' club.

Visiting Teams.

The team from the Argentine to visit England in the coming season will be composed as follows: No. 1, Mr. Ricardo Santamarina; No. 2, Mr. H. Hesketh Hughes; No. 3, Mr. Roberto Cavanagh; Back, Mr. Robert Loewenstein. These players will proceed to Minehead in April before travelling on to London. The Texas Rangers will again be welcome visitors, and it is possible that Mr. Aiden Roark will be a member of the side. The American ponies are expected to arrive here on April 25th.

Selection Committee.

The Hurlingham Polo Association announces that the following have been asked to serve on the Selection Committee for 1938 and 1939 for the Westchester Cup: Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gairdner, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Major J. F. Harrison, Col. V. N. Lockett, and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin. This committee will be known as the "Selection and Management Committee," and

will have complete control over all arrangements for the forthcoming matches for the Westchester Cup. Some of the ponies from Argentina are at Osmaston, together with a number of English ponies. They will shortly be joined by a contingent from Australia.

International Team Ponies.

This from a reader: "I am surprised that no reply has been published (so presumably none has been received by you) to the letter in a recent issue from Mr. Herbert Bright about Hurlingham buying ponies in Argentina. We do not seem to have much national pride in our own ponies. When Hurlingham abolished the height limit they ought to have insisted on all ponies being registered, with the sire and dam in the registration. This would have made players take some interest in the breeding of their ponies. I should like to see this done now." In the course of the letter to which our correspondent refers, printed in our issue last August, Mr. Bright, formerly President of the National Pony Society, wrote: "I have not heard that any enquiries on behalf of Hurlingham have been made among the breeders of polo ponies at home, but we never get any encouragement from the people who select ponies for the international side." A number of ponies on Hurlingham's behalf have already been purchased from the Argentine. At present eight of these are at Sir Ian Walker's stud at Osmaston Manor, where they are in the care of Major J. Vere Foster.

New Handicap System.

An important change in Indian handicapping has now come into force. The following new rule appears in the Indian Polo Association's Calendar for 1937: "Handicaps allotted to players shall range from minus 3 to 10." The change affects nearly 260 players in the current season. The latest Indian Polo Association handicaps, operating from May 1st, 1937, to April 30th, 1938, deal with more than 1,300 players. Of these 122 are now handicapped at minus 1, 74 at minus 2, and 61 at minus 3. Hitherto all these minus players would have been handicapped at zero. A change in handicapping at Hurlingham has been in contemplation, as previously reported in these columns, but the scheme is in abeyance for the time being.

Indian Ratings.

The following players are now handicapped at 7 points or more in Indian polo: 9 points—Rao Raja Hanut Singh (Jodhpur); 8 points—Rao Raja Abhey Singh (Jodhpur), Maharaja of Bhopal, and C. T. I. Roark (Kashmir); 7 points—C. E. Pert (Probyn's Horse), Rajkumar Shree Prithi Singh (Baria), P. B. Sanger (P.A.V.O. Cavalry), and H. C. Walford (17th/21st Lancers). It is noticeable that the Maharaja of Jaipur, who was handicapped at 7 at Hurlingham last year, does not appear in the Indian official handicap. He played under a handicap of 9 in the Indian Polo Association's championship at Calcutta

at Christmas, which his team won for the sixth successive season. The *Polo Calendar* is published by the Indian Polo Association at Army Headquarters at 4 rupees and for non-members 5 rupees. Major J. H. Wilkinson is the honorary secretary of the I.P.A.

Mau Molo Club.

From the Mau Molo Polo Club, Mau Summit, Kenya, we learn of various changes during the past year. The ground has been enlarged. The date in 1938 for the annual Mau Molo polo tournament was February 25th—27th. The cups which this club



AT THE MAU MOLO POLO CLUB, KENYA.

The above team were winners of the Mau Molo Senior Challenge Cup, 1937. Left to right: Mr. J. H. Henley, Mr. G. Alexander, Capt. S. Tryon, and Mr. W. A. Waudby.

won during 1937 were: Mau Molo Senior Challenge Cup, Mau Molo Junior Challenge Cup, Mason Junior Challenge Cup, and Nanyuki Challenge Cup.

A Depressing Picture.

Rather a depressing view of the future of polo in India is taken by a *Times* correspondent. "I was talking recently," he writes, "to one of the older generation of Indian Princes, who was in his day in the forefront of Indian polo, and who is still a keen student of the game, and he gave me the impression that he takes a very gloomy view of Indian polo prospects. One by one the Indian rulers are dropping out of the game, and no more are coming forward—Jodhpur has ceased playing, the Kashmir team has stopped; I understand that polo at Bhopal will not be resumed after this year, and at present only Jaipur forms the brilliant exception. No new talent is discoverable either

among the British players or among the younger generation of players in the Indian States. In fact, I was told only a day or two ago that for three whole years not a player of the first class has emerged from the ranks of the mediocre, and it is obvious that if this state of affairs goes on much longer polo in India will be in a very bad way indeed. The ponies and their training have never been better."

Polo for Schoolboys.

It is stated that the Headmaster of Canford School, near Wimborne, is proposing to introduce polo on Exmoor ponies for the boys during the summer term. Under the régime of the Rev. C. B. Canning, M.A., horsemanship has always played an important part in the curriculum at Canford, and the display by the boys at the last International Horse Show will not be forgotten. The addition of polo is an interesting departure and follows the example of several colleges in America.

Argentine Championship.

Mr. Seymour H. Knox's Aurora team, which included Capt. C. T. I. Roark, were among the competitors for the Argentine Open Championship. Playing in part on their own ponies and on others lent by the Argentine Polo Association, they were defeated in the semi-final round by Santa Inés. In the opening tie of the tournament Hurlingham, a 26-goal team, consisting of Eduardo Lanusse at 1, Jack Nelson at 2, Roberto Cavanagh at 3, and Lewis Lacey at back, defeated by 11 to 9 Coronel Suarez, a 23-goal team, with Ricardo Garros at 1, Jorge Amadeo y Videla at 2, Enrique Alberdi at 3, and his brother, Juan Carlos Alberdi, at back. In the next tie the Aurora team, comprising Mr. S. H. Knox, Capt. Roark, Mr. Skiddy von Stade, junr., and Mr. Lindsay Howard, met Los Pinguinos, and defeated them 10 to 6. The losers consisted of E. J. Duggan at 1, Julio Menditeguy at 2, with his brother Carlos at back, and Oscar Braun Menendez at 3. Santa Paula (a 30-point team) defeated Venado Tuerto (a 23-point team) by 10 goals to 7. For the winners Manuel Andrada at back, and Juan Reynel at No. 2 did well, the side being completed by José Reynal and Ricardo Santamarina. For the losers Arturo Kenney was at No. 1, Eduardo Hope at 2, Juan Cavanagh at 3, and Juan Benitz at back. In the next tie Santa Inés (a 24-goal team, comprising Luis Duggan at 1, Mario Inchauspe at 2, Samuel S. Casares at 3, and Dan Kearney at back, defeated Los Indios, also a 24-goal side. In the first of the semi-finals Hurlingham defeated Santa Paula by 9 goals to 8, and then Santa Inés vanquished Aurora by 9 goals to 3. The Hurlingham team won the tournament by beating Santa Inés by 11 goals to 9 in the final.

Harrogate Season.

This year the Harrogate polo season will be begun on August 6th, and will be continued until Saturday, August 27th, the days

of play being provisionally fixed for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. The Polo Sub-Committee consists of the following members: The Mayor, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Aldermen Kitson and Webster, Couns. Allen, Hesselwood, Richardson,



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THE VICEREINE CONGRATULATES THE DARBHANGA TEAM
AT CALCUTTA.

After the Carmichael Cup the Marchioness of Linlithgow presented the trophy to the Maharaja of Darbhanga, whose team defeated the Cameronians in the final tie.

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F. H. B. Milner, J. G. Gillean Potter, J. Kendrew, D. M. Christelow and Douglas Riley Smith.

Mr. Hugh Lloyd Thomas.

Polo shares in the loss suffered in a great many spheres by the tragic death of Mr. Hugh Lloyd Thomas, who was killed on February 22nd when riding his own Periwinkle II in a steeplechase at Derby. After leading for most of the way the horse fell at the last fence and the rider's neck was broken. Only about a fortnight previously Mr. Lloyd Thomas had returned on vacation from Paris, and was busily preparing himself for the enterprise of riding Royal Mail in the Grand National, which that horse won in his colours last season. Mr. Lloyd Thomas was an enthusiastic polo player, with experience of the game in many parts of the world. On the Hurlingham handicap list he had a rating of 4 points. He will be tremendously missed at the Paris Polo Club at Bagatelle, where he played regularly, finding pleasant relaxation in the game from his diplomatic duties. Formerly he played a good deal of polo in company of the Duke of Windsor, who mourns the passing of a great personal friend. Hugh Lloyd Thomas was born in April, 1888, and educated at Eton and New College, Oxford. He was the eldest son of Mr. William Lloyd Thomas, of Abergavenny, one of the founders of the Calcutta Sweepstake. From boyhood he was a good cross-country rider, and later, having considerable private means, took up polo and racing. Entering the diplomatic service in 1912, he served in Constantinople, Cairo, Rome and Madrid. When in Madrid he often played polo with King Alfonso. In 1920, when he reached the rank of first secretary, he was recalled to the Foreign Office and appointed diplomatic private secretary to the Foreign Secretary. In 1929 he was a member of the Duke of Gloucester's staff when the Duke went to Tokio and invested the Emperor of Japan with the Order of the Garter. On his return he was awarded the C.V.O. and became an assistant private secretary to the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales. He accompanied the Prince on his Argentine tour, and remained on his staff until the Prince's accession to the Throne. He then became Minister Plenipotentiary in Paris.

Mr. C. M. S. Marsden.

In January the death occurred suddenly from heart failure whilst playing polo at Enugu, Nigeria, of Lieut. Charles Maurice Salisbury Marsden, M.B.E., eldest son of Major and Mrs. Howard Marsden, formerly of Ingleton, Frensham, now of Woodside, Old Frensham Road, Farnham. Mr. Marsden was 27 and unmarried. He joined the East Yorkshire Regiment from the special reserve in 1931, and went to India for five years. Whilst on the North-West Frontier he was awarded the M.B.E. for exceptional work in connection with the Muzzapapur earthquake disaster. He joined the West African Rifles eighteen months ago, and his term of service would have been completed in two months' time. He was very fond of outdoor sports, especially polo and big-game hunting, at which he excelled.

Major K. O. Goldie.

The death has taken place at Madras of Major Kenneth Oswald Goldie, a well-known sportsman who played cricket for Wellington and Sussex. He was also a polo player. Major Goldie, who was 55, was an A.D.C. to Lord Minto, Viceroy of India, in 1908. He served in Mesopotamia in 1916-18, and retired from the Indian Army in 1923.

Major J. W. Davidson.

Major J. W. Davidson, of Probyn's Horse (5th King Edward VII's Own Lancers), died at Nowshera in December as the



THE KIANGWAN POLO CLUB'S STAND.

The war is away from Shanghai, but its effects remain. Polo, however, will be revived in this troubled district this year.

result of an accident at polo. He was one of the best players in his regiment, being handicapped at 4 points in the latest list of Indian Polo Association handicaps.

Polo Again at Shanghai.

The photo of the stand of the Kiangwan Polo Club we publish shows the "straffing" it received during the recent trouble at Shanghai. This club was organized about twelve years ago by Mr. John A. Hayes, who was its first chairman. The stand overlooks the racecourse and polo ground. The ground itself is now well pocked with shell holes. Fortunately, the Shanghai ground has remained intact, so polo players are to concentrate there this year. The 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry (a regiment with a notable polo record) is at Shanghai, and is likely to take up the

game. Mr. Hayes, who, owing to injuries, will probably confine his energies to umpiring this year, was invited to give a series of lectures on polo before the beginning of the season.

Cannes Season.

Last month polo at Cannes was in full swing and many good games have been played at Mandelieu. In the final tie of the tournament for the Coupe de la Ville de Cannes the Esterel team beat the Pumas by 5 goals to 3. The teams were: *Esterel*: M. H. Menier, No. 1; Capt. J. Bran, No. 2; Mr. W. Riley Smith, No. 3; and M. Detroyat, back. *Pumas*: Mr. P. Davey, No. 1; Baron R. Schroeders, No. 2; Prince Omar Halim, No. 3; and M. H. Couturié, back.

In the final tie of the Côte d'Azur Club's tournament for the Seager Cup the Rugby team beat the Pumas by 7 goals to 3. The teams were:—*Rugby*: Mr. M. Bethel, No. 1; Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 2; Mr. W. Grisar, No. 3; and Capt. J. S. Collings, back. *Pumas*: Baron de Schroeders, No. 1; Prince Omar Halim, No. 2; M. H. Couturié, No. 3; and M. Detroyat, back.

A Polo Veteran.

That fine veteran of polo, Mr. A. Auriol Barker, who took an active part in the game until an unusually advanced age, has expressed a wish to retire from the Council of the National Pony Society, owing to ill-health. The Council have agreed to elect him an honorary life member of the Society in appreciation of his support and work over many years.

Thoroughbred Pony Mares.

In respect of mares tendered for entry in the Approved Mare Register, the Council of the National Pony Society approved a proposal made by Mr. F. H. Unwin that these shall, if registered in the General Stud Book, be admitted to the Society's Stud Book proper, as is done in the case of approved thoroughbred stallions. The Council have further decided that all thoroughbred mares already in the Approved Mare Register, may be transferred to the Stud Book proper at the option of the owner and on payment of the usual re-entry fee.

Horse Owners' Reference Book.

Published by the National Horse Association, 12 Hanover Square, London, at 1s. 2d. post free, this book has been considerably enlarged since the last edition, and now contains 172 pages packed with information. Besides some 500 to 600 dates of fixtures, in which horses and ponies will participate this year, viz., horse shows, races, gymkhanas, point-to-points, etc., the book also contains a classified list of riding schools in all parts of the country, with the facilities available at each school.

Alterations in Hurlingham Rules.

It is announced that the Hurlingham Polo Association has passed certain alterations to the Rules of Polo, which will be published in this year's book of Rules in April.

That which relates to Penalty 1 seems to bring the penalty for infringement of Field Rule 19 (*a*) into line with the marginal note (page 58), which lays down for crooking sticks "Penalties 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5." In Penalty 1 (*a*), however, the Rules stated:

If in the opinion of the umpire a player commits a dangerous foul in the vicinity of goal in order to save a goal, the side fouled shall be allowed one goal.

In future this will read:

If in the opinion of the umpire a player commits a dangerous or deliberate foul in the vicinity of goal in order to save a goal the side fouled shall be allowed one goal.

This is recommended, as it is considered possible for a player to commit a deliberate foul near the goal in order to save a goal which is definitely not a dangerous one.

In Penalty 10 (page 68), relating to infringements of Field Rules 1, 2 or 3—pony blind of an eye, showing vice or not under control; blinkers and sharp spurs; frost nails, calkins, etc.—is considered to be badly worded and leaves the Umpire with vague orders. It also does not state what is to be done with the wearer of sharp spurs. This will now read as follows:

PENALTY 10.—If a pony or player be ordered off the ground under Field Rules 1, 2 or 3, play must not be stopped to allow the offender to change his pony. The case of a pony blind of an eye must be reported to the Stewards of the Hurlingham Polo Association, or if the case occurs abroad to the competent authority.

In margin: F.R. 1, 2 and 3.

"N.B." is to remain the same, except in margin "F.R. 2 and 3" and in context "F.R. 2 or 3" to be inserted.

General Rule 4 (b) (page 44) which reads: "No player shall play with his left hand except left-handed players registered at Hurlingham (see Appendix I)," is now amended to:

GENERAL RULE 4 (b).—"No player shall play with his left hand."

General Rule 7 (g), page 47, in future will read:

When the Umpire blows his whistle for a foul, or under Field Rules 14, 21 (a), (b), (c), 26, or for Penalty 7, the ball shall be dead, and time shall be deducted from the period from the moment the whistle was blown until the Umpire restarts the game.

The whistle should only be blown when it is intended to stop the game for an infringement of the rules, for injury or accident to player or pony, etc. (see marginal notes), except as legislated for in paragraph (e), the whistle should therefore not be blown when the ball goes out of play, over the side lines, or through the goal, or over the back line except when hit by a defending player.

If, however, play continues after the ball has gone over the back or side line the Umpire must use his whistle to stop the game.

NOTE.—If the Umpire wishes to stop the game for a penalty or other occasion necessitating time being deducted he should blow one firm blast on his whistle. On the few occasions when he wishes to stop the game without time being deducted (e.g. the ball crossing the back or side line and being hit into play again) he should blow two sharp blasts.

The marginal notes against G.R. 7 (g) will be:

Deduction of time for: Foul, F.R. 5; Broken Ball, F.R. 14; Accident, etc., F.R. 21; Lost Helmet, F.R. 26.

Field Rule 7 (pages 51-52) will read:

At the beginning of the game the two teams shall line up in the middle of the ground, each team being on its own side of the centre line. The Umpire shall bowl the ball underhand and hard between the opposing ranks of players, from a distance of not less than five yards, the players remaining stationary until the ball has left his hand.

In Field Rule 17 (page 58) there is the following addition:

17 (d): "Riding at an opponent in such a manner as to intimidate and cause him to pull out, or miss his strike, although no foul or cross actually occurs."

The following additions do not alter the sense of the various rules in any way, but are considered to make them technically more correct:

The second paragraph of General Rule 9 (page 49), relating to lost headgear, is technically not a General Rule, but is a Field Rule in that the Umpire stops the game, and time is taken off. This rule accordingly will be removed from G.R. 9 and incorporated in the Field Rules as Field Rule 26.

FIELD RULE 10 (page 53).—In the last line but one add: "the side hitting in being free to place themselves where they choose."

FIELD RULE 13 (page 54).—"Resumption of play" to be put in margin.

PENALTY 7 (c) (page 67) (Infringement of Field Rule 10 by the attacking side).—"A free hit from the thirty-yard line from a spot opposite from where the first hit was made or would have been made, none of the fouling side to be within thirty yards of the ball, the side fouled being free to place themselves where they choose. Any further infringement of Penalty 7 (b) or (c) by the attacking side—another hit from the thirty-yard line."

LONDON POLO.

Important New Committee.

The committee appointed at the end of last season under the chairmanship of Lord Louis Mountbatten to consider the conduct of the London season has issued its report, which has been adopted and will be incorporated in the rules next season. The other members of the committee were Lord Cowdray and Capt. D. Dawnay and the polo managers of the three London clubs—Brigadier W. H. Anderson (Hurlingham), Capt. F. A. Gill (Ranelagh), and Lieut.-Col. C. C. Lister (Roehampton).

The rules, which refer specifically to London only, are printed below :

Constitution.

(1) The committee shall be elected in the autumn annually by the Hurlingham Polo Association.

(2) The composition of the London Polo Committee shall be as follows :

Three members elected by the Hurlingham Polo Association, of whom one at least shall be a member of the Hurlingham Polo Association, and the polo managers of the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Club, and Roehampton Club.

(3) The committee shall have power to co-opt additional members if required.

(4) The committee shall co-ordinate the tournament programmes of the Hurlingham, Ranelagh, and Roehampton Clubs in the best interests of all three clubs, and shall have power to deal with all matters affecting the playing of tournaments at those clubs during the London season.

Regulations.

The following regulations of the London Polo Committee have been agreed to by the three London Polo Clubs, and will apply only to polo in London :

(1) Tournaments in London are divided into three main categories :

(a) Standard Tournaments played without a handicap allowance, which are divided into two classes :

(i) Open Cups (O.), which are unrestricted. They include the Champion Cup, Ranelagh Open Cup, Roehampton Open Cup, and the Coronation Cup.

(ii) Restricted Open Cups (R.O.), which are restricted to serving officers or teams under a certain aggregate handicap. They include the Inter-Regimental Tournament, the Subalterns' Gold Cup, and the Junior Championship.

- (b) Standard Handicap Tournaments, which are divided into three classes :
- (i) High Handicap Tournaments (H.H.), for teams of 17 goals and over.
 - (ii) Medium Handicap Tournaments (M.H.), for team of 16 goals and under.
 - (iii) Low Handicap Tournaments (L.H.), for teams of 8 goals and under.
- (c) Non-Standard Tournaments (N.S.), which include the Military Handicap Challenge Cup, the Hunt Cup, and the Social Clubs' Cup. In this category are also grouped all one-day matches (D.M.) and the Invitation Cups (I.), which latter include the Bluejackets', Bhopal, and Ashton Cups. The rules for Non-Standard Tournaments are laid down by the clubs concerned.

NOTE.—The abbreviations shown in Regulation (1) will invariably be inserted after the names of each tournament to indicate to which class it belongs.

(2) There is no limit to individual handicaps except in the Low Handicap Tournaments, for which no player having a handicap of more than four goals is eligible.

(3) Any handicaps which are altered in the second week in June, in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Rule 2 of the Regulations of the Hurlingham Official Handicapping Committee, will apply immediately for working out goal differences, but will not apply for entry purposes until after the last day of play in the London Tournaments.

(4) Teams playing under the same name in different classes of polo must add a suffix after their name when playing in a tournament which is not the highest class tournament in which they play. Thus a team, playing in every class of tournament, will be described :

In Open and High Handicap Tournaments: by its name without any suffix.

In Medium Handicap Tournaments: with the suffix " A " added after its name.

In Low Handicap Tournaments: with the suffix " B " added after its name.

A team playing only in Medium and Low Handicap Tournaments will be described :

In Medium Handicap Tournaments: by its name without any suffix.

In Low Handicap Tournaments: with the suffix " A " added after its name.

(5) Entries for tournaments will close at noon on the Wednesday of each preceding week at the Polo Manager's office of the club concerned.

(6) From Saturday to Saturday (inclusive) shall be the advertised week of any tournament.

(7) No player who has previously played in a team in any of the Open Cups (except as a substitute during the progress

of a match) may play for any different team in any of these tournaments, except with the permission of the Stewards of the H.P.A., or, in the event of an urgent decision being required, of the chairman or deputy chairman of the Stewards. The Stewards of the H.P.A. are requested not to grant such permission unless they are absolutely satisfied that:

- (a) Such a player is not "letting down" the team in which he had previously played by playing with another team.
- (b) The request from a team to play such a player is because they have a *bona fide* reason for being short of a player, and not because they think they will improve their team by playing a substitute.

NOTE.—The Stewards of the H.P.A. will not give reasons for any decision they may make in this matter.

(8) No player may enter for more than two tournaments in any one week. Invitation Cups and one-day matches will not be counted for the purpose of this regulation.

(9) Any Handicap Tournament, in which not more than one match has been played during the week for which it is advertised, will be cancelled if there is a tournament of the same class in the next week.

(10) No Handicap Tournament will be continued longer than seven days after its advertised week except where there two or less matches to be played to complete that tournament.

(11) (a) In the event of a Handicap Tournament being continued beyond its advertised week, any team not defeated by the Tuesday evening of the second week will be automatically scratched from any other tournament of the same class advertised to take place during this second week.

(b) In the event of an Open Tournament or an Invitation Tournament being continued beyond its advertised week, any team not eliminated by the Tuesday evening of the second week will be automatically scratched from any High Handicap Tournament advertised to take place during this second week unless electing to scratch from the Open or Invitation Tournament.

NOTE.—For the purpose of this regulation a team entered in different tournaments shall be considered to be the same team if two or more of the same players are playing in each case, regardless of the denomination of the team.

(12) If a team scratches from a Handicap Tournament the last match in which they played in that tournament may count as a friendly match and their opponents may automatically play on in that tournament if, in the opinion of the Polo Manager concerned, the state of the tournament renders such a course desirable.

(13) In Medium and Low Handicap Tournaments all matches will be six chukkers unless there are more than ten teams entered,

in which case all first-round matches will be four chukkers. If more than fourteen teams enter, all matches in the first two rounds will be four chukkers.

Suggestions.

The following suggestions of the London Polo Committee have been agreed to by the three London polo clubs:

(1) The three London clubs will help each other out by loaning each other grounds when one club is short of a ground for a tournament game and another club has a spare ground.

(2) Weather permitting, there will be polo in future at one of the three London clubs every Friday (hitherto kept as a non-polo day).

(3) No additional tournaments will be added to the London polo season without the consent of the London Polo Committee.

MATCHES IN JAMAICA.

The first of the series of matches between the Hurlingham team, captained by Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., was played at Kingston on February 17th, resulting in an easy success for the visitors. Capt. H. G. Morrison, who was to have been a member of the English team, was unable to make the journey. Teams and score:

<i>Hurlingham</i>	beat	<i>Jamaica.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. P. Robinson.		1. Mr. L. Mais.
2. Capt. R. Neville, R.M.		2. Mr. C. Calder.
3. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		3. Capt. H. E. Anson.
Bk. Capt. M. H. E.		Bk. Mr. J. D. Pringle.
Macmullen.		
12 goals.		3 goals.

In the second match on February 20th Hurlingham achieved another easy victory, though Jamaica are reported to have improved on their previous display. Mr. Robinson did particularly well in both games. Result:

<i>Hurlingham</i>	beat	<i>All-Jamaica.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. M. H. E. Macmullen.		1. Mr. S. Nunes.
2. Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2. Mr. C. Calder.
3. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		3. Capt. H. E. Anson.
Bk. Capt. R. Neville.		Bk. Mr. J. D. Pringle.
9 goals.		1 goal.

After this game Lord Louis Mountbatten left Jamaica. His place was taken by Capt. L. H. Harris, formerly 9th Lancers, and Mr. J. P. Robinson became captain of the team in the field. Hurlingham won the third match by 9 goals to 3. After fourteen days of sea travel the 22 ponies of Lord Louis Mountbatten's team visiting Jamaica arrived in good trim. One and all maintained their condition in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to those in charge.

Lord Louis Mountbatten's team won their fourth and final match against All Jamaica on February 26th by 9 goals to 5. The scorers were Mr. J. P. Robinson (4), Capt. Neville (2), Capt. M. N. E. Macmillan (2), and Mr. Harris (1) for Hurlingham, and Mr. Collins (3) and Mr. Anson (2) for All Jamaica.

THE GAME IN THE U.S.A.

The United States Polo Association, of which Mr. Robert E. Strawbridge, junr., is chairman, Mr. F. S. von Stade vice-chairman, and Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry secretary-treasurer, has issued its Year Book for 1938 from the offices of the Association, 501 Madison Avenue, New York. Illustrated with notable teams of the past season and other subjects, this annual publication contains information indispensable to those who desire to keep in touch with American polo affairs.

In the editorial foreword it is noted that the past months have seen the installation of the new constitution of the United States Polo Association. This, with the revised by-laws, has been in effect for a long enough period at the present time to make it safe to say that it has been successful. In no small measure has the success of its inauguration been due to the circuit governors—Winthrop Taylor in the North-eastern circuit, John H. W. Ingersoll in the South-eastern, Thomas H. White in the Central, Reginald B. Sinclair in the North-western, John H. Lapham in the South-western, and Charles H. Jackson, junr., in the Pacific Coast. It has been necessary for circuit governors to assume much more of the responsibility of directing play in their circuits than under the old order, and only continued active and interested work on the part of these men will continue to help the game in the broadest sense. Each circuit, with its committee, has handled its own intra-circuit games and, during the past year, the handicapping system was also changed so that circuit committees now pass on their own players with recommendations from those people who play most of their polo with them.

One of the most gratifying occurrences during the past season was the return of the show of the National Polo Pony Society held on the grounds of the Meadow Brook Club with a large

entry and interest. Winner of the championship class was Never Tell, a seven-year-old bay gelding American bred by Prince Friarstown, and the Prince Friarstown Challenge Cup for the best playing mare went to the Kentucky bred Fuss Budget, a bay that played well in the Old Westbury string. Plans are being formed by the society for a more active service to the game and its players in the future, and the Polo Association hopes to aid in this.

Highlights of the season, dealt with at length in this volume, included the victory of a new team, Old Westbury, in the national Open Championship, the continued brilliant play of Thomas Hitchcock, junr., and the well merited inclusion of Stewart Iglehart and Cecil Smith as 10-goal men on the handicap list. The visit of Santa Barbara to the East was a popular event and a successful one, and the cordial relations with Argentina continued through the medium of the visit of their San Jose team to the U.S. championship and of the Aurora team to theirs.

The following players are handicapped at 7 points or more this year: 10 points—Thomas Hitchcock, junr., S. B. Iglehart, and Cecil Smith. 9 points—M. G. Phipps, Capt. C. T. I. Roark. 8 points—Eric Pedley, Gerald Balding, William Post II, and E. Tyrrell-Martin. 7 points—E. J. Boeseke, junr., W. F. C. Guest, E. A. S. Hopping, Aiden Roark, J. P. Mills, Raymond Guest, E. T. Gerry, Cyril R. Harrison, G. H. Bostwick, and Ivor Balding.

RICHMOND PARK POLO GROUND.

His Majesty's Office of Works has granted permission for a polo ground to be made in Richmond Park on a site about 200 yards south-west of the Sheen Gate, where anyone who owns, borrows or hires a pony will be able to play polo. In order that the interests of every polo player be represented, the Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee has been formed, consisting of: Lord Cowdray (chairman, Roehampton Club Polo Committee), chairman; Wing-Comdr. Sir Louis Greig (Deputy Ranger, Richmond Park); Col. V. N. Lockett (representing country polo players); Lieut.-Col. C. D. Miller (managing director, Roehampton Club); Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (chairman, Ranelagh Club Polo Committee); Lieut.-Col. R. G. Ritson (chairman, The Hurlingham Polo Association); Mr. L. H. Storey (Ham Common Polo Club); Lieut.-Col. C. C. Lister, hon. secretary.

Lieut.-Col. Miller has very kindly undertaken the supervision of laying out the ground and the general upkeep thereof.

Work was begun last November, and such good progress has

been made that the ground will be ready for play by May 1st. It will be boarded (300 yards long and about 150 yards broad), with a tent for players to change in, but tea and drinks will not be obtainable. Only organized games, matches and tournaments will be played here, so those wanting to use the practice ground in the park, which will be open as usual, must apply for a permit as in former years.

The ground will not be run as a club (that is, confined only to members), so that anyone can play, and spectators will be able to watch the polo free of charge. This should greatly increase the public interest in the game and at the same time encourage many to play polo who up to now have been prevented from doing so on account of expense. There are some riding schools in the vicinity of the park from which polo ponies can be hired.

It is obvious that it is impractical for a player to turn up at the ground with his ponies and demand to play two, four or six chukkers. Therefore anyone wanting a game or chukker must get in touch with the hon. secretary, Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee, at his office at Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15 ('phone number Prospect 1161), where all the clerical work will be done.

There will be an official umpire for all games and matches played on the ground. Part of his duties will be to advise and help beginners. A good umpire, by the judicious use of his whistle, can do much to improve the standard of play by discouraging those frequent minor infringements of the rules, generally committed through ignorance, which are so apt to spoil the pace and the enjoyment of the game. Grooms are not allowed to exercise ponies in Richmond Park, so that those grooms taking ponies to and from the polo ground must be in possession of a pass obtainable from the hon. secretary, Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee. Grooms must keep to the roads whilst inside the park so as to avoid making unsightly tracks across the grass.

There is a car park for spectators in the park near the Sheen Gate about 250 yards from the ground, but in order that players can take their polo sticks, change of clothes, etc., to the ground permission has been obtained for those actually taking part in a game to use the private road, the gate of which is just inside Sheen Gate. A pass obtainable from the hon. secretary, Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee, will have to be shown by anyone using this private road.

Judging by letters already received, the idea of having polo in a public park is being very enthusiastically received both by polo players and the public, who are delighted at the prospect of watching polo free of charge. It is certain that many of these future polo fans, whilst on their annual holidays, will take the opportunity of watching polo at some of the country clubs to the benefit of the gate receipts of the clubs concerned. The Richmond Park Ground, apart from attracting more players, should do much to increase the public interest to the game.

INDIAN TOURNAMENTS.

Another Win for Jaipur at Calcutta.

Jaipur continues to dominate the situation in the Indian Polo Association's annual championship tournament, which, as usual, took place at Calcutta during Christmas week. In 1930 this tournament was won by the Jaipur Pilgrims. In the following season Jodhpur were successful. Since then Jaipur have won six times off the reel, a series a triumphs unprecedented in the history of the tournament. Incidentally it may be recalled that the Jaipur Pilgrims eight years ago included Rao Raja Abhey Singh, Rao Raja Hanut Singh, and the Maharaja of Jaipur, all of whom were in the successful team this season. The Jodhpur side of 1931 included Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, Rao Raja Hanut Singh and the Maharaja of Jaipur, who played again this season. This it can be claimed that Jaipur's record of success extends over eight rather than merely six seasons. There were three entries this time, the semi-final match being as follows:

<i>Bhopal</i>		beat	<i>Hurricanes.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Mr. R. Skene . . .	6	1. Mr. H. D. Tucker . . .	5	
2. Mr. H. H. Hughes . . .	7	2. Capt. W. F. Butler . . .	6	
3. Mr. G. Balding . . .	9	3. Capt. P. B. Sanger . . .	7	
Bk. H.H. The Nawab of Bhopal	8	Bk. Capt. R. G. Hanmer . . .	5	
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	30		23	
8 goals.		5 goals.		

According to the *Statesman* (Calcutta), on which we draw for details, Bhopal settled down sooner than their opponents and led by two goals in the first chukker, but the Hurricanes levelled the scores in the second chukker. The next period provided fast play, at the end of which the Hurricanes were a little unfortunate to be one goal in arrears. In the fourth chukker, however, Bhopal did all the damage and made victory safe.

Mr. R. Skene produced the good form at No. 1 that was favourably commented on in England. Mr. Balding was a host in himself at No. 3. Capt. Butler and Capt. Hanmer were conspicuous for good play on the losing side.

Final.

<i>Jaipur</i>		beat	<i>Bhopal.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh	7	1. Mr. R. Skene	. 6	
2. Rao Raja Abhey Singh .	8	2. Mr. H. H. Hughes	. 7	
3. Rao Raja Hanut Singh .	9	3. Mr. G. Balding	. 9	
Bk. H.H. The Maharaja of Jaipur	9	Bk. H.H. The Nawab of Bhopal	8	
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4 goals.		33	3 goals.	30

REFEREE : Brigadier G. de la P. Beresford.
 UMPIRES : Capt. P. B. Sanger and Capt. H. D. Tucker.



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HOLDERS OF A FINE RECORD IN INDIAN POLO.

At Christmas Jaipur won the Indian Polo Association's annual championship at Calcutta for the sixth consecutive season. In 1930 and 1931 members of the team helped to win the tournament when playing for the Jaipur Pilgrims and Jodhpur respectively. The latest side comprised Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, Rao Raja Abhey Singh, Rao Raja Hanut Singh, and H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur (left to right in this photo).

In the presence of Her Excellency the Marchioness of Linlithgow, H.E. the Governor of Bengal and The Lady Brabourne, many Ruling Princes and distinguished visitors from many

parts of India and a crowd conservatively estimated at 60,000, Jaipur retained the Indian polo championship on the Ellenborough ground, defeating Bhopal in a most exciting final by 4 goals to 3. The Lady Brabourne gave away the trophies. As was to be expected with so many players of renown taking part, it was a great final with a high standard of play. Jaipur were the more fancied side, and they deserve to be congratulated on their victory. They maintained their high standard in team work—and it was this advantage that assisted them in such a close struggle. But the Bhopal players were individually brilliant. Mr. Balding was the outstanding player on the side and his very excellent display was thoroughly appreciated by the crowd. The Nawab of Bhopal was sound at back, but Mr. Hughes started rather shakily, and it was not until the later chukkers that he showed his true form. Mr. R. Skene would have rendered a much better account of himself if he had not been so unfortunate in his scoring endeavours, particularly in the latter stages of the match. Jaipur played so well as a team that it is difficult to single out any of them for special mention. A noteworthy feature was that no sooner had Jaipur obtained a goal than Bhopal would level the scores; this continued until Bhopal failed to score in the latter stages to avoid defeat. Towards the end Bhopal went near scoring on half-a-dozen occasions, the ball more often than not narrowly going by one of the posts.

Ezra Cup.

This tournament, played on the handicap, produced a great deal of interesting polo. The first match between Kashmir and the Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles provided an exciting finish. Kashmir, who conceded $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals on the handicap, made sure of victory within two minutes of the end.

<i>Kashmir</i>		beat	<i>Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Capt. Th. Jaggat Singh	1	1. Mr. H. MacArthur	. 0	
2. Maj.-Gen. Nawab		2. Mr. R. C. Davies	. 1	
	Khusru Jung 6			
3. Mr. Gerald Balding	. 9	3. Mr. J. P. Shaw	. 1	
Bk. H.H. The Maharaja of		Bk. Mr. N. Buchanan	. 0	
	Jammu and Kashmir 5			
	—			
	21			2
	10 goals.			(received $9\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Mr. Gerald Balding lost no time in settling down to business and treated the spectators to a display of accurate hitting and constructive play. Four of the ten goals for Kashmir were scored by him; he had a share in the remainder. The Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles played a good defensive game. They could really not be blamed for the number of goals scored against them by such strong opposition. Indeed, they gave a big fright

to Kashmir, who must have breathed a sigh of relief on scoring the winning goal a little before the end. Besides Balding, Kashmir were well served by their No. 1, Capt. Thakur Jaggat Singh, who proved a successful goal scorer. Mr. J. P. Shaw played an extraordinary good game for the Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles. He is an asset to the side at No. 3. As they were almost continually on the defensive the rest of the side were in the nature of good spoilers.

<i>Cameronians</i>		beat	<i>Nazargunj.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Lieut. D. M. Carter			1. Raja of Nazargunj	. 0
	Campbell	1		
2. Lieut. Sir E. M. A.			2. Dfr. Majid Khan .	. 0
	Bradford	1		
3. Lieut. M. T. Alexander		2	3. Kumar Jaswant Chand .	0
Bk. Capt. R. G.			Bk. Maj. J. L. Wardle .	2
	Collingwood	1		
		—		—
		5		2
8 goals.			(received 1½) 1½ goals.	

Nazargunj were handicapped by the absence of their No. 1, Gulam Mohammad Khan, who is on the injured list. After the second chukker the Raja did not line up, his place being taken by the Maharaj Kumar of Cooch Behar, who played well. Mr. Alexander was conspicuous for good play on the winners' side. He has improved a great deal and appears better than his handicap of 2 suggests. For Nazargunj Major Wardle was always useful; well mounted he would do exceedingly better.

<i>Hurricanes</i>		beat	<i>Jaipur Cavalry.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. W. F. Butler	. 6		1. Defedar Bagh Singh .	1
2. Mr. S. Sanford .	. 6		2. Rao Raja Abhey Singh .	8
3. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh	7		3. Rao Raja Hanut Singh .	9
Bk. Rao Bahadur Man			Bk. Maj. Ram Singh .	2
	Singh	0		
		—		—
		19		20
(received ½) 5½ goals.			2 goals.	

The Hurricanes proved the better balanced team and were worthy winners. Capt. Butler and Mr. Sanford gave a very good account of themselves; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh supported them well at No. 3. The Jaipur Cavalry lacked team work. It was noticeable that Rao Raja Hanut Singh often played a lone hand in setting his side going; generally the others missed the ball at important stages. The three goals scored by the Hurricanes without reply in the first chukker sealed the fate of their opponents. The Jaipur side made valiant efforts to save the match, but the Hurricanes continued to maintain their grip.

<i>Darbhanga</i>		beat	<i>P.A.V.O.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Sardar Kartar Singh	. 0	1. Mr. G. B. Buckston	. 0	
2. Mr. R. Skene	. 6	2. Brig. G. de la P.		
		Beresford	3	
3. Mr. C. Skene	. 5	3. Capt. P. B. Sanger	. 7	
Bk. Capt. Critchley	. 4	Bk. Capt. R. G. Hanmer	. 5	
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5 goals.	15	4 goals.	15	

The Cavalry were unfortunate to lose after extra time. A mishap early in the match deprived them of the services of their No. 2, Brigadier G. de la P. Beresford, who was the spearhead of the attacks and had played an extraordinary good game. Dafedar Nabi-Bux, replaced him and proved useful on occasions. The brunt of keeping the team together fell on Capt. Sanger's shoulders and he acquitted himself with distinction. Capt. Hanmer was sound at back. Although Mr. R. Skene played well for Darbhanga, greater things were expected of him. Critchley at back was very seldom at fault; his was a very sound display. Advancing years do not appear to affect Mr. C. Skene's play. He was handy throughout the match. It was a great game.

<i>17/21st Lancers</i>		beat	<i>The Cripples.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Mr. D. C. Barbour	. 2	1. Mr. J. O. Ingham	. 1	
2. Capt. Hon. R. G.		2. Mr. A. H. Wagstaff	. 2	
	Hamilton-Russell 3			
3. Mr. R. L. V. French		3. Mr. C. B. Bennett	. 1	
	Blake 2			
Bk. Mr. B. H. Turner	. 3	Bk. Mr. J. D. Butler	. 1	
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7 goals.	10	(received 2½) 4½ goals.	5	

The Lancers led by 4 goals to 3½ at the end of the second chukker and scored again early in the next chukker. But their opponents fought back splendidly and reduced the lead by one goal. After that the Lancers, by good team work, obtained two more goals, but the Cripples made them fight for every inch of ground. Mr. Turner gave one of his best displays at back. For the Cripples Mr. Wagstaff was particularly useful. The remainder of the team worked very hard.

<i>Jaguars</i>		beat	<i>Enthusiasts.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Mr. Gill	. 0	1. Mr. N. A. K. Raza	. 0	
2. Hon. W. K. Rous	. 4	2. Mr. E. Habibullha	. 1	
3. Mr. H. H. Hughes	. 7	3. Mr. Daulet Singh	. 2	
Bk. Hon. P. J. M. Rous	. 0	Bk. Mr. K. P. Dhargalkar	. 2	
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9 goals.	11	(received 3) 6 goals.	5	

The Enthusiasts scored a goal early in the opening chukker. They continued to trouble their opponents, but three goals scored in about two minutes by the Jaguars in the second chukker was the forerunner to their success. The Enthusiasts led by 5 goals to 4 at the end of the chukker, and went on to take the lead in the next chukker after their adversaries had levelled the scores at 5 all. A little before the conclusion of this period the Jaguars first equalized and took the lead (by 7 goals to 6) for the first time in the match.

Mr. Hughes was the best player in this match. Victory was due to a large extent to his good efforts.

<i>14th/20th Hussars</i>		beat	<i>7th Cavalry.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Mr. E. B. Studd . . .	1	1. Maj. R. S. King . . .	1	
2. Lt.-Col. A. V. Pope . .	1	2. Capt. Gurbachan Singh .	2	
3. Capt. B. B. N. Woodd .	3	3. Maj. J. I. Muirhead . .	2	
Bk. Mr. D. A. H. Silvertop	1	Bk. Capt. J. N. Chaudhuri	2	
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		6	3 goals. 7	

The 7th Cavalry were in arrears throughout the match. The half goal they had conceded always stood in their way of levelling the scores. The result was a true indication of the teams being well matched. Mr. Silvertop played a good game at back for the winners and Major Muirhead was the mainstay for the losers.

<i>17th/21st Lancers</i>	beat	<i>Kashmir.</i>
(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		8 goals.

Kashmir did not score in the first chukker and were successful once only in the second. In those two periods the Lancers played extremely well both in attack and defence. In the third chukker Kashmir scored three times. The Lancers, however, replied once to lead by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4. The fourth chukker provided an exciting finish, when Kashmir, in spite of most determined efforts, lost by a mere half goal. Mr. Balding was seen to special advantage in the last two chukkers of the match. Capt. Hamilton Russell proved a good No. 2 for the Lancers and Mr. Barbour appeared in his best form at No. 1 for them.

<i>Cameronians</i>	beat	<i>Wanderers.</i>	
Pos.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Maharaj Kumar		1. Maharaj Kumar	
		Pushpendra Singh	2
2. Capt. K. Amar Singh .		2. Capt. K. Amar Singh .	6
3. H.H. Maharaja of		3. H.H. Maharaja of	
		Jaipur	9
Bk. Maharaj Kumar		Bk. Maharaj Kumar	
		Narendra Singh	2
(received 7) 9 goals.		5 goals. 19	

At the end of the third chukker the Wanderers had wiped out only one goal from the handicap. The task of scoring seven goals in the last chukker for victory may not have been an impossibility, but against a team like the Cameronians it was highly improbable. The Cameronians played exceedingly well. Alexander and Bradford again were the outstanding players. The Maharaja of Jaipur was the best player on the losing side. He kept his team together against fighting opponents. Capt. K. Amar Singh was a useful No. 2.

Hurricanes beat *Jaguars*.
5 goals. (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Taking Mr. Sanford's place Mr. Ratan Singh (handicap 3) was at No. 1 for the Hurricanes. This team made victory certain in the second chukker when they scored four times and led at the end of this period by 5 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$. After this the Jaguars put up a stubborn fight and reduced the lead in the last period of play. The Hurricanes' success in the second chukker was chiefly due to Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, who was in his best form. The Jaguars' stout play in the last two chukkers was well controlled by Mr. Hughes at No. 3. The Hon. W. K. Rous was on many occasions conspicuous for good play.

Darbhangha beat *14th/20th Hussars*.
8 goals. (received $4\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Three goals in the first chukker and two in the next left Darbhanga only half a goal in arrears at the interval. And then they put their supporters at ease at the end of the third chukker, when they led by 7 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

Mr. R. Skene played much better than he did in the previous match. At No. 3 Mr. C. Skene rendered his side valuable support. Col. Pope and Capt. Woodd were the best of the losers.

Semi-Final Round.

17th/21st Lancers beat *Cameronians*.
6 goals. (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

The Lancers soon obtained their first goal, but the Cameronians scored almost immediately after. The end of the third chukker found the Lancers leading for the first time in the match (5— $4\frac{1}{2}$). Then the Lancers had an anxious time. Only $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes remained and their opponents led by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5. But the Lancers attacked in determined fashion and well deserved the goal they scored within a minute of time.

About 45 seconds from time the Cameronians were presented with a chance of winning the match. They were awarded a sixty-yard hit, but Alexander, who took the hit, had the misfortune of seeing the ball deflected out of goal. Another sixty-yard hit taken by the same player met with no success and soon after that the halt was sounded. French Blake and Turner

were conspicuous for good play in the Lancers' team, while Bradford and Alexander were prominent for the Cameronians.

Darbhangha beat *Hurricanes.*
(received 2) 6 goals. 3 goals.

Mr. Sanford returned to his team, who at the end of the second chukker were in arrears by the two goals they had conceded on the handicap. The conclusion of the third chukker saw them in an even worse position—*Darbhangha* were three goals in the lead at this stage—and when play had begun in the fourth chukker they needed four goals to win the match. The *Hurricanes* could not do more than to reduce the lead by one goal. *Darbhangha* obtained their sixth goal a few seconds before time. Capt. Critchley gave a fine display for the winners. Playing at No. 4, he not only broke up many an attack by the opponents, but also scored two excellent goals. Mr. C. Skene played his usual sound game.

Final.

17th/21st Lancers beat *Darbhangha.*
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 1 goal.

Lady Brabourne, Sir David and Lady Ezra were among a fairly large gathering who saw the holders, the *17th/21st Lancers*, win an interesting final, play being fast from start to finish. Lady Ezra gave away the cups. The match provided another example of team work prevailing over individual effort. The *Lancers* played so well as a team that it is difficult to single out any player for special mention. Even during the stages that their opponents determinedly threatened their goal there was invariably one of them to avert danger. And it was this good understanding that the runners-up lacked. There was hardly a dull moment in this final. Although *Darbhangha* effected many raids, the *Lancers* looked quite capable of holding their own both in attack and defence. And they were the only ones to score a goal in the first three chukkers. During these three periods they looked the the more impressive side, but in the last chukker, when *Darbhangha* needed four goals to win, they kept the *Lancers* on the defensive. Capt. Critchley eventually scored for them, which was all *Darbhangha* could do.

Carmichael Cup.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Darbhangha</i>		beat	<i>Governor's Staff.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Mr. Karter Singh .	. 0	1. Capt. Lord Ardee .	. 0	
2. Mr. Sewa Singh .	. 0	2. Risaldar Dost		
3. Mr. C. Skene .	. 5		Mohammad	1
Bk. Raja Bahadur		3. Maj. J. M. Hugo .	. 1	
Vishweshwer Singh	3	Bk. Col. R. B. Butler .	. 2	
5 goals.	8	(received $2\frac{1}{2}$)	$3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	4

The winners gave one of their best displays.

Raja Bahadur Vishweshwar Singh rendered an excellent account of himself. He was good in defence as well as a danger to his opponents when on the attack.

For the Governor's Staff Lord Ardee played so well that he will probably soon have a different handicap. Risaldar Dost Mohammad Khan worked very hard and Major Hugo put in some useful work.

<i>Cameronians</i>		beat	<i>North Bengal Mounted Rifles.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Lieut. D. M. Carter		1. Mr. H. MacArthur	. 0	
	Campbell 1			
2. Lieut. Sir E. M. A. Bradford	1	2. Mr. R. C. Davies	. 1	
3. Lieut. M. T. Alexander.	2	3. Mr. J. P. Shaw	. 1	
Bk. Capt. R. G. Collingwood	1	Bk. Mr. N. Buchanan	. 0	
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	5			—
4 goals.		(received 1½)	3½ goals.	2

A very early goal helped the Cameronians, who snatched victory by the narrowest of margins. The Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles made heroic efforts to save the match. In fact, they scored the last goal in this game, but as full time was only a matter of a minute off the effort was made too late. Sir E. M. A. Bradford and Mr. M. T. Alexander were the best players for the winners. Mr. Shaw proved a useful No. 3 for the losers and Mr. Buchanan was safe at back.

Final.

<i>Darbhanga</i>	beat	<i>Cameronians.</i>
3 goals.		(received 1½) 2½ goals.

The Cameronians, who were the holders, did not show up to advantage in the first two chukkers, during which periods Darbhanga played so well that it looked as if they would win easily. In spite of the Cameronians playing better in the third chukker Darbhanga had reduced the lead by one goal when this period ended. Then followed a great struggle for victory. Both teams played at their best and Darbhanga obtained the winning goal.

Every player on the winning side played well, though the best were Mr. C. Skene and Raja Bahadur Vishweshwar Singh. T. Alexander was not as prominent as on previous occasions for the Cameronians, but Bradford and Collingwood played untiringly and well. Her Excellency Lady Linlithgow gave away the trophies.

Hodson's Horse Challenge Cup.

In the final of Hodson's Horse Challenge Cup at Lahore the 6th D.C.O. Lancers beat the 2nd Lancers Subalterns by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2, the former starting with half a goal on the handicap.

Teams:

<i>6th Lancers.</i>	<i>2nd Lancers.</i>
Pos.	Pos.
1. Capt. J. E. Crimmin.	1. Mr. S. V. McCoy.
2. Mr. T. J. D. Birdwood.	2. Mr. A. H. McConnel.
3. Lt.-Col C. H. Landale.	3. Mr. A. R. W. Sproule.
Bk. Mr. F. R. C. Stewart.	Bk. Mr. E. E. Prentice.

The final of the Subsidiary tournament between the Royal Deccan Horse and the Optimists resulted in a victory for the former by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4. The winners conceded $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals on the handicap.

Tournaments at Bombay.

The quality of the polo displayed in the two major tournaments at Bombay, the Western India Polo Championship and Open Tournament and the Kashmir Cup High Handicap (for those beaten in the championship), was extremely good, and several games of the very highest class were witnessed.

The Jaipur team came out on top and won the Open Tournament by beating Golconda in the final round fairly easily by 13 goals to 3. There was only one game in the semi-final round, Golconda beating Kashmir by 11 goals to 8 after a good game.

The principal teams were:

<i>Jaipur Pilgrims.</i>	<i>Golconda.</i>
Pos.	Pos.
1. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh.	1. Capt. Mir Towfik Ali.
2. Rao Raja Abhey Singh.	2. Maj. J. Wilson.
3. Rao Raja Hanut Singh.	3. Capt. H. P. Guinness.
Bk. Capt. P. B. Sanger.	Bk. Mr. Mohammed Hamidullah.
<i>Kashmir.</i>	<i>Jaguars.</i>
Pos.	Pos.
1. Maj.-Gen. Khusru Jung.	1. The Hon. W. K. Rous.
2. Mr. R. Skene.	2. Mr. S. Sanford.
3. Mr. G. Balding.	3. Mr. H. Hughes.
Bk. H.H. Maharaja of Kashmir.	Bk. Capt. R. G. Hanmer.

(This was in the Open Tournament. In the Kashmir Cup Raj Kumar Prithi Singh played No. 3 and Mr. H. Hughes back).

17th/21st Lancers.

Pos.

1. Maj. R. Cooke.
 2. Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.
 3. Capt. H. C. Walford.
- Bk. Mr. H. B. Turner.

Kashmir beat the 17th/21st Lancers in the first round after a good game by 11 goals to 7, and the Jaipur Pilgrims beat the Jaguars by 9 goals to 5 after a game which had started evenly.

The Kashmir Cup Handicap produced many good games, notably when Kashmir, who were without the services of Gen. Khusru Jung, replaced by Bakshi Singh, beat the Jaguars by 11 goals to 10, after receiving $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals in handicap, and when Golconda beat the P.A.V.O. Cavalry (Mr. Douglas, 1; Major Bayer, 2; Capt. P. B. Sanger, 3; and Capt. R. G. Hanmer, back), who received 6 goals start, by 11 goals to 10. The final tie between Kashmir and Golconda was a really hard match till the final bell rang, leaving Kashmir winners by $6\frac{3}{4}$ goals to 6, the $\frac{3}{4}$ goal representing their handicap advantage.

The Jaipur team (says a *Times* correspondent) were beautifully mounted. Rao Raja Hanut Singh was at his top on really handy miniature racehorses. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh at No. 1 showed what a really fine player he is, and Capt. Sanger played a very good game. The Maharaja of Kashmir, who has reduced his weight considerably and was magnificently mounted, played a good game. Mr. Balding, as usual, was a joy to watch, though his ponies in the later games seemed to be feeling either the change of climate or the strenuousness of the games, as they did not go so well. Mr. Skene again played well up to his handicap form and with more experience will make a player quite of the first class. Among the Kashmir ponies was Maitland, the 1,700-guinea pony from last year's sales, making his first appearance; he looked well, but was obviously short of galloping condition.

The Golconda team were short of ponies; they had about half a dozen of the highest class, but the remainder were a bit outclassed. Their No. 1, Mir Towfik Ali, is at times brilliant though uncertain in his form. Capt. H. P. Guinness was playing a really good, safe game, but he was obviously under-mounted. The Jaguars all played good polo, and Mr. Hughes played fully up to eight handicap form.

Northern India has been suffering from abnormal rainstorms, which have made polo impossible in many cases. The Indian Cavalry Tournament, which should have started at Lahore on January 28th, had to be postponed till after the Inter-Regimental Tournament; that is, till the second week in March. This is a serious matter for many players, as the leave season proper opens on March 15th.

Prince of Wales's Cup.

Ten teams entered for the Prince of Wales's Commemoration tournament played at Delhi, six being regimental sides. Of these the Red Shirts were drawn from the 20th Lancers, one of the new training regiments of Indian Cavalry, with the Hon. W. K. Rous playing No. 1. The game between Jaipur (Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, No. 1; Rao Raja Abhey Singh, No. 2; Rao Raja Hanut Singh, No. 3; the Maharaja of Jaipur, back) and the 19th K.G.V.O. Lancers (Mr. G. E. V. Keighley, No. 1; Mr. J. W. Lance, No. 2; Capt. N. F. G. Chaplin, No. 3; Capt. G. B. Still, back) resulted in an easy victory for Jaipur by 12 goals to 2. The 19th Lancers tried hard all the way, but as their total handicap was only 12 to their opponents' 33, they never had a chance of victory.

Probyn's Horse (Mr. F. W. Kennedy, No. 1; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 2; Major C. E. Pert, No. 3; Mr. A. R. Kemsley, back), from Bannu, had a terrific match with the 13th/18th Hussars (Mr. J. R. Cordy-Simpson, No. 1; Capt. R. T. Harrap, No. 2; Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 3; Capt. R. A. Critchley, back), from Risalpur. The 13th/18th won by 7 goals to 6. Probyn's Horse never looked like getting the equalizing goal in the last chukker. As a team (writes a special correspondent of *The Times*) they were disappointing, probably because as a team they had hardly ever played together before, Major Pert only just having joined the regiment. The 13th/18th, on the other hand, combined well, and on the day's play deserved their victory.

Bhopal (Mr. R. Skene, No. 1; Mr. Hesketh Hughes, No. 2; Mr. G. Balding, No. 3; the Nawab of Bhopal, back) routed Skinner's Horse, giving a great exhibition of accurate hitting and beating their opponents by 21 goals to 4. The Red Shirts (the Hon. W. K. Rous, No. 1; Capt. T. L. Hughes, No. 2; Capt. H. D. Tucker, No. 3; Capt. Mohd: Yusuf, back) defeated the Guides' Cavalry by 9 goals to 6. Towards the end of the fifth and during the sixth chukker the Guides scored four times. The Red Shirts, however, also scored twice in the last period.

Golconda (Capt. Towfig Ali, No. 1; Mr. S. Sanford, No. 2; Capt. H. P. Guinness, No. 3; Mr. Md: Hamiddulla, back) beat the 13th/18th Hussars by 11 goals to 6. The winners were a far higher handicapped side, and the Hussars really did very well to hold them for as long as they did. The 17th/21st Lancers (Major R. B. B. B. Cooke, No. 1; Capt. the Hon. R. B. Hamilton-Russell, No. 2; Capt. H. C. Walford, No. 3; Mr. B. H. Turner, back) beat the Red Shirts by 12 goals to 8. The defeat of the latter side by a four-goal margin came as somewhat of a surprise.

In the semi-final round Bhopal beat the 17th/21st Lancers by 14 goals to 6. Jaipur defeated Golconda by 9 goals to 3. In the second chukker of this match the Maharaja of Jaipur cracked the bone of his left forearm and sustained slight concussion. He was replaced by Kunwar Amar Singh, who also played in the final. Bhopal beat Jaipur by 9 goals to 4 and won the tournament.

POLO IN URUGUAY.

A most successful week's tournament, organized by the Sayago Polo Club, under the presidency and secretaryship of Mr. Hugh Grindley (Managing Director of the Central Uruguayan Railway), took place at the club's ground, situated about twenty minutes run from the Central Station, in the suburbs of Montevideo.

Two teams from the Argentine competed.

Hurlingham was captained at back by Lewis Lacey (7), J. J. Blaquier (3) being at No. 3, C. Elizalde (3), No. 2, and A. Gowland (3) at No. 1; total handicap, 16 goals. La Ema had Jack Nelson (6) as captain at No. 3, N. A. Emerson (3) at back, R. S. Emerson (2) at No. 2, and F. Rojas Lanusse (5) at No. 1; total handicap, 16 goals.

Three teams from Uruguay entered, viz. :—

<i>Coledo.</i>		<i>Nomads.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. J. L. Caubarrere . . .	1	1. Mason Scott . . .	2
2. F. Vidiella (capt.) . . .	3	2. Capt. B. Salvatierra . . .	2
3. A. Touron . . .	2	3. Frank Romer (capt.) . . .	1
Bk. J. Haget . . .	2	Bk. C. Crocker . . .	3
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<i>Sayago.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mrs. Marjorie Lancaster . . .	2
2. Hugh Grindley . . .	2
3. J. C. Clyne . . .	2
Bk. Oliver Lancaster . . .	2
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Each match was seven chukkers of eight minutes each. Both tournaments were played on the American plan, the Open Championship at scratch, and the Invitation Tournament with handicap. Fine weather through the week added to the pleasure of the tournament. There was a record attendance of spectators at each day's play. All the arrangements for a tournament of this kind, the first the club has attempted since its inception six years ago by Hugh Grindley, went without a hitch. The Uruguayan ponies gave a good account of themselves, and were by no means out-distanced or run off their legs by the thoroughbred Argentine mounts. Unfortunately, during the games two ponies had their legs broken and had to be destroyed. One belonged to Mr. J. J. Blaquier, and the other was played by Mr. J. C. Clyne.

In the final of the Open Championship between Hurlingham and La Ema, Lewis Lacey's pony in the fourth chukker was



HURLINGHAM AND LA EMA, TWO ARGENTINE TEAMS AT MONTEVIDEO.

These sides competed in the final of the Open tournament at the Sayago Club. Left to right: Messrs. R. S. Emerson (La Ema), J. J. Blaquier (Hurlingham), N. A. Emerson (La Ema), L. L. Lacey (Hurlingham, captain), J. D. Nelson (La Ema, captain), C. Elizalde (Hurlingham), F. Rojas Lanusse (La Ema), and A. Gowland (Hurlingham). Hurlingham won a fast game by 8 goals to 5.

accidentally tripped from behind, and fell on its face. The rider did a beautiful somersault through the air with the greatest of ease. This young 52-year-old player landed on his feet, quickly remounted, and was soon in the thick of the struggle. This game produced a splendid battle, and was a magnificent object lesson in hard riding, marking, and brilliant stick-work for the benefit of the Uruguayan population (about a dozen of whom only play the game) on the crowded touchline. The score, 8—5 in Hurlingham's favour, rather flatters them.



AT SAYAGO CLUB, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.

The victorious Hurlingham team with their trophies. In the group, left to right: Mr. H. H. Grindley, Mr. A. Gowland, Mr. C. Elizalde, Commodore H. H. Harwood (H.M.S. "Exeter," who presented the prizes), Mr. L. L. Lacey (captain, Hurlingham), and Mr. J. J. Blaquier.

The veterans, Lewis Lacey and Jack Nelson, played on the top of their form. Elizalde hit the ball a superb length and scored most of Hurlingham's goals, and Lanusse went like a stag, riding off in brilliant fashion. The results in the other matches were:—

Sayago (received 8 goals) beat La Ema, 13—8.

Hurlingham beat Coledo (received 8 goals) 10—9.

La Ema beat Nomads (received 8 goals) 11—8.

Hurlingham beat Sayago (received 8 goals) 13—10.

Coledo beat Nomads (playing level) 10—3.

Commodore H. H. Harwood, O.B.E. (H.M.S. *Exeter*) presented the cups to Hurlingham, the winners of the Open Championship and Invitation Handicap Tournament, which were kindly donated by the President of the Club for next season, Sr. J. J. de Arteaga.

NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY'S SHOW.

Another Successful Display of Pony Breeds.

The thirty-ninth annual show of the National Pony Society, in conjunction with the Arab Horse Society, was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, on March 4th and 5th, following, as usual, the Show of the Hunters' Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society. The president for the year was Mr. Roy B. Charlton, one of the leading authorities on the Mountain and Moorland pony. This breed was naturally splendidly represented at the show, and it is good to know that these sturdy ponies continue to flourish in Northumberland and the neighbouring counties, where they achieve tasks which are still impossible for mechanical traction. It was pleasant to see the president of the Society riding his own mare, Linnel Monks Bess, in the ring in the class for Dales and Fell ponies. What is more, she was awarded first prize, and went on to carry off the Munro Mackenzie Challenge Cup. The president's son, Mr. R. Blackett Charlton, junr., rode the mare Linnel Fan in the same class and secured second honours.

The versatility of these native ponies is exemplified by a story we heard in the course of the show. During a recent run with the local hounds the field dropped out one by one, until at last only two riders were left within touch of hounds—the M.F.H. and Mr. Charlton, junr. The hunt lasted for three hours over a stiff country, and when the fox was broken up Mr. Charlton was still in attendance on the Master, who was surprised to find that the only member of the field besides himself to be in at the death was riding a Fell pony.

We could not fail to observe a touch of depression among some of the breeders of polo ponies. They complain that the almost wholesale mechanization of the Army has considerably affected the sale of the raw material to officers, who have been deprived of their former facilities for keeping ponies. "All last autumn," said one prominent breeder, "I did not have a single enquiry for any of my green ponies. The only visitor for the purpose of buying I received was a well-known breeder, who came rather as a favour to me, and eventually bought three ponies at what I may fairly describe as Woolworth prices." It is clear that the number of Army officers who have the right facilities or the inclination to break or school their own ponies is rapidly diminishing. Breeders have to depend more than ever on the dealers for the disposal of their young stock.

In the meantime the influx of Argentine ponies continues. Each year the task of the man who endeavours to breed the right pony for polo becomes more difficult in this country. It is admitted on

all sides that the National Pony Society is a valuable institution, richly deserving of encouragement; yet one is inclined to wonder whether the Society is receiving all the encouragement from players and polo organizations to which it is entitled. Few breeders in these days hope to run their pony studs on a profitable basis; they continue to breed because they have an affectionate interest in the polo pony and believe that he can be bred to type. Elsewhere in this issue we print a letter which points out that when a stud of international ponies are being collected the tendency is to go abroad for the material before a search is made for suitable ponies among English-bred stock. Perhaps this assertion is a little too sweeping, as we understand that the nucleus of the International stud for 1939, now quartered at Osmaston Stud in the eminently able hands of Major J. Vere Foster, includes a number of English ponies. At the same time it would be idle to pretend that the future of polo pony breeding in this country is all that could be desired.

Mr. Roy B. Charlton is followed as president of the National Pony Society by Major H. Faudel-Phillips, whose energy and great experience of horses should be a genuine asset to the organization in the coming year. The president-elect, viz. president in 1939, is Colonel Viscount Allendale.

From the financial point of view the show seemed to be distinctly successful, this being largely due to the big crowds which assembled each afternoon to see the children's riding classes, the competitions and the jumping. This feature of the show gathers increasing strength every year, and undoubtedly has the happy effect of enabling the Society to run the show without fear of monetary embarrassment.

The following were judges:—National Pony Society.—Breeding Classes 1 to 11, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Barclay and Lieut.-Col. Brian W. Robinson. Riding Classes (Classes 12 to 18), Capt. David Dawnay and Capt. Desmond Miller. Hacks (Polo-bred) (Class 19), Miss Jackie Hance. Welsh Pony Classes (Classes 20 and 21), Mr. E. G. E. Griffith. Shetland Pony Classes (Classes 22 to 27), Mr. F. H. Unwin. Mountain and Moorland Ponies (Classes 28 and 29), Mr. E. G. E. Griffith; (Classes 30, 31 and 32), Mr. R. S. Summerhays. Children's Classes (Classes 42 to 44), Mrs. E. G. E. Griffith and Mr. E. G. E. Griffith. Equitation Tests—Competitions and Jumping (Classes 45 to 54), Major J. Allen, Major H. Faudel-Phillips, Mr. E. G. E. Griffith. The Veterinary Inspector was Capt. E. F. Angler, M.R.C.V.S., and the Hon. Official Measurers were Mr. R. C. Irving, F.R.C.V.S., and Mr. J. Willett, M.R.C.V.S. The Stewards were Mr. T. C. Armitage, Mr. V. T. Taylor, Major H. Faudel-Phillips, Mr. M. H. Taylor and Miss O. E. Pratt. The Arab Horse Society's judges were:—Breeding Classes: Col. J. F. H. Anderson; and Riding Class: Lieut.-Col. G. Bromilow.

The secretary of the National Pony Society is Mr. F. H. Badge, under whose direction the show arrangements proceeded without a hitch. Excepting in the children's classes and competitions entries were down on last year's figures. The following is an analysis of the entry in various sections of the show:

POLO PONIES	1937.	1938.
Young Stock	47	43
Brood Mares	6	6
Stallions	10	10
Riding Classes	77	49
Polo-bred Hacks	7	5
	— 147	— 113
SHETLAND PONIES	21	20
WELSH PONIES	18	14
PRODUCE CLASS GROUPS	19	19
DALES, FELL AND HIGHLAND PONIES (ridden)	16	18
DARTMOOR, EXMOOR, NEW FOREST AND WELSH PONIES (ridden) ...	26	32
ARAB HORSE ENTRIES	91	78
	<hr/> 338	<hr/> 294

The actual number of ponies competing being:

STALLIONS AND COLTS	74	72
MARES AND FILLIES	135	130
GELDINGS	55	43
	<hr/> 264	<hr/> 245

Interest attaches to the following table, giving the comparative number of exhibits for the past eleven shows:

	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Stallions and colts ...	77	75	76	73	45	49	48	66	56	74	72
Mares and fillies ...	154	141	130	132	89	125	112	117	124	136	130
Geldings	31	37	25	40	25	28	34	37	47	55	43
Total ...	262	253	231	245	159	202	194	220	227	265	245

There was little fault to be found with the quality of the breeding section of the show, though unfortunately numbers were down in some cases. It was disappointing again to find no support for the class set aside for three-year-old entire colts, the cancellation of this section of the programme being a repetition of that which had occurred twelve months previously. There was also a class for two- and three-year-old colts; of the six entries received here all were two-year-olds with the exception of Silverdale Last Cheer.

It would seem that the paucity of three-year-olds is one of the weaknesses of the show. The display of ponies of this age certainly compares unfavourably with the adequate representation of yearlings and two-year-olds. Possibly the reason can be found in the question of size. Many of the yearlings and two-year-olds which make their mark in this show become too big for exhibition when they are three-year-olds. Would it be wrong to suggest that judges in the past have been too prone to favour size when dealing with yearling and two-year-old classes? Several breeders have the impression that judges are inclined to pass over small ponies in the young stock classes, however correctly they may be

shaped, in favour of ponies more on the leg. This means that breeders have been discouraged from persevering with their small stock for the purposes of the show ring. In any case, it seems a point worthy of consideration of the judges of breeding classes in the future.

The polo-bred riding classes were by no means so strong as at some of the previous shows of this Society, but Capt. Dawnay and Capt. Desmond Miller expressed themselves well pleased with the open riding classes. Here thoroughbred ponies dominated the situation for the most part, though the winning heavy-weight, Malinky, is a polo-bred pony and a worthy son of that noted pony stallion Malice. As usual, the light-weights considerably outnumbered the middle-weights and the heavy-weights, and it was from the light-weight class that the judges found their champion. The Arab horse entries, though fewer than last year, were of good all-round quality. The various native breeds were adequately represented, though the Shetland classes were thin in numbers.

The class for yearling entire colts and geldings was one of the best ever seen at this show. In the entry of 13 the judges, after awarding the first four prizes and the reserve, gave the "highly commended" ticket to two ponies. The winner here was from Miss B. G. Cory-Wright's stud—a Golden Eaglet colt called Hidden Eyrie. There is every reason to suppose that this well-turned and sturdy pony will grow into something useful for polo. Mr. T. C. Armitage was second with an eminently workmanlike gelding, Lord Digby, Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard, Mr. Tresham Gilbey, Mr. Herbert Bright and Mrs. C. G. Coe being others to produce ponies of real promise.

In the class for two- and three-year-old colts we found Kinloch, who was owned by Sir Ian Walker when first for yearlings last year. He now belongs to Mrs. Everard, who also purchased Kittiwake at the Osmaston Manor sale. Kinloch was this time placed no higher than third. Coronation II, from Capt. France-Hayhurst's stud, who subsequently won the Howard Taylor Cup and also the silver medal for the best entire pony, was deservedly placed at the top of the class. He was divided from Kinloch by Silverdale Last Cheer, who was also placed reserve to Coronation II when the special prizes were allocated.

Mrs. Everard took leading honours in a small but satisfactory group of yearling fillies with Ratcliffe Malaudrey, a Malice filly of her own breeding. Lord Digby was second with a promising filly by the thoroughbred horse Brisl, who had also been well represented among the yearling colts. Silverdale Aquilegia, a daughter of the well-known Aquatint, was close up, third. Two-year-old fillies made a good class, nearly every exhibit being worthy of favourable notice. Two "highly commended" awards were given here. The winner, Honeysuckle V, who was second in her class last year, was bred in South Devon by Mrs. Jack Gouldsmith, and is a daughter of Tabarin, the best pony stallion of his time.

Although the Osmaston Stud has been broken up and Sir Ian Walker did not have a single exhibit at this show, it is good to

know that Tabarin remains at the service of pony breeders in his old quarters. Silverline, who was the winning yearling filly of 1937, was now awarded the reserve in her class. In addition to the winner, fillies shown by Mr. Armitage and Mr. Bright were preferred to her. It was evident that Honeysuckle V would not be easy to beat when it came to selecting the best of the young fillies in the show, but the judges placed her behind Silverdale Ruth, who won in the class for three-year-old fillies. Last year's winning two-year-old filly Jemima, bought at Sir Ian Walker's sale by the Misses Calmady-Hamlyn and N. Dawson, went back to third place this time, second prize going to the grey Saucy Scottie, from Mr. Tresham Gilbey's famous stud.

Silverdale Ruth well deserved the special honours bestowed on her, as she fulfils the ideals which the active members of the National Pony Society have before them. In other words, besides being perfectly correct in conformation she appears to possess the right characteristics for polo, and in due course will doubtless be found to possess the true polo temperament. This will not be surprising, because her dam, the Sailor Lad mare Rue, was at one time one of the best-known ponies in London polo. Although she was not then called by her present name, Rue, a powerful short-legged mare, will be remembered as having carried Major J. F. Harrison well for many seasons. It may be that Silverdale Ruth is destined to add to the reputation which her stud has gained in the production of high-class playing ponies. Mr. Bright is well entitled to be proud of the fact that six ponies bred at Silverdale played for Aldershot Command against the American team, Aurora, at Aldershot, a few seasons back. Further distinction fell to Silverdale when its Tarquin, a son of the redoubtable mare Silvery II, headed the small class for two- or three-year-old geldings.

Last year that grand mare Rosine did not appear at this show. At thirteen years old she made a successful re-entry. Not only did she once more head the class for brood mares but she received the Tufton Challenge Cup as the best polo-bred pony in the show. A year ago this distinction fell to Stolen Love, another mare of an ideal stamp, who this time had to stand reserve to Rosine, her contemporary in point of age. If these well-seasoned mares held their own against young rivals in the polo-bred section of the show, we had a new male champion. This was Grey Metal, who has made fine progress at Capt. France-Hayhurst's stud. Since last year he has let down and thickened out in the right way. The judges liked the seven-year-old grey so much that they placed him in front of last year's champion stallion, Silverdale Tarragon, though to most of the observers outside the ring there was exceedingly little to choose between these two thoroughbreds.

Grey Metal, who is finely bred from the racing standpoint, did brilliant things at Northolt under Pony Rules before Major Vere Foster purchased him on behalf of Sir Ian Walker. Last year, when shown for the first time at this show, Grey Metal was only reserve in the stallion class here, and the fact that he now superseded Tarragon, Hitler and Falconeri is a clear indication of the

improvement he has made. The Osmaston Stud was directly interested in the first four horses in the stallion class, as Tarragon, Great Fancy and Hitler are all sons of Tabarin. The produce classes again made one of the most interesting features of the show. The Silverdale pair, Last Cheer and Tarragon, took the honours for Bowery among the brood mares, thus repeating their success of a year ago. Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz's mares, Stolen Love and Silver Ray, were equal to crediting Love Song with the Midwood gold medal in the stallion section.

In the riding classes Mr. William Jackman, of Abingdon, was strongly represented. He produced two smart thoroughbred ponies in the four-year-old mares and geldings. One was the active and well-shaped mare Tightrope, and the other the gelding Redlands, who were placed first and second respectively, divided by the gelding Manly, who hails from Cheshire. Only three light-weight polo-bred ponies were in rivalry, this being in melancholy contrast with the entry of eleven last year. The grey mare Cherokee was a worthy winner. Equally disappointing was the turn-out in the polo-bred middle-weight section, Silver Ray being the leader.

Yet another diminutive group of polo-bred three-year-olds had Malinky for their leader. This is a pony who would receive favourable attention in any company. Bred by Lord Greenway on good polo lines, he is clearly a delightful pony to ride, and he came out on top again in the open heavy-weight class. A strongly-made pony with a good deal of length from hip to hock, he at once established himself as a great favourite with the judges, who put him in front of such really fine ponies as Ascot Rose and Horder.

In the light-weight open class Fresh Start was shown in splendid fettle, with the result that she was able to improve vastly on her display last year. Then she was reserve in her class; now she moved up to premier place, and was ultimately selected in preference to Malinky for the challenge cup for the best polo pony in the show. For this trophy Malinky was also defeated by Swan Queen, who had secured premier honours for Mr. Jackman in a small open middle-weight class. Fresh Start, who, incidentally, is by the same sire as Grey Metal, produced excellent manners, giving each judge a perfect ride in the ring, though it was probably on the score of accuracy of conformation that she took precedence over ponies of heavier type. Every ringside critic did not agree with the final placings, but, of course, none of them had the facilities of the judges for arriving at a true decision. On its first afternoon the show was graced by the presence of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. They stayed nearly three hours. With them were Lord Digby and Mr. R. B. Charlton. They watched the judging from the Royal box, and the Princesses displayed the keenest interest in the events.

At a meeting held during the show it was announced that the following had secured the highest number of votes in the ballot for membership of the Council in the ensuing year: Mr. T. C. Armitage, Lieut.-Col. S. G. Goldschmidt, Mr. William Jackman, Col. F. S. Kennedy-Shaw, Miss Norah Mackenzie, Capt.

Desmond Miller, Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., Capt. J. D. Egerton, Mr. R. S. Summerhays and Mr. V. T. Taylor.

List of awards:

Young Stock.

(Ponies entered in Classes 1 to 7 were polo-bred).

CLASS I. YEARLING ENTIRE COLTS AND GELDINGS.
13 entries.

1. Hidden Eyrie, chesnut colt, by Golden Eaglet out of Falloch Asthore (Approved Mare Register) by Count Anthony (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright, The Golden Parsonage, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.



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CAPT. W. H. FRANCE-HAYHURST'S CORONATION II,

The best of the entire colts and winner of the Howard Taylor Challenge Cup.

2. Kinstar, bay gelding, by Kindred (G.S.B.) out of Myra (Approved Mare Register) by Aldebaran (Approved Stallion Register). Bred and exhibited by Mr. T. C. Armitage, Dene Court, Taunton.
 3. Brisk, bay colt, by Brisl (G.S.B.) out of Kittywinks (Young Stock Register) by Kingsborough (G.S.B.) Bred and exhibited by Lord Digby, Minterne, Dorchester, Dorset.
 4. Ratcliffe Surprise, roan colt, by Tabarin out of La Surprise (Approved Mare Register) by Mailtop (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard, Ratcliffe Hall, Leicestershire.
- RESERVE.—Dry Toast, chesnut colt, by Heathfield out of Petit Beurre by Reform. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Tresham Gilbey, Whitehall, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Silverdale Tamarind, dark bay colt, by Silverdale Tarragon out of Josephine V (Approved Mare Register). Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright, The Cove, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Miown, bay colt, by Falconeri out of The Shrimp (Approved Mare Register) by Prince Galahad (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. C. G. Coe, Windlesham Hall, Windlesham, Surrey.

CLASS II. TWO- AND THREE-YEAR-OLD ENTIRE COLTS. 6 entries.

1. Coronation II, grey, by Four Up (G.S.B.) out of Coroline by Rosewood. Bred and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst, Bostock Hall, Middlewich, Cheshire.
2. Silverdale Last Cheer, chesnut, by Silverdale Cheerio out of Bowery by Bowdon. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
3. Kinloch, chesnut, by Tabarin out of Rochette (Approved Mare Register) by Amadis (G.S.B.). Bred by Sir Ian Walker, Osmaston Manor, Derby, and exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard.
4. Kittiwake, bay, by Mangosteen out of Bivouac by The Marne. Bred by Sir Ian Walker and exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard.

RESERVE.—Cariad, bay, by Ethelwulf out of Falloch Asthore (Approved Mare Register) by Count Anthony (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Ethelred, grey, by Ethelwulf out of Harietta (Approved Mare Register) by Sir Harry (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright.

CLASS III. THREE-YEAR-OLD ENTIRE COLTS. No entries.

CLASS IV. YEARLING FILLIES. 7 entries.

1. Ratcliffe Malaudrey, chesnut, by Malice out of Audrey (Approved Mare Register). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard.
2. Seta, bay, by Brisl (G.S.B.) out of Austin Seven (Young Stock Register) by Austin Friars (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Lord Digby.
3. Silverdale Aquilegia, chesnut, by Silverdale Tarragon out of Silverdale Aquatint by Cherry Tint. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.

RESERVE.—Shuna, chesnut, by Rafton (G.S.B.) out of Catmint II by Sea-Bath (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. W. H. Fleming, Bentham Hill, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

CLASS V. TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES. 8 entries.

1. Honeysuckle V, bay, by Tabarin out of Lyndridge Lady Erin (Approved Mare Register) by Lord Hilary (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. Jack Gouldsmith, Brook House, Dartington, Totnes, South Devon.

2. Popgun, bay, by Tommy Atkins (G.S.B.) out of Amusette (Approved Mare Register) by Eaglehawk (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. T. C. Armitage.

3. Silverdale Credenda, bay, by Silverdale Loyalty out of Silverdale Faith by Cherry Tint. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.

RESERVE.—Silverine, very dark brown, by Silverdale Loyalty out of Silver Sheen II by Sheen Lad (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Friendship, chesnut, by Golden Eaglet out of Ship's Biscuit (Approved Mare Register) by Clyde-



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MR. HERBERT BRIGHT'S SILVERDALE RUTH,

Winner of the Silverdale Challenge Trophy and the best young filly in the show.

bridge (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. C. G. Coe.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Nantucket, grey, by Shireherb (G.S.B.) out of Dunducket by Crosbie. Bred and exhibited by the Misses Calmady-Hamlyn and N. Dawson, Pearroc Veau, Buckfast, South Devon.

CLASS VI. THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLIES. 6 entries.

1. Silverdale Ruth, chesnut, by Silverdale Bowtint out of Rue (Approved Mare Register) by Sailor Lad (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.

2. Saucy Scottie, grey, by Bridgewater (G.S.B.) out of Bonnie Wee Thing (Approved Mare Register) by Hurry On (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. Tresham Gilbey.

3. Jemima, chesnut, by Knight Error out of Cosima by Tabarin. Bred by Sir Ian Walker and exhibited by the Misses Calmady-Hamlyn and N. Dawson.
- RESERVE.—Silverdale Betonia, bay, by Silverdale Tarragon out of Silverdale Betula by Cherry Tint. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
- HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Marie II, grey, by Ethelwulf out of Petit Beurre by Reform. Bred by the late Major A. E. Shuter, Hayes Court, Hayes, Middlesex, and exhibited by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright.

CLASS VII. TWO- OR THREE-YEAR-OLD GELDINGS.
3 entries.

1. Silverdale Tarquin, bay, by Silverdale Tarragon out of Silvery II by Right For'ard. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
2. Bush Baby, chesnut, by Brisl (G.S.B.) out of Baby Austin by Austin Friars (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Lord Digby.
3. Ashore Iain, brown, by Tabarin out of Snooker (Approved Mare Register) by French Eagle. Bred by Sir Ian Walker and exhibited by the Misses Dashwood and Sanders, Ashorne Hill Farm, Warwick.

Brood Mares.

CLASS VIII. BROOD MARES (four years old and upwards), not exceeding 15 hands, entered in the National Pony Stud Book, Supplement, General Stud Book or Approved Mare Register, with foal at foot or to foal in 1938. 6 entries.

1. Rosine, chesnut, 13 years old, by Rosewood out of Juliet II by Sandiway. Bred and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst. Served by Grey Metal.
 2. Stolen Love, chesnut, 13 years old, by Love Song out of Robbery by Gold Medallist (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz, Foxhams, Horrabridge, South Devon. Served by Golden Optic.
 3. Petit Beurre, chesnut, 15 years old, by Reform out of Biscuit (Approved Mare Register). Bred by the late Major A. E. Shuter and exhibited by Mr. Tresham Gilbey. Served by Heathfield.
 4. Lyndridge Lady Erin, dun mare, 11 years old, by Lord Hilary (G.S.B.) out of Lyndridge Shamrock (Approved Mare Register). Bred by The Little Lyndridge Stud, Okehampton, and exhibited by Mrs. G. A. Wright, Yelfords, Chagford, Devon.
- RESERVE.—Audrey (Approved Mare Register), chesnut, 8 years old. Exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard. Served by Tabarin.

Stallions.

CLASS IX. STALLIONS, four years old and upwards, not exceeding 15 hands, entered in the General Stud Book, National Pony Stud Book, Supplement or Approved Register, or eligible for entry in them. 10 entries.

1. Grey Metal (G.S.B.), grey, 7 years old, by Duncan Gray (G.S.B.) out of Hinemoa (G.S.B.) by Blandford (G.S.B.). Bred by Mr. F. W. Horlock and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst.
2. Silverdale Tarragon (G.S.B.), chesnut, 8 years old, by Tabarin out of Bowery by Bowdon. Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
3. Great Fancy (G.S.B.), bay, 8 years old, by Tabarin out of New Love by Arthur's Pride. Bred by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz and exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard.
4. Hitler (G.S.B.), dark chesnut, 5 years old, by Tabarin out of Rochette (Approved Mare Register) by Amadis (G.S.B.). Bred by Sir Ian Walker and exhibited by Mrs. G. A. Wright.



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CAPT. W. H. FRANCE-HAYHURST'S GREY METAL,
Winner of the gold medal for the best stallion.

RESERVE.—Falconeri, chesnut, 5 years old, by Duncan Grey (G.S.B.) out of Afalcona (Approved Mare Register) by Tremola (G.S.B.). Bred by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright and exhibited by Mrs. C. G. Coe.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Firefly IV, chesnut, 5 years old, by Steerforth (G.S.B.) out of Golden Arrow (Approved Mare Register) by Gold Eagle (Young Stock Register). Bred by Mr. Frederick Hall, Caves Lane, Goldington Road, Bedford, and exhibited by Mrs. D. G. Dewar, Stagenhoe, Hitchin.

Produce Classes.

CLASS X. To the owner of the dam (registered in the National Pony Stud Book or Approved Mare Register) of the two best animals shown. 8 groups.

1. Bowery, with Silverdale Last Cheer and Silverdale Tarragon. Both exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
2. Rochette, with Kinloch and Hitler. Exhibited by Mrs. Everard and Mrs. G. A. Wright.
3. Falloch Asthore, with Hidden Eyrie and Cariad. Both exhibited by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright.

CLASS XI. To the owner of the sire (entered in the National Pony Stud Book or Approved Registers) of the two best animals shown. 10 groups.

1. Love Song, with Stolen Love and Silver Ray. Both exhibited by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz.
2. Tabarin, with Honeysuckle V, exhibited by Mrs. J. D. Gouldsmith, and Silverdale Tarragon, exhibited by Mr. Herbert Bright.
3. Malice, with Ratcliffe Malaudrey, exhibited by Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard, and Malinky, exhibited by Mr. R. E. Field-Marsham.

Riding Classes.

(Ponies suitable for polo).

CLASS XII. FOUR-YEAR-OLD MARES AND GELDINGS (open), to be ridden as unschooled ponies. 10 entries.

1. Tightrope (G.S.B.), chesnut mare, 4 years old, by Pick of the Circus out of Maschietta by Heverswood. Bred by Miss P. Whitehead and exhibited by Mr. William Jackman, The Paddocks, Abingdon, Berks.
2. Manly, bay gelding, 4 years old, by Young Fariman (G.S.B.) out of Polly XXIX by St. James (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Finnigan, Tree Oaks, Altrincham, Cheshire.
3. Redlands (G.S.B.), bay gelding, 4 years old, by Apple Sammy out of Angela by Lomond. Bred by Mr. D. Fraser and exhibited by Mr. William Jackman.
4. Roselite, grey gelding, 4 years old, by Four Up (G.S.B.) out of Rosine by Rosewood. Bred and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst.

RESERVE.—Letchmere Morning Star, chesnut mare, 4 years old, by Tabarin out of Ann (Approved Mare Register) by Interloper (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Mr. Julian M. Leonard, Aldenham Cottage, Letchmore Heath, Watford, Hertfordshire.

CLASS XIII. LIGHT-WEIGHT POLO-BRED PONIES, four years old and upwards. 4 entries.

1. Cherokee (G.S.B.), grey mare, 6 years old, by Lordland out of Ship's Biscuit (Approved Mare Register) by Clydebridge. Bred by Mr. J. S. Harper and exhibited by Mrs. G. Mercer Nairne, 18 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.
2. Fair Harriet, chesnut mare, 6 years old, by Gold Eagle (Young Stock Register) out of Harietta (Approved Mare Register) by Sir Harry (G.S.B.). Bred by Miss B. G. Cory-Wright and exhibited by Capt. J. C. Biggs, Woodside, Garston, Watford.

3. Confidence III, brown mare, 5 years old, by Silver Lute (G.S.B.) out of Wild Rose III by Wild Tint. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. C. B. Young, Huish, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

CLASS XIV. MIDDLE-WEIGHT POLO-BRED PONIES, four years old and upwards. 3 entries.

1. Silver Ray, bay mare, 5 years old, by Love Song out of Early Market by Yorkshire Hussar. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz.

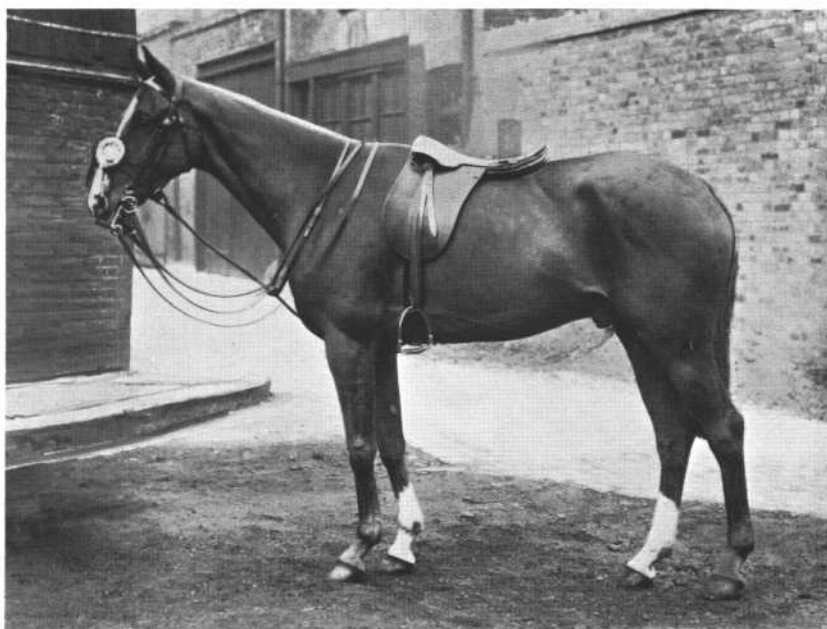


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MR. R. E. FIELD-MARSHAM'S MALINKY,

Adjudged the best polo-bred pony in the show and winner of the Dunbar Kelly Cup.

2. Roselite, grey gelding, 4 years old, by Four Up (G.S.B.) out of Rosine by Rosewood. Bred and exhibited by Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst, Bostock Hall, Middlewich, Cheshire.
3. Oakley, chesnut gelding, 8 years old, by Bizzy (G.S.B.) out of Polly XXIX by St. James (G.S.B.). Bred by Mr. H. E. Gaddum, The Priory, Bowdon, Cheshire, and exhibited by Mr. Herbert Finnigan.

CLASS XV. HEAVY-WEIGHT POLO-BRED PONIES, four years old and upwards. 3 entries.

1. Malinky, chesnut gelding, 8 years old, by Malice out of Winter Jasmine (Approved Mare Register) by Mootrub Consolide. Bred by Lord Greenway, Stangrove, Edenbridge, Kent, and exhibited by Mr. R. E. Field-Marsham, Cotmore, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

2. Aladdin III, grey gelding, 4 years old, by Almulid (Arab Horse Stud Book) out of Patchwork III (Approved Mare Register) by Cabra Castle (G.S.B.). Bred and exhibited by Lady Guillemard, Rodsall Manor, Shackleford, Godalming.
3. Red Shah, chesnut gelding, 15 years old, by Shahzada out of Miss Whiskers by Rohan. Bred by the late Mr. S. G. Hough, Springhouse, Theydon Bois, Essex, and exhibited by Mr. C. W. Hough, Hydes, Abridge, Essex.

CLASS XVI. LIGHT-WEIGHT PONIES (open), four years old and upwards. 17 entries.

1. Fresh Start, grey mare, 8 years old, by Duncan Grey (G.S.B.) out of Eastwood Belle (G.S.B.). by Stedfast. Bred by Miss M. Hawkrige and exhibited by Major C. G. Coe.
2. Rolling Light (G.S.B.), black mare, 9 years old, by Sir Rowland out of Eddystone by Eager. Bred by Mr. A. Weston and exhibited by Capt. C. E. D. Cooper, Greenways, Chippenham, Wilts.
3. La Liberte (G.S.B.), grey mare, 8 years old, by Puttenden out of Utinam by Cannobie. Bred by Sir Hugo M. FitzHerbert and exhibited by Capt. C. E. D. Cooper.
4. Irish Rock, chesnut mare, 8 years old, by Irish Cousin (G.S.B.) out of Andesite by Rock Flint. Bred by Mr. W. Paterson, Ringwood, Hants., and exhibited by Mr. William Jackman, The Paddocks, Abingdon, Berks.

RESERVE.—Cherokee.

CLASS XVII. MIDDLE-WEIGHT PONIES (open), four years old and upwards. 6 entries.

1. Swan Queen (G.S.B.), bay mare, 5 years old, by Knight of the Garter out of White Cygnet by Cygus. Bred by Mr. J. C. Sullivan and exhibited by Mr. William Jackman.
2. Quince Wood (G.S.B.), bay gelding, 6 years old, by Hurstwood out of Miss Quince by Pommern. Bred by Capt. J. Farr, Worksop Manor, Worksop, Notts., and exhibited by Mrs. W. Harrison, 24 Linden Gardens, London, W.2.
3. Silver Ray.

RESERVE.—Maid of Honour, chesnut mare, 7 years old, by Wilson (G.S.B.) out of Rathdennis. Bred by Mr. Ledwith, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, and exhibited by Capt. Rupert Conant, 43rd Light Infantry, Colchester.

CLASS XVIII. HEAVY-WEIGHT PONIES (open), four years old and upwards. 7 entries.

1. Malinky.
2. Ascot Rose (G.S.B.), chesnut mare, 6 years old, by Aristotle out of Ring o' Roses by Sir Rowland. Bred by Col. W. J. Waldron and exhibited by Mr. William Jackman.
3. Horder, bay gelding, 6 years old, by Faithful Boy (G.S.B.) out of dam by Bachelor's Jap (G.S.B.). Bred by Mr. C. McCarty, Banbridge, Co. Down, and exhibited by Mr. W. J. Straiton, Hunting and Polo Stables, Knutsford, Cheshire.

RESERVE.—Mermaid, chesnut mare, 6 years old. Exhibited by Miss D. Hobson, Green View, Wolvercote, Oxford.

CLASS XIX. HACKS (POLO-BRED), four years old and over. To be ridden by a lady, side-saddle. 5 entries.

1. John Silver (late Imperial Airways), grey gelding, 8 years old, by Guergour (Arab-bred Register) out of Aero Wings by White Wings. Bred by Mrs. M. A. Bromwich, Kenfield Hall, Canterbury, Kent, and exhibited by Miss Dorothy Ramsden, The Grove, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.



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MAJOR C. G. COE'S FRESH START,

Winner of the *Country Life* Challenge Cup as the best polo pony in the show.

2. Astronomy, brown gelding, 5 years old, by Tabarin out of Asteroidel by Aldebaran (Approved Stallion Register). Bred by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz and exhibited by Mr. K. G. Durrant, The Homestead, Oatlands Chase, Weybridge, Surrey.
3. Big Enough, bay gelding, 11 years old, by Wild Tint out of Aviette by Aviator. Bred by Mr. H. R. Pelly, Lyndsays Farm, Ingatestone, Essex, and exhibited by Major H. Faudel-Phillips Ltd., Temple House, Theobald's Park, Waltham Cross, Herts.
4. Jester, chesnut gelding, 9 years old, by Aldebaran out of Jest by Hon. Jummy (G.S.B.). Bred by Mr. T. C. Armitage and exhibited by Miss Caroline Eckersley Ramsden, The Woodlands, Stockport, Cheshire.

RESERVE.—Silver Ray.

Welsh Mountain Ponies.

CLASS XX. WELSH STALLIONS OR COLTS, any age. 4 entries.

1. Grove Sprightly, grey, 20 years old, by Shooting Star out of Grove Spright II by Grove Ballistite. Bred by Mrs. H. D. Greene, Grove, Craven Arms, Shropshire, and exhibited by Mr. Tom Jones Evans, Dinchope Farm, Craven Arms, Shropshire.
2. Bowdler Brightlight, grey, 15 years old, by Mathrafal Havoc out of Bowdler Bounce by Dyoll Satellite. Bred by Mr. George Preece, Hope Bowdler, Church Stretton, Shropshire, and exhibited by Mrs. Sylvia T. Sivewright, Penn House, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst.
3. Coed Coch Glyndwr, grey, 3 years old, by Revolt out of Dinarth Henol by Llwyn Satan. Bred and exhibited by Miss M. Brodrick, Coed Coch, Abergele, North Wales.

CLASS XXI. WELSH MARES OR FILLIES, any age. 10 entries.

1. Gatesheath Dainty, white, 13 years old, by Grove Sprightly out of Dunchurch Venus by Bleddfa Shooting Star. Bred by Miss N. Mathieson, Gatesheath, Tattenhall, Cheshire, and exhibited by Mr. Tom Jones Evans.
2. Grove Madcap, grey, 17 years old, by Champion Shooting Star out of Grove Lightheart by Dyoll Starlight. Bred by Mrs. D. H. Greene and exhibited by Miss M. Brodrick.
3. Tan-y-Bwlch Prancio, grey, 6 years old, by Tan-y-Bwlch Berwyn out of Grey Princess by Wentworth Windfall. Bred by Mrs. Inge, The Plas, Tan-y-Bwlch, and exhibited by Miss M. Brodrick.

Shetland Ponies.

CLASS XXII. SHETLAND STALLIONS, four years old and upwards, not exceeding 10.2, entered or eligible for entry in the Shetland Pony Stud Book. 4 entries.

1. Littlestoke Blackie (late Standen Blackie), black, 10 years old, by Fairy Lamp out of Budget of Hythe by Valhalla. Bred by the late Lady Hobart, Standen House, Newport, I.O.W., and exhibited by Mrs. Noel Ducker, Littlestoke Manor, North Stoke, Oxford.
2. May Visier of Felbridge, black, 9 years old, by Discoverer of Penniwells out of May Violette of Penniwells by Vagary of Penniwells. Bred by Mrs. Etta Duffus, Penniwells, Elstree, Herts, and exhibited by Mrs. G. E. Atkinson, Felbridge Park, East Grinstead.
3. Cuckoo, cream dun, 7 years old, by Vainglory out of Corona's Climax by Café Cloche. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope, South Park, Bodiam, Sussex.

CLASS XXIII. SHETLAND BROOD MARES, three years old and upwards, with foal at foot or to foal in 1938, not exceeding 10.2 hands, entered or eligible for entry in the Shetland Pony Stud Book. 4 entries.

1. Mayflare of Penniwells, black, 11 years old, by Herakles out of Mayfly of Penniwells by Glencairn. Exhibited by Mrs. G. E. Atkinson.
2. Snipe of Earlsall, bay, 6 years old, by Gluss Norseman out of Kirkbride Saucy Sue by Vesture of Earlsall. Bred by the late Mr. R. W. R. Mackenzie, Carpow, Newburgh, Fife, and exhibited by Mrs. Noel Ducker.
3. Peace of Coln, black, 19 years old, by Patriot out of Pease Blossom by Donner. Bred by Lady S. Hicks-Beach, Coln St. Aldwyn, Gloucestershire, and exhibited by Mrs. G. E. Atkinson.



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MR. W. JACKMAN'S SWAN QUEEN,

Winner in the open middle-weight class and reserve for the riding pony championship.

CLASS XXIV. SHETLAND COLTS, two or three years old, not exceeding 10.1, foaled in 1935 or 1936, entered or eligible for entry in the Shetland Pony Stud Book. 3 entries.

1. Littlestoke Silver Monarch, grey, 3 years old, by Littlestoke Jack Frost out of Ayton Mignon by Ayton Manna. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. Noel Ducker.
2. Springfield, black, 2 years old, by Dimissory of Felbridge out of Oisette of Felbridge by Duncan of Overacres. Bred and exhibited by Mr. A. H. Maynard, 13 Springfield, Bushey Heath, Herts.
3. Mandarin of Felbridge, black, 3 years old, by Dimissory of Felbridge out of Mayflare of Penniwells by Herakles. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. G. E. Atkinson.

CLASS XXV. SHETLAND FILLIES, two or three years old, not exceeding 10.1 hands, foaled in 1935 or 1936, entered or eligible for entry in the Shetland Pony Stud Book. 3 entries.

1. May-Dew of Felbridge, black, 3 years old, by Dimissory of Felbridge out of Mayfame of Penniwells by Dibblitz of Penniwells. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. G. E. Atkinson.
2. Littlestoke Silver Nepeta, white, 3 years old, by Littlestoke Jack Frost out of Nipper of Earlshall by Darnel of Earlshall. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. Noel Ducker.
3. Bravara, chesnut, 2 years old, by Beau Ideal out of Britannia by British Sovereign. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.

CLASS XXVI. SHETLAND STALLIONS, three years old and over, not exceeding 33 inches. 3 entries.

1. Fairy Light, brown, 13 years old, by Electric Light out of Fairy Tale by Helium. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.
2. Cherubino, bay or brown, 4 years old, by Fairy Light out of Chocolate Cream by Silver Fox. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.
3. Silver Fox, blue roan, 14 years old, by Helium out of Furiosa by Puck of Colworth. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.

CLASS XXVII. SHETLAND MARES (in foal or not in foal), three years old and over, not exceeding 33 inches. 3 entries.

1. Velia, piebald, 4 years old, by Fairy Light out of Verina by Vainglory. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.
2. Fleurette, brown, 7 years old, by Fairy Light out of Ferula by Thoreau. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.
3. Fleurita, piebald, 6 years old, by Fairy Light out of Ferula by Thoreau. Bred and exhibited by Lady Estella Hope.

Mountain and Moorland Ponies.

CLASS XXVIII. DALES AND FELL PONIES. (To be ridden). Ponies to be entered in their respective sections of the National Pony Stud Book. 8 entries.

1. Linnel Monks Bess (Fell), black mare, 5 years old, by Linnel Gallant Boy out of Monks Bess by Moor Bradley. Bred by Mr. Joseph W. Dent, Fair View, Middleton-in-Teesdale, and exhibited by Mr. Roy B. Charlton.
2. Linnel Fan (Fell), black mare, 8 years old, by Linnel Mite out of Linnel Fancy by Dalesman. Bred by Mr. Roy B. Charlton and exhibited by Mr. R. Blackett Charlton, junr., Linnel Wood, Hexham.
3. Linnel Brilliant (Fell), black gelding, 4 years old, by Linnel Gallant Boy out of Ravenstonedale Gem, by King John. Bred by Mr. Roy B. Charlton, The Linnels, Hexham, Northumberland, and exhibited by Mrs. Leslie Champness, Dilston, Corbridge, Northumberland.

CLASS XXIX. HIGHLAND PONIES. (To be ridden). Ponies to be entered in the Highland Section of the National Pony Stud Book. 10 entries.

1. Maiden of Morven, grey mare, 8 years old. Exhibited by Miss Marguerite de Beaumont, Shalbourne Manor, Marlborough, Wilts.
2. Jock, grey gelding, aged, by Glen Bruar out of Lady Strathnairn by Johnnie. Bred by Mr. J. Douglas Fletcher, Rosehaugh, Avoch, Ross-shire, and exhibited by Mr. E. G. Delfosse, Chivilcoy, Astons Road, Moor Park, Rickmansworth.
3. Sandray, grey gelding, 6 years old, by Tor Lochan out of Moisegeir by Lean-Darach. Bred by the late Mr. J. H. Munro Mackenzie, Calgary, Isle of Mull, and exhibited by Miss Anne Humbert, Troy Orchard, West Hyde, Rickmansworth.

CLASS XXX. DARTMOOR PONIES. (To be ridden). Ponies to be entered in their respective sections of the National Pony Stud Book. 10 entries.

1. Tawton Dart, bay mare, 5 years old, by Boxer out of Victory Star. Bred by Mr. F. Webber, East Week, Chagford, Devon, and exhibited by Mrs. G. A. Wright.
2. Kavora Tom Thumb (late Diamond III), bay gelding, 6 years old, by Dartmoor pony out of Dartmoor pony. Bred by Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz and exhibited by Mrs. K. V. Coates, Crutchfield Farm, Horley, Surrey.
3. Paintbox, dark bay mare, 8 years old. Exhibited by Miss Jean Legerton, Bowmans, Colney, St. Albans.

CLASS XXXI. WELSH PONIES. (To be ridden). Ponies to be entered in their respective sections of the National Pony Stud Book. 9 entries.

1. Tan-y-Bwlch Prancio, grey mare, 8 years old, by Tan-y-Bwlch Berwyn. Bred by Mrs. Inge and exhibited by Miss M. Brodrick.
2. Gatley Stardust, red roan mare, 15 years old, by Stange Planet. Bred by Miss M. Dunne and exhibited by Lord Digby.
3. Tan-y-Bwlch Rhos, grey mare, 9 years old. Bred by Mrs. Inge and exhibited by Mrs. A. R. Hepburn.

CLASS XXXII. EXMOOR AND NEW FOREST PONIES. (To be ridden). Ponies to be entered in their respective sections of the National Pony Stud Book. 13 entries.

1. Foxglove (Exmoor), brown, 13 years old. Bred by Mr. S. J. Westcott and exhibited by Mrs. Etherington, Newland, Withypool, Somerset.
2. Bynoll Firefly (New Forest), bay gelding, 4 years old. Bred by Mr. F. Norris and exhibited by Miss G. Horton, The Manor, Broad Hinton, Swindon.
3. Jet Weller (New Forest), black gelding, 4 years old. Bred and exhibited by Miss S. M. Richards, Southfield, Burley, Ringwood.

Arab Horse Society Classes.

CLASS XXXIII. ARAB STALLIONS, three years old and upwards (foaled previous to 1936), entered in or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book. 14 entries.

1. Radi, brown, 13 years old, by Rishan out of Razina by Rasim. Bred by Mrs. Carroll, Fethard, Tipperary, Ireland, and exhibited by Lady Wentworth, Crabbet Park Stud, Poundhill, Three Bridges, Sussex.
2. Algol, chesnut, 10 years old, by Aldebaran out of Rangha by Berk. Bred by H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor, K.G., and exhibited by Mr. G. H. Ruxton, Craven Lodge, Monk Sherborne, Basingstoke.
3. Grey Owl, grey colt, 4 years old, by Raseem out of Naxina by Skowronek. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule, Hanstead House, Bricket Wood, Herts.

CLASS XXXIV. ARAB BROOD MARES, with foal at foot or due to foal in 1938, entered or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book. 12 entries.

1. Nurschida, chesnut, 8 years old, by Nuri Sherif out of Razina by Rasim. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule.
2. Nasira, brown, 17 years old, by Nadir out of Nasra by Daoud. Bred by Lady Wentworth and exhibited by Mrs. H. V. M. Clark, Courthouse, Offham, Lewes, Sussex.
3. Jamila (imported), bay, 10 years old, by Seglawi out of Kehaileh. Bred by Sabhar Mohamed of Khraisan and exhibited by Miss C. E. T. Phillips, Kingsohlme, East Hagbourne, Berks.

CLASS XXXV. ARAB COLTS AND FILLIES (Yearlings), foaled in 1937, entered or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book. 6 entries.

1. Namilla, chesnut filly, by Algol out of Nurschida by Nuri Sherif. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule.
2. Mabruk, bay colt, by Hilal out of Baida by Zoowar. Bred and exhibited by Lady Margaret Savile, Ditton Lodge, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
3. Reynalton, grey colt, by Algol out of Dafina (imported) by Keheilan El Krush. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. Nina Elms, Fyfield Grange, nr. Andover, Hants.

CLASS XXXVI. ARAB COLTS, two or three years old (foaled in 1936 and 1935 respectively), entered or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book). 6 entries.

1. Riffal, bay colt, 2 years old, by Naufal out of Razina by Rasim. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule.
2. Shahab, chesnut colt, 3 years old, by Algol out of Almas by Nuri Pasha. Bred and exhibited by Mr. C. W. Hough, Hydes, Abridge, Essex.
3. Rheoboam, chesnut colt, 2 years old, by Sainfoin out of Rangha by Berk. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. H. M. Clark.

CLASS XXXVII. ARAB FILLIES, two or three years old (foaled in 1936 or 1935 respectively), entered or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book. 7 entries.

1. Algoletta, chesnut filly, 3 years old, by Algol out of Rythma by Berk. Bred and exhibited by Mr. G. H. Ruxton.
2. Ariffa, grey filly, 2 years old, by Raftan out of Astrella by Raseem. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule.
3. Betina, grey filly, 3 years old, by Fedaan out of Belka by Rijm. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. H. V. M. Clark.

CLASS XXXVIII. ANGLO-ARAB COLTS, FILLIES AND GELDINGS, one, two or three years old (foaled in 1937, 1936 or 1935 respectively), entered in or accepted for entry in Section I of "The Anglo-Arab and Part-bred Arab Register." 10 entries.

1. Simon Mesaoud (Anglo-Arab), chesnut colt, 3 years old, by Sahban out of Croft Electric Light by Sanglamore. Bred and exhibited by Lieut.-Col. R. S. Follett, Colchester Farm, Ashleworth, Gloucestershire.
2. Lotus (Anglo-Arab), bay filly, 2 years old, by Le Phare out of Razzia by Mighty Power. Bred and exhibited by Lady Yule.
3. Kinstar (Anglo-Arab), bay colt, 1 year old, by Kindred out of Myra by Aldebaran. Bred and exhibited by Mr. T. C. Armitage.

CLASS XXXIX. PART-BRED ARAB COLTS, FILLIES AND GELDINGS, one, two or three years old (foaled in 1937, 1936 or 1935 respectively), entered in or accepted for entry in Section II of "The Anglo-Arab and Part-bred Arab Register." 3 entries.

1. Carnival (Part-bred Arab), chesnut colt, 1 year old, by Rialto Bridge out of Cymbal by Chandi. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. R. E. Field-Marsham, Cotmore, Bicester, Oxfordshire.
2. Nantucket.
3. Lyra (Part-bred Arab), black filly, 3 years old, by Sahban out of Dainty Bess by Monkey Tricks. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. E. M. Murray, Painswick Lodge, Painswick, Gloucestershire.

CLASS XL. RIDING CLASS—ARAB STALLIONS MARES AND GELDINGS of any age, entered or accepted for entry in the Arab Horse Stud Book. 11 entries.

1. Sainfoin, bay stallion, 15 years old, by Rasim out of Safarjal by Berk. Bred and exhibited by Mrs. H. V. M. Clark.
2. Sahban, grey stallion, 8 years old, by Aldebaran out of Seriya by Skowronek. Bred by Mr. T. C. Armitage and exhibited by Mrs. E. M. Murray, Painswick Lodge, Painswick, Gloucestershire.
3. Algol.

CLASS XLI. RIDING CLASS—ANGLO-ARAB OR PART-BRED ARAB STALLIONS, MARES AND GELDINGS of

any age, entered or accepted for entry in the Anglo-Arab and Part-bred Arab Register. 9 entries.

1. Astronomy.
2. John Silver.
3. Forexla (Anglo-Arab), chesnut mare, 10 years old, by Nuredin II out of Forecastle by St. Angelo. Bred and exhibited by the Hon. Lady Wentworth.

Children's Riding Classes.

CLASS XLII. PONIES exceeding 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands, suitable to carry and to be ridden by children who have not attained their sixteenth birthday on March 4th, 1938.

1. Hon. Noreen Stonor's Cadogan Brunette.
2. Mrs. Joan Nelson's Love Knot.
3. Hon. Noreen Stonor's Hiawatha.
4. Mrs. E. F. D. Strehell's Greta Garbo.
5. Mr. W. Benson's Tabarina.

CLASS XLIII. PONIES exceeding 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands, suitable to carry and to be ridden by children who have not attained their fourteenth birthday on March 4th, 1938.

1. Hon. Noreen Stonor's Cadogan Firefly.
2. Mrs. K. V. Coates's Kavora Kismet.
3. Mr. W. Benson's Goldfinder.
4. Miss Barbara Cliff's Gold Dust.
5. Miss Lulu Rochford's Penny Farthing.

CLASS XLIV. PONIES not exceeding 12.2 hands, suitable to carry and to be ridden by children who have not attained their twelfth birthday on March 4th, 1938.

1. Miss M. Brodrick's Tan-y-Bwlch's Prancio.
2. Master Anthony Chissman's Little Midget.
3. Mr. B. W. Mills's Edgware Moonray.
4. Mrs. A. R. Hepburn's Craven Nell.
5. Mrs. Quennell's Cadogan Johnny.

CLASS XLV. EQUITATION TEST for Ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands, suitable to carry and to be ridden by children who have not attained their sixteenth birthday on March 4th, 1938. The riders to be members of the Pony Club.

1. Mrs. K. V. Coates's Kavora Cigarette.
2. Mr. W. E. Gardner's Jo By.
3. Miss M. Quennell's Lyndhurst Maggie.
4. Miss D. Kenny's Queenie.

CLASS XLVI. EQUITATION TEST for Ponies not exceeding 13.2 hands, suitable to carry and to be ridden by children who have not attained their fourteenth birthday on March 4th, 1938. The riders to be members of the Pony Club.

1. Miss S. Mackintosh's Bracken.
2. Miss Dawn Dodd's Jerry.
3. Miss Daphne Porter's Mahmoud.
4. Mr. Keith Geller's Dolly Grey.

Competitions.

CLASS XLVII. BALL AND BASKET COMPETITION.
Open to ladies and gentlemen.

1. Mr. C. W. Hough's Red Shah.
2. Mr. E. Adcock's Betty.

CLASS XLVIII. BENDING COMPETITION. Open to ladies and gentlemen.

1. Miss Augusta Hamilton's Faith.
2. Mr. E. Adcock's Betty.

CLASS XLIX. OPEN JUMPING COMPETITION (under 15 hands).

1. Mr. E. Adcock's Steppey.
2. Mr. A. N. Oliver's Telegram.

CLASS L. TURNIP SPEARING COMPETITION. Open to ladies and gentlemen.

1. Miss Ruth V. Stephenson's Janet.
2. Miss Augusta Hamilton's Faith.

CLASS LI. BENDING COMPETITION. Open to ladies and gentlemen.

1. Miss Augusta Hamilton's Faith.
2. Miss Stephenson's Janet.

CLASS LII. MUSICAL CHAIRS (with buckets). For ladies and gentlemen.

1. Miss Hamilton's Faith.
2. Miss A. V. Sinclair's Winty.

CLASS LIII. CLASS FOR NOVICE JUMPERS, not exceeding 15 hands, that have never won a prize in a jumping competition up to January 1st, 1938.

1. Miss Clifton's Rare Polly.
2. Mr. W. E. Gardner's Smirkie.

CLASS LIV. OPEN JUMPING COMPETITION (under 15 hands).

1. Mr. E. Adcock's Steppey.
2. Mr. E. Adcock's Amy.

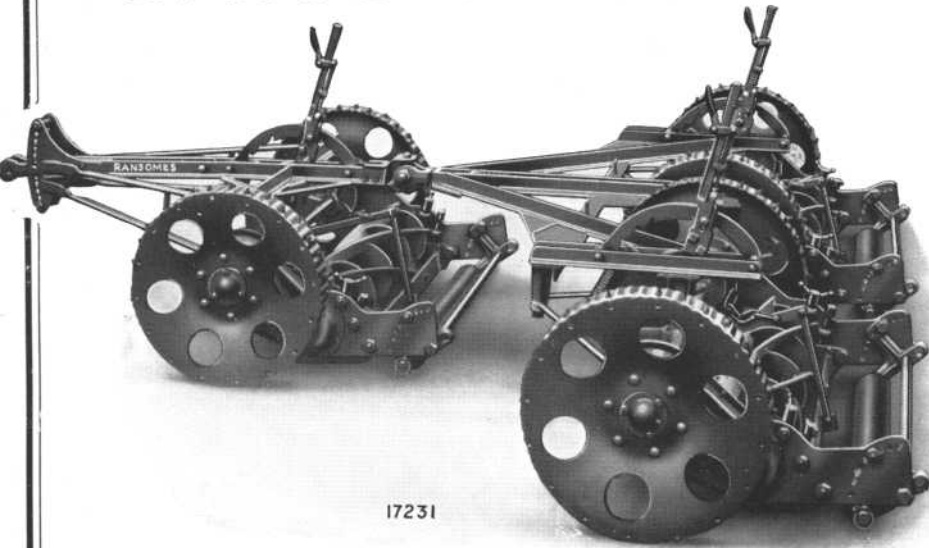
Gold Medals and Special Prizes.

Howard Taylor Challenge Cup, for the BEST ENTIRE COLT, one, two or three years old, not eligible for the General Stud Book, but in the National Pony Stud Book, Supplement or Approved Registers.—Coronation II; reserve, Silverdale Last Chance.

- Special Prize, £2 and Silver Medal for the BEST ENTIRE COLT, one, two or three years old.—Coronation II; reserve, Silverdale Last Cheer.
- “ Silvery ” Challenge Trophy (presented by Mr. Herbert Bright and family), for the BEST FILLY, one, two or three years old, not eligible for the General Stud Book, but in the National Pony Stud Book, Supplement or Approved Registers.—Silverdale Ruth; reserve, Honeysuckle V.
- Special Prize, £2 and Silver Medal (presented by The National Horse Breeding and Show Society of India), for the BEST FILLY, one, two or three years old.—Silverdale Ruth; reserve, Honeysuckle V.
- Championship Gold Medal for the BEST MARE OR FILLY in Classes 4, 5, 6 and 8.—Rosine; reserve, Stolen Love.
- Perpetual Challenge Cup (presented by the British Pony and Galloway Racing Association), for the BEST POLO-BRED MARE OR FILLY in Classes 4, 5, 6 and 8.—Rosine; reserve, Stolen Love.
- Gold Medal for the BEST STALLION, four years old and upwards.—Grey Metal; reserve, Silverdale Tarragon.
- Perpetual Challenge Trophy (presented by *Country Life*) (Silver Replica of James I. Salt), for the BEST POLO-BRED STALLION OR COLT in Classes 1, 2, 3 and 9.—Silverdale Tarragon; reserve, Coronation II.
- Perpetual Challenge Cup (presented by Major Dunbar Kelly), for the BEST POLO-BRED PONY in the Riding Classes 13 to 15.—Malinky; reserve, Cherokee.
- Challenge Cup (presented by the Proprietors of *Country Life*) for the BEST POLO PONY in Classes 12 to 18.—Fresh Start; reserve, Swan Queen.
- The “ Tufton ” Perpetual Challenge Cup (presented by the Hon. Henry H. S. T. Tufton), for the BEST POLO-BRED PONY in the Show (Classes 1 to 19).—Rosine; reserve, Silverdale Tarragon.
- Silver Medal (offered by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society) for the BEST STALLION OR COLT in Class 20.—Grove Sprightly; reserve, Bowdler Brightlight.
- Silver Medal (offered by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society) for the BEST MARE OR FILLY in Class 21.—Gatesheath Dainty; reserve, Grove Madcap.
- Cup (presented by Miss N. Mathieson), for the BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY, not exceeding 12 hands, to be won four times by the same pony.—Grove Sprightly; reserve, Bowdler Brightlight.
- Silver Medal for the BEST SHETLAND PONY in Classes 24 and 25.—Littlestoke Silver Monarch; reserve, May-Dew of Felbridge.
- Silver Medal (presented by the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society) for the BEST SHETLAND PONY entered for or eligible for entry in the Shetland Pony Stud Book.—Fairy Light; reserve, Littlestoke Blackie.

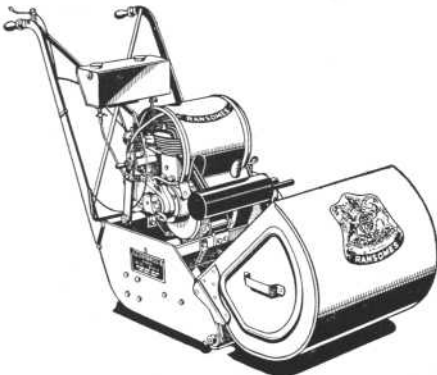
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- Challenge Cup (presented by Lady Wentworth), for the BEST ARAB STALLION in Class 33.—Radi; reserve, Algol.
- Special Prize for the BEST NOVICE MARE in Class 34.—Janula; reserve, Roglemar Zarad.
- Silver Medal for the BEST YEARLING COLT in Class 35.—Mabruk.
- Silver Medal for the BEST YEARLING FILLY in Class 35.—Namilla.
- Challenge Cup (presented by Mrs. H. V. M. Clark), for the BEST ARAB COLT (foaled in 1935, 1936 or 1937).—Riffal; reserve, Mabruk.
- Championship Gold Medal for the BEST STALLION OR COLT in Classes 33, 35 and 36.—Radi; reserve Riffal.
- Challenge Cup for the BEST ARAB FILLY (foaled in 1935, 1936 or 1937).—Algoletta; reserve, Namilla.
- Championship Gold Medal for the BEST MARE OR FILLY in Classes 34, 35 and 37.—Nurschida; reserve, Algoletta.
- Special Prize for the BEST YEARLING COLT OR FILLY in Class 38.—Kinstar; reserve Aftab.
- Special Prize for the BEST YEARLING COLT OR FILLY in Class 39.—Carnival.
- Special Prize (presented by the Hon. Mrs. R. E. L. Vaughan Williams), for the BEST MARE in Class 40.—Riziani.
- Special Prize for the BEST NOVICE in Class 40.—Shahban.
- Special Prize for the BEST NOVICE in Class 41.—Astronomy.
- Special Prize (presented by Mr. T. C. Armitage) for the BEST PART-BRED ARAB in Class 41.—John Silver.

HURLINGHAM IN HISTORY.

An Instructive Address.

On the occasion of a visit to the Hurlingham Club last year by the Fulham History Society an interesting address on "The History of Hurlingham" was given by Mr. W. T. Creed, Fulham Borough Librarian. Little is known, he said, of the early history of Hurlingham. It was merely a piece of uncultivated ground, stretching along the river from the east side of the "town of Fulham to the village of Broomhouse." The

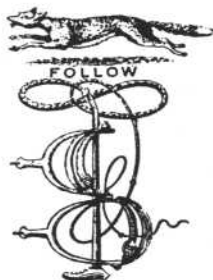
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derivation of the name is also obscure; the most likely, from the ancient sport of "hurling," which was played on open spaces of land, was ruled out by the evidence of the Manor Rolls, where the name recurring from 1489 onwards, varied surprisingly between the forms "hurlynghm" and "ffurningham," so as to suggest that the earlier was in fact, "ffurningham."

Hurlingham in the time of the Stuarts was divided into two parts—Little Hurlingham, to the west, consisting of seventeen acres, and Great Hurlingham, which included Hurlingham Field, subsequently the site of Mulgrave House and grounds. The boundary between the two Hurlinghams lay between the sites of Mulgrave and Little Mulgrave Houses.

During the plague years Fulham was almost annually ravaged. Precautions were primitive—victims were kept in their own homes, warders being appointed to feed and guard them. Iron bars were nailed across the doors of the less public-spirited. By these desperate means whole families were often infected. The Fulham Parish Books give a vivid idea of the procedure—the payments to warders and "searchers" and the sudden calls on the rate-payers for extra poor relief. In 1637 a plague pit was dug and a pest house erected in the conveniently situated Hurlingham Field, and these were constantly in use up to the great visitation of 1665.

After 1665 Fulham was spared further pestilence, and the pest house came to be used as a dwelling house by certain poor people selected by the Vestry. The lake in Hurlingham grounds is believed to mark the site of the plague pit. In 1760 Dr. William Cadogan, a successful physician, built himself a villa at Fulham, having obtained a lease of three acres of land at Hurlingham from the Bishop of London. He considered that children had in general too many clothes and too much food, and gave sensible directions on infant management.

On his death in 1797 Hurlingham House passed to John Ellis, probably a relative, who built an admirable neoclassic mansion, incorporating Dr. Cadogan's villa in the centre. In 1808 the house was sold to George O'Brien Wyndham, third Earl of Egremont and Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, who in 1816 leased it to his former tutor, the Rev. Euseby Cleaver, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin. In 1899 Cleaver died at Tunbridge Wells, and his body was interred in the family vault at Fulham, where he was familiarly known as "the mad archbishop."

In 1820 Lord Egremont sold the property to John Horsley Palmer, who was one of the greatest authorities of his time on finance and currency. On his death at Hurlingham House in 1858 the estate was sold to Richard C. Naylor, a banker, who leased it in 1867 to Frank Heathcote. He established here a club for pigeon shooting, of which he became secretary and manager.

In 1874 the then secretary, Mr. J. K. Hurrell, and Lord Monson, the manager, instituted polo, which was becoming fashionable in England. Introduced from Russia, it is believed to have been imported into that country from Persia in 1492, when it was known as Chugan. Hurlingham may be said to

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have nationalized polo. That it seems now peculiarly the sport of the English aristocracy is due mainly to this exclusive club. The opening match on Saturday, June 6th, 1874, was a great social occasion, and a report in the *Illustrated London News* says: ". . . On Saturday, the 6th inst., at the opening of the new polo ground of the Hurlingham Club, in the presence of the Royal Princes and Princesses, Life Guards were matched against Horse Guards. The suburban but rural mansion and estate of Hurlingham, pleasantly situated on the banks of the Thames at Fulham, belongs to a club of noblemen and gentlemen, who meet there almost daily for pigeon shooting." In 1907 pigeon shooting was abolished, after litigation, and the innovation of polo now became the main activity of the club.

Included in the grounds of the Hurlingham Club are those of Mulgrave House. They contain a lake of from three to four acres, with an islet. The waters of the lake were said to have been greatly agitated during the earthquake which destroyed Lisbon in 1755. Mulgrave House itself was erected in 1740 by the King's printer, John Basket.

Sir Francis Gosling was the next owner of the house, and successive occupants included Sir Andrew Snape Douglas, who was engaged in the memorable sea battle off Ushant (1794) during the French Revolution; by Andrew Sir John Jervis, Earl St. Vincent, hero of the victory over the Spanish Fleet at Cape St. Vincent (1797); and by John Bowden, a Governor of the Bank of England, resident from 1803-1821. About 1844 Mulgrave House was taken by a Mr. Price, who styled himself Charles Louis de Bourbon, Duke of Normandy, and therefore claimed to be a son of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. There is no reason to believe his claim. Mr. Price was the object of assassins on no less than three occasions, the last being at Fulham.

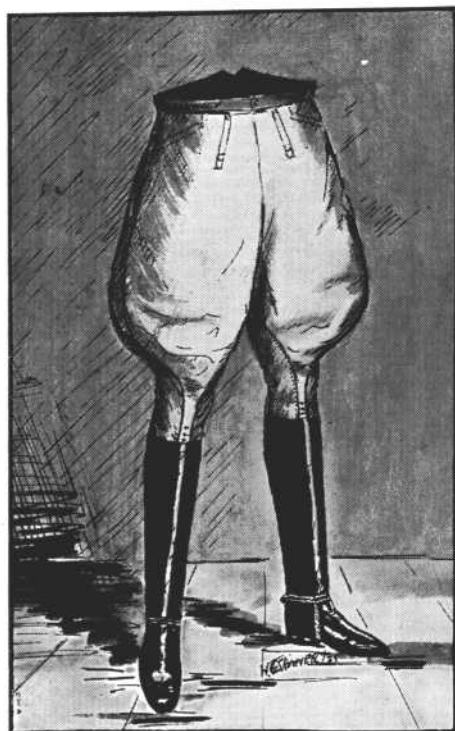
The sixth Viscount Ranelagh acquired the property from his father-in-law, Sir Philip Stephens, and the seventh and last Viscount chiefly resided here between 1852 and 1864. The sixth Earl Ranelagh was a formidable character, and once violently ejected a picnic party from the grounds of Mulgrave House. A lawsuit for assault and battery followed, during which his Lordship visited the great Old Bailey lawyer, John Adolphus, in his chambers and horsewhipped him. The second action for assault was never brought to court, as Lord Ranelagh in the meantime had died. The last Viscount, after a distinguished military career in Spain, led a retired life between Mulgrave House and his town chambers. Between the years 1858 and 1863 the great Italian singer, Madame Grisi, resided here with her husband, Signor Mario.

In 1879 Lord Ranelagh let the house to the Hurlingham Club and it has since generally been occupied by the club manager. Little Mulgrave House, its neighbour, stood until 1894, and numbered among its visitors Capt. James Cook as guest to Sir Philip Stephens, secretary to the old Admiralty Board. Several of the fine trees standing in the grounds of Mulgrave House and Little Mulgrave House were said to have been planted by the great navigator.

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Organizing a Gymkhana.

[*To the Editor of THE POLO MONTHLY.*]

SIR,

I am at loss to know where I might obtain the necessary information for the details of events for inclusion in a gymkhana, which it is hoped to hold in connection with the local polo club at the end of our season, so I am writing to ask whether you could inform me of any handbook wherein I might find information.

Although I have taken part in gymkhanas, I have never been responsible for their organization. I want information as to bending races and various other items associated with ponies. My chief trouble is distances and judging.

Yours, etc.,

R. L. CHEVERTON,
Senior Medical Officer.

Belize,
British Honduras.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—We print this letter in the hope that any reader experienced in the running of gymkhanas will furnish the information sought by our correspondent.]

Polo on Leave.

[*To the Editor of THE POLO MONTHLY.*]

SIR,

I should be very grateful for any information as to the possibilities of playing polo in England while on leave. Specially I would like to know whether it will be possible to hire ponies at any of the clubs?

Yours, etc.,

FUSILIER.

Army and Navy Club,
Pall Mall, S.W.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—We would direct our correspondent's attention to the article on the newly-instituted Richmond Park polo ground in this issue. This, we imagine, would meet his requirements, especially in the matter of the hiring of ponies. The Cheltenham Club offers really good provincial polo for officers on leave, as ponies can be hired on reasonable terms and keep of ponies is cheap. At several other of the county clubs it is possible to hire ponies, and a hearty welcome awaits players home on leave who desire to become temporary members.]



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Re Handicaps.

[To the Editor of THE POLO MONTHLY.]

SIR,

Having read the article on Handicapping in your December issue, and being confronted ourselves in Victoria with the same difficulties, I now beg to offer a personal suggestion to widen the scope of the lower handicaps.

Would it not be possible to introduce an "A" and "B" grade handicap, on the lines of lawn tennis tournaments in England? Allow all present handicaps from 1 goal to 10 goals to stand as "A" grade, and then for beginners and junior players introduce a system of "B" grade handicaps, from zero to, say, 6 goals; a 6-goal player "B" grade to be equivalent to 1 or 2 goals "A" grade, or some such arrangement.

This seems to me to get over the difficulties and objections of bringing in minus quantities, and at the same time provides an elastic zero, which, as all handicappers know, is one of the big difficulties of handicapping low-grade teams. The two grades could easily be interrelated to provide for the contingency of players with both grades of handicaps meeting in the same match.


Yours, etc.,

CLAUDE B. PALMER,

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“ Elements of Hunting.”

One of the most open hunting seasons within memory—excepting in those countries where foot-and-mouth troubles have interfered with Hunt arrangements—is nearing its close. The sport seems to gain in young recruits every year, and the thirst for knowledge in all things pertaining to the Chase was never more widespread. To novices who would learn everything which a beginner should know Mr. R. S. Summerhays's latest book, “ Elements of Hunting ” (Country Life Ltd., 7s. 6d.), will make a genuine guide, philosopher and friend. Even the older hands of hunting will find many valuable pointers in this volume. The author has the happiest ways of putting the essential things into print. No young rider will find him too technical, and no seasoned performer with hounds will fail to acknowledge the sound common-sense he applies to his subject.

CONCERNING MOTORS.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

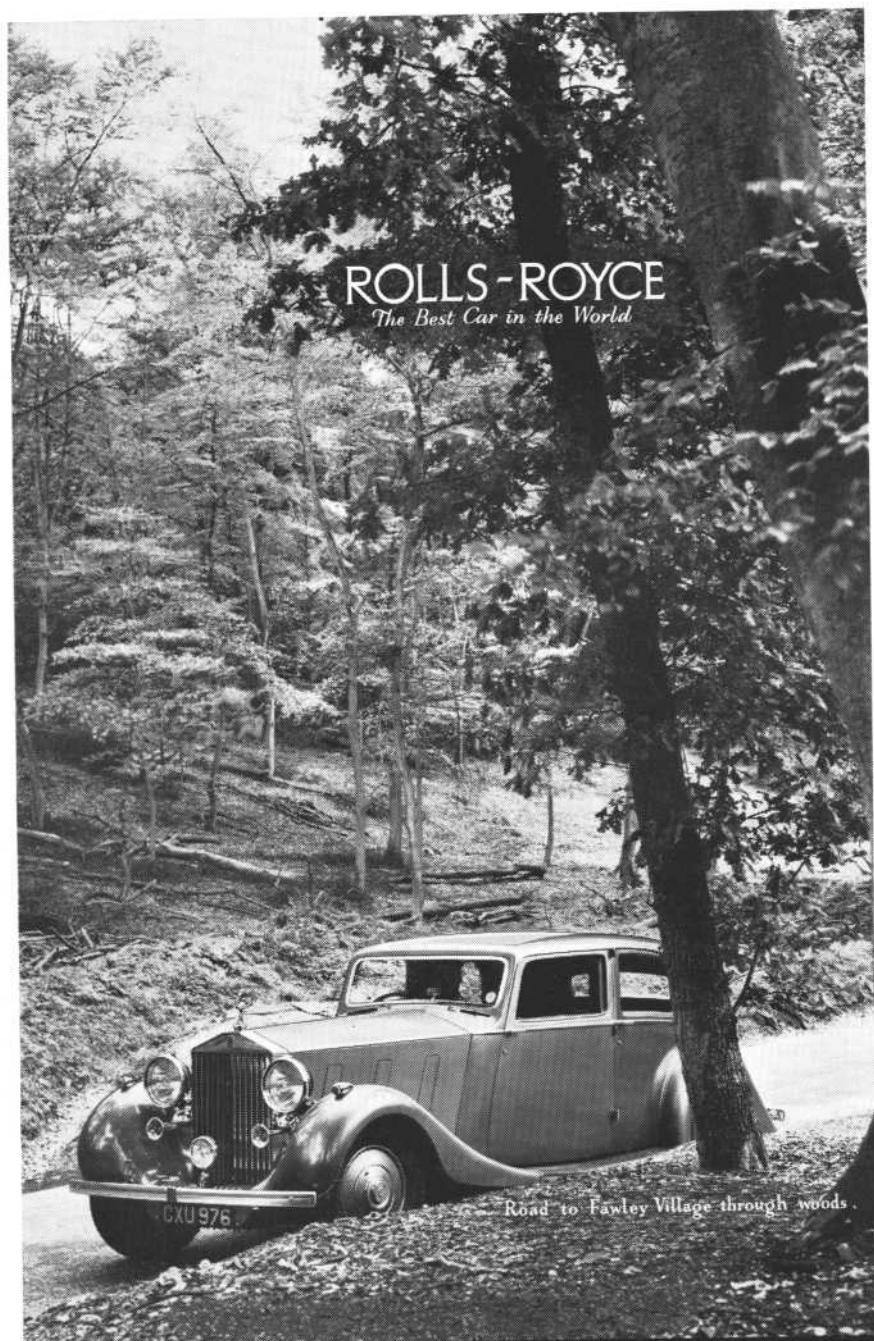
I am afraid my ancestors gambled away their country estates in the days of the Georges, but if I had had the good fortune to inherit them I would to-day seriously think of using alternative fuels for tractors, farm wagons and shooting brakes in case national emergency cut off petrol supplies to private persons in the future. In that case Diesel oil and petrol would be retained for national service. Yet private motorists could manage quite well if they adopted one or another of the various "poor gas" producers. In fact these gas producers can be arranged to burn coalite or other low-temperature carbonization products, and, by employing hydrogen as a primer, tar oils can be used in Diesel engines.

So owners of ordinary petrol or heavy oil using motors could manage to run their vehicles provided they installed these alternative systems beforehand when there is no special urgency to do so. As we all know from a bitter past experience during the Great War, you cannot get such jobs done with other more urgent matters to deal with.

It is for this reason that I suggest to such owners of estates and farms that now is the time to make a change in fuel and to equip their vehicles for such alternatives. Possibly some may remember that in the 1934 R.A.C. Rally one competitor drove a Humber Snipe saloon fitted with a Koela gas generator and covered the 1,000 miles of the road journey on 600 lb. of charcoal, costing £1 3s. 4d. Six gallons of petrol were consumed in the speed eliminating tests, so brought up the total fuel cost to £1 13s. 4d., and at the same time demonstrated that the engine could use either fuel, according to circumstances.

I drove a 20-h.p. Armstrong Siddeley in that trial, and my fuel costs with four up and a proper carriage body were nearer a penny farthing per mile compared with the Humber's one-third of a penny per mile approximately. Naturally the engine lost some power using a poor gas, as compared with a rich (petrol) one, but for practical purposes it did not matter.

Last year Mr. F. C. Sheffield reported in *The Automobile Engineer* that a 3½-ton H.S.G. lorry underwent a four-days' test by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, using Suncole, a residual coke manufactured by British Coal Distillation Ltd., in an H.S.G. gas producer fitted on this lorry. The unladen and gross laden weights of the vehicle were about 2 tons 15 cwt. and 7 tons 7 cwt.



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I mention these facts in order to show that besides preparing a national reserve of vehicles able to run on alternative fuels the cost of equipping them can be recovered by their economy of from 60 to 80 per cent compared with petrol.

I have referred in previous notes to the Erren engine built by Beardmores, which burns hydrogen gas instead of petrol-gas mixture, but as the Erren Engineering Co. gave a demonstration of that power unit in London it may be of interest to recount its performance.

The vehicle was a 32-seater Leyland motor-bus capable of immediate operation on Diesel oil, hydrogen or coal gas. The original Beardmore Diesel engine had its compression ratio reduced from 15 to 1 down to 12 to 1, and the addition of an ignition timer, sparking plugs to the cylinders and a small rotary valve to control the admission of the gas fuel. Petrol engines can be converted simply by fitting the rotary valve.

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In the Erren engine a full charge of air is admitted to the cylinder on the inlet stroke, and the gas is introduced under pressure through the rotary valve on the compression stroke. This is under a comparatively low pressure, and the mixture is electrically ignited by the sparking plug as in an ordinary petrol engine.

The gas is stored under pressure in cylinders as we used to carry acetylene gas in cylinders for head-lamps in the days before electric lighting was installed on our motor-vehicles. The engine control is effected by regulating the quantity of hydrogen or coal gas supplied and not by throttling the air intake as in a petrol engine. As the carburation or injection system is left intact the engine of vehicles converted can be run on either gas or liquid fuel.

In case I am called to task about obtaining hydrogen gas at a reasonable price, I should mention that all the various electric power stations are contemplating creating a day load for their plants making hydrogen gas by the electrolysis of water as we used to play at in the chemical lab. of our school days. Only modern electrolyzers split water into its constituent gases, oxygen and hydrogen, and deliver them 100 per cent pure at designed pressures up to 4,000 lb. per square inch. The oxygen has already a great sale, so that it is possible to

market the hydrogen at a low cost to the public if there is a demand for it in quantities. At any rate, we have home-produced fuels if we choose to spend a little money in order to use them by converting our motors ready for the emergency.

Motor racing starts on Saturday, April 2nd, with the International Coronation Trophy event, organized by the Road Racing Club on the Crystal Palace circuit. The club is giving over £500 in prizes to be won outright. The race will be run off in two heats and a final, with a side-car motor-cycle race during the interval after the heats and before the final. Racing will commence at 3.30 p.m., and the B.B.C. has decided to give a three-quarters of an hour broadcast of the races.

According to the official return issued by the Minister of Transport, about one-third of the motor-vehicles in use were five years old or over at September 30th, 1937, which is very interesting. This suggests that this year will see an additional number of used cars offered for sale at lower prices, as already dealers complain that their showrooms are overloaded with second-hand cars taken in part exchange for new ones. Unless owners are willing to accept a less valuation for their old cars it will be difficult to dispose of them.

Car sales seem very dependent upon the Stock Exchange. When that is busy and prices are rising motor-car sales rise also. When stocks are sluggish so are sales of cars. Fortunately for motor manufacturers the export business is increasing steadily each year. In fact Lord Nuffield told me, before he sailed for Sydney to take part in the 150th anniversary celebrations of the founding of New South Wales as a colony, that in the first five months of the 1938 new car season 24 per cent more 8-h.p. Morris cars have been exported compared with the same period last year.

We all know that the small Morris cars are not exported in as great a quantity as the larger higher horse-power models, so that it is an excellent sign for the factory at Cowley that the public abroad are buying a greater number of the small cars. Also it shows that roads are improving as well as the cars themselves. No one wilfully uses a small car on bad roads if he can buy a bigger vehicle. That is the reason America has not yet acquired the small car habit. They are too uncomfortable on long-distance journeys over indifferent road surfaces. Long wheelbases smooth out many road inequalities. Therefore all sensible folk buy as large a car as they can afford in order to obtain greater comfort.

England's motoring public buy more 10-h.p. cars at the present time, as their sale has increased by 25 per cent, according to the statistics issued by the Ministry of Transport. There are 380,975 of these 10-h.p. cars now in use, as compared with 304,939 at this time last year. Already there is a total of 1,798,105 private cars using our roads, and this is an increase of 150,000 during the twelve months. At this rate we shall soon have 2,000,000 cars on the roads irrespective of 12,000,000

cyclists, 500,000 motor-cyclists, 480,000 commercial vehicles and 86,000 motor-omnibuses, coaches and taxicabs. So no wonder everybody is asking for wider roads, special paths for cyclists and pedestrians, and all main roads to have double carriage-ways with a division to keep the up and down traffic on separate independent roadways.

Cross-over or "fly-over" roads have just started to make their appearance in England. At present none are completed, so we do not know whether they will be as successful in adding to the safety factor as is hoped. Yet it is a sign that modern design in road construction is making its way here as has already been achieved abroad.

Quite a number of privately-owned garages are being equipped with Westric car-battery chargers by the Westinghouse Brake and Signal Co. Ltd., of York Road, King's Cross, London, N.1, especially those attached to country houses. There are so many drains on the battery of the modern car to-day that especially in the short daylight hours the dynamo does not keep the cells fully charged.

I was counting up the items on my car which were dependent on the battery for their electric current. Firstly there is the ignition, then the starter motor, head-lamps, passing lights, parking lamps, tail light, stop light, reversing light, roof lamp, dashboard lamp, inspection lamp, warning horns, oil circulation indicator, direction indicators, cigarette lighters, windscreen wipers, windscreen defroster and heater, and petrol pump in some cars and a radio.

Since the establishment of the "grid" most estates and country places have electric mains to draw the supply of electric current for house lighting, etc., so that the addition of a Westric battery charger is easy and the cost is small. But the comfort is being able to give all the cars you own a boost of their batteries when you want to makes driving at night quite easy. You know that you will get full value of light from the lamps and so greater safety on the road. It is the small things that count nowadays in motoring. All the cars are so good that they seldom let you down except in their accessories.

So it is as well to take steps to prevent that happening, and a run-down battery should never be allowed to happen.

Batteries are likely to have extra work placed on their capacity owing to the new regulation made by the Minister of Transport on February 17th, which enacts that the number plates of motor-cars must be easily readable from a distance in front or behind a vehicle of 75 ft. in normal daylight and 60 ft. at night. This regulation comes into operation in October next for new cars and in October, 1941, for cars now in use.

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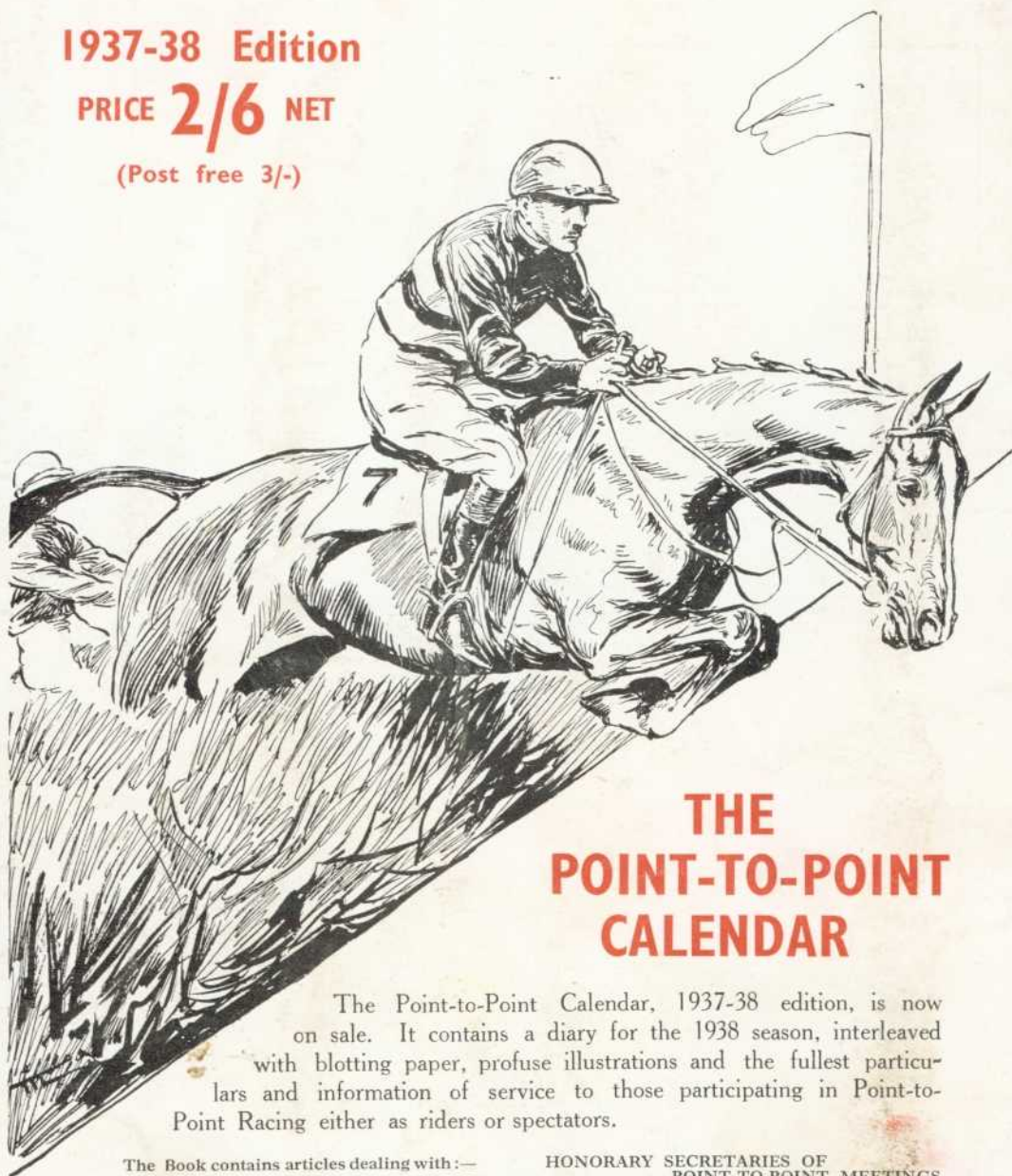
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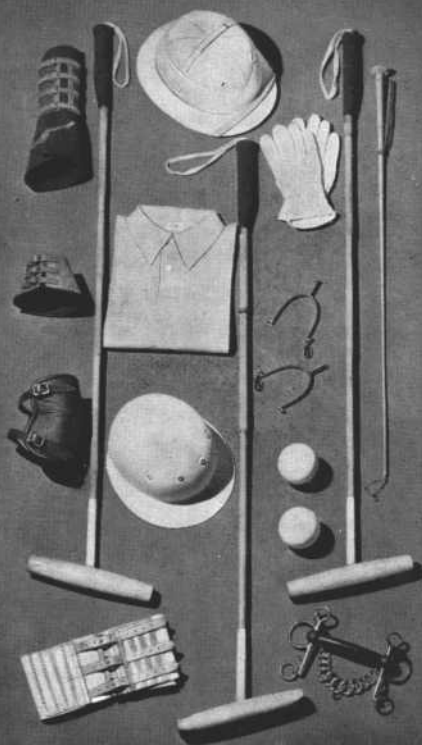
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THURSDAY, 19th.	Wimbledon Cup Semi-Final.
SATURDAY, 21st.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament commences.
WEDNESDAY, 25th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Semi-Final.
THURSDAY, 26th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Semi-Final.
SATURDAY, 28th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Final.
SATURDAY, 28th.	Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup commences.
SATURDAY, 28th.	Broomhouse Cup commences.

JUNE.

WEDNESDAY, 1st.	Sutton-Smith Cup Semi-Final.
WEDNESDAY, 1st.	Broomhouse Cup Semi-Finals.
SATURDAY, 4th.	Broomhouse Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 4th.	Ashton Invitation Cup commences.
WHIT-MON., 6th.	Empire (Prince of Wales's) Cup.
WHIT-MON., 6th.	Hurlingham v. An Army Team.
WEDNESDAY, 8th.	Ashton Cup Semi-Final.
THURSDAY, 9th.	Ashton Cup Semi-Final.
SATURDAY, 11th.	Ashton Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 11th.	Inter-Regimental Tournament 1st Ties.
MONDAY, 13th, to	} Inter-Regimental Tournament 1st Ties.
SATURDAY, 18th.	
SATURDAY, 18th.	Champion Cup 1st Tie.
MONDAY, 20th.	Champion Cup 1st Ties.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd,	} Champion Cup Semi-Finals.
and	
THURSDAY, 23rd.	} Champion Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 25th.	
TUESDAY, 28th, and	} Inter-Regimental Tournament Semi-Finals.
WEDNESDAY, 29th.	

JULY.

SATURDAY, 2nd.	Inter-Regimental Tournament Final.
SATURDAY, 2nd.	Tyro Challenge Cup commences.
MONDAY, 4th.	Indian Empire and Eastern Garden Party. India v. 'The World, for "The Indian Princes' Challenge Shield."
TUESDAY, 5th, to	} Tyro Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 9th.	
SATURDAY, 9th.	Oxford v. Cambridge. 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, 9th.	Social Clubs' Cup commences.
MONDAY, 11th, to	} Social Clubs' Cup.
SATURDAY, 16th.	
SATURDAY, 16th.	Villavieja Cup.
SATURDAY, 16th.	Cicero Cup commences.
MONDAY, 18th, to	} Cicero Cup, and Clanbrassil Cup (Ladies' Championship).
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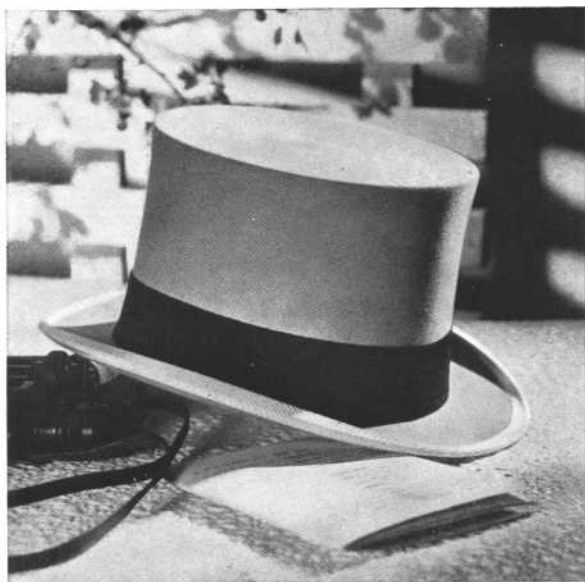
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Handicap Cup	May 21—28
Junior Colts' Cup	May 28—June 4
Open Cup	June 4—11
Verdun Cup—	
A British Team v. An Allies Team	} Dates to be arranged.
Harrington Cup—	
House of Lords v. House of Commons	
Duke of York's Cup—	
Royal Navy v. Royal Air Force	June 18
Kit-Cat Cup	June 18—25
Coronation Cup	July 2—9
Subalterns' Gold Cup	July 2—9
Bluejackets' Cup	July 9—16
County Polo Week	July 11—16
Hunt Cup	July 16—23
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MAY.

WEDNESDAY,	18th.	Entries close for Roehampton Open Challenge Cup (O.).
SATURDAY,	21st.	Ladies' Nomination Challenge Cup (M.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	21st.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup (O.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	25th.	Entries close for Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup (H.H.).
SATURDAY,	28th.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup (O.) Final.
SATURDAY,	28th.	Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup (H.H.) commences.
TUESDAY,	31st.	Bhopal Cup (I.) Semi-Final.

JUNE.

WEDNESDAY	1st.	Bhopal Cup (I.) Semi-Final.
WEDNESDAY,	1st.	Entries close for Lawson Cup (M.H.).
SATURDAY,	4th.	Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup (H.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	4th.	Lawson Cup (M.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	8th.	Entries close for Roehampton Cup (H.H.).
SATURDAY,	11th.	Lawson Cup (M.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	11th.	Roehampton Cup (H.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	15th.	Bhopal Cup (I.) Final.
WEDNESDAY,	15th.	Entries close for Handicap Tournament (L.H.).
SATURDAY,	18th.	Roehampton Cup (H.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	18th.	Handicap Tournament (L.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	22nd.	Entries close for Junior Championship (R.O.).
SATURDAY,	25th.	Handicap Tournament (L.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	25th.	Junior Championship (R.O.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	29th.	Entries close for Shaw Cup (H.H.).
THURSDAY,	30th.	Tenth Annual British Empire Garden Party. At 2.15 p.m. Reception by the High Commissioners of the Dominions. At 3 p.m., Frank Hargreaves Cup (D.M.). At 4.20 p.m., Display by the Metropolitan Police. At 5 p.m., Junior Championship Semi-Final. Band of the Metropolitan Police.

JULY.

SATURDAY,	2nd.	Junior Championship (R.O.) Final.
SATURDAY,	2nd.	Shaw Cup (H.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	6th.	Entries close for Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.).
SATURDAY,	9th.	Shaw Cup (H.H.) Final.
SATURDAY,	9th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	13th.	Entries close for Young Cup (M.H.).
SATURDAY,	16th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.) Final.
SATURDAY,	16th.	Young Cup (M.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	20th.	Entries close for "Paul Jones" (N.S.) Tournament.
SATURDAY,	23rd.	Young Cup (M.H.) Final.
MONDAY,	25th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) commences.
SATURDAY,	30th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) Final.

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JULY 4th ..	The Croquet Championship, The Doubles Championship, and Association Plate commence.
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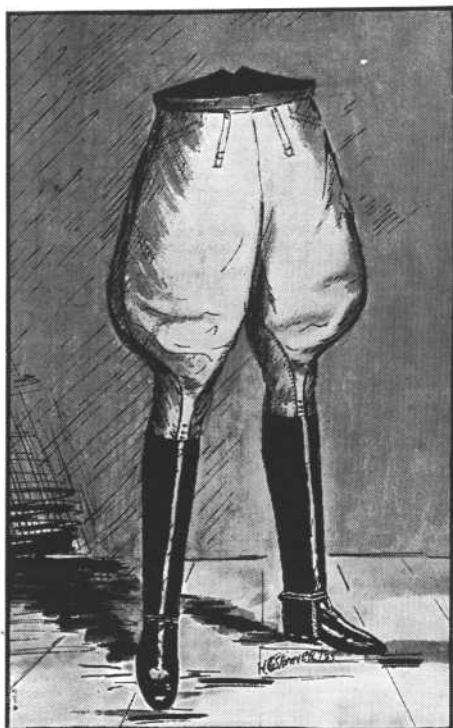
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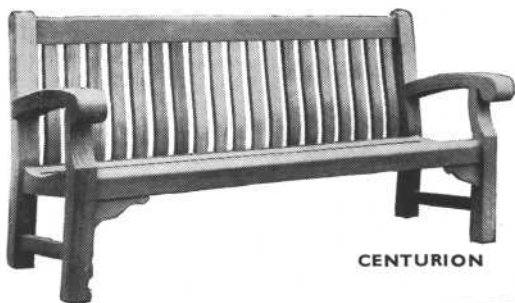
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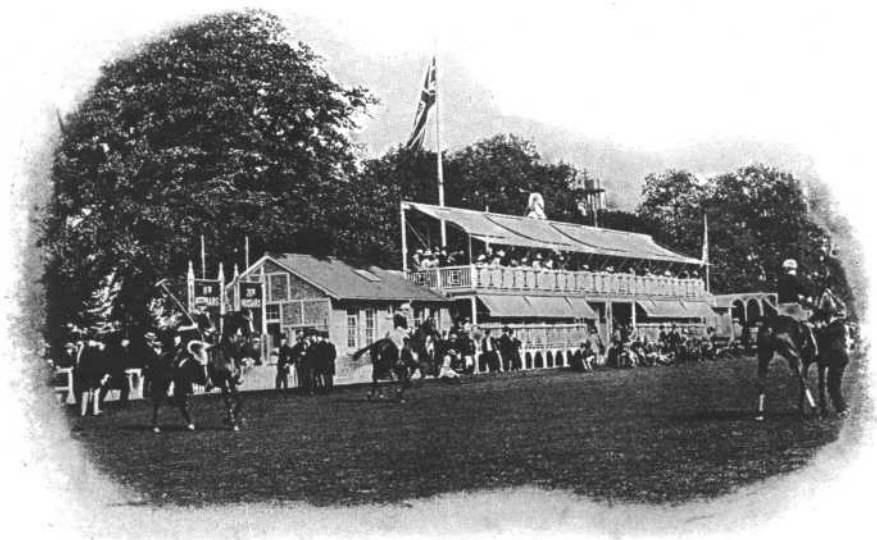


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CURRENT TOPICS.



Season Opens.

The formal opening of the season at the London Clubs was slightly delayed by the effects of a drought of most unusual duration, which left the grounds exceedingly hard and with much less than their customary crop of grass at the beginning of May. However, on the first Saturday in that month, the 7th, a match was played on the No. 2 ground at Hurlingham. In the ensuing week the Whitney Cup tournament at Roehampton and Hurlingham and the Colts' Cup at Ranelagh were down for decision. In the inaugural game at Hurlingham Mr. Charles Wrightsman's team of Rangers turned out, Major N. W. Leaf taking the place of Mr. Aidan Roark, who had not then arrived from the U.S.A. The Rangers had to concede a start of $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals on the handicap to Edmundsbury. The task was well within their powers, and they won by 19 goals to $13\frac{1}{2}$. The match, played in a bitterly cold wind, began with a goal in the first minute by Mr. Cecil Smith, followed by three by Mr. Wrightsman. The Rangers put on half-a-dozen goals in the second chukker, Mr. Smith being very prominent, and thus reducing Edmundsbury's lead to a fraction. But by half-time, after Mr. Hibbert and Capt. Barclay had each scored, The Rangers were in front by 13 goals to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Putting on three goals in the fourth period, The Rangers eventually won with five goals to spare. Teams:—*The Rangers*: Mr. C. B. Wrightsman, No. 1; Mr. Cecil Smith, No. 2; Mr.

E. H. Tyrrell-Martin, No. 3; and Major N. W. Leaf, back. *Edmundsbury*: Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 2; Mr. H. W. Hibbert, No. 3; and Mr. J. G. Morrison, back.

Practice on the Drax Ground.

A prolonged drought did not end in the south until May 2. Some welcome downpours made it possible to play a practice game later in the week on the Hurlingham Club's Drax ground on the Kingston by-pass. Three of Mr. C. Wrightsman's team, The Rangers—himself, Mr. Cecil Smith and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin—were among the players. Mr. Smith was hitting the ball with all his old strength and accuracy. One goal from about eighty yards out passed the goal at about the height of the posts. The sides were: Mr. C. Wrightsman, Mr. Cecil Smith, Lord Roborough and Capt. R. L. Findlay of the Royal Scots Greys, with Lieut.-Col. D. C. H. Richardson cutting-in, the Marquis de Basily-Sampieri, Capt. A. H. Barclay, Major N. W. Leaf and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.

Selection Committee.

Various matters were discussed by the Westchester Cup Selection Committee at a meeting held last month, this being the first time its members had got together since their appointment by the Hurlingham Polo Association. No statement was issued as to any decisions come to at the meeting, but it is fair to assume that the further purchase of ponies for the International team was among the questions discussed. The members of the Selection and Management Committee are Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gairdner, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Major J. F. Harrison, Col. V. N. Lockett and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.

Public Admission at Hurlingham.

The public enclosure at the Hurlingham Club will be open throughout the polo season. Reserved seats at 2s. 6d. can be booked in advance at Messrs. Alfred Hays Ltd., 74 Cornhill, E.C.3, and 26 Old Bond Street, W.1, or at the gates on the day. Unreserved seats at 1s. are obtainable at the gates on the day. Two special matches will be played on Whit-Monday, viz. the Empire (Prince of Wales's Cup) and Hurlingham v. An Army Team. Matches commence 3 p.m., and gates are open at 2 p.m. Teas and light refreshments can be obtained in the public enclosure. It should be specially noted that the public entrances are in Broomhouse Lane only, and the nearest station is Parsons Green.

Indian and Eastern Garden Party.

The Princess Royal will attend the Indian Empire and Eastern garden party at the Hurlingham Club on July 4th. There will be community singing by 2,000 disabled ex-Service men, Chelsea Pensioners, and school children, and a polo match—India v. The World—for the Indian Princes' Challenge Shield.

Capt. F. A. Gill.

Polo players in London and elsewhere will regret to learn that Capt. F. A. Gill, for many years one of the most popular figures in the game, was unable to resume his duties as polo manager at Ranelagh at the start of the season on account of illness. For the time it is understood that Capt. L. H. H. Harris, assistant polo manager and official umpire, will carry on Capt. Gill's work during the latter's absence.



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THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AT RANELAGH.

H.R.H., who for many seasons has been a keen player, was one of those taking part in members' games at Ranelagh during the first week in May.

Osmaston Manor.

There will not be a polo week at Osmaston Manor this year for various reasons. Sir Ian Walker made this announcement when presiding at the recent annual meeting of the Ashbourne Cottage Hospital. He promised to open the Manor and the gardens on a day during the summer in aid of the Hospital.

Opening Match at Penshurst.

An inaugural match this season for the Penshurst (late Eridge) Polo Club took place on April 16th, on the Penshurst Aerodrome, where there are three good grounds of full size. Particulars of the club and its new arrangements were given in last month's issue. There was a big crowd to witness a game between teams known as Kent and Sussex. The new ground played well and the polo was fast and interesting. Kent was represented by Mr. G. W. Williams (No. 1), Capt. P. J. Butler (No. 2), Mr. W. H. Whitbread (No. 3) and Capt. H. P. Guinness (back); while Sussex was very largely Cowdray, consisting of Lord Cowdray (No. 1), Capt. P. W. Dollar (No. 2), Mr. J. Lakin (No. 3), and Major J. F. Harrison (back). Kent totalled 18 goals and received a start of half a goal on handicap. A close struggle resulted in the defeat of Sussex by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 6. Capt. Guinness was in fine hitting form for the winners.

The Forward Seat.

In the course of a letter on the forward seat in riding, published in *Country Life*, Lord Cholmondeley writes: "At present we have adopted the Italian method with marked success for show jumping, and I feel that the advantage would be the same in hunting, steeplechasing and polo. Having some experience of the latter game, I am convinced that it is not cash or superior ponies which enable the Americans to win the Cup time after time. It is the slumping back on to the cantle of the saddle. With my own eyes I saw two goals lost in this manner in the last International match. The American, on a stop and turn for the ball, with his more compact seat, was off and away while the Englishman unconsciously stopped his pony by letting all his weight fall on the weakest part of his pony, thereby losing two or three valuable lengths."

A Loss to the 17th/21st Lancers.

A great loss has befallen the 17th/21st Lancers by the death of one of its best young officers and polo players in Mr. B. H. Turner, who was killed in a motor-car accident on April 22nd while returning to Meerut from Delhi. Handicapped at 3 points, he was assured of quick promotion in polo. He was a member of the 17th/21st Lancers team which during the past season won the Indian Inter-Regimental. Mr. Turner was No. 3 in the team, whose other members comprised Major R. B. B. B. Cooke, Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell, and Capt. H. C. Walford. In the final the 17th/21st defeated the 13th/18th Hussars by 10 goals to 4, Mr. Turner playing particularly well. He also assisted the regiment to win the Subalterns' Cup, the same regiments meeting in the final.

Mr. A. Auriol Barker.

In our March issue it was announced that Mr. A. Auriol Barker, having retired from the Council of the National Pony Society on



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FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON—AT PENSHURST ON EASTER SATURDAY.

A gallop in the match between Kent and Sussex, showing Mr. W. H. Whitbread hitting the ball and Capt. P. W. Dollar in close pursuit.

account of ill-health, had been elected an honorary life member of the Society, in appreciation of his support and work over many years. On April 11th this veteran of polo died at Barrowhill, Worcester Park, Surrey, at the age of eighty-nine. Born at Baslow, Derbyshire, he was educated at Repton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and then became a solicitor, having chambers in South Square, Gray's Inn, for very many years. His early life was devoted to hunting and steeplechasing, and as a boy, when living at Bolton Hall, in Cumberland, he kept a rough pack of foxhounds, which, with his brothers, he hunted on foot. At Repton he was in the eleven, and on going up to Cambridge in 1870 he soon proved himself as an athlete and was unlucky to miss his Blue for running by reason of a dislocated foot. After that he became a familiar figure with the Surrey Stagounds, now no longer in existence, and also used to hunt with the Whaddon Chase. At this time, according to an obituary notice in *The Times*, he was a keen steeplechase rider at Lingfield and neighbouring meetings, having numerous victories with his well-known horse Best Man.

Old Polo Days.

In about 1902 Mr. Auriol Barker turned his attentions to polo, and was one of the founders of the original Worcester Park Polo Club, and its first honorary secretary. He continued to take an active part in polo until over eighty years of age, and then sent up some ponies to Messrs. Tattersall's as "the property of a gentleman who is giving up polo." At eighty-two he was still a most active follower of the Mid-Surrey Draghounds, on one occasion having to be extricated from beneath his horse in a ditch, an accident, however, which did not deter him for long, as the same year he was winning gymkhana events at Ranelagh. He was always difficult to beat in these competitions. In later years, although no longer taking part in competitive polo, he continued to play in practice games on his own ground, and was regularly to be seen at Tattersall's on the look-out for a likely pony. He kept a record of all his deals in horses and ponies. In 1881 he married Isabella Cockerton, who survives him. His only son, Digby Auriol-Barker, who played polo for Cambridge, died in 1921, and he leaves two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Match at Tidworth.

On May 4th the Duke of Gloucester played No. 1 for the 10th Hussars' team against Someries House, at Tidworth. Someries House won a close six-chukker match by 5 goals to 4. The Duchess of Gloucester watched the game. The teams were: *Someries House*: Col. Sir Harold Wernher, No. 1; Capt. Critchley, No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 3; Capt. D. Miller (back). *10th Hussars*: Duke of Gloucester, No. 1; Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, No. 2; Major C. B. Harvey, No. 3; Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee (back). The Duke of Gloucester has also been playing at Ranelagh this month.

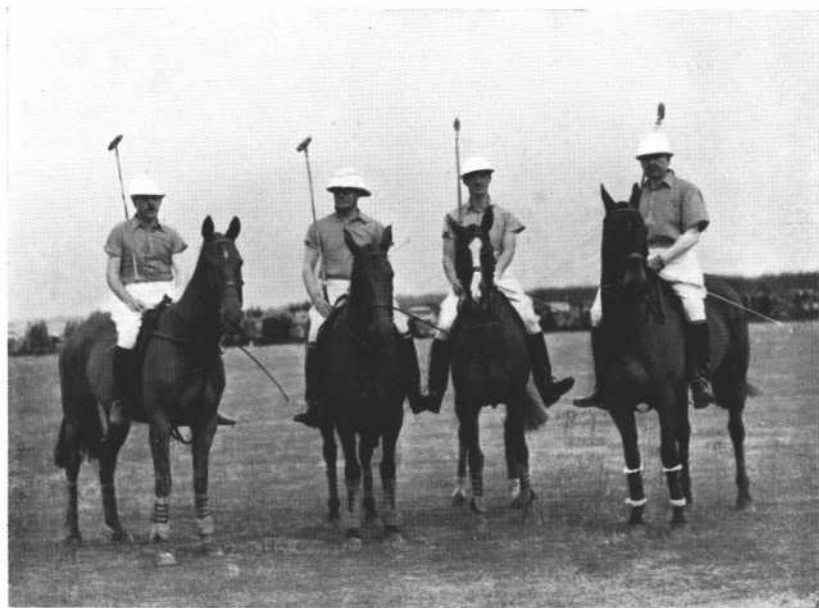


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THE KENT TEAM.

This side met Sussex in the opening match of the season at the Penshurst (late Eridge) club. The players comprise Capt. H. P. Guinness, Mr. W. H. Whitbread, Capt. P. J. Butler, and Mr. G. W. Williams.



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THE SUSSEX TEAM.

The members of this side in the inaugural match at the Penshurst Club were Lord Cowdray, Capt. P. W. Dollar, Mr. J. Lakin, and Major J. F. Harrison.

Belgium.

Play started on March 29th at the Royal Antwerp Polo Club, eighteen players being on the list. The Antwerp and Brussels clubs have invited between themselves the team of the 12th Chasseurs of Sedan, the champion French regiment (total handicap 12) for a series of matches to be played early in May in both towns. The annual International tournament is to take place at the end of August at the old Antwerp Club. A team from England will once more be invited. Cheltenham have now visited Belgium for the fourth time, and as they are holders both of the Junior and Open Cups, it is expected they will defend their titles. Mr. Alfred Grisar, the ever-active president and founder of the Antwerp Polo Club, who plays in London and Antwerp, has engaged this year the services of Mr. John Shedden, son of Mr. L. H. Shedden, to act as manager in Belgium.

From the Argentine.

At the London clubs this season we are to see a remarkably fine selection of ponies from many parts of the world—the Argentine, the U.S.A., Australia and India. Some particulars of the Argentine ponies bought by the Purchasing Committee of Hurlingham, which have lately been at Osmaston Manor under the care of Major J. Vere Foster, appeared in the *Field* of April 30th. We are told that the chesnut gelding Gringo, eight years old, looks, by comparison with the others, a small pony, but in fact that is deceptive, and he is up to lots of weight, having carried Mr. J. Cavanagh, a large man, in the Argentine Open Championship in 1936 and last year. He is by Crisologo, is remarkably fast, and was champion pony at Venado Tuerto show. Then there is Federal, a seven-year-old black gelding, by Yaneza Pincon out of Federación, good looking, but with an enormous amount in front and an abnormally long neck. He has a beautifully fluent action and is a lovely pony to play. He was played by Mr. Luis Duggan in last year's Open Championship. Inez, a grey gelding, seven years old, is by Missetoe (by Craganour), sire of many famous ponies, out of Curiosity, who in spite of her looks, won many races. Her son takes after her, for he is not lovely to look at, but has inherited her speed. After all, "handsome is as handsome does," and this pony has earned his reputation. He is extremely fast, and was played last year by Mr. S. A. Casares in the Open and the Championship.

High-Class Performers.

From the point of view of looks (continues the same correspondent) Atalanta, a brown or black eight-year-old mare, is one of the best. She was bred by Mr. John Benitz, by Dhotti out of Lady Tiny, and played by him in the Open Championship in 1936 and 1937. She is a lovely ride, well up to weight (she stands as near as makes no matter 15.3) and has perfect

manners. She won second prize at Palermo, and has regularly been ridden by a small girl aged nine. Of the more recent arrivals Alarido, a bay gelding, by Rico out of a mare by Belsire, bred by Mr. Alberdis, is an enormous animal, standing 16-1, and has gained an outstanding reputation. He was actually played in open polo as a four-year-old, and "flat out" at that, showing the most amazing speed. One would have imagined that that would have pretty well done him in, but in fact he has a beautiful mouth and is a glorious stamp of horse. Great things are expected of him. Perla, a chesnut mare, is a thoroughbred, and winner of races, but owing to somewhat



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THE RANGERS, A POWERFUL TEAM FROM THE U.S.A.

This picture of Mr. Charles Wrightsman's team was taken at Hurlingham on May 7th, when they won a practice game against Edmundsbury. Left to right: Major N. W. Leaf, Mr. E. Tyrrell-Martin, Mr. Cecil Smith, and Mr. C. B. Wrightsman. The team will be joined by Mr. A. Roark.

casual management of her getting, so one gathers, she goes down as "pedigree unknown." She is a grand type of pony, fast, and is wonderfully handy with cattle.

Biarritz.

In the course of the past season at Biarritz matches were played between teams made up of officers of the 20th Regiment de Dragons and the 20th Regiment de Hussards. These were followed by matches between army and civilian players. From August 14th onwards various tournaments were held. The following is a list of winners:—Coupe Mappin and Webb—*Whites* (Lieut. de Vallande, M. Peters, Lieut. de Praingy and Lieut.

Darizcuren). Coupe de la Ville de Biarritz—*Civils* (Comte du Bourg de Bozas, M. P. de Eyzaguirre, M. Gautier and M. Loewenstein). Coupe Capel—*Militaires* (Capt. de Carrère, Lieut. Brau, Lieut. Darizcuren, Comte du Bourg de Bozas). Coupe des Casinos—*Militaires* (Capt. de Carrère, Lieut. Darizcuren, Capt. Brau and Comte du Bourg de Bozas). Coupe Molyneux—*Militaires* (Capt. de Carrère, Lieut. Darizcuren, Capt. Brau and Comte du Bourg de Bozas). Coupe Mackey—*Militaires* (Capt. de Carrère, Capt. Brau, Lieut. Darizcuren, and Lieut. Melix).

Polo in Algeria.

A successful polo tournament was recently held in Algeria by clubs affiliated to the French Polo Federation. This took place under the auspices of the municipality of Biskra and was noteworthy for the good quality of the polo displayed both by military and civilian players. Other polo tournaments will be held this year at Constantine, Philippeville, and other centres of Algerian polo. The results of the recent tournaments were: The Championnat Militaire du Département de Constantine was won by a team from the 30th Régiment de Spahis, comprising Capt. Cazelles, Capt. Gassiat, Adjudant Minel and Maréchal-des-Logis Chef Lefaur; the Coupe de la Fédération de Polo, an American tournament, was won by the Whites, comprising Capt. Cazelles, Maréchal-des-Logis Larroude, M. Roger Grima and M. Marcel Kaouki; the Coupe de Civile d'Algérie was won by the Blues, consisting of Capt. de Foucaucourt, Capt. Gassiat, M. Roger Grima and M. Marcel Kaouki; the Coupe de Clôture, contested by three teams, went to the Whites, comprising Capt. Bart, Capt. de Bouetiez, Capt. Cazelles and M. J. Bertagna. The Syndicat d'Initiative de Biskra, presided over by M. Bougault, entertained the players at dinner, at which the Mayor of Biskra thanked the chief organiser, Capt. Cazelles, Commandant L'Escadrons de Spahis, for the fine polo they had provided.

Australian Ponies.

Before the opening of the season Mr. R. Skene was at Osmaston with seven Australian ponies, the best of which are likely to be included in the stud to go to Meadow Brook for next year's International matches. According to the *Field*, on whose article on April 30th we draw again, these are all second-season ponies of grand quality, with plenty of substance. Persil, a seven-year-old bay mare, by Silvius (who ran second in the Melbourne Cup), should have been over here last summer, had it not been for an accident in her stable. She is a real polo type of pony. Ebony, a black mare by Greenstead, looks a glorious pony, is tremendously fast and handy, and loves the game. Pandora, a brown mare by Talisman, is one of the best of a good lot, and to see her "get into" her pony when it comes to riding off, is a joy to the eyes. A Moment, by Promised Land, is a real "character," and Sea Foam, a racing mare, is a very promising young one. Reveillé, a big bay gelding, bred by Mr. Harry Bell, also looks to be an ideal weight-carrying

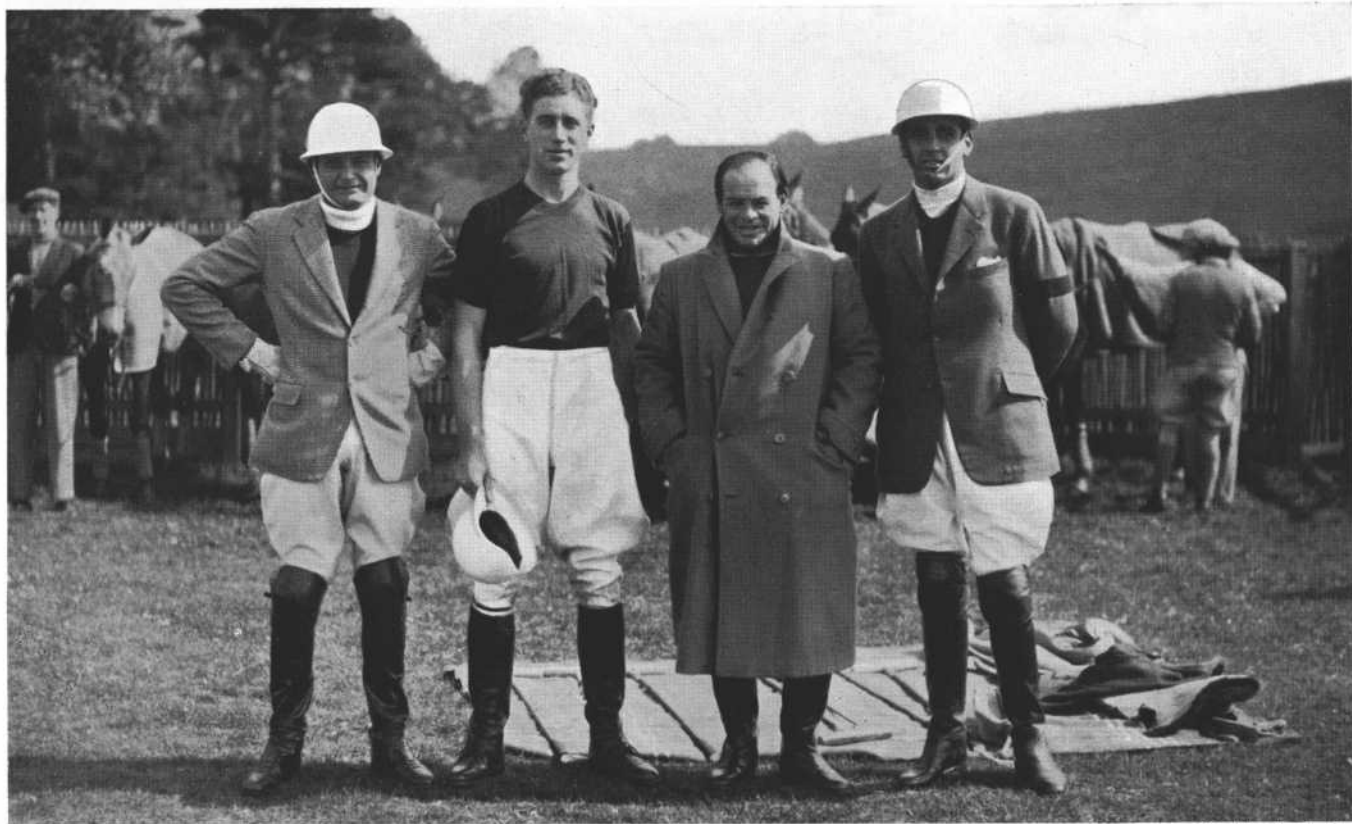


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[R. Kingsley Tayler.

THE ARGENTINE TEAM NOW ON VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Left to right: Mr. R. Loewenstein, Mr. R. Cavanagh, Mr. H. H. Hughes, and Mr. R. Santamarina. After preliminary games at the West Somerset Club the visitors went on to London, where their presence will be one of the features of the new season.

pony, and his handiness, acquired in "working" cattle, is really phenomenal. Two Crees, a bay mare, seven years old, by Crescendo out of Cree, was left behind sick, and has only recently arrived. She has won races, and is very fast. Apart from their good looks, these Australian ponies impress one by the evidence of wonderfully competent and patient schooling.

Mounts for the Gauchos.

The Argentine ponies which are being ridden by Mr. R. Loewenstein's team, the Gauchos, went to Melton after landing in this country, and then on to Dunster, where they were inspected by the polo correspondent of *The Times*, who published a glowing account of them on May 3rd. Mr. Santamarina, states this writer, is a big, heavy man, and his string are nearer 16 hands than 15.3. Mona Liza, a bay thoroughbred mare, won first prizes at the Palermo and Hurlingham Shows. Sol De Oro, a chesnut gelding by Morfeo (by Craganour), who is said to be remarkably fast. Paraguay, a chesnut gelding, has experience in the Argentine Championship. All the rest are big upstanding horses. Mr. R. Cavanagh's string are rather smaller, but with plenty of substance, and perhaps rather more of the traditional type of polo pony. Perico, a chesnut gelding of unknown breeding, has characteristics of the Arab or Barb horse. Partefiño, a brown gelding, is also of a real polo type, and Malibu, a bay gelding, of Duggan breeding, has appeared in the final of the Argentine Open Cup. Mr. Hesketh Hughes's ponies are smallish, but strong and obviously full of quality. Notable are Patroncito, a brown gelding bred by Mr. Martinez de Hoz at Chapadmalal. There is also La Nata, a light chesnut, who played last year in the Open, and Dinah, a bay mare who is really fast. The Craganour blood is represented in Tercio Pelo, by Morfeo, bred by Mr. Duggan, and another exceptionally fast pony. Giron-dino, an entire bay pony by Double Hackle, a winner on the flat, nearly perished on the voyage. Mr. Loewenstein's ponies include four bred by Mr. A. Peña. Bajo is a good-looking and fast dun pony, and Conde, a really grand pony. Among other good ones are Chiquita, an exceptional performer, by Monoculo, Gandi, who was played by Mr. Knox in the Open Cup in 1937. Milonga, a bay mare by Dark Emerald, won a first at the Palermo Show. Still at Melton is La Occurencia, a black mare, possibly the best of this string.

All-Polo Review.

In its issue of May 6th the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* publishes an excellent Polo Review, comprising various articles and many illustrations of great interest. The pictures include a double page reproduction in colour of Gilbert Holiday's fine painting "The Westchester Cup—Hurlingham, 1936," the property of the Hurlingham Club. Major G. H. Phipps-Hornby deals with "Developments in Modern Polo," Lieut.-Col. J. R. C. Gannon with "The Origin of English Polo," and Mr. David Livingstone-Learmonth with "The

London Polo Clubs." There is also a comprehensive article on "Polo in the Provinces." Among the changes in the game referred to by Major Phipps-Hornby is the difference in the duties of the No. 1 which has been brought about by modern polo tactics. "With the offside rule in force," he writes, "the lot of a No. 1 was, like the policeman's, not a happy one. In attack he always had to have one of the opposing side between him and the goal he was attacking when the ball was last hit. Many a cunning old back had a knack of checking his pony just as the ball was hit, so that he put the No. 1 offside and then the latter had either to risk the penalty if he went for the ball, or pull out and watch the back take the back-hander unmolested. For the No. 1 it was everlastingly 'Leave it,' 'Ride your man', 'Take him out,' etc., and with, necessarily, at least half a length the worst of the start what chance had he against a well-mounted back who know his job and had a certain amount of weight? As far as I remember, they usually had a good deal! The result was usually an hour of stern chases up and down the ground riding into back-handers, and at the end of it a disgruntled player with some lame ponies. From this time on the tables were turned, and, instead of the No. 1 hunting the back, it was, and very often is, the case of the back hunting the No. 1. In fact, to-day, for a well-mounted player with some long hitters behind him, No. 1 is the best place in the team. With the abolition of the offside rule in 1912 pace and length came into their own." "Polo Rules in Pictures" is another attractive feature of this *Sporting and Dramatic* review.

Cape Hunt and Polo Club.

Writing on April 20th Mr. J. M. Wilks, hon. secretary of the Cape Hunt and Polo Club, reports as follows: "Our polo season is nearing its close, as we play from the middle of October to the end of May. Our own tournament took place during the first week in April, when we had seven teams participating. The final for the Labia Cup, played on handicap, was won by a Johannesburg team, Bedford Park, with a 16-goal handicap. The Consolation Handicap was won by Matatiele from East Griqualand, with a 13-goal handicap. Our "A" team, with eight goals, were finalists in the Labia Cup; we were beaten 14 goals to 12. Our "A" team leaves to participate in the O.F.S. and Basutoland championships held at Bloemfontein. I am pleased to report that for the first time for several years Naval officers of the Africa Station are playing polo, and prove very enthusiastic members of this club."



HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION.

The Council for 1938.

The Hurlingham Polo Association, formerly known as the Hurlingham Club Polo Committee, has just issued at 2s. 6d. the fifty-first edition of its annual handbook. This is arranged in five parts. The first gives the personnel of the Association and its various Committees, affiliated clubs and associations, regulations governing constitution, powers and procedure of the H.P.A., the constitution, powers and duties of Stewards, and the official Handicapping Committee. It also affords particulars of the newly-constituted London Polo Committee, made up of Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten (chairman), Lord Cowdray, Capt. D. Dawnay and the polo managers of the three London clubs. A statement as to the duties of the new Committee has already appeared in THE POLO MONTHLY.

Part II of the Hurlingham handbook sets out the programme of tournaments in London and in the country. Useful features are the method of drawing tournaments, the lay-out of boarded polo grounds, and the dimensions of a polo board.

Part III gives the Hurlingham Polo Association rules of polo. The fourth section is devoted to notes for umpires and other officials. In the concluding section is found the Official Handicap List, containing the names of more than 1,300 players.

Only a few changes have been made since last year in the Hurlingham Polo Association Council. Capt. D. J. E. Norton is newly nominated by the Hurlingham Club, Capt. D. Dawnay by the Roehampton Club, Mr. G. W. Williams by the County Polo Association, Major M. Cox and Brigadier F. Gwatkin by the Indian Polo Association, Mr. P. S. Willsallen and Mr. Irwin Burges by the Australian Polo Council, Mr. T. M. Winsley by the Malayan Polo Association, and Col. A. T. Miller by the All-Jamaica Polo Association. The following are members of the Council for 1938:

England.

Nominated by the Hurlingham Club: Lieut.-Col. R. G. Ritson (chairman), Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P. (*ex-officio* as Chairman of the Hurlingham Club), Major Rex L. Benson, Major G. H. Fanshawe, Major J. F. Harrison, the Earl of Kimberley, Mr. J. G. Morrison, Capt. D. J. E. Norton, Sir Ian Walker and Mr. W. H. Whitbread.

Ranelagh Club: Capt. A. H. Barclay and Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Roehampton Club: Viscount Cowdray and Capt. D. Dawnay.

Royal Naval Polo Association and Hunt Club: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.

Army Polo Association: Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe, Lieut.-Col. W. A. F. L. Fox-Pitt, Lieut.-Col. R. L. McCreery, Lieut.-Col. H. E. Russell and Lieut.-Col. G. E. Younghusband.

Royal Air Force Polo Association: Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin.

County Polo Association: Mr. Kenneth Dawson, Major N. W. Leaf, Col. V. N. Lockett, Major J. S. Mason, Major K. G. Menzies, Mr. W. Riley Smith, Major A. L. Tate and Mr. G. W. Williams.

Empire and Overseas.

All-Ireland Polo Club: Major T. W. Kirkwood, Mr. John McCann and Mr. J. W. Shackleton.

Indian Polo Association: Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Col. R. B. Butler, Major M. Cox, Brigadier F. Gwatkin and Mr. C. Ismay.

South African Polo Association: Capt. R. E. Helme and Col. T. P. Melvill.

Egypt Polo Association: Brigadier A. L. I. Friend and Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller.

New Zealand Polo Association: Col. Lord Barnby.

Australian Polo Council: Mr. P. S. Willsallen and Mr. Irwin Burges.

Canada: Mr. H. C. Cox (Toronto) and Major H. B. McDougall (Montreal).

Kenya Polo Association (British East Africa): Col. C. M. Truman.

Nigerian Polo Association (British West Africa): Capt. J. L. Proudlock, R.A.

Malayan Polo Association (British East Indies): Mr. T. M. Winsley.

All-Jamaica Polo Association (British West Indies): Col. A. T. Miller.

COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee and Stewards: Lieut.-Col. R. G. Ritson (chairman), Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, Major J. S. Mason, Lieut.-Col. H. E. Russell, Major Rex L. Benson, Viscount Cowdray, Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe, Major J. F. Harrison and Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Handicapping Committee: Earl of Kimberley (chairman), Capt. D. J. E. Norton, Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Younghusband, Mr. Kenneth Dawson, Major K. G. Menzies, Mr. W. Riley Smith and Major A. L. Tate.

Selection and Management Committee: Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gairdner (chairman), Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Major J. F. Harrison, Col. V. N. Lockett and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.

Trustees: Lieut.-Col. R. G. Ritson and Mr. J. B. Young.

Secretary: Lieut.-Col. J. R. C. Gannon.

The following is a list of clubs abroad that have intimated their intention of playing under Hurlingham Polo Association rules:

Tamale Gymkhana Club (1925), Malayan Polo Association (1926), Colombo Polo Club (1928), Accra Polo Club (1930), Shanghai Polo Club (1931), Country Club Diplomatique (1936), Oakville Polo Club (Ontario) (1936), and Hamburger Polo Club (1937).

Players handicapped at 4 points and over at Hurlingham are as follow :

10 POINTS.

Gerald Balding (India), Stewart B. Iglehart (U.S.A.) and Cecil Smith (U.S.A.).

9 POINTS.

Rao Raja Hanut Singh (India), H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur (India) and Capt. C. T. I. Roark (U.S.A.).

8 POINTS.

H.H. the Nawab of Bhopal (India), Capt. H. P. Guinness (London), Eric Pedley (U.S.A.), Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (India) and E. H. Tyrrell-Martin (U.S.A.).

7 POINTS.

Rao Raja Abhey Singh (Jodhpur), G. G. Ashton (Australia), J. H. Ashton (Australia), Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson (London), Capt. D. Dawnay (10th Hussars), E. T. Gerry (U.S.A.), Winston F. C. Guest (U.S.A.), E. A. S. Hopping (U.S.A.), H. Hesketh Hughes (London), J. P. Mills (U.S.A.), Major C. E. Pert (London), Aidan Roark (U.S.A.), Capt. P. B. Sanger (India), R. Skene (London) and Capt. H. C. Walford (17th/21st Lancers).

6 POINTS.

Kunwar Amar Singh (India), Capt. M. P. Ansell (5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards), R. R. Ashton (Australia), Capt. R. A. G. Bingley (11th Hussars), Capt. W. F. Butler (13th/18th Hussars), Henri Couturié (France), Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe (Queen's Bays), Major B. J. Fowler (R.H.A.), Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gairdner (10th Hussars), Major W. R. N. Hinde (15th/19th Hussars), Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (London), Seymour H. Knox (U.S.A.), J. Lakin (London), Lieut.-Col. R. L. McCreery (12th Lancers), Capt. W. S. McCreery (U.S.A.), T. J. Mather (U.S.A.), Capt. H. G. Morrison (London) and R. E. Strawbridge, junr. (U.S.A.).

5 POINTS.

Rao Raja Abhey Singh (Kashmir), Lieut.-Col. C. W. Allfrey (R.H.A.), Capt. F. G. B. Arkwright (12th Lancers), Capt. P. J. Butler (Penshurst), Major J. C. Campbell (R.H.A.), Major R. B. B. Cooke (17th/21st Lancers), Capt. G. H. Critchley (India), Major G. H. Fanshawe (Queen's Bays), Tom Guy (U.S.A.), Capt. R. G. Hanmer (India), Capt. L. H. H. Harris (London), Major J. F. Harrison (London), Major C. B. C. Harvey (10th Hussars), Earle Hopping (U.S.A.), H. H. Howard (U.S.A.), H.H. the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir (India), Daniel M. Kearney (London), Major-Gen. Nawab Khusru Jung Bahadur (India), Major T. W. Kirkwood (Ireland), Capt. M. J.

Lindsay (King's Dragoon Guards), Col. V. N. Lockett (Beaufort), Capt. W. W. A. Loring (Indian Army), Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen (10th Hussars), A. H. McConnel (Stoke d'Abernon), Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten (Royal Navy), Major G. H. Phipps-Hornby (London), Marquis de Portago (London), Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (London), E. Rasson (London), J. P. Robinson (London), S. Sanford (India), Capt. R. B. Sheppard (7th Hussars), J. A. E. Traill (London), Capt. C. H. Tremayne (London) and Capt. H. D. Tucker (India).

4 POINTS.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. Aizlewood (4th Dragoon Guards), H. S. Backhouse (London), Capt. J. N. Bailey (Rugby), Lieut.-Col. E. Brassey (Beaufort), A. Bullock (Beaufort), Capt. W. G. Carr (12th Lancers), Capt. H. W. L. Cowan (R.H.A.), Viscount Cowdray (London), Capt. R. A. Critchley (13th/18th Hussars), Capt. R. O. Critchley (India), Capt. J. de Pret-Roose (London), Lieut.-Col. J. D. L. de Wend-Fenton (Tidworth), C. H. S. Dixon (Stoke d'Abernon), Capt. P. W. Dollar (4th Hussars), Major G. W. C. Draffen (Queen's Bays), Capt. H. C. Elton (R.H.A.), Major A. H. Ferguson (Life Guards), Capt. R. L. Findlay (Royal Scots Greys), E. B. Forwood (Rugby), Capt. W. H. Gardiner (India), Major J. M. Graham (London), Hamidullah Khan (London), Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (1st Royal Dragoons), Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell (17th/21st Lancers), Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. E. W. Harman (Aldershot Command), R. W. Hobson (12th Lancers), W. F. Holman (Cheltenham), Brig. F. B. Hurndall (Tidworth), G. E. V. Keighley (Cheltenham), Capt. G. J. Kidston (12th Lancers), Capt. G. P. Kilkelly (8th Hussars), Capt. R. G. P. Kilkelly (India), Commander C. E. Lambe (Royal Navy), Capt. J. G. Leaf (15th/19th Hussars), Major N. W. Leaf (London), Capt. H. W. Lloyd, Capt. M. H. E. Lopes (Royal Scots Greys), Lieut.-Col. J. G. Lowther (Rugby), J. Martin (Ireland), Capt. J. M. W. Martin (India), Capt. Sir T. F. Meyrick (London), Capt. Desmond C. J. Miller (17th/21st Lancers), Capt. E. H. G. Moon (15th/19th Hussars), Major R. A. R. Neville (Royal Marines), Capt. D. J. C. Norton (London), Capt. E. W. E. Palmes (London), R. S. G. Perry (9th Lancers), Capt. A. W. M. S. Pilkington (London), T. Price (Cheltenham), Major W. R. Revell-Smith (R.A.), Hon. W. K. Rous (London), H. B. Scott (1st Royal Dragoons), Capt. L. H. Shedden (Beaufort), H.M. the King of Spain (London), Capt. F. F. F. Spicer (Beaufort), Major A. L. Tate (Rugby), Capt. R. W. Verelst (Osmaston), Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller (8th Hussars), Capt. F. J. S. Whetstone (5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards), and Capt. A. S. Wills (Rugby).



REVISIONS OF THE RULES.

Among the changes made since last season in the Hurlingham Polo Association Rules of Polo is the rewording of the regulation for the blowing of the umpire's whistle. This section of General Rule 7 now reads:

The whistle should only be blown when it is intended to stop the game for an infringement of the rules, for injury or accident to player or pony, etc., except as legislated for in paragraph (e); the whistle should, therefore, not be blown when the ball goes out of play, over the side lines or through the goal, or over the back line, except when hit by a defending player. If, however, play continues after the ball has gone over the back or side line, the umpire must use his whistle to stop the game.

NOTE.—If the umpire wishes to stop the game for a penalty, or other occasion necessitating time being deducted, he should blow one firm blast on his whistle. On the few occasions when he wishes to stop the game without time being deducted (e.g., the ball crossing the back or side line and being hit into play again) he should blow two sharp blasts.

Field Rule 7, relating to the beginning of a match, now reads:

At the beginning of the game the two teams shall line up in the middle of the ground, each team being on its own side of the centre line. The umpire shall bowl the ball underhand and hard between the opposing ranks of players, from a distance of not less than five yards, the players remaining stationary until the ball has left his hand.

In connection with Field Rule 17, which lays it down that "no player shall ride dangerously," the following is added to the offences for which Penalties 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 may be applied:

(d) Riding at an opponent in such a manner as to intimidate and cause him to pull out, or miss his stroke, although no foul or cross actually occurs.

Penalty 10, which covers offences of Field Rules 1, 2 and 3, has been altered to read:

If a pony or player be ordered off the ground under Field Rules 1, 2 or 3, play must not be stopped to allow the offender to change his pony. The case of a pony blind of an eye must be reported to the Stewards of the Hurlingham Polo Association, or, if the case occurs abroad, to the competent authority.

Notes for Umpires.

Following the valuable notes for umpires in the latest edition of the Hurlingham handbook—notes which should be carefully

studied before any player offers himself for umpiring duties—the following “general remarks” are made:

It is important that in advertised games at polo clubs, and where public money is being taken, the game should start at the time advertised. While this is really the business of the Polo Manager in a big club, Umpires should be ready strictly on time, and should ride out to the centre of the ground two minutes before the time for the game to start.

Field Rule 9.—Remember that, if by half-time no goals have been scored, ends will be changed.

Remember that, if a goal has been scored, it is laid down that the teams should return to the centre at the pace of a slow trot; it will be found that in an exciting match, when the score is level or nearly level and the last chukker is being played, one team or the other, or both, will gallop back to the centre to get the ball thrown in. Remember to stick to the same pace, i.e. the trot, in returning to the throw-in.

Field Rule 21 (a) states: “If a pony falls, or if a player or a pony be injured, or in case of an accident to a pony’s gear, which in the opinion of the Umpire involves danger to the player, or other players, the Umpire shall stop the game.”

It is not considered practicable to lay down hard and fast rules as to what accident to a pony’s gear is dangerous or not. For instance, a broken martingale may not be dangerous, but if broken in such a way that one end trails along the ground, it obviously is so.

As a guide it may be accepted that, generally, a broken curb chain, a broken leather, and, in some cases, a broken martingale, are not considered dangerous; they are, moreover, the result of careless stable supervision; and the player concerned will have to change his pony if he wishes without the game being stopped. Responsibility for deciding what is or is not dangerous, however, must remain with the Umpire, *vide* the rule.

Remember that if a game ends in a tie at the end of the final chukker the game must carry on after the bell is rung until the ball goes out of play.

Finally: never get into an argument with the players. Under General Rule 5 (b), page 57, no player is allowed to appeal to the Umpires. It is unnecessary to discuss anything with the players while playing, or explain reasons for giving any decision; but, in the interests of the game, when it is finished, a discussion on the game and the fouls that occurred will be helpful, particularly to younger players.



PROSPECTS AT THE COUNTY CLUBS.*

Aldershot Command.

Capt. J. H. F. Collingwood, 4th Hussars, whose address is Hut 26, Steele's Road, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot, is the honorary secretary of the Aldershot Command Polo Club, of which Brigadier C. W. M. Norrie, Commander 1st Cavalry Brigade, is chairman. The cost of playing is difficult to assess, as membership of the Officers' Club, Aldershot, is the only subscription that is enforced upon players. There is no possibility of hiring ponies, as all ponies are the private property of members. There are about thirty-five to forty players. Inter-Regimental contests between the R.H.A., the K.D.G.s, the 3rd and the 4th Hussars will be keen, as they decide which team is to compete in the semi-final in London. An additional attraction is a challenge match between the Army side and one of the visiting teams from abroad, to be played on June 15th. The teams for this match have not yet been decided. There are five grounds, all boarded, the three principal ones being on the Queen's Avenue, Aldershot. The usual playing days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Appended are particulars of tournaments:

May 9th to 16th.—Novices' Tournament holders: Wellington Lines "B," Royal Artillery). Conditions: No team to aggregate more than 8 points, under handicap allowance. Matches to be of four chukkers.

June 6th to 11th.—The Aldershot Polo Week. Aldershot Challenge Cup (holders: Royal Artillery). Conditions: Open to the world, under handicap. No team to exceed a total of 20 points, and no team to claim a start of more than 10 goals. Matches to be of six chukkers.

A Subsidiary Tournament (holders: 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards) to run concurrently with the above, for teams beaten in the first round, and other teams not entered in the Aldershot Cup. Conditions: As for Aldershot Challenge Cup. Matches to be of four chukkers.

July 11th to 16th.—King's Dragoon Guards (Low Handicap) Cup (holders: Willems House). Conditions: No team to aggregate more than 10 points. To be played under handicap allowance. Matches to be of four chukkers.

3rd King's Own Hussars Cup. Conditions and date to be notified later.

* Reports on the prospects at Cheltenham, Edinburgh, Harrogate, Kirtlington Park, North Staffordshire, Rhinefield, Rugby, Stoke d'Abernon, Taunton Vale, Toulston, Ulster, West Somerset and other county clubs were published last month.

Divisional Novices' Tournament. Arrangements have been made for chukkers to be made out at 4th Hussars Officers' Mess (Telephone: Aldershot 222). Chukker Secretary: Lieut. S. T. Eve, 4th Q.O. Hussars.

Fleet.

Fleet Polo Club, whose hon. secretary is Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe, Ancells Farm, Fleet, Hants, is looking forward to a very successful season and has several new members. The grounds are in splendid order, and no amount of rain now will stop play. Players on leave from abroad will find all the facilities they require at this club, near London—good grounds, ponies for hire, numerous local tournaments and comfortable accommodation in the district. Mr. E. Tyrrell-Martin and Major N. W. Leaf will be playing here during the early part of the season, and no doubt many more London players will follow their example in the future and discover the wonderful facilities the club can offer for getting ponies fit, etc.

Manchester.

Prospects here are quite good. The club has about twenty-five playing members and about twenty-five non-playing members, and in spite of the many difficulties which attend country polo in these days, such as the shortness of the season, the vagaries of the weather and the difficulty of attracting young people, Manchester Polo Club manages to keep going and to increase its membership somewhat. The honorary secretary and treasurer is Mr. F. E. F. Spiegelberg, The Coppice, South Downs Road, Bowdon, Cheshire (telephones: Altrincham 136 and Central 3971). Mr. O. G. Moseley is president and Mr. D. P. G. Moseley is captain. The following are fixtures for the season: Saturday, May 7th, opening game; Saturday, May 14th, first tournament; Saturday, May 21st, match; Saturday, May 28th, tournament; Saturday, June 4th, match; Monday, June 6-11th, tournament; Saturday, June 18th, Toulston at Ashley; Saturday, June 25th, North Staffordshire at Ashley; Friday, July 1st, Polo Ball; Saturday, July 2nd, tournament; Tuesday, July 5-9th, County Cup at Ashley; Saturday, July 16th, v. Toulston, away; Saturday, July 16th, v. North Staffordshire, away; Saturday, July 23rd, tournament; Saturday, July 30th, Gymkhana at Ashley. Club practice games are played on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5 o'clock. On Saturdays, matches and tournaments at 3 p.m.

Meynell.

This club is looking forward to a successful season. There will be about fourteen playing members, which is almost the same number as last season. Play began last month on the Osmaston Polo Ground, by kind permission of Sir Ian Walker. The days of play throughout the season will be Mondays and Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m., and Saturdays at 3 p.m. The club has five ponies for hire at 10s. a chukker, on application to the honorary

secretary, who for the present season is Capt. R. B. Moseley, The Dog and Partridge Hotel, Tutbury. It is hoped that matches will be arranged with the North Staffordshire and other neighbouring clubs later in the season.

Tidworth.

The 10th Hussars, who last season won the Inter-Regimental at Hurlingham, after having first won the Indian Inter-Regimental, the 9th Lancers, The Queen's Bays, and the 12th Lancers are stationed at present at Tidworth, so there ought to be some exceptionally fine polo here. The extraordinarily dry spring enabled the best grounds to be used very early in the season. Tidworth is singularly fortunate, for there are five full-size boarded grounds and a smaller wet-weather ground as well. The two Perham grounds are normally regarded as wet-weather grounds, but until the beginning of May they had not been in use, as they have not been soft enough. The chief tournaments are the Blakiston-Houston Cup (of which a report will be found in this issue), the 10th Hussars' Cup (12-goal sides, six chukkers), from May 16th-21st, and the 14th/20th Hussars' Cup (open, six chukkers), which is the big event of the season. This leads up to the preliminary ties of the Inter-Regimental Tournament, which are played from May 23rd-27th. The polo ball will take place on May 27th, and on the following day is the pony show and gymkhana. Between June 4th to 11th the first and second round ties of the Inter-Regimental will be played (the actual dates are yet to be decided). From June 13th-18th are played the first and second rounds of the Subalterns' Gold Cup. The 12th Lancers' Cup (12-goal teams, six chukkers) will be played from June 27th to July 2nd. In July and August the R.A. Harriers' Cup, the Cholderton Cup and the Public Schools' Cup are to be played. These are all four-chukker matches, for the benefit of those who are not playing away in other places.

West Gloster.

Mr. W. A. Greenslade, The Larches, Westbury-on-Trym, is polo manager of the West Gloster Club, in succession to his brother, Mr. E. A. Greenslade, who died in the hunting field on December 13th. In connection with the new season at this club there are one or two items of interest. The club is trying to get up a ladies' team, and so far has met with fair success. It is expected to have eight to twelve ladies playing in the coming season. The club seems to be going on as usual with a fair number of playing members.



County Tournaments.

The dates of country tournaments, 1938, are as follow :

- May 16th-21st.—Fleet (Wellington Cup).
 May 16th-21st.—Kirtlington Park.
 May 16th-21st.—Tidworth (10th Hussars Cup).
 May 17th-19th.—Toulston.
 May 23rd-28th.—Tidworth (14th/20th Hussars Cup).
 May 24th-28th.—Taunton Vale (Franklin Cup).
 May 30th-June 1st.—Cheltenham.
 May 30th-June 4th.—Fleet (Fleet Cup).
 June 4th-11th.—Mid-Essex.
 June 6th-11th.—Aldershot Command (Open Tournament).
 June 6th-11th.—Manchester.
 June 8th-11th.—West Gloster.
 June.—Cambridge University.
 June 13th-18th.—Fleet (Novices' Cup).
 June 20th-25th.—Stoke d'Abernon (Spring).
 June 20th-25th.—Tidworth (12th Lancers Cup).
 June 27th-July 2nd.—Fleet (Sandhurst Cup).
 June 28th-July 2nd.—Taunton Vale (Portman Cup).
 July 4th-9th.—Tidworth (Public Schools Cup).
 July 11th-16th.—County Polo Week at the Ranelagh Club.
 July 11th-16th.—Aldershot Command (K.D.G. Cup).
 July 11th-16th.—Penshurst.
 July 18th-23rd.—Tidworth (R.A. Harriers Cup).
 July 18th-23rd.—Moreton Morrell.
 July 25th-30th.—Beaufort (Summer).
 July 25th-30th.—Cowdray Park (Goodwood Week).
 July 25th-30th.—Kirtlington Park.
 July 25th-August 1st.—Mid-Essex.
 July 25th-August 1st.—West Somerset (Quintin Dick Cup).
 July 26th-30th.—Taunton Vale (Empire Cup).
 August 1st-6th.—Penshurst.
 August 1st-6th.—Rugby (Open Tournament).
 August 1st-6th.—Tidworth (Cholderton Cup).
 August 2nd-6th.—Toulston.
 August 6th-27th.—Harrogate.
 August 8th-13th.—Cheltenham.
 August 8th-13th.—Stoke d'Abernon (Summer).
 August 8th-13th.—West Somerset (Open Cup).
 August 9th-13th.—Taunton Vale (Houldsworth Cup).
 August 15th-20th.—Rugby (Montaigu Cup).
 August 15th-September 17th.—West Somerset (various cups).
 August 26th.—Taunton Vale (Liddell Cup).
 August 22nd-September 3rd.—Rugby (Junior Tournament).

WEST SOMERSET.

Successful Spring Season.

Easter saw the opening of the season on Dunster Castle Lawns, near Minehead, the picturesque home of the West Somerset Polo Club. The Hon. Keith Rous has managed the spring season here and thanks largely to his gift for organization the gathering has been successful. The opening match gave a Leicester team, comprising Mr. G. Collier, Mr. R. van Brunt, Mr. Gerald Balding, and Mr. E. Nissim, a victory over a Norfolk team, made up of Mr. J. Walker, Mr. P. Barron, Mr. V. French-Blake, and the Hon. Keith Rous, a victory by 7 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$, the losers receiving a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap.

A bicycle polo match—a game by which some American and Indian players start their polo careers—was also arranged between Mr. Tucker's team and Mr. Furse's team, the latter winning by 3 goals to 0. The teams were:—*Furse's Team*: Messrs. C. Davies, C. Gould, G. Griffiths, F. Furse. *Tucker's Team*: Messrs. K. Tucker, J. Rowe, B. Creech, W. Greenslade. The parade of polo ponies included American ponies making their first appearances in English fields and others which have been played in open championship finals in England and America last season.

Mr. R. Cavanagh, a member of the Argentine team which will be playing in London this season, took part in a game in which Norfolk defeated Argentine by 6 goals to 4. Also among the players were Mr. H. Hughes and Mr. Gerald Balding, both English internationals. Teams:

Argentine: Messrs. E. Collier, H. Hughes, Don R. Cavanagh, and J. Walker.

Norfolk: Messrs. V. French-Blake, Hon. Keith Rous, Gerald Balding, and E. Nissim.

Ponies belonging to members of the Argentine polo team and Mr. H. Hughes gained the leading places in the class for made ponies in playing condition at a gymkhana held by West Somerset Polo Club on Dunster Castle lawns.

The judges included Mr. G. Balding and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Keith Rous. Results:

Made pony in playing condition: 1, Don R. Santamarina; 2, R. Loewenstein; 3, H. Hughes. Musical chairs: Miss J. Pilcher and Mr. J. Pilcher. Bending race: 1, the Hon. K. Rous; 2, Mr. J. Pilcher. Biscuit and whistle race: Miss Pilcher and Mr. E. Nutting. Balloon pegging, mounted, children: Master H. Carlisle. Sticky bun race, children: 1, Miss Asquith; 2, Miss D. Prince. Dog race, with owner: 1, Miss Pilcher; 2, Mr. J. Pilcher. Beauty competition: Miss Pilcher. Potato race, women in cars: Mrs. G. Balding.



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OPENING OF THE SEASON AT THE WEST SOMERSET CLUB.

Play in progress near Minehead, with the picturesque Dunster Castle in the background. The Argentine team and the Hon. Keith Rous's team of Jaguars played here before going on to the London Clubs.

On April 30th there was an interesting game between the following teams:

Argentine Gauchos.

Pos.

1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.
 2. Mr. H. Hughes.
 3. Mr. R. Cavanagh.
- Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.

West Somerset.

Pos.

1. The Hon. K. Rous.
 2. Mr. G. Balding.
 3. Capt. H. P. Guinness.
- Bk. The Duke of Roxburghe.

The result was a draw of 5 goals all. Naturally the teams were not going "all out," but the game produced some attractive polo, the Argentine players, Messrs. Cavanagh and Santamarina, being specially conspicuous. Ponies showed up well for the most part.



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SOME OF THE ARGENTINE PONIES.

[R. King, Ley Taylor.]

Here is a glimpse of some of the fine Argentine stud as seen in the old-world village of Dunster, Somerset.

On May 7th the Hon. Keith Rous's West Somerset team beat the Gauchos in a fast and closely fought game of six chukkers. Play was on level terms.

West Somerset

beat

The Gauchos.

Pos.

1. The Hon. K. Rous.
 2. Mr. G. Balding.
 3. Capt. H. P. Guinness.
- Bk. The Duke of Roxburghe.

Pos.

1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.
 2. Mr. R. Skene.
 3. Mr. H. Hughes.
- Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.

7 goals.

5 goals.



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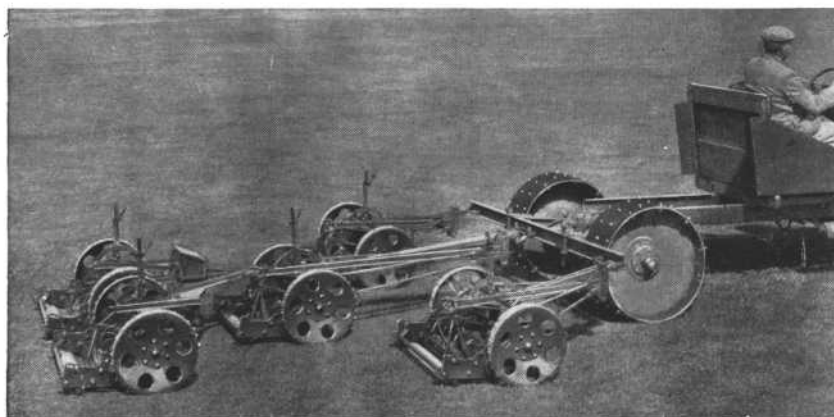
THE WEST SOMERSET TEAM, WHO OPPOSED THE ARGENTINE SIDE.

Left to right: The Hon. Keith Rous, Mr. Gerald Balding, Capt. H. P. Guinness and the Duke of Roxburghe. This combination forms the nucleus of the Jaguars, a team with a remarkable tournament record last year.

It is understood that both teams are returning after the London season to compete for the Open Cups, so prospects for the West Somerset Club are again good. It is noteworthy that this club should flourish when there are many more grounds and better facilities at Penshurst and Norton.

Gang Mowers for Polo Grounds.

Polo club secretaries and committees who are seeking the most efficient and economical mowers for the cutting of polo grounds should secure the illustrated catalogue just issued by Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies Ltd., Ipswich, and 69 Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2. This contains details of a wide range of mowers designed by a firm which can claim not only to



GANG MOWERS FOR POLO GROUNDS.

have manufactured the first lawn mower in 1832, but to have been the first to introduce the petrol-driven motor mower. In more recent years they were first to offer an efficient electrically-driven mower. Ransomes' give demonstrations with both gang and motor mowers by arrangement and without any obligation to purchase. The accompanying illustration is of gang mowers, which are particularly suitable for polo grounds. The Triple mower comprises three units with coupling frames and drawbar for tractor. It can also be supplied with shafts for horse draught. The Quintuple mower comprises one "Triple" with an additional frame for carrying two cutting units, or one "Triple" with two extra units coupled direct to a wide tractor hitch. The total cutting width is 11 ft. 6 in., and it is capable of cutting about 5-6 acres per hour. The Septuple mower comprises two "Triples" with a single extra unit coupled direct to the wide tractor hitch. The total cutting width is 16 ft., and it has a cutting capacity of 10 acres per hour.

BEAUFORT JUNIOR CUP.

In the first round of the Beaufort Club's Spring tournament for the Junior Cup, played on May 2nd, Fonthill, receiving $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat the 9th Lancers "A." In another tie Kandahar beat Hill Court, who conceded a goal and a half. Results:

<i>Fonthill</i>	beat	<i>9th Lancers "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. D. K. Burnaby.		1. Hon. C. J. Beckett.
2. Capt. E. G. D. Kennedy.		2. Capt. G. H. Grosvenor.
3. The Hon. C. Douglas.		3. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.
Bk. Mr. J. G. Morrison.		Bk. Mr. D. S. Little.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

<i>Kandahar</i>	beat	<i>Hill Court.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. W. A. Morris.		1. Lord Apsley.
2. Mr. R. M. Kennard.		2. Maj. G. Cox-Cox.
3. Mr. R. W. Hobson.		3. Capt. F. B. St. George.
Bk. Mr. R. H. Palmer.		Bk. Capt. D. J. E. Norton.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

<i>9th Lancers "B"</i>	beat	<i>Dauntsey Park.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney.		1. Mr. J. R. Hanbury.
2. Mr. K. J. Price.		2. Capt. A. G. Martyr.
3. Mr. J. H. Montagu-		3. Mr. S. J. Barton.
Douglas-Scott.		
Bk. Capt. W. G. Carr.		Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.
7 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Maidford</i>	beat	<i>Sherston.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. Harper.		1. Maj. D. G. Williams.
2. Lord Apsley.		2. Mr. F. E. Adams.
3. Capt. A. T. Smail.		3. Capt. E. D. G. Kennedy.
Bk. Capt. H. J. Melville.		Bk. Maj. K. G. Menzies.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>9th Lancers "B"</i>	beat	<i>Fonthill.</i>
12 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Kandahar</i>	beat	<i>Maidford.</i>
10 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Final.

<i>9th Lancers "B"</i>	beat	<i>Kandahar.</i>
6 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Dauntsey Park won the Subsidiary tournament, beating Fonthill, who received half a goal in the final tie.

<i>Dauntsey Park</i>		beat	<i>Fonthill.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. J. R. Hanbury.		1.	Lord Apsley.
2.	Capt. A. G. Martyr.		2.	Capt. W. S. Fielding- Johnson.
3.	Mr. S. J. Barton.		3.	Mr. C. D. K. Burnaby.
Bk.	Mr. H. T. Brassey.		Bk.	Mr. J. G. Morrison.
	4 goals.			(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Blakiston-Houston Cup.

Subalterns of the 12th Lancers and the 9th Lancers met in the final of the Blakiston-Houston Cup at Tidworth on April 29th, with the following result:

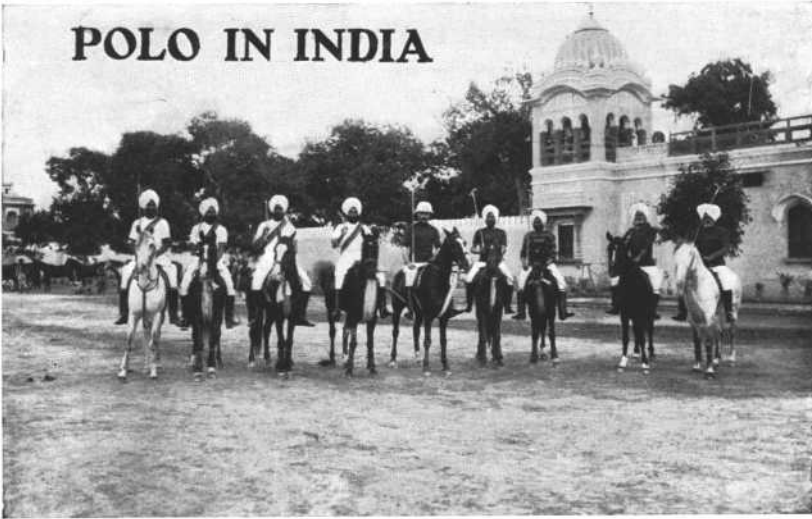
<i>9th Lancers</i>		beat	<i>12th Lancers.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. W. K. C. Poulteney.		1.	Mr. W. A. Morris.
2.	Mr. K. J. Price.		2.	Mr. R. M. Kennard.
3.	Mr. J. H. M. D. Scott.		3.	Mr. R. W. Hobson.
Bk.	Mr. J. R. Greenwood.		Bk.	Mr. R. H. Palmer.
	3 goals.			2 goals.

The 9th Lancers scored from a run in the first minute, and the 12th Lancers were unlucky not to equalize from the throw-in immediately afterwards. Just at the end of the chukker the 12th were awarded a forty-yard hit for a cross, and Mr. R. W. Hobson scored from the hit which was taken at the beginning of the second chukker. Between them Mr. Scott, Mr. Price, and Mr. Poulteney scored the 9th's second goal. The 9th scored again at this end of the period, making the score 3—1 at half-time. The 12th Lancers had the better of the game in the third chukker, but failed to score from a 60-yard hit. However, they rectified this by scoring close in soon afterwards. The game ended without further score after a good run by Mr. Hobson, who just failed to equalize for the 12th before the bell went.

In the subsidiary tournament the final was played between Aliwal, a 10th Hussars' team with the exception of Col. Lee, and Annesley Hall, who were all officers in the 9th Lancers.

<i>Annesley Hall</i>		beat	<i>Aliwal.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. J. A. Cooke.		1.	Mr. L. Richmond.
2.	Hon. C. J. Beckett.		2.	Mr. J. W. Malet.
3.	Capt. G. H. Grosvenor.		3.	Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee.
Bk.	Capt. W. G. Carr.		Bk.	Lt.-Col. A. W. Lee.
	$2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			2 goals.

POLO IN INDIA



Tournament Season at Delhi.

Some details have already appeared in *THE POLO MONTHLY* of the Prince of Wales's Cup and other tournaments at Delhi. From another correspondent we have received the following additional notes: This year those who were present in Delhi in February for the Prince of Wales's Polo Week witnessed an enormous amount of polo of every class. The weather was bitterly cold, but this year, for the first time for three years, there was no rain to spoil polo. The greatest disappointment of the week was that H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur was unable to play in the final of the Prince of Wales's Cup against Bhopal, owing to a polo accident in the semi-final. The final, therefore, between Jaipur and Bhopal was thus spoilt. The excitement as to who would have won, had both teams competed at full strength, was intense. Mr. Balding played magnificent polo throughout the tournament, and showed what a great player he is.

The High Handicap, which proved a great success, was started this year. This tournament is for teams beaten in the first and second rounds in the Prince of Wales's, and for teams of 20 goals and over who may enter direct. H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir has very kindly presented a challenge cup for this tournament, which will be known as "The Kashmir Cup." In the High Handicap it will be noticed that all the high handicap teams of 20 goals and over were beaten in the first round. H.H. The Maharaja of Kashmir presented four beautiful silver cigarette boxes to the winning team, which was the 19th Lancers.

This year, for the first time, the Baria Challenge Cup and the Delhi Low Handicap Cup were played in the mornings on the four New Delhi polo grounds. For the Baria, twenty-seven teams, and for the Low, twenty-three teams entered. The Baria Cup was won by the 2nd Lancers and the Low by the 19th Lancers.

Owing to heavy rain all over the north of India, visiting teams had had little opportunity for practice before arrival. But it was possible to give all the teams of the Prince of Wales's Cup two or three practice games before the tournament started. Those who know Delhi will be interested to hear that the three Durbar grounds will be kept on at least for two more years. The work of the honorary secretary has been carried out for the last four consecutive years by Major H. L. Mostyn-Owen, of the 19th Lancers.

Here are teams and complete results in the various tournaments:

Prince of Wales's Cup.

This cup was presented by H.H. the Maharaja of Rutlam; also a challenge cup for the runners-up, by H.H. the Nawab of Jaora in 1922.

<i>Jaipur.</i>		<i>Skinner's Horse.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh	7	1. Capt. N. T. Loring	. 3
2. Rao Raja Abhey Singh	8	2. Mr. W. E. Cullinan	. 0
3. Rao Raja Hanut Singh	9	3. Maj. J. Fulton	. 2
Bk. H.H. The Maharaja of Jaipur	9	Bk. Lt.-Col. W. A. Broadfoot	5
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<i>Bhopal.</i>		<i>Guides Cavalry.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. R. Skene	. 6	1. Capt. W. Edwards	. 2
2. Mr. Hesketh Hughes	. 7	2. Maj. E. St. J. Birnie	. 3
3. Mr. Gerald Balding	. 9	3. Mr. L. A. S. Roffey	. 4
Bk. H.H. Nawab of Bhopal	8	Bk. Capt. R. A. H. Plunkett	2
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<i>Golconda.</i>		<i>Red Shirts.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. Towfiq Ali	. 5	1. Hon. W. K. Rous	. 4
2. Mr. S. Sanford	. 6	2. Capt. T. L. Hughes	. 4
3. Capt. H. P. Guinness	. 8	3. Capt. H. D. Tucker	. 5
Bk. Mr. M. D. Hamidullah	5	Bk. Capt. Mohd. Yusuf	. 3
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13th/18th Royal Hussars.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. J. R. Cordy-Simpson	3
2. Capt. R. T. Harrap	3
3. Capt. W. F. Butler	6
Bk. Capt. R. A. Critchley	3
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Probyn's Horse.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. F. W. Kennedy	1
2. Capt. R. O. Critchley	5
3. Maj. C. E. Pert	7
Bk. Mr. A. R. Kemsley	1
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17th/21st Lancers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Maj. R. B. Cooke	5
2. Capt. Hon. R. E. Hamilton-Russell	3
3. Capt. H. C. Walford	7
Bk. Mr. B. H. Turner	3
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19th Lancers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. E. V. Keighley	4
2. Mr. J. W. F. Lance	1
3. Capt. N. E. F. Chaplin	5
Bk. Capt. G. B. Still	2
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First Round.

13th/18th Hussars beat Probyn's Horse by 7 goals to 6; Red Shirts beat Guides Cavalry by 9 goals to 6.

Second Round.

Bhopal beat Skinner's Horse by 21 goals to 4; Jaipur beat 19th Lancers by 12 goals to 2; 17th/21st Lancers beat Red Shirts by 12 goals to 7; Golconda beat 13th/18th Hussars by 11 goals to 6.

Semi-Final Round.

Bhopal beat 17th/21st Lancers by 14 goals to 6; Jaipur beat Golconda by 9 goals to 3.

Final.

Bhopal beat Jaipur by 9 goals to 4.

Delhi High Handicap.

Additional teams:

Ratanada.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. K. Mohan Singh	3
2. R.R. Abhey Singh	8
3. R.R. Hanut Singh	9
Bk. K. Prem. Singh Scr	0
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Wanderers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. C. W. Ridley	4
2. Capt. G. H. Critchley	4
3. H.H. The Maharaja of Jaipur	9
Bk. M. K. Narendra Singh	2
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<i>Kashmir.</i>		<i>Jaguars.</i>
Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Maj.-Gen. Nawab		
	Khusru Yung	6
2. Mr. H. Hughes . . .		7
3. Mr. G. Balding . . .		8
Bk. H.H. The Maharaja		
	of Kashmir	5
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		Scratched.

First Round.

Skinner's Horse beat Ratanada by 14½ goals to 10; Probyn's Horse beat Kashmir by 14 goals to 12; Guides Cavalry beat Wanderers by 12½ goals to 11.

Second Round.

19th Lancers beat Probyn's Horse by 6½ goals to 4; Red Shirts beat 13th/18th Hussars by 8 goals to 5¾.

Semi-Final Round.

19th Lancers beat Guides Cavalry by 9 goals to 7¾; Red Shirts beat Skinner's Horse by 9 goals to 8½.

Final.

19th Lancers beat Red Shirts by 11 goals to 8.

Baria Challenge Cup.

For a challenge cup presented by H.H. the Raja of Baria in memory of the late Maharaja Kumar of Baria. Teams:

<i>Raspberry Lodge.</i>		<i>Jaiपुर Lancers.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. F. J. M. Nixon . . .	2	1. Capt. Sawai Singh . . .	0
2. Capt. D. C. Voelcker . . .	2	2. Capt. K. Amar Singh . . .	6
3. Mr. K. P. Dhargalkar . . .	2	3. Jem. Roop Singh . . .	1
Bk. Mr. A. D. Drew . . .	1	Bk. Maj. K. Ram Singh . . .	2
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<i>Kashmir X.</i>		<i>Scinde Horse.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. L/D. Gaje Singh . . .	1	1. Mr. B. E. Barrow . . .	0
2. L/D. Ajab Singh . . .	1	2. Mr. A. A. N. Tuck . . .	1
3. Capt. Rasal Singh . . .	1	3. Capt. R. J. Benwell . . .	4
Bk. Risaldar Waryam Singh	3	Bk. Maj. F. W. S. Watkins	3
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Central India Horse.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. T. F. Lovegrove .	2
2. Capt. C. W. Ridley .	4
3. Maj. H. A. Wansborough-Jones	3
Bk. A.L.D. Kartar Singh .	0
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Guides Cavalry.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. Strover . . .	0
2. Capt. Hon. W. Edwards	2
3. Mr. L. A. J. Roffey .	4
Bk. Capt. Hon. R. A. H. Plunkett	2
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Royal Deccan Horse.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. B. Nixon . . .	0
2. Mr. J. O. Ingham . . .	1
3. Mr. A. F. Harper . . .	3
Bk. Mr. R. B. Kennard . .	0
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Men Only.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. H. K. Gillson . . .	0
2. Capt. J. S. Elliot . . .	1
3. Capt. H. W. L. Cowan .	4
Bk. Mr. M. Burdon . . .	1
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5th K.G.O. Light Cavalry.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. R. A. C. Sorby . . .	1
2. Mr. M. C. Waddilove . .	1
3. Capt. J. M. W. Martin .	4
Bk. Maj. W. N. Powell . . .	3
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17th/21st Lancers "A."

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. D. C. Barbour . . .	2
2. Mr. M. Eveleigh . . .	2
3. Mr. R. L. V. French- Blake	2
Bk. Capt. O. Smith- Bingham	3
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Slugs.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. B. Birdwood . . .	1
2. Capt. R. I. C. Blenkinsop	2
3. Maj. W. H. Gardiner . . .	4
Bk. Mr. A. S. Armstrong . .	1
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17th/21st Lancers "B."

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. L. A. Nix . . .	1
2. Mr. S. L. Buxton . . .	0
3. Capt. H. C. Carden . . .	2
Bk. Mr. F. W. Strang Steel	1
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Cameronians.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. D. M. Carter Campbell	1
2. Sir E. M. A. Bradford . .	1
3. Mr. M. T. Alexander . . .	2
Bk. Capt. R. G. Collingwood	1
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Coochbehar Pilgrims.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Ratan Singh	3
2. Md. Yusuf	4
3. M.K. Narendra Singh . . .	2
Bk. Bagh Singh	1
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Gent Helps.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. K. W. Bols . . .	1
2. Mr. G. S. Knox . . .	3
3. Maj.-Gen. G. F. H. Brooke	1
Bk. Mr. A. J. H. Cassels .	1
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18th K.E.O. Cavalry.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. H. L. F. Picard . .	1
2. Capt. J. M. Barlow . . .	3
3. Mr. A. H. Wagstaff . . .	2
Bk. Capt. L. M. Murphy . .	3
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14th/20th King's Hussars.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. R. P. D. F. Allen	1
2. Capt. E. L. Fanshawe . .	2
3. Capt. B. B. N. Wood . . .	3
Bk. Capt. R. J. Stephen . . .	1
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2nd Royal Lancers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. A. R. W. Sproule . .	1
2. Mr. S. V. McCoy	1
3. Mr. A. H. McConnel . . .	5
Bk. Mr. E. G. Prentice . . .	0
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Damraon.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. M.K. Pushpedra Singh	2
2. Maharaja Damraon	0
3. R.K. Prithi Singh	7
Bk. R.B. Man Singh	0
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Sialkot X.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. F. Cordy-Simpson	0
2. Maj. H. B. Dalrymple-Hay	4
3. Maj. R. A. de Salis	4
Bk. Mr. J. R. Fishbourne . .	0
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Dodos.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. P. W. A. Ironside . . .	0
2. Maj. P. R. Tatham	3
3. Maj. G. Carr-White	4
Bk. Maj. A. H. St. J. Avery	2
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Bobbili.

Scratched.

Blue Shirts.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Nawabzadah Sher Ali Khan	1
2. Lt.-Col. Mumtaz Ali Khan	1
3. Mr. Daulat Singh	2
Bk. Capt. M. Karamat	4
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Whistlers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. W. Grice	0
2. Mr. J. R. Macdonald	0
3. Mr. K. T. Davling	1
Bk. Capt. N. E. F. Chaplin	5
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<i>3rd Carabiniers.</i>		<i>The Rovers.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. E. G. Cubitt .	. 0	1. Mr. R. E. Wigram .	0
2. Capt. W. H. Watson .	2	2. Maj. J. Ballantyne .	1
3. Capt. G. Dollar .	1	3. Hon. K. Rous .	4
Bk. Maj. W. T. Gill .	1	Bk. Lt.-Col. G. M. FitzGerald	2
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13th/18th Royal Hussars.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. D. B. Wormald .	1
2. Sir D. J. A. Cotter .	2
3. Mr. R. C. P. Symly .	1
Bk. Mr. M. H. Bell .	0
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First Round.

2nd Lancers beat 14th/20th Hussars by 4 goals to 1; 17th/21st Lancers "A" beat Scinde Horse by 6 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; Rovers beat 17th/21st Lancers "B" by 8 goals to $1\frac{1}{2}$; 3rd Carabiniers beat 8th Cavalry by 3 goals to 2; Royal Deccan Horse beat C.I.H. by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4; Guides Cavalry beat Men Only by 4 goals to 2; Whistlers beat Coochbehar Pilgrims by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4; Blue Shirts beat Dodos by 8 goals to 3; Slugs beat Kashmir X by 5 goals to 3.

Second Round.

Jaipur Lancers beat 18th Cavalry by 4 goals to 3; Guides Cavalry beat Sialkot X by 8 goals to 3; 2nd Lancers beat Blue Shirts by $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 0; Royal Deccan Horse beat Rovers by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2; Slugs beat 3rd Carabiniers by 6 goals to 5; 17th/21st Lancers "A" beat Whistlers by 5 goals to 4; Camoronians beat 13th/18th Hussars by 3 goals to $\frac{1}{2}$; Damraon beat Gent Helps by 6 goals to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Third Round.

2nd Lancers beat Royal Deccan Horse by 2 goals to $1\frac{1}{2}$; 17th/21st Lancers "A" beat Slugs by 4 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; Camoronians beat Damraon by 9 goals to $2\frac{1}{2}$; Guides Cavalry beat Jaipur Lancers by 4 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Semi-Final Round.

2nd Lancers beat Guides Cavalry by 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$; 17th/21st Lancers "A" beat Camoronians by 4 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Final.

2nd Lancers beat 17th/21st Lancers by 6 goals to 2.

Delhi Low Handicap.

For a challenge cup presented by the late Maharajakumar Subhag Singhji of Baria. Teams:

<i>P.B.I.</i>		<i>Bobbili.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		
1. Mr. K. T. Darling .	1		
2. Mr. J. K. S. Macdonall .	0		
3. Mr. H. T. Alexander .	2		
Bk. Capt. R. G. Collingwood	1		
	4		Scratched.
<i>Rahatgarh.</i>		<i>Ramblers.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Jem. B. Tonde .	0	1. Capt. J. H. H. Williams .	0
2. Mr. J. N. W. Hearn .	0	2. Mr. O. Wagstaff .	0
3. Mr. K. P. Dhargalkar .	2	3. Mr. C. P. Collingwood .	2
Bk. Mr. A. D. Drew .	1	Bk. Mr. T. P. Keene .	1
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<i>K.G.V.s O. Bengal S. and M.</i>		<i>Udaipur.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. P. F. Hayes .	0	1. Maj. L. Tottenham .	1
2. Capt. E. F. E. A. Armstrong	0	2. Capt. Rawat Dalip Singh	0
3. Capt. M. C. Percival .	2	3. Jem. Genda Singh .	0
Bk. Capt. S. H. M. Battye	2	Bk. Sec. Lt. Ram Singh .	- 3
	4		2
<i>3rd Carabiniers.</i>		<i>Vijeybagh.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. E. G. Cubitt .	0	1. Capt. Vikram Singh .	- 1
2. Capt. W. H. Watson .	2	2. Dfd. Aziz Khan .	- 2
3. Capt. G. Dollar .	1	3. L/Dr. Abbas Ali .	0
Bk. Maj. W. T. Gill .	1	Bk. Ris. Kishen Singh .	- 1
	4		- 4
<i>Jaipur Lancers.</i>		<i>Itarana.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Q/M. D. Bagh Singh .	1	1. Rahim Khan .	0
2. Jem. Rup Singh .	1	2. Col. Abdul Rehman Khan	0
3. Capt. K. Hanuman Singh	0	3. Hamid Khan .	0
Bk. Maj. K. Ram Singh .	2	Bk. Maj. C. G. Prior .	0
	4		0

The Marx Brothers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. C. Graham . . .	0
2. Mr. M. St. J. Oswald . . .	0
3. Maj. G. Nadin . . .	3
Bk. Mr. E. B. H. Fitch . . .	1
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Black Shirts.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. E. Habibullah . . .	1
2. Mr. P. Y. C. Kirton . . .	0
3. Capt. Mohd. Yusuf . . .	3
Bk. Mr. A. Blair . . .	0
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Rangers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. R. Gooch . . .	-1
2. Mr. C. E. Chauvel . . .	0
3. Maj. W. Powell . . .	3
Bk. Capt. R. Budgen . . .	0
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Damraon.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Kaloo Singh . . .	0
2. Maharaja Damraon . . .	0
3. R. B. Man Singh . . .	0
Bk. Pir Mohamad . . .	3
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Royal Deccan Horse.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. B. Nixon . . .	0
2. Mr. J. O. Ingham . . .	1
3. Mr. A. F. Harper . . .	3
Bk. Mr. R. B. Kennard . . .	0
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*14th/20th King's Hussars
"A."*

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. H. R. Nicholson . . .	0
2. Mr. P. Haggie . . .	1
3. Mr. D. A. H. Silvertop . . .	1
Bk. Mr. E. B. Studd . . .	1
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R.A.T.C., Muttra.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Capt. T. W. M. Johnson . . .	0
2. Mr. J. A. Norman . . .	0
3. Capt. R. de C. Yes . . .	0
Bk. Mr. M. T. G. Wood . . .	0
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	0

*14th/20th King's Hussars
"B."*

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. R. A. McAllen . . .	0
2. Maj. L. H. S. Grove . . .	0
3. Lt.-Col. Dr. Pope . . .	1
Bk. Capt. J. B. Pemberton . . .	0
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Coochbehar Pilgrims.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Daulat Singh . . .	2
2. Lt. Swai Singh . . .	0
3. M.K. Narendra Singh . . .	2
Bk. Prem Singh . . .	0
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18th K.E.O. Cavalry.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. R. G. A. FitzPatrick . . .	0
2. Mr. H. L. F. Picard . . .	1
3. Mr. A. H. Wagstaff . . .	2
Bk. Mr. T. P. Kidd . . .	0
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17th/21st Lancers.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. I. A. Nix . . .	0
2. Mr. G. F. C. Brooke . . .	0
3. Capt. H. C. Carden . . .	2
Bk. Mr. F. W. Strang-Steel . . .	1
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	3

C.I.H.

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. T. Edward Collins . . .	0
2. Mr. C. W. S. Grice . . .	0
3. Mr. I. F. Lovegrove . . .	2
Bk. Mr. W. D. Burden . . .	1
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19th Lancers "A."

Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. P. J. Wilkinson	1
2. Lt. and R.M. Sultan	
	Mahmud Khan 1
3. Mr. G. B. Bull	0
Bk. Capt. F. H. Wilson	0
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First Round.

19th Lancers "A" beat Itarana by 5 goals to 2; Jaipur Lancers beat 18th Cavalry by 7 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; Coochbehar Pilgrims beat Udaipur by 7 goals to 4; Rahatgarh beat Sappers and Miners by $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 1; Royal Deccan Horse beat 17th/21st Lancers "B" by 4 goals to 3; R.A.T.C. beat 14th/20th Hussars "A" by 4 goals to 3.

Second Round.

14th/20th Hussars "B" beat Marx Brothers by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3; 3rd Carabiniers beat Rangers by 4 goals to 3; P.B.I. beat Vijai-bagh by 9 goals to 3; C.I.H. beat P.B.I. by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3; Royal Deccan Horse beat Rahatgarh by 5 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; Jaipur Lancers beat Black Shirts by 5 goals to 0; R.A.T.C. beat Coochbehar Pilgrims by 5 goals to 4; 19th Lancers "A" beat Damraon by 6 goals to 1.

Third Round.

19th Lancers "A" beat R.A.T.C. by 6 goals to 2; Jaipur Lancers beat Royal Deccan Horse by 4 goals to 3; C.I.H. beat P.B.I. by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3; 3rd Carabiniers beat 14th/20th Hussars by 4 goals to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Semi-Final Round.

19th Lancers "A" beat 3rd Carabiniers by 9 goals to 1; Jaipur Lancers beat C.I.H. by 5 goals to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Final.

19th Lancers "A" beat Jaipur Lancers by 5 goals to 3.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught's Tournament.

Results:

First Round.

Gent Helps (handicap 6) beat Crosswords (handicap 13) by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3; Cavaliers (handicap 5) beat 17th/21st Lancers (handicap 7) by 6 goals to 4.

Semi-Final Round.

Cavaliers (handicap 5) beat The Hawks (handicap 4) by 7 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$; Gent Helps (handicap 6) beat 19th Lancers (handicap 6) by 4 goals to 3.

Final.

Cavaliers (handicap 5) beat Gent Helps (handicap 6) by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2.

TOURNAMENTS IN EGYPT.

Subalterns' Cup.

Exchanges were fairly even in the semi-final tie of the Subalterns' Cup at the Gezira Club, Cairo, between the 8th Hussars and the 31st Field Brigade, R.A., though at the end the Hussars were clear winners.

<i>8th Hussars</i>		beat	<i>31st Field Brigade, R.A.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. W. V. H. Nelson.		1.	Mr. G. A. Thomas.
2.	Mr. J. C. Pringle.		2.	Mr. M. G. Gregson.
3.	Mr. W. G. Lowther.		3.	Mr. H. B. M. Wright.
Bk.	Mr. D. R. W. G. Charlton.		Bk.	Mr. J. L. Gardner Brown.
	4 goals.			1 goal.

The R.A. were a more experienced and evenly balanced team, whereas the 8th were better mounted, and in Lowther possessed the best individual player. A keen game was expected, but no one (writes "Backhand" in the *Sphinx*) thought we should have to wait until the fourth chukker before the first goal was scored. There was any amount of hard riding; in fact the 8th at one period were all shouting to the player in front to "ride the man," and the ball was forgotten. Another point which was noticeable with the 8th was their approach shots. In far too many cases these shots were taken out of the goal area instead of into it, so that the final shot at goal was a spectacular under-the-neck one, which is grand when it comes off and annoying when it fails. The R.A. rode and hit the ball well, but their ponies have had a hard season, and that told in the end.

<i>11th Hussars</i>		beat	<i>3rd Brigade, R.H.A.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. W. V. Burdon.		1.	Mr. J. W. H. James.
2.	Mr. D. P. J. Lloyd.		2.	Mr. E. W. F. de V. Hunt.
3.	Mr. C. de B. Lisle.		3.	Mr. G. H. Shorland.
Bk.	Mr. J. C. A. D. Lawson.		Bk.	Mr. C. P. Hamilton.
	8 goals.			3 goals.

With the R.H.A., three of their team were comparative beginners, but they were well mounted and had the use of Fowler and Elton's good stables. They were well coached by Fowler, and most people expected a Gunner victory. On the day they were a bit off. This, however, did not completely account for their defeat, for the 11th played the best polo they have done so far this season. They have shown great improvement this year. For

the losers, James played well at No. 1, and Hunt was doing a lot of work.

Final.

8th Hussars	beat	11th Hussars.
4 goals.		3 goals.

This was an exceptionally hard struggle. "Criticism is always difficult," wrote "Backhander" in his account of the game, "but I thought that Lowther, who was the best player on the field, was trying to do too much. He was well marked, and I think he would have done better to have hit the ball right up to his No. 1, which he is quite capable of doing, and giving his forwards more chances of scoring. Half-hitting the ball on a bumpy ground when you are being hard ridden does not pay. Pringle played well throughout the tournament, and Nelson made the most of his opportunities. For the 11th Lawson played in both his matches the best polo we have seen from him yet. De Lisle showed good form, and Burdon, when better mounted, will be a dangerous one, while Lloyd put in a lot of work looking after Lowther." Lady Weir presented the cups.

Country Life Salts.

This tournament, which had an entry of eleven teams, is played on handicap, teams to be composed of members of the same rank, civilians being allowed to play in any team.

Many interesting games were played, with close results. In the first half of the draw McLeans Powders worked their way into the final by beating the 7th Hussars Subalterns by 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$, after an exciting match. They followed that up with a still more thrilling game against the Yellow Hammers. The Yellow Hammers had previously beaten the Spring Captains by 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$, when it looked as though the Spring Captains had the game well in hand, that versatile player, Toc Elton, being responsible for his team's victory. In their match against McLeans Powders it looked as though Elton would dominate the game again, as he was playing so well that the Powders were $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals down by half-time. Kilkelly, however, did fine work, and, just before the final bell, he scored the winning goal with a long back-hand shot. The 31st Field Brigade showed the best form in the lower half of the draw, and beat the Dragonflies by 6 goals to 2 and the Kruschens by no less than 9 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$, the latter team having the services of Fowler. In the semi-final they beat the 3rd Brigade R.H.A. Subalterns by 4 goals to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

In the final the 31st Field Brigade won the tournament for the second year by defeating the McLeans Powders, who conceded $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4. The first chukker was fairly even, but the Gunners got away after three minutes' play and Thomas scored with a good shot, while just before the bell Wright scored, giving the Gunners a lead of $4\frac{1}{2}$ to nil. It was the "Powders'" turn to attack in the second chukker, when Kilkelly scored from a forty-yard penalty awarded for a cross against the Gunners.

From the throw-in Goulburn and Phillips combined well to score a second goal, leaving the "Powders" only $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals in arrears. The latter made desperate efforts to get level during the third chukker, but failed to score. Wright, however, scored a good goal with an angled shot as a result of a break-away towards the end of the third chukker. In the last chukker Kilkelly took a sixty-yard penalty and Goulburn turned his shot through, which was going wide. This was followed by a good run by Thomas, who scored the best goal of the match with an off-side cut shot. Just before time Goulburn scored the "Powders'" fourth goal and the Gunners won a good game by the margin of the handicap start they had received. Teams:

Kruschens.—Major F. W. Byass, Major B. J. Fowler, S./Ldr. W. A. D. Brook, Major W. H. B. Mirrlees.

McLeans Powders.—Capt. C. Goulburn, Capt. G. Kilkelly, Capt. J. W. Phillips, Capt. H. M. A. Sandford.

11th Hussars Subalterns.—Mr. J. A. Friend, Mr. R. M. H. M. Grant-Thorold, Mr. J. Turnbull, the Hon. C. H. C. Loch.

Spring Captains.—Capt. P. D. Sandbach, Capt. R. Younger, Capt. C. G. Davies-Gilbert, Capt. H. B. Leveson-Gower.

Yellow Hammers.—Capt. H. C. Lambert, Capt. A. G. Miller, Capt. H. C. Elton, Capt. A. F. Tod.

8th Hussars Subalterns.—Mr. W. V. H. Nelson, Mr. J. C. Pringle, Mr. G. W. Lowther, Mr. D. R. W. G. Charlton.

3rd Bde. R.A. Subalterns.—Mr. P. T. O'Brien-Butler, Mr. J. E. F. Linton, Mr. G. H. Shorland, Mr. C. P. Hamilton.

31st Field Bde. R.H.A. Subalterns.—Mr. G. A. Thomas, Mr. M. G. Gregson, Mr. H. B. M. Wright, Mr. J. L. Gardner-Brown.

7th Hussars Subalterns.—Mr. W. T. Kevill-Davies, Mr. R. C. Watson, Mr. F. N. St. J. Fairhurst, Mr. J. Congreve.

Dragonflies.—Capt. A. V. C. Robarts, Capt. C. F. Keightley, Capt. S. Enderby, Capt. H. S. Notley.

Mixed Grill.—Capt. J. D. Harbord, Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller, Capt. W. Wainman, Sami A. Acher.

Open Cup.

Four teams entered, and the first of the semi-finals was easily won by the 3rd Brigade, R.H.A., who were too strong for the side called Forrard On.

<i>3rd Brigade, R.H.A.</i>		beat	<i>Forrard On.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. E. W. F. de V. Hunt.		1.	Capt. H. S. Notley.
2.	Maj. B. J. Fowler.		2.	Capt. C. Goulburn.
3.	Capt. H. C. Elton.		3.	Capt. S. Enderby.
Bk.	Capt. A. F. Tod.		Bk.	Capt. C. Keightley.
	10 goals.			4 goals.

The Gunners soon got going, and scored two goals without reply in the first chukker. All the same, Forrard On were holding their strong opponents and might easily have scored themselves. In the second period the Gunners started an attack which

resulted in a goal. Forrard On then crossed, and Elton scored from a forty-yard penalty, putting his side in the lead by 4 goals to nil. The Gunners commenced the third chukker by scoring, and then Fowler's pony slipped and fell. Within a few minutes Elton's pony came down and the rider had to leave the ground with a broken collar-bone. Shorland was brought in to take his place, and Forrard On scored at the end of the chukker (5-1). Tod took the penalty successfully when Forrard On fouled at the commencement of the fourth chukker. In spite of Elton's absence, the R.H.A. were still having most of the play. Shorland made a good run and nearly scored, but Hunt put it through just afterwards. This was followed by a nice run by the R.H.A., and Fowler scored with a brilliant angled shot. Forrard On ended the chukker with a goal (8-2). The last chukker saw four goals scored. Enderby got the first with a long shot, but Fowler replied with a backhand shot, and, to complete the discomfiture of Forrard On, the Gunners scored again to reach double figures. The match ended just after Enderby got his second goal. It was a scrappy game. Forrard On did not play well together.

<i>8th Hussars</i>	beat	<i>7th Hussars.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. C. E. R. Duff.		1. Capt. R. Younger.
2. Mr. W. G. Lowther.		2. Maj. F. W. Byass.
3. Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller.		3. Maj. G. Fielden.
Bk. Capt. G. Kilkelly.		Bk. Capt. C. G. Davies Gilbert.
9 goals.		3 goals.

This was a well contested game, with the 8th gradually gaining ground until the last period, when they hit three goals without reply, and so won by a big margin. The 7th were the first to score, when Byass met a hit-in by Vernon Miller and put the ball through. The 8th got going in the second chukker, and, following a long hit-up by Vernon Miller, Lowther scored. In the next period the 8th had a combined attack, and Kilkelly, left to have a free shot at goal, scored. The 7th, however, replied immediately. The remainder of the chukker was spent trying to hit penalty goals. There were three of them, and all went wide. The 8th Hussars were getting the upper hand in the fourth period and soon scored again. Then Vernon Miller was crossed and a goal was awarded from the forty-yard penalty, as the 7th Hussars came over the goal-line before the hit was taken. Another free-hit awarded to the 7th just missed, Davies Gilbert taking the hit. Duff scored following a good combined run (5-2). The game became much faster in the fifth chukker, and both goals were in danger, but the defence held out. However, Vernon Miller was caught standing on the ball, and Davies Gilbert had no difficulty in scoring from the forty-yard penalty (5-3). Then Davies Gilbert gave the umpire another chance to blow his whistle when he crossed Duff. A thirty-yard penalty was awarded, but Lowther hit very wide, making amends by scoring a good goal immediately afterwards (6-3). In the last chukker Lowther got the

first of his side's three goals. Kilkelly nipped in from the throw-in and took the ball down the field to score the next, and Duff got the last goal.

Although the 8th Hussars won by such a large margin, four of the six chukkers were even. Davies Gilbert played well at back and Duff put up a good game at No. 1 for the 8th.

Final.

<i>8th Hussars</i>	beat	<i>3rd Brigade, R.H.A.</i>
9 goals.		7 goals.

The accident to Capt. H. C. Elton, mentioned above, discounted the prospects of the Gunners in the final, which attracted a big crowd, including H.R.H. Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly, H.E. the British Ambassador and Lady Lampson, and Sir George and Lady Weir. The trophies were presented by Princess Alice. "Backhander" writes: "After Elton went to hospital as a result of his fall in the semi-final we were afraid Fowler's team would become disjointed, particularly as Elton himself is such a fine player. With their full team the Gunners would have been favourites on recent form, but without Elton a comparatively easy victory for the 8th Hussars was anticipated. That they went so near to winning was entirely due to the great determination and brilliant play of Fowler. He was everywhere, never missed the ball, and kept his newly-constructed team together, until at last they cracked in the final chukker. It was truly a heroic effort."

Largely due to Fowler's fine efforts, the Gunners were leading at the end of the fourth period by 7 goals to 5. In the fifth chukker Kilkelly crossed Fowler, who took a forty-yard penalty, which was brilliantly saved by Vernon Miller. Shortly after Lowther scored with a good backhand, and the 8th, for the first time, had a grip of the game. There was no further scoring and the 8th were only one goal behind. In the final period Fowler, who was beginning to feel the strain, came on the field riding his famous lop-eared pony for the third time, in order to stave off the 8th threat, but from the throw-in on the boards Lowther got possession and scored, bringing the scores level. The 8th attacked again, and, following up his own hit, Lowther just saved it going over the back line, to centre it to Duff, who scored. It was a fine piece of work on Lowther's part, as the ball looked certain to be going out of play. Lowther, who had let Fowler play fast and loose early on, was now on the top of his form, and made victory certain when he scored the final goal with a shot under the tail one minute before the final bell. A really good game, played at a fast pace.

King's Cup.

This coveted trophy was won by the 8th Hussars after a fine game with the Gezira Sporting Club team. Last year they were only just beaten after nearly five minutes' extra time, and the year before they lost by only one goal. The match was played

before a record crowd for Egypt, and after the game Ahmed Hassanein Pasha, representing H.M. King Farouk, presented the trophy to the winners. Before the match commenced the massed bands of the 7th, 8th and 11th Hussars, the drums of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers and the pipes of the Irish Guards marched up and down the ground as they played.

<i>8th Hussars</i>	beat	<i>Gezira Sporting Club.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. C. E. R. Duff.		1. Maj. F. W. Byass (7th Hussars).
2. Mr. W. G. Lowther.		2. Maj. B. J. Fowler (R.H.A.).
3. Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller.		3. Maj. G. Fielden (7th Hussars).
Bk. Capt. G. Kilkelly.		Bk. Capt. S. Enderby (5th Fusiliers)
7 goals.		5 goals.

The 8th were the first to score, from a forty-yard penalty taken by Kilkelly. In the second chukker Fowler equalized. Then the Hussars fouled and Fielden took the penalty. Duff met the ball, and, following it up, collided with Fielden, who also had followed up his shot. A sixty-yard penalty was awarded against the Club, which Lowther took. He sent the ball hurtling through the goal about ten feet off the ground—a fine shot. In the third chukker Fowler scored with a good shot to put the Club on level terms again. Lowther, however, soon put the 8th ahead once more. Then, in another break-away, Kilkelly sent the ball up to Lowther, who scored again. Enderby completed some good combined play with a good goal, but the 8th returned to the attack, and Duff scored from a pass by Lowther. Then came a most spectacular goal. Lowther took the ball along the boards past the stand, and, when everyone thought it was too late, he slammed the ball through the goal with an under-the-neck shot from the boards. The 8th Hussars therefore had a lead of four goals at the start of the last chukker, but the Club rallied when Fielden and Fowler both scored, and the Club should have scored again in a combined attack when Byass put the ball just wide of the post. The 8th pulled themselves together again, to find themselves attacking as the final bell went, to end a good match. The 8th all played well, though Vernon Miller was somewhat handicapped by a fall he had taken in the Open Cup final. A sprained ankle affected his striking, but he put in a lot of good work, especially in defence. Lowther (comments "Backhander") had a grand day, while Kilkelly played a sound game at back and Duff made many openings with his hard riding at No. 1. For the Club Fielden was very effective at No. 3, but Fowler, although he played well, was not as brilliant as he was in the Open Cup. Enderby put in a lot of work at back, but was not well enough mounted to hold Lowther and Duff.

Forty Years of Polo in Malaya.

An Historical Survey.

A survey of the past season's polo in Malaya appeared in our issue last month. We are indebted to the same correspondent for an historical survey of the game in that country. Originally polo was played in Singapore on the Raffles Reclamation, but this was found to be too narrow, and arrangements were made with the Singapore Sporting Club (now the Turf Club) in 1898 that polo should be played in the centre of the race-course.

At that time golf was just beginning to flourish, and the course at the Sporting Club was the only one available, and the playing of polo caused a lot of friction between the two sections, the golfers objecting to polo being played twice a week. Eventually, in 1904, the present ground at Balestier was found, and to their credit let it be recorded that the golfing members of the Sporting Club assisted the Singapore Polo Club considerably in getting their ground. The most important dates in connection with Malayan polo seem to be 1897, 1899 and 1922. In the first-mentioned year the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George V) visited the colony and a polo match was arranged between local players and those accompanying the Royal party. Prince Adolphus of Teck was one of the party. The Duke of Windsor, during his 1922 tour of Malaya as Prince of Wales, played polo at both Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. H.R.H. had already played a number of games in India, and his personal staff included a number of first-class exponents of the game. He did not hesitate to accept the offer of the Sultan of Perak to meet a team of F.M.S. players. On March 29th, 1922, the Duke's team beat the Sultan of Perak's team at Kuala Lumpur in a match of three chukkers by 4 goals to 1. The Duke scored three goals himself. In 1899 Prince Henry of Prussia, while on a visit to Singapore, played polo quite often, and presented a cup which was won by the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, who presented it the following year to the Singapore Polo Club for open competition as the K.O.R. Cup.

To-day, all the polo in Malaya, as well as that played in Siam and Batavia, is under the auspices of the Malayan Polo Association, to which are affiliated the Singapore Polo Club, the Selangor Polo Club, the Penang Polo Club, the Iskandar Polo Club, the Pahang Polo Club, the Batavia Polo Club and the Bangkok Riding and Polo Club. The patrons of the Malayan Polo Association are H.E. the Governor, Sir Shenton Thomas, and their Highnesses the Sultans of Perak, Johore and Pahang. The president is Mr. A. G. Donald and the secretary is Mr. T. M. Winsley.

It is sometimes wondered why it is that in a sports-loving

country like Malaya so little interest or knowledge of the game is shown by the public. The answer is the lack of facilities for the public to view the game. There is a general feeling that the "man in the street" is not wanted as a spectator at a polo match, and also that the game is the preserve of the rich, the aristocrats and the military. This, of course, is all nonsense, and there are no grounds for such ideas. Malaya is one of the most reasonable countries in the world to play polo in, from a point of view of expense, and spectators are always welcome at the clubs. The polo season begins in January or February and lasts until October, and therefore is a much longer one than the season in Europe.

The word Malaya is an English hybrid applied to the British Possessions and Protectorates in that part of the Malay Peninsula which, on the Continent of Europe is still called Malacca. Although this remote portion of the globe has been known to Europeans since the first Portuguese captain, one Diogo Lopes de Sequeira, first landed there in 1509, it was not until after the Treaty of Pangkor, made between the British Government of the Straits Settlements and the Perak Chiefs in 1874 that any communications existed on the mainland of the peninsula, other than its waterways, and consequently no horses or ponies existed in the country. The first sale of Australian (Waler) horses from Sydney for racing purposes in Singapore is reported in 1884, but apparently no polo was played there until 1886, and then only with varying success, until the advent of the "King's Own" Royal Lancaster Regiment in 1899, when the present Singapore Polo Club was formed, with about twenty-four playing members.

Similarly, as roads began to be built and communications opened up on the mainland, Australian horses were imported, first for racing purposes, and although intermittent games of polo were played at Batu Gajah and Gopeng in the 1890's, sponsored by Alma Baker, no serious attempt was made to start the game in the F.M.S. until the Selangor Polo Club was formed in February, 1902, and a dozen 14.1 ponies suitable for polo were ordered from the late Mr. H. Abrams, of Singapore. These ponies were drawn for, on arrival, and cost the subscribers \$350 each, landed in Kuala Lumpur. The Selangor Polo Club ground was opened for play in June of that year, with a membership of fifteen players, which rose to twenty-one in 1903. As luck would have it, the late Mr. Dacres Wise, founder, prime mover and the only member of the club who knew anything about the game, was transferred to another State about a week before the arrival of the ponies, leaving the Selangor Polo Club, as it were, to work out their own salvation in the matter of teaching their ponies and themselves the game of polo, and in not a few instances, to learn to ride at the same time.

The first match played by the Selangor Polo Club was during the Durbar, held in Kuala Lumpur in 1903, when Sir Frank Swettenham, Governor and High Commissioner for the Malay States, and his staff, brought up their ponies and played a series of games against the club. This gave a great fillip to the game,

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and later on in that year the club sent a team to Singapore to compete for the cup presented by the King's Own Regiment.

In Penang the game was first started at Butterworth, on the mainland, in which the leading spirit was W. E. U. Grove, of the Police, who had come from Burma, there being no suitable ground in the island until the Cantonments were moved, and the present ground became available in 1911, the prime mover in this case being Mr. G. E. V. Thomas, who was also instrumental in interesting the local Chinese in the game, of which they have proved most valuable supporters ever since.

In Klang, where Capt. Sydney Smith was stationed in 1907-8, a polo club was started by him, which used to play on the padang in front of the club, and they were successful in raising a team to win both the Spooner and MacDougall Cups from the Selangor Polo Club in 1907, but polo in the coast district was unfortunately short-lived.

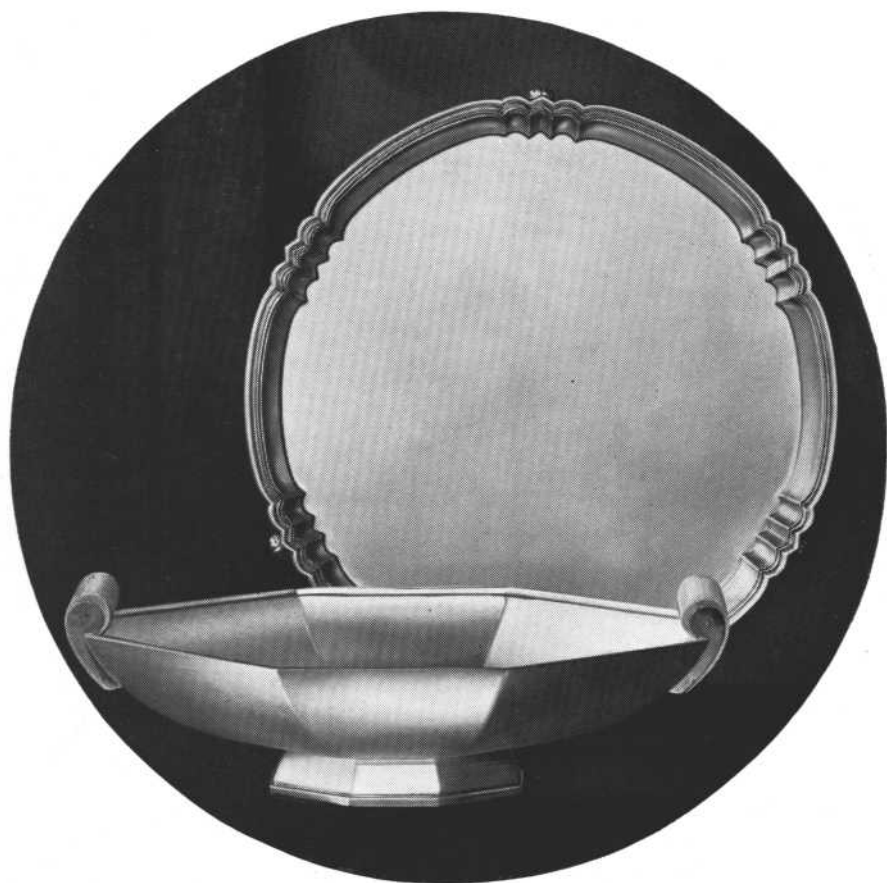
The Perak Polo and Gymkhana Club, Taiping, was formed in 1921, with Mr. G. A. de C. de Moubray among its early members. The club had its best days when the Burma Rifles were stationed there. Major (later Lieut.-Col.) A. C. Gordon Smythe, of the Burma Rifles, was the moving spirit of the Taiping Polo Club, as it was better known, until the Burma Rifles left in 1932. Since then the club has been moribund.

In 1922 the present Sultan of Perak, H.H. Sir Alang Iskandar Shah, founded the Iskandar Polo Club at Kuala Kangsar, where polo has been a Malay pastime ever since. His Highness has always been a strong supporter of the game since the days when he was in the F.M.S. Police as Raja Alang (before he ascended the throne of Perak), and used to play polo in the Selangor Club. It was owing to his son's keenness on polo that the late Sultan Sir Idris of Perak, presented the "Sultan of Perak Cup" in 1907.

For the purpose of bringing polo in the country on to a proper organized basis, the Malayan Polo Association was formed in 1922 at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur of the representatives of the various clubs. Up to 1926 polo in Malaya was played under the rules of the Indian Polo Association, but in this year the Malayan Polo Association became affiliated to the Hurlingham Club Polo Committee (now the Hurlingham Polo Association), and from 1927 the game in this country was played in accordance with Hurlingham rules, which differ slightly here and there from those of the I.P.A.

The Royal Johore Polo Club was formed in 1924 by H.H. Sultan, Sir Ibrahim, who, with his sons, Tunku Mahkota and Tunku Abu Bakar, had numerous successful years. Among other supporters of polo in Johore Bahru were Mr. G. A. Hereford, Mr. F. T. S. Newell, Major Mat bin Tahir, Mr. J. D. Dalley, Inche Mohamed Long and Abdul Rahman, who between them won the K.O.R. Cup and the Mackray Cup in 1929 and the Sultan of Perak Cup and Spooner Cup in 1930.

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Batavia Polo Club, formed in 1925, and the Bangkok Polo and Riding Club. A Singapore polo team visited Batavia in 1929, and again last year. Although the Batavians have had many hopes of visiting Singapore, a trip has so far not materialized. The Bangkok Polo Club visited Penang in 1930, and received a return visit from the Taiping Polo Club, 1/ the Burma Rifles Team, in 1932.

Polo expanded in Malay circles at the end of 1935, when H.H. Sultan Sir Abu Bakar formed his private club, the Pahang Polo Club, at Pekan. Teams from the club visited and played on all the Malayan polo grounds in 1935-36-37, in which last year they won the Macdougall Cup.

Among the oldest players in Malaya to-day are the Hon. Mr. R. H. de S. Onraet, president of the Singapore Polo Club, who began polo in this country in 1912, and Mr. J. R. Danson, M.B.E., D.C.M., who started playing polo in Penang in 1920, and kept the game going there by his energy as secretary of the Penang Polo Club from 1931 to 1934, in which capacity he again officiated in 1937, after being the club captain in 1936. These accounts of the history of Malayan polo were published early in the year in the *Malayan Referee*, to which journal we make our acknowledgments.

Colombo Polo Club.

The season will probably be reopened towards the end of May. The ground has been rested since February, weeded, forked and generally reconditioned, under the watchful supervision of the ground secretary, Mr. C. R. Brocklehurst. Owing to the almost complete absence of any hot weather, and the steady rain that has fallen throughout, the ground should be in first-rate condition, and equal to any in the East. The season should be a good one, as nearly all last year's players still appear to be available. The Royal Artillery team ended up last season by winning the Broom Cup. With experienced players like Capt. Portman and Major Crowe, they should be a powerful side. Messrs. Brocklehurst and Rankine, two of the club's old members, are back from leave. The former has brought out two new ponies, which will doubtless help to re-establish him as one of the leading players in Ceylon.

Ceylonese members, which include Mr. R. G. C. Pereira, the Hon. Mr. J. L. Kotalawala, Justin Kotalawala and Mr. Dudley Senanayake, M.S.C., are busy collecting ponies and getting them conditioned. They should, as during last year, be a combination much to be reckoned with. Among the out-station players, Lushington and Grogan are getting well into form. It is understood that these two, together with Capt. Portman, R.A., and Lieut. Uniacke, R.A., will represent the Out-station side in the August Week match. Colombo will find them rather a tough proposition.

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Mr. R. H. Skrine, "the Father of the Club," and for many years president of the club, has just gone on leave, and his place has been taken by Mr. E. H. Davies, C.C.S. Mr. K. Crawford still finds time to carry out the many duties of secretary, and will continue to do so until he goes home on leave at the beginning of next year.

NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY.

Grants for Pony Stallions.

At a meeting the Council of the Society, held on April 22nd, Major H. Faudel-Phillips was formally elected to the chair as president for the ensuing year in succession to Mr. Roy B. Charlton. The death of Mr. A. Auriol Barker (a member of the Council since 1910) having been reported, Major A. L. Cameron was co-opted in his place. Similarly, Mr. J. Ings was co-opted to fill a vacancy created by the recent death of Mr. Bertram W. Mills. Sixteen new members were elected. Mr. T. C. Armitage was unanimously re-elected as a steward of the Society's London Show. It was agreed that, for the assistance of mare owners, etc., steps should be taken to compile a list of stallions suitable for siring children's riding ponies, and instructions were given to the secretary in this connection.

Following consideration of a letter from the Welsh Pony and Cob Society by the Mountain and Moorland Pony Committee, it was agreed to seek the views of the various native pony breed societies as to the position of their breeds under the grants received from the Racecourse Betting Control Board, with a view to a special meeting by the committee being convened, to be attended by representatives of the societies.

The position as regards grants for pony stallions this year is as follows:

Dales.—There will be four premiums of £46 each, the stallions Unicorn, Prince Comet II, Snowhope Purple Heather and Black Prince II to travel the Stainmore, East Durham, Weardale and Swaledale districts respectively.

Dartmoors.—Premiums of £2 each to be awarded for two-year-old colts at the Brimpts and Okehampton Shows.

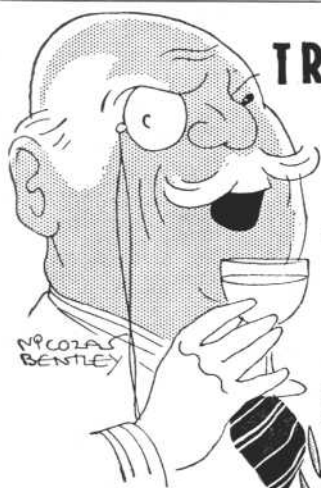
Exmoors.—Four premiums of £5 each for the best four stallions over two years old, and one premium of £5 for the best colt foaled in 1936 or 1937.

Fell.—Five premiums of £33 each.

Highland.—One premium of £30 to the stallion Neil Gow.

New Forest.—Fifteen premiums of £3 each to stallions four years old and over.

Welsh.—Premiums of £10, £9, £7, £6, £5, £4, £3 and £2.



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Following consideration of a letter from the Exmoor Pony Society as to the difficulty occasioned by ponies straying through the breaking and removal of gates across roads leading from moorland, it was agreed that the Society should take up this matter with the Roads and Bridges Committee of various County Councils in an endeavour to secure that existing gates are repaired and new ones provided where necessary.

The Show Committee reported that various suggestions arising from the Society's recent Show had been deferred for consideration when the prize list for 1939 is under review. Rosettes and prize cards to accompany the award of the Society's medals at agricultural shows this year were approved.

It was reported by the secretary that the issue of height certificates for children's ponies, and children's age certificates, were proceeding at a satisfactory rate, fifty-eight life certificates and eight for the forthcoming season having been issued for ponies and eight children's age certificates. The Committee had also considered the non-acceptance of a height certificate by the New Forest Agricultural Society, when information was given by Sir Berkeley Pigott that the Society had now agreed to accept such certificates.

THE PONY MARKET.

As is usual on the eve of the opening of the London season, there has been some activity in the pony market. A number of polo ponies were for sale at Messrs. Tattersall's on April 25th, top price being 230 gs., made by Lieut.-Col. de Wend-Fenton, who is unable to play polo again, for the well-bred mare Wavelet's Last. The following is a return of recent transactions at Knightsbridge:

April 25th.—Property of Mr. D. de C. Smiley, Royal Horse Guards: Broken Vow, chesnut pony by St. Tudwal, 50 gs.; Angel Song, chesnut pony by Love Song, 50 gs.; chesnut pony by Sungirt, 40 gs. Property of Capt. W. P. Browne-Clayton, 12th Lancers (who has given up polo): Nancy, bay, 36 gs.; Peti Seti, bay, 100 gs.; Vivid, chesnut, 58 gs.; Pinto, piebald, 46 gs. Property of Mr. Geoffrey Wear, Tendring Hall Farm, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester: Roddy, bay, 30 gs.; Marzie, bay, 44 gs.; Nobby, bay, 45 gs.; Sprightly, bay, 30 gs.; Gem, chesnut, 30 gs. Property of Major G. H. N. Todd, Royal Scots Greys: Lime-light, br, by Empire Maker, 180 gs.; Merry Colleen (1931), b m, by San Vincenté out of Merry Match by Matchmaker, 130 gs.; Acushla, ch, 34 gs. Property of Mr. H. S. Cayzer: Duque, b, 75 gs.; My Dear, br, 56 gs.; Mary, b, 70 gs. Property of Capt. E. J. H. Merry, Royal Horse Guards: Ladybird, b, 55 gs. Property of Capt. A. G. Martyr, Royal Scots Greys: Lancer, br, 82 gs. Property of Lieut.-Col. J. D. L. de Wend-Fenton, 3rd Hussars: Greatheart, br, by Galroy, 90 gs.; Wavelet's Last

(1931), b m, by Wavelet's Boy out of Lady Spec by Spectral or Hayden, 230 gs.

May 2nd.—Property of Mr. T. Hilder, White Tyrrells, Ingatestone, Essex: Easter Rose, chesnut mare by Tremola, 62 gs.; Diana's Choice (1932), bay mare by Santair out of Diana Dear by Soulouque, 57 gs.; Highball (1934), brown, by Ellangowan out of Scotch Gold by Colorado, 40 gs.. Property of Messrs. R. W. D. Leigh and P. S. Lowsley-Williams, Harrington House, Bourton-on-the-Water: Blushing Bride (1933), chesnut mare by Flamingo out of Brial Dawn by Bachelor's Double, 70 gs.; grey, by Hastatus, 60 gs.; black mare (1933) by Peeping Tom out of Mandioca by Pomme-de-terre, 55 gs.; bay mare (1930) by Inkerman out of Bernalda by Lemberg, 50 gs.; The Forty-Second (1933), grey pony mare by Black Watch out of Xmas Morn by Bethlehem, 30 gs. Property of Major A. Hayhurst-France: Starlight (1930), bay, by African Star out of Queen of the Night by Viceroy, 41 gs.; Red Lily, bay mare by Red Apple, 31 gs.; Perfection, bay mare by Bridgewater, 35 gs.; Flare (1933), bay mare by Pick of the Circus out of Colour Blind by The Yellow Dwarf, 34 gs.; Raffia (1933), brown pony mare by Rafnam out of Crepe by Chaucer, 30 gs. Property of Mr. B. Tighe: Velvet, bay, 41 gs.; Nina, black, 38 gs.; Magic (1930), bay mare by Malice out of Agnes Argo by Argosy, 31 gs.

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Reviewed by Michael Harrison.

Perhaps the book to which readers of THE POLO MONTHLY will look forward with most interest is the autobiography of Steve Donoghue, which Messrs. Collins are publishing on May 30th, under the title of "Donoghue Up." This firm has already secured itself an enviable reputation for the production of sporting books, and no doubt many of my readers will have seen Major Paget's memorable "History of the Pytchley and Althorp Hunts," a fine example of book production. The Steve Donoghue book is being published in two editions, so the advance notices inform me: an ordinary edition at 10s. 6d., and a signed *de-luxe* edition at two guineas, which Donoghue will also inscribe with the name of the purchaser. When I add further that, according to the publishers, the special edition will be bound in Donoghue's racing colours, attractively boxed and wrapped in cellophane, it seems almost an anti-climax on the reviewer's part to point out that, for the first time, we shall have an authoritative view on racing and breeding from the standpoint of the greatest jockey of our time. Donoghue's great gift has been his *understanding* of horses, an understanding which has enabled him to adjust his dealings with his animals in conformity with each horse's individual needs. This is a rare gift, and one which, as a jockey, Donoghue has exploited with rare skill and imagination; nor is it too much to hope that, as a trainer, that same gift may find even larger scope. In next month's issue of THE POLO MONTHLY I hope to be able to review this important book at greater length.

Last month I mentioned that I had seen an advance copy of "The Aga Khan's Horses." This book has now been published, and copies may be obtained at the price of fifteen shillings, or, in a special edition, signed by His Highness, together with Capt. R. C. Lyle, the author, and Mr. Lionel Edwards, the artist, at five guineas. Capt. Lyle, whose "Brown Jack" will long be remembered, has given us an extraordinarily full account of the Aga Khan's stable since it was formed in 1921, and no trouble has been spared by the author in the effort to make his history as compendious and accurate as human application could make it. He takes us behind the scenes and shows us the drama behind the formation and maintenance of a great racing establishment, and the book may well stand as a tribute to that fine sportsman and judge of a horse—the Hon. George Lambton, who bought the Aga Khan's stud for him. And what a stud it was: names that are now historic comprised it, and its owner is one who has achieved three winning Derbys, is also the only

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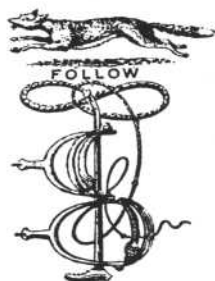
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owner to head the list of leading owners seven times, and is a sharer, with the owner of Rock Sand, in the honour of winning three classics with one horse. Capt. Lyle has remembered to tell us everything: details of breeding, training, racing and—important, this!—winning. Bahram alone won his owner £43,000 in stake money. Yes, Capt. Lyle has done very well indeed by a fascinating subject.

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Addressed primarily to the children, I still feel that older persons will find great pleasure in Capt. Antonio Fachiri's "Pamela and Her Pony, 'Flash,'" (Arthur Barker, 5s.). I found this account of a little girl's equestrian history excellent reading, and preferable to many a more pretentious work. Like all children, Pamela longed for a pony of her own, and until "The Knight" persuaded her golfing father to let her own one, Pamela was in great danger of missing her birthright, for a more beautiful seat and hands (if the photographs don't lie) I have never seen on a child rider. From her first lesson on the tan to the last chapter, where she is blooded, this is an authentic account of how a child should be both mounted and taught to ride. Older readers will find a sentimental attraction in this re-creation of their own childhood, which Capt. Fachiri has done with such sympathy and understanding.

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Do not be misled by the title of a little book which is by way of being a best-seller at the moment: "A Guide to the Classics" (Faber and Faber, 3s. 6d.) is not concerned with Aristophanes or Cæsar's *De Bello Gallico*, but with "classics" a little more familiar. The authors, so I am told, are two Oxford Dons, who have brought to the chancy business of spotting winners the orderly habits of mind which have stood them in such good stead in their scholastic career. The sub-title of "A Guide to the Classics" is "How to Pick the Derby Winner," and the aim of the authors is to explain how, by analysis of the facts of breeding and form, it is possible to draw common-sense conclusions, and so reduce the list of possible winners to three or four. (And quite enough, too!) My only doubt of Messrs. Guy Griffith and Michael Oakeshott's ability to perform the signal service of accurate prediction arises from my own inability to believe that even the most careful observer may take note of *all* the facts which influence the winning of a race. There are, when all the facts of breeding, form, weather conditions, etc., have been allowed for, certain imponderable elements which defy all examination and prediction: the horse just "didn't feel like it"; that was all. . . Still, "A Guide to Classics" is a thought-provoking little work, and while I should hesitate to recommend it as a means of paying off the National Debt, I think it might help to while away several hours, and, not improbably, earn its cost.

CONCERNING MOTORS.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

Whatever taxes are imposed no one is ever pleased, so it is only human nature that the transport world and motorists generally should protest on further impositions being placed on their shoulders. Yet we shall all pay the extra 1d. per gallon tax on fuel, although it really is getting a bit steep to be taxed 9d. per gallon, which is over 50 per cent of the cost of the product. I know one car-owner with a fleet in his garage who told his man that now onwards he must buy commercial motor spirit No. 3 instead of the usual No. 1, as this is 2d. a gallon cheaper, so with the extra 1d. for the tax is still a penny less than what he paid before the extra copper was put on by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

But my friend is a very well-to-do fellow, so although I do not suppose that it can make any worth while worry to him about petrol being dearer in a financial sense, he will do these sort of things as a matter of principle; it is his form of protest.

By the way, have you noticed that our British motor manufacturers are waking up to the fact that it was necessary to produce cars which had a good second-hand value, because if a car did not sell easily when it was a few years old, "it was going to cork up the market for the other products of the factory," to quote Mr. W. M. W. Thomas, managing director of Wolseley Motors Ltd., in a recent lecture at the Institute of the Motor Trade.

Consequently motor manufacturers have now to design cars which would last and could be easily looked after so as to be kept in first-class condition. In fact, it was all very well thinking about graceful lines and tasteful coachwork, but unless the chauffeur and the garage service man could not keep all working parts in perfect order without too much trouble the car would be worth little when its first owner wanted to sell it and buy the latest model.

So the public are at last to be more considered in regard to the sale of their cars in the future. In fact, the Wolseley Company have started a scheme to keep up the second-hand value of their cars, which is a splendid idea for owners of this make. Also servicing costs are to be kept low, so that running costs were lessened or at any rate not raised.

We have all had experience of parting with good cars for comparatively low prices. In fact, I have always maintained Rolls-Royce were the cheapest car on the market, as they lasted a long time and maintained a high second-hand value.

Many motorists, like the writer, have spent £1,000, or shall I say lost £1,000, in the changing of their cars during the past

few years. I know that I wish that I had bought the second-hand Rolls-Royce offered me after the Great War, which would have served me well, and then brought a better price than buying new cars—Fiat, Bean, Daimler, Armstrong Siddeley and Wolseley—in succession and dropping cash on each one as I bought another new car. So it is pleasant to record that owners are now to lose less when second-hand values rise.

Also I do believe that the Minister of Transport will be able to better our roads to convey an ever-increasing traffic, as when the rush of armaments is over to prevent too sudden dismissal of workmen, road problems will be tackled on the grand scale, which means widening old bridges and constructing new ones, and creating a set of trunk roads for segregating the fast motor traffic from the slower-moving vehicles.

At the moment our highways in Great Britain have some sixteen motor vehicles per mile of road, so are easily the most congested thoroughfares in the world. The result is that people are not using their cars so much according to the statisticians of the fuel industry, as the average purchase of motor fuel per vehicle between 1936 and 1937 declined from 617 gallons to 605 gallons per annum. And notwithstanding the increased registration I do not believe that the consumption average has gone up to-day. But we shall be able to see when the official figures for this year appear in due course.

The Road Federation, whose chairman is Lord Howe, gave evidence before the House of Lords Select Committee on the Prevention of Road Accidents, and stated that the Federation could not agree with the conclusions drawn from the analyses of accidents made by the Ministry of Transport, and it did not agree that only 1·2 per cent of accidents are attributable to road conditions and all others, except a negligible amount, to personal error. Evidence was produced to the Committee to support that statement, which we all hope will convince the House that nine out of ten accidents would not happen if the roads had been designed and constructed in accordance with a reasonable interpretation of the Ministry of Transport's Memorandum on the Lay-Out and Construction of Roads.

So it would seem that the M.O.T. has excellent ideas if they can only persuade the various County Councils and Road Authorities to spend their money to carry them out.

Unfortunately the Ministry now has 4,500 miles of main roads entirely under its own control, so no doubt local authorities are waiting to see the Minister start on his own roads before they start on theirs. Anyway there is great hope in the future of seeing a really good scheme of road improvement being carried out—when the cash is available and not wanted for anti-aircraft defences and other similar materials.

To change the subject, look out for vapour lock in the fuel pumps on cars now the sun has become warmer. This does not seem to happen in the cold weather, but is sometimes experienced in the spring. This trouble takes the form of noise produced by vapour lock, that is petrol boiling in the pipe before it reaches

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the pump. The noise is particularly noticeable in very hot weather, and makes its presence felt when you slow down after driving hard.

It occurs generally on cars in which the petrol pipe is mounted alongside the exhaust pipe. The degree to which this is experienced varies with the fuels, the better grades of fuel being less subject to it. Different brands of fuels are made to cater for different characteristics which are found desirable on engines of different designs, and it will be found that there is a distinct difference in the tendency towards vapour lock on these various brands.

Noise can also be caused by air leaks on the suction side of the pump, only in this case the noise occurs when the engine is idling whether it is hot or cold.

A definite check to see if an air leak is present can be made by disconnecting the petrol pipe from the carburetter and then allowing the pump to force petrol into a pint can. If the end of the pipe is submerged in the petrol and bubbles come through there is definitely an air leak, which must be found and cured.

This may be either due to loose screws around the flange, a loose filter plug or a damaged filter plug washer, a loose or damaged inlet union or a damaged olive on the petrol pipe which connects to the engine.

I mention these matters because the local garage man may or may not diagnose "the funny noise" which sent you to him, and so that you can suggest it may be a vapour lock or an air lock; in any case both are connected with the petrol pump and its pipe connections.

Quite recently I had a memo from the Rover Company stating that occasionally it is found that after decarbonizing Rover models that the oil consumption has become excessive. This is usually caused by someone reassembling the rocker shaft incorrectly. So the company sent a note how to do it in the right manner. It is simply that the oil outlet holes in the rocker shaft must be as far away from the two holes in the rocker bush as possible. They must not correspond or oil will get past the rocker bushes too easily and then find its way past the valve guides.

The best position for the holes in the shaft is to point towards 5 o'clock when viewed from the front of the engine on 14-h.p. Rovers and towards 7 o'clock on other models. This point should be remembered whenever the rocker shaft has to be removed for any reason. Here again, I do not suppose you are going to do this job of work yourself at any time, but if your Rover starts eating oil this is the cause and remedy. One cannot expect one's chauffeur or the garage man to know everything, so a hint may prove of service.

Writing of fuel reminds me that I had a most enjoyable visit to Nell Gwynne's old house on the River Thames by Vauxhall Bridge recently and lunched in her old dining room facing the garden with a view to Westminster "but for the houses in between" as the song says.

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But I am wandering from that delightful old house on the Albert Embankment, whose garden is mostly the paved yard where commercial vehicles get their fuel tanks refilled; still there are flowers and a little lawn, but the vista of the Houses of Parliament is hidden by laboratories erected on the east side garden for the experimental staff.

Still there is much to be seen, as the house is little altered, although its rooms are furnished rather differently than in the days when King Charles II came here. It was the Manor House in those days. Now it is only a number on the Albert Embankment, and motorists galore drive into the old garden, never realizing what a romantic place it was some three hundred years ago, and beyond perhaps a passing glance at the big bow window of the house inside on their left hand get on with their lawful business.

I went to Blackpool for the R.A.C. Rally, and must congratulate all concerned for a most successful meeting. The cars entered for the coachwork competition were magnificent, and Col. R. Rippon's 32-h.p. Daimler saloon deservedly won the Four-Door Champion Cup. Equally deserving its reward of the Champion Cup for two-door saloons was Mr. J. Barclay's 30-h.p. Bentley, with its Young coachwork with the patent doors which open and shut by sliding parallel to the car itself—a very excellent virtue.

I did not agree with the judge's award for the Open Car Champion Cup, but we cannot all hold the same opinion.

There was a nice 24-h.p. Delage drop-head coupé which was awarded first in the Under £1,000 Class for coupés, and a most handsome drop-head coupé on a 42-h.p. Lagonda, which won the Champion Cup for that style of coachwork over £1,000.

The class prizes were well distributed over the various makes of cars competing in the Rally as Morgan, Vauxhall, Hillman, Opel, Triumph, Rover, Lanchester, another Rover and Triumph, S.S., Alvis, M.G., Jensen, Delage, two Bentleys, Daimler and Lagonda, all received first awards.

The prize for teams of three in the 1,000 miles road circuit of Great Britain was won by a team of Riley's, with Ford as runners-up, and the Junior Car Club won the club team prize, with the Lancashire A.C. their nearest rivals. The joke of the Rally was that the trade team of Ford cars, which were the runners-up for the manufacturers' team prize, were also the team of the Junior Car Club, which was awarded the amateur (?) club team prize, or at least club teams are presumed to be amateurs.

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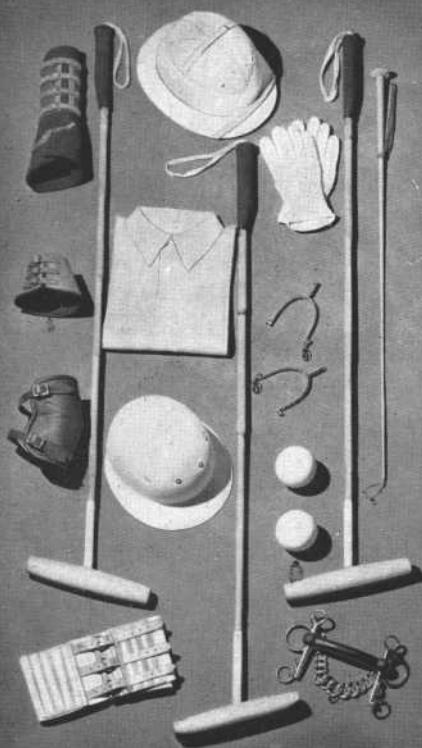
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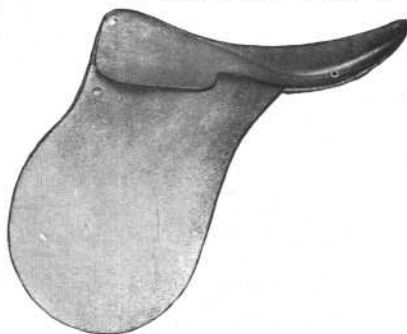
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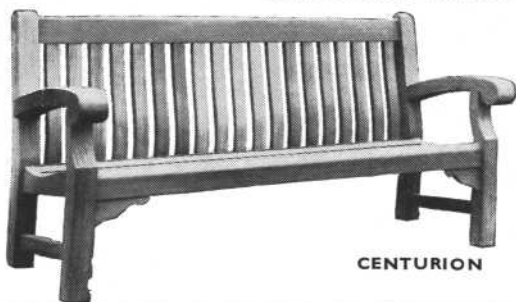
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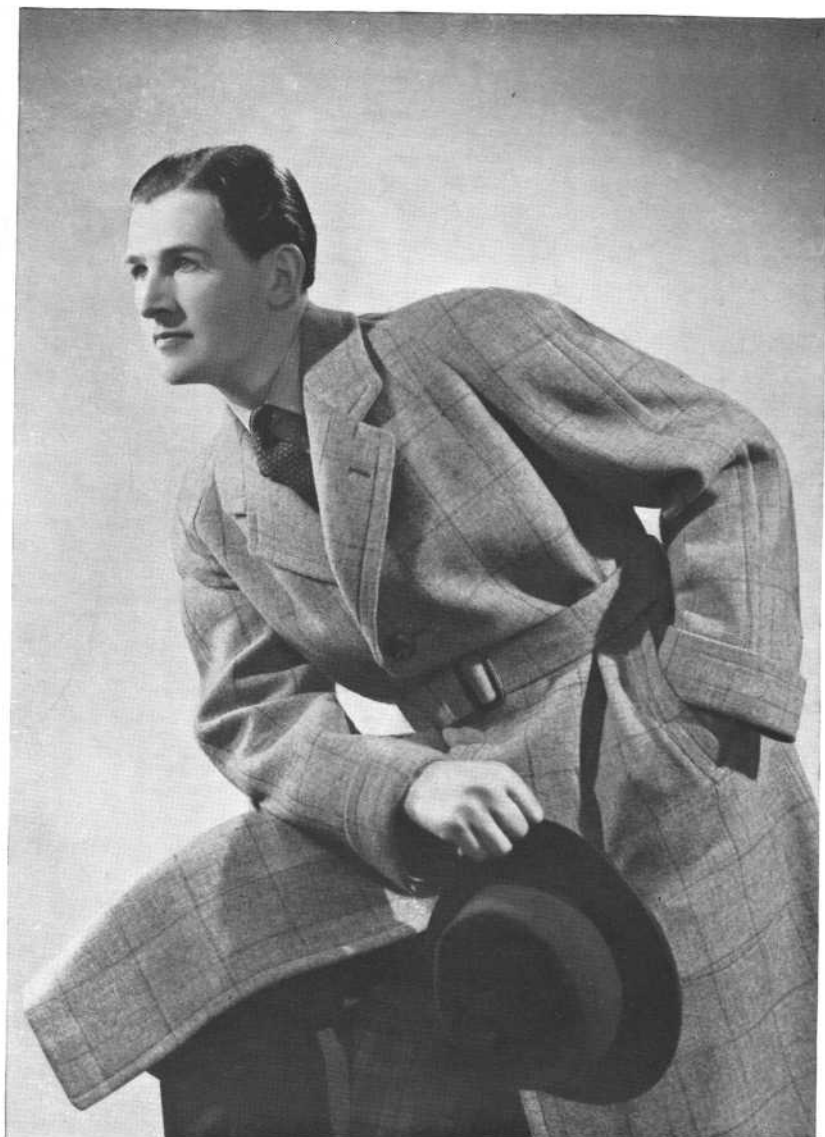
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SATURDAY, 18th.		
SATURDAY, 18th.	}	Champion Cup 1st Tie.
MONDAY, 20th.		
WEDNESDAY, 22nd,	}	Champion Cup 1st Ties.
and		
THURSDAY, 23rd.	}	Champion Cup Semi-Finals.
SATURDAY, 25th.		
TUESDAY, 28th, and	}	Champion Cup Final.
WEDNESDAY, 29th.		
		Inter-Regimental Tournament Semi-Finals.

JULY.

SATURDAY, 2nd.	}	Inter-Regimental Tournament Final.
SATURDAY, 2nd.		
MONDAY, 4th.	}	Tyro Challenge Cup commences.
TUESDAY, 5th, to		
SATURDAY, 9th.	}	Indian Empire and Eastern Garden Party.
SATURDAY, 9th.		
SATURDAY, 9th.	}	India v. The World, for "The Indian Princes' Challenge Shield."
MONDAY, 11th, to		
SATURDAY, 16th.	}	Tyro Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 16th.		
SATURDAY, 16th.	}	Oxford v. Cambridge. 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, 16th.		
MONDAY, 18th, to	}	Social Clubs' Cup commences.
SATURDAY, 23rd.		
		Social Clubs' Cup.
		Villavieja Cup.
		Cicero Cup commences.
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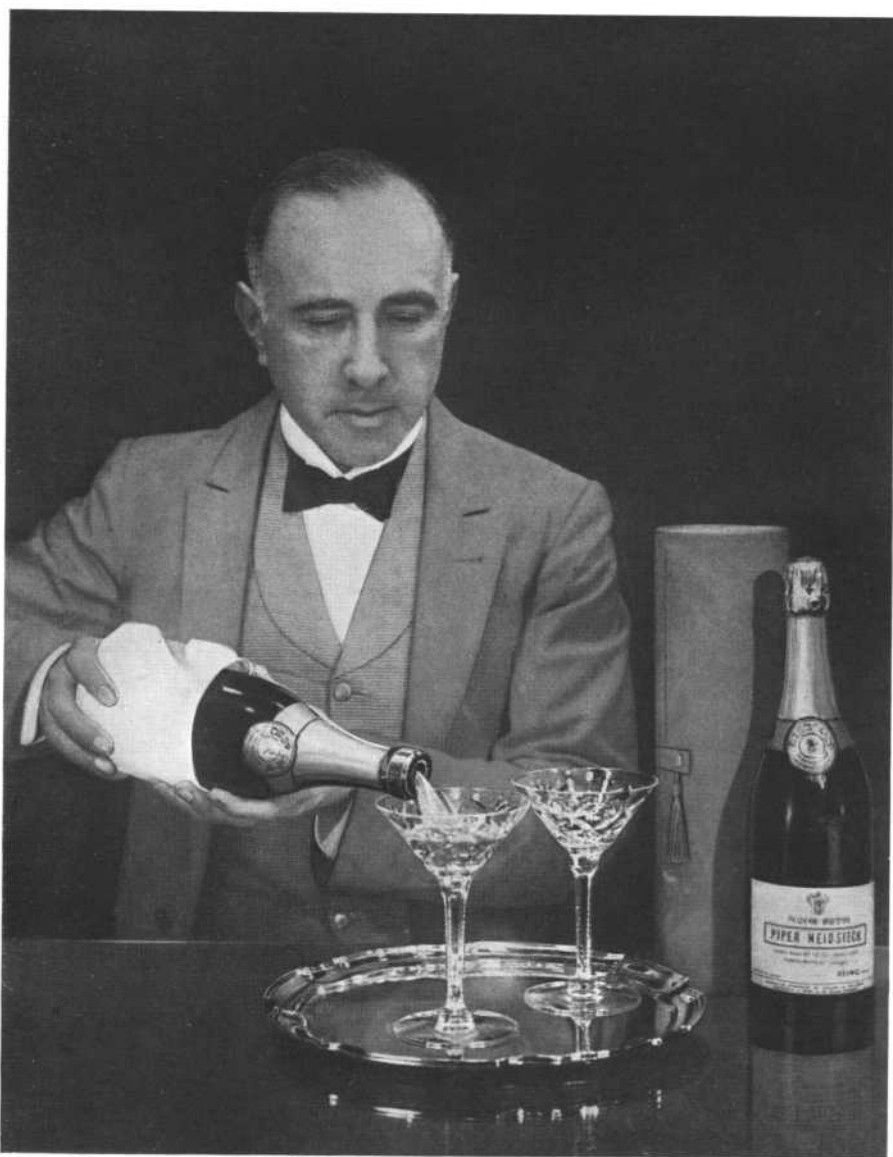
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Preliminary Polo Programme for Season 1938.

Duke of York's Cup—					
Royal Navy v. Royal Air Force	June 18
Kit-Cat Cup	..	..	..	..	June 18—25
Verdun Cup—					
A British Team v. An Allies Team	..	..	..	}	In week June 25
Harrington Cup—					
House of Lords v. House of Commons	..	..	..	}	(Dates to be arranged).
Coronation Cup	..	..	..	..	July 2—9
Subalterns' Gold Cup	..	..	..	..	July 2—9
Bluejackets' Cup	..	..	..	..	July 9—16
County Polo Week	..	..	..	..	July 11—16
Hunt Cup	July 16—23
Athlone Cup	July 20
Farewell Handicap Tournament	July 23—30

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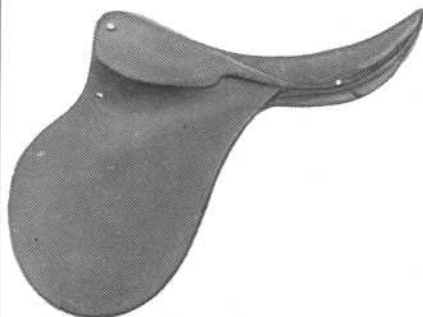


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JUNE.

WEDNESDAY, 15th.	Bhopal Cup (I.) Final.
WEDNESDAY, 15th.	Entries close for Handicap Tournament (L.H.).
SATURDAY, 18th.	Roehampton Cup (H.H.) Final.
SATURDAY, 18th.	Handicap Tournament (L.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd.	Entries close for Junior Championship (R.O.).
SATURDAY, 25th.	Handicap Tournament (L.H.) Final.
SATURDAY, 25th.	Junior Championship (R.O.) commences.
WEDNESDAY, 29th.	Entries close for Shaw Cup (H.H.).
THURSDAY, 30th.	Tenth Annual British Empire Garden Party. At 2.15 p.m.
	Reception by the High Commissioners of the Dominions.
	At 3 p.m., Frank Hargreaves Cup (D.M.).
	At 4.20 p.m., Display by the Metropolitan Police.
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JULY.

SATURDAY, 2nd.	Junior Championship (R.O.) Final.
SATURDAY, 2nd.	Shaw Cup (H.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY, 6th.	Entries close for Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.).
SATURDAY, 9th.	Shaw Cup (H.H.) Final.
SATURDAY, 9th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.) commences.
WEDNESDAY, 13th.	Entries close for Young Cup (M.H.).
SATURDAY, 16th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.) Final.
SATURDAY, 16th.	Young Cup (M.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY, 20th.	Entries close for "Paul Jones" (N.S.) Tournament.
SATURDAY, 23rd.	Young Cup (M.H.) Final.
MONDAY, 25th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) commences.
SATURDAY, 30th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) Final.

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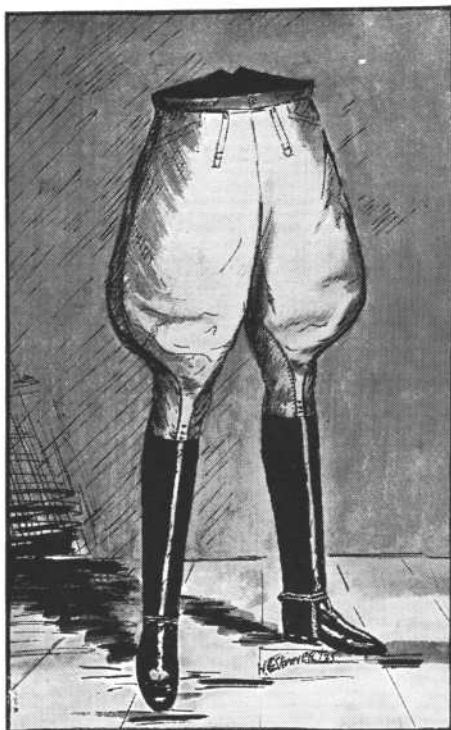
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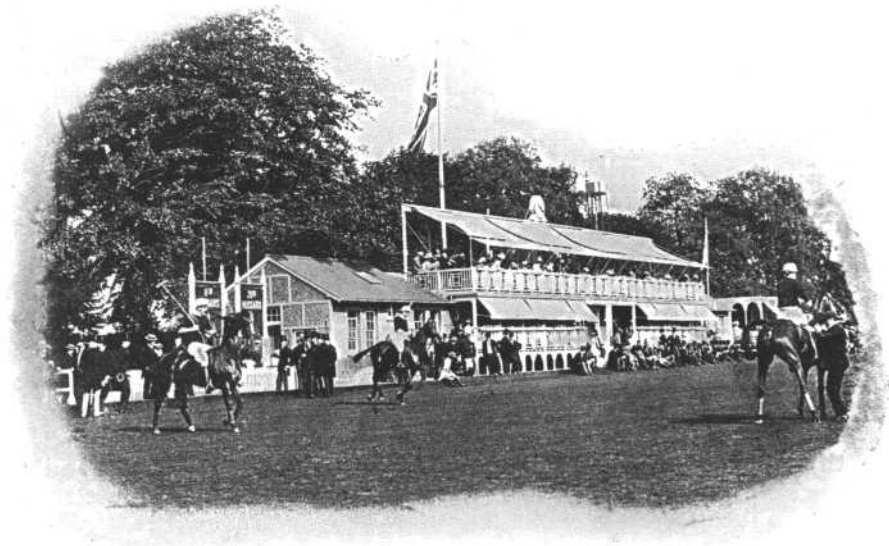
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CURRENT TOPICS.



Next Year's International Matches.

Major N. W. Leaf, who in the winter was in the Argentine purchasing ponies for the use of the England International team next year, has been appointed Master of the Horse by the Selection and Management Committee. Already the nucleus of a good stud has been formed, and though there will inevitably be a good many eliminations when the ponies are formally tested later on, it is pleasant to know that much promising material is already at hand. In addition to the Argentine ponies a number of English ponies have been acquired, and it is understood that the pick of the stud of Mr. R. Skene will be at the disposal of Major Leaf in his process of selection. It has also been decided by the Selection and Management Committee to appoint a non-playing captain, a move which will meet with general approval.

Players on Test in Empire Cup.

Although the match did not receive the official title of an International trial, it was generally realized that most of the players in the Hurlingham v. Ireland match for the Empire Cup at Hurlingham on Whit-Monday were being followed by the Selection Committee with a view to their possibilities at Meadow Brook next year. The Irish team consisted of Major B. J. Fowler, Mr. Aidan Roark, Capt. C. T. I. Roark, and

Capt. H. P. Guinness. Only a week or two previously Mr. A. Roark had arrived from the U.S.A. for the purpose of joining the Texas Rangers, and his form was watched with special interest. He showed up well in a fast game, though his brother "Pat" was hardly at his best. Major Fowler was brilliant for the most part at No. 1. The Hurlingham team consisted of the Hon. Keith Rous, Mr. R. Skene, Mr. G. Balding, and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin. This side had the better of play in the first two chukkers. Subsequently there was not much in it, but Hurlingham thoroughly deserved their victory by 10 goals to 7. Mr. Skene was in good scoring form, and on the whole he and Balding made a more formidable pair than the brothers Roark.

Polo Televised.

Television viewers were able on May 14th to see two chukkers of the Whitney Cup final. Unfortunately the B.B.C. decided that the pictures from Hurlingham were not satisfactory, and after an apology at the end of the second chukker, substituted a studio item for the last chukker. "This," says one writer, "was fair neither to the Hurlingham Club nor to viewers, who were enjoying good pictures of a very good game. What faults there were seemed very slight. The cameras kept pace easily with the swiftly moving horses, and often showed the ball clearly throughout the whole of its flight." Reception of the chukkers had been very good, and almost entirely free from interference. Before the view of the field was cut off, definition had been better than ever before on an outside broadcast. An enquiry to Alexandra Palace disclosed that this broadcast was stopped because of one complaint about the quality of the transmission. Within a few minutes of the announcement several viewers telephoned to express their surprise. The B.B.C. stated later that some of their engineers, viewing the match in their own homes, had also recommended the stopping of the broadcast.

Polo Commentary.

A running comment on the play was broadcast round Hurlingham polo ground during the Whitney Cup final by no less an authority than Col. J. R. C. Gannon. The following remarks are quoted from the *Star*: "I am told it was not popular with people in the stand, who know all about the game. But it was, I gather, very much liked by spectators who had paid a shilling to get in. First-class polo may be—in fact, is—a rich man's game, but I hope no one will object to the poor man getting a crumb or two of pleasure from the table of the wealthy."

Visiting Teams Entertained.

A distinctly pleasant occasion was the luncheon given by the British Sportsman's Club to the visiting polo teams at the Savoy Hotel on May 27th, Lord Decies being in the chair. The guests were Mr. C. B. Wrightsman's Texas Rangers, consisting of

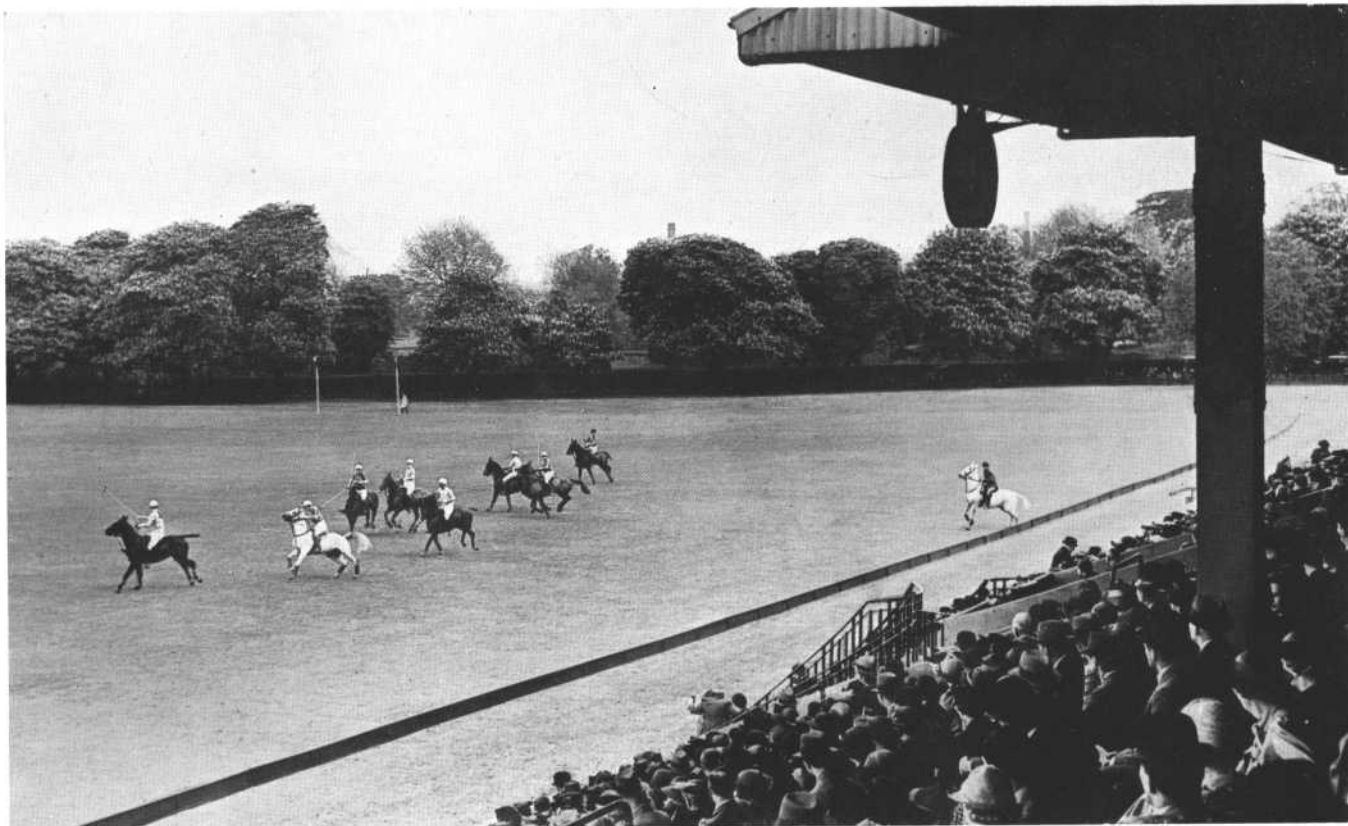


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A GLIMPSE OF HURLINGHAM AT THE FINAL TIE OF THE WHITNEY CUP.

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Earlier ties in this tournament had been played both at Roehampton and Hurlingham. Adsdean defeated Cowdray Park in the final.

himself, Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin, Mr. Cecil Smith, Major N. W. Leaf, and Mr. Aidan Roark; the Gauchos, led by Mr. R. Loewenstein, with Mr. R. Cavanagh, Mr. R. Santamarina, and Mr. Hesketh Hughes; and El Gezira, a team of officers from the R.H.A. and the 8th Hussars on leave from Egypt, under the leadership of Major B. J. Fowler, with Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller and Mr. W. G. Lowther. The other member of the team, Capt. H. C. Elton, was unfortunately unable to attend, as he was still suffering from the effects of his bad fall in a first tie of the Roehampton Open Cup. Among those entertained were also the ladies' lawn tennis teams from Australia and South Africa.

Sporting Ventures.

Lord Decies, proposing the health of the guests, recalled the previous visit of Mr. Wrightsman's Texas Rangers in 1936, and remarked that they are again a very formidable side. The Gauchos were new to this country, and he hoped that their visit would be enjoyable. The Gezira club's venture, he said, was a most sporting gesture. They had brought over their ponies at their own charges during the short-leave season, and everyone was glad to see them. Mr. Wrightsman, in reply, said he was very glad to be back again in England, and mentioned that in the London season there are more tournaments decided in a short time than anywhere else. They had had some fine polo already, looked forward to more, and hoped to return again in 1940. Mr. Santamarina replied for the Gauchos, and Major Fowler, returning thanks for El Gezira, recalled that the last time a Gezira team had visited England was the side led by Yousry Pasha before the war, who had had a measure of success in tournaments in London.

Col. H. L. Ismay.

Col. Hastings Lionel Ismay, who has become Secretary to the Committee of Imperial Defence, was born in 1887, and has been deputy secretary to the committee since 1936. He had a distinguished Army career. He is a keen polo player, handicapped this year at 3 on the Hurlingham list.

Capt. D. Miller.

Capt. Desmond C. J. Miller (17th/21st Lancers, serving under the Air Ministry) had a flying accident on May 28th at Odiham, near Basingstoke. He was taken to hospital at Aldershot, where he was reported later to have had a good night and to be slightly better. Capt. Miller has been playing this season in Sir Harold Wernher's Someries House team.

The Polo Ball.

Lady Margaret Drummond Hay is the Chairman of the Polo Ball, which has been held annually for the last three years, and will take place this year at the Dorchester Hotel on July 13th,



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THE RANGERS, WHOSE PRESENCE AT THE LONDON CLUBS THIS SUMMER IS MOST WELCOME.

Left to right, the players consist of Mr. C. B. Wrightsman (the organizer of the team), Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin and Major N. W. Leaf. Early in June the side was joined by Mr. Aidan Roark, and won the Ranelagh Open Cup.

under the patronage of the leading polo teams, including Ad-dean, Chinchillas, Cowdray Park, Edgehill, Edmundsbury, Friar Park, Gauchos, Jaguars, Knaves, Norton Bavant, The Panthers, Rangers, Royal Scots Greys, Someries House, and the Traillers. The committee include wives of famous polo players, such as Mrs. Alexander Barclay and Mrs. Eric Tyrrell-Martin, and polo players themselves, such as Captain Leslie Harris, Mr. Hugh Salmon Backhouse, Major P. Magor, Mr. Archie David, Major S. C. Deed, Major T. L. Horn, and Captain Dudley Norton. Patrons of the Ball include last year's Chairman, Lady Louis Mountbatten, together with Lady Zia Wernher, Viscount Cowdray, Hon. W. W. Astor, M.P., and the Earl of Westmorland. Tickets, £2 2s. each, including champagne supper and running buffet, for the Ball can be obtained from the Chairman, any member of the committee, and the Organising Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Perry, at the Dorchester Hotel (Mayfair 8888).

Ranelagh Polo Ball.

Tickets to the value of over £500 were ordered for Queen Charlotte's Ranelagh (Polo) Ball (Thursday, July 14th) at Lady Howard de Walden's meeting last month. This will be the largest outdoor ball of the season, with floodlit country fair amusements. Tables can be reserved through Major Whitmee, Ranelagh Club, or at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Amb. 1677.

A Start at Richmond Park.

One of the most interesting experiments in the annals of polo around London has been the opening this year of the new ground at Richmond Park, which has already been described in these pages. The first regular match took place there on May 11th, and attracted a fair crowd of onlookers, who have nothing to pay. In spite of the lack of rain for many weeks, the ground rode well, and great credit belongs to those responsible for getting it into shape for polo within the space of a few months. With plenty of skilled tuition in the game in the neighbourhood, there seems no reason why the new ground should not gradually produce a crop of players relatively new to polo. In the opening game the Chinchillas won by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 7. They were opposed to a team styled London, who had the advantage of a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals on the handicap. Play was even until Chinchillas opened the scoring. The second chukker two goals went to London, Mr. N. Dugdale scoring after a long run. Mr. Hall, the Chinchillas' No. 1, played well throughout. London maintained their lead in the third chukker, and after no scoring in the fourth the Chinchillas put on three goals in the fifth. In the last chukker the Chinchillas were still reducing the London lead, but when the bell went for time they were still half a goal behind, after a very exciting game. The teams were: *Chinchillas*: Mr. R. W. Hall, Mr. A. S. Gaselee, Major S. C. Deed and Mr. A. Grisar. *London*: Mr. T. M. Hilder, Mr. A. David, Mr. N. Dugdale and Lord Barnby. Since this game a number of other interesting matches have taken place in Richmond Park. A special attraction was the

match on May 31st between the Jaguars and the Gauchos, this resulting in a draw of 4 goals all.

A Polo Demonstration.

A polo demonstration which was generally appreciated by visitors was given by Capt. P. J. Butler and Major W. D. Morgan at Penshurst before the start of play there on May 14th. Capt. Butler demonstrated the four normal strokes of polo—the forehand and backhand off-side shots and the forehand and backhand near-side shots, in addition to a number of fancy shots, which, it was explained, are generally used for positional play. The importance of seeing that the pony leads with the correct leg when making a stroke was also made clear. Capt. Butler, by the pressure of his legs on his mount, was able to make the pony change step, so as to lead with the proper leg. Most of these shots were done in “slow motion,” so that spectators were able to appreciate the perfect timing which goes to the correct playing of these shots, and to admire the perfection to which training has brought the ponies. With Major Morgan, Capt. Butler then demonstrated some of the fouls of polo, crossing a player who is on the line of the ball, hooking a striker’s stick across his pony, and so on, and they also showed permissible tactics, such as “riding-off” an opponent from the ball, and preventing an opponent from striking the ball by hooking his stick when that does not involve reaching across his pony. “Armed with the knowledge which this brief lesson in polo gave,” says the local Press, “spectators found the match which followed far more interesting than would have been the case, and it is to be hoped that there will be further demonstrations calculated to stimulate the public’s interest in the game and to make its appreciation of the play easier.”

Ranelagh Litigation.

Two actions in the Chancery Division in which the Ranelagh Club was involved came to a sudden end before Mr. Justice Farwell on May 17th. One action was by Ranelagh Club Limited against Sir George Hastings, the founder, and for many years chairman of the club, and concerned the freehold or ownership of the grounds. The other action was by Sir George Hastings against Mr. Vitali Behar, and related to certain share transactions connected with the control of Ranelagh. There were counter-claims by the defendants in both actions. Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. J. H. Stamp appeared for Ranelagh Club Limited and Mr. Behar; Mr. R. P. Croom-Johnson, K.C., and Mr. Gerald Gardiner for Sir George Hastings. Mr. Croom-Johnson, addressing his Lordship, said that he had received instructions late the previous night which meant that it would be unnecessary for his Lordship to investigate the matters relating to the actions. He was proposing, on behalf of the defendant in the first action, Sir George Hastings, to consent to judgment, or, putting it a better way, to submit to judgment. In the same action there was a counterclaim by Sir George Hastings, and he proposed to submit

to that being dismissed with costs. There was a second action which had been consolidated. That was brought by Sir George Hastings to obtain relief with regard to certain documents. As to that action, he proposed to submit to its being dismissed with costs. There was a counterclaim for specific performance of the same agreements, with consequential relief, and he submitted to judgment in respect of that also. He desired to add that he submitted, if his Lordship thought fit to do so, that each of the orders be made with costs. Judgment was given on these lines. On the following day it was stated in the Court of Appeal that an action in the King's Bench Division brought by Sir Alexander Walker and others against the Ranelagh Club Limited and others would be discontinued.

Future of the Club.

In the course of his statement in the Chancery Division, Sir Patrick Hastings made an important reference to the future of the club. There were, he said, many people not connected with that litigation who were interested in the club and its future. The whole issue had been whether or not Mr. Behar always intended to destroy the club and develop the grounds as a building estate. The rent was something over £2,000 a year. He was authorized by Mr. Behar to say that so far from it having been his intention to develop the whole of Ranelagh as a building estate and dismissing all the members, he was willing, if the members of the club desired it, to allow them to continue the club, with the polo ground and such amenities as would remain after a certain amount of development had taken place on the property, for a period of five years for nothing at all. Mr. Behar would not charge them a penny of rent, in the hope that they might be able to restore the club to its former position. At the moment it was losing heavily, and the company could not go on paying the club's losses. That offer, said Sir Patrick Hastings, which could not be described as anything but *generous*, would not even have been suggested while these actions were in the air, and Mr. Behar made it now subject only to this: that no communication of any kind and no consideration of the offer must be made either by the solicitors representing Sir George Hastings or any of the people whom he had told them had been at the back of the actions. There were members of the club whose interests were in the club, and if they desired to continue it the offer would be considered, and, he was sure, accepted.

Tournament for Women Players.

Success is likely to attend the first attempt to hold a championship tournament for women, which will take place at Hurlingham in the week ending July 23rd for a cup presented by Mr. Hans Rowan Hamilton. It is stated that at least four teams will take part in the competition—the Ferne Club, the Cheltenham Club, and two teams from Rugby. Lady Margaret Drummond Hay, who is now busy organizing the Polo Ball at the Dorchester on July 6th, will lead the Ferne team. Other

well-known polo-playing women taking part on this occasion are Lady Priscilla Willoughby, the Hon. Mrs. Murray, and the Hon. Mrs. Greenall. The Indian woman player, Miss Batlivala, who practises as a barrister-at-law in this country and is now on holiday in India, will be returning to England specially for the tournament.

County Polo Umpires.

Polo clubs in the country are reminded in the annual Red Book of the County Polo Association that they may secure the services of umpires, which can be obtained by application to the secretary, Mr. G. F. Askew, at 12 Hanover Square,



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COWDRAY PARK, A LEADING TEAM IN LONDON.

Runners-up in the tournaments for the Whitney Cup and the Buenos Aires Cup, the Cowdray Park team have provided some of the brightest polo of the season so far. Left to right: Viscount Cowdray, Mr. J. Lakin, Capt. P. B. Sanger and Capt. P. W. Dollar.

London, W.1. Clubs requiring umpires will be required to pay a proportion of the expenses (the Association makes itself responsible for about three-quarters) and also provide adequate ponies. In addition, the following players have kindly offered their services to give lectures at county clubs for the benefit of the game and the instruction of young players in the rules of the game: Lord Kimberley, Gen. Sir H. de B. de Lisle, Major-Gen. J. Vaughan, Col. V. N. Lockett, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe, Lieut.-Col. R. G. Ritson, and Major H. Mason. These services are purely honorary.

Apart from the lecturers mentioned above several experts will be available during the season for the purpose of visiting country clubs and giving practical demonstrations regarding the rules of polo for the benefit of young players. The list of names will be shortly announced.

Bath and West Show.

That famous show mare Rosine took the leading honours in the display of polo and riding ponies at the Bath and West Show, held at Plymouth last month. The following breeders and owners were successful in these classes:—Brood mares: 1, Capt. W. H. France-Hayhurst; 2, Mrs. J. Oscar Muntz; 3, Mrs. G. A. Wright. Foaled 1937: 1 and 2, Mrs. W. Lindsay Everard. Foaled 1936: 1, Capt. France-Hayhurst; 2, Mrs. Jack Gouldsmith; 3, Mrs. Lindsay Everard. Foaled 1935: 1, Capt. France-Hayhurst; 2 and 3, Misses Calmady-Hamlyn and Dawson. Cup for best polo pony: Capt. France-Hayhurst; reserve, Mrs. Muntz. National Pony Society's medal for brood mare: Capt. France-Hayhurst; reserve, Mrs. Muntz. N.P.S. medal for juvenile stock: Capt. France-Hayhurst. N.P.S. medal for foals: Capt. France-Hayhurst; reserve, Mrs. Muntz.

Tidworth Pony Show.

Tidworth Polo Club held a successful pony show on Saturday, May 28th, in the tattoo arena at Tidworth. Results:—Stud of three ponies: 1, Lieut. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, 9th Lancers; 2, Major C. H. M. Peto, 9th Lancers. Light-weight polo ponies: 1, Major C. B. Harvey, 10th Hussars (Pittance); 2, Major W. R. Beddington, Queen's Bays (Goldfinch); 3, Major Peto, 9th Lancers (Ballerina). Polo ponies (likely to make), any weight: 1, Brigadier C. A. Heydeman (Delilah); 2, Lieut. K. J. Price, 9th Lancers (Highland Abbey); 3, Capt. D. Dawnay, 10th Hussars (Merlin). Middle-weight polo ponies: 1, Major Peto, 9th Lancers (Jessie); 2, Capt. Dawnay, 10th Hussars (Garav); 3, Capt. G. H. Grosvenor, 9th Lancers (Madeleine). Heavy-weight polo ponies: 1, Lieut. R. W. Hobson, 12th Lancers (Turkish Delight); 2 and 3, Lieut. D. R. B. Kaye, 10th Hussars (Arrahquin and Emelio).

Norton Cup.

The spring tournament season at the Beaufort Club, whose early stages were reported last month, continued with the Norton Cup. In the final Spanners Horse, conceding $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat Fonthill at the Down Farm by 9 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$. The teams were: *Spanners Horse*: Capt. W. G. Carr, Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, Mr. R. W. Hobson and Mr. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (back). *Fonthill*: Capt. G. H. Grosvenor, Mr. S. J. Barton, Mr. J. G. Morrison and Capt. D. J. E. Norton (back).

Edinburgh.

Last month it was found necessary to postpone the Edinburgh Polo Club's tournament, which was to have been played in the

week ending May 14th. It will probably take place during the week beginning June 6th.

Penshurst.

Birchetts, conceding a goal and a half, beat Ladham by 7 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie of the Penshurst (Low Handicap) Tournament. Teams:—*Birchetts*: Mr. M. P. Fairclough, Mr. A. David, Mr. W. H. Whitbread and Mr. F. W. Scott (back). *Ladham*: Major G. P. Richardson, Mr. P. D. Scott, Major W. D. Morgan and Sir G. Jessel.

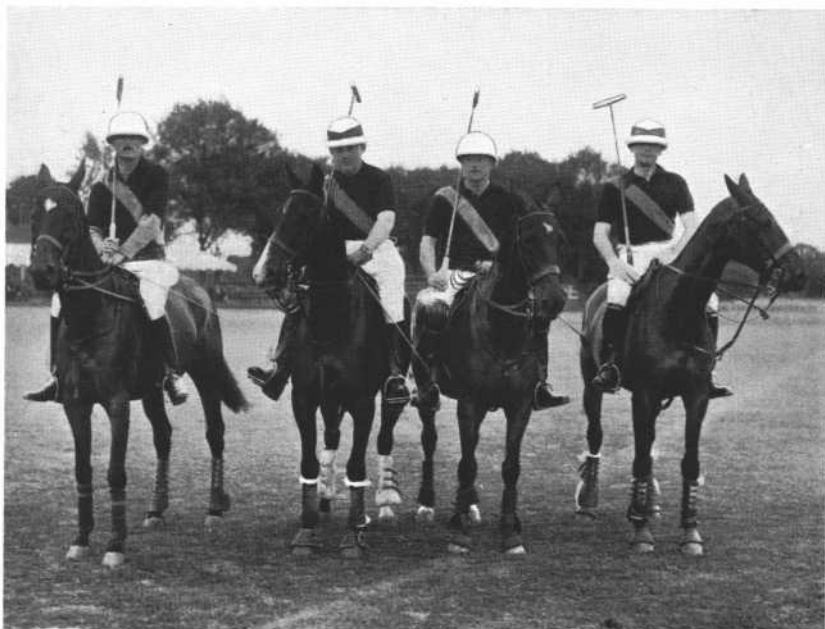


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EL GEZIRA, A TEAM FROM CAIRO.

In the opening tie of the Roehampton Cup Capt. H. C. Elton had the misfortune to sustain concussion, which was poor reward for the enterprise which had brought this team and their ponies from Egypt. Left to right: Major J. B. Fowler, R.H.A.; Capt. H. C. Elton, R.H.A.; Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller, 8th Hussars; and Mr. W. G. Lowther, 8th Hussars.

New Zealand Success.

The New Zealand polo team won the Australasian Gold Cup at the Kyeemagh ground on May 9th. In the final they defeated the New South Wales town and country whites, who included two of the famous brothers, G. G. Ashton and R. R. Ashton, by 9 goals to 4. The N.Z. team were: Messrs. B. Nolan (No. 1), G. Peake (No. 2), R. Mackenzie (No. 3) and K. Peake (back).

Ulster Club.

It is stated that the Marquess of Londonderry, who is president of the Ulster Polo Club, and Lady Mairi Stewart, have put

forward their names as playing members this season, and intend to take part in games at the Dundonald polo ground. Lord Londonderry was formerly a frequent player at the London clubs, and when Lord Castlereagh he played for the House of Commons against the Lords. The Ulster Club has now eighty members, including several who were members of the original pre-war polo club in the city. Of these thirty are playing members, and several chukkers are played on two or three days a week during the season. The Marquess of Dufferin is a playing member. This season several women have played, including Miss P. Mulholland. The club intends again to organize one or two riding gymkhanas in aid of charity.

British Columbia.

At the present time things look favourable for the Kamloops Club, B.C. A correspondent writes: "There is every evidence of a very enthusiastic season throughout the Province of British Columbia, and last year particularly many new polo and riding clubs were formed. The Grand Prairie farming community forty-five miles from Kamloops, which in the old days was an enthusiastic polo centre, has this year formed a new polo club. I also understand that Ashcroft, a point of distance of fifty-six miles from Kamloops, has formed a new club, and there are several more clubs coming into existence on the mainland, that is, Victoria and Vancouver and vicinity. We anticipate several major meets will be held this year, and it is to be hoped that the friendly competition engendered by the formation of these new clubs may further the interest in polo as a game throughout the Province and materially benefit all active players. There is a renewed interest in our district in riding, and in polo particularly. This in itself is not surprising, in view of the fact that Kamloops is the centre of the British Columbia cattle industry."

The Game in Tanganyika.

In the course of an article on settlement in Tanganyika, published in the *Field* of May 21st, Lord Chesham describes the local polo. "Near the aerodrome," he writes, "the polo ground had been made, and was in full use. Full-sized, level, and with a beautiful surface, this ground compares very favourably with any other in East Africa and a great many in England. Games take place at least once a week from May to the end of November, six chukkers being customary, this naturally depending on the number of ponies available on that particular day. The first polo day after my arrival filled me with interest. I was staying at Iheka Farm, some four miles away, and I was reminded of the preparations for a hunting day in England. 'Boots and Saddles' and the usual bustle of getting the ponies off in good time with as much of the necessary equipment as could be remembered; boys being abused for forgetting that particular bridle, or the spare girths, or the 'bwana's' favourite polo stick. Then a pause, and finally loading up the car with polo balls, more saddles, polo sticks, cutting whips, etc., and all the essentials

which the syces had forgotten. Arriving at the ground was a thrill. 'Jack's' ponies were there already, and 'Martin's,' and the usual talk and criticism of ponies that goes on wherever polo players meet all over the world. Ponies and cars rolling up at intervals, greetings being exchanged, and gossip and news being swapped. By round about eleven o'clock some ten or twelve players had arrived, complete with ponies, and about twenty spectators had turned up to see the fun and exchange local gossip. Chukkers were arranged, and off they went. Perhaps not the highest class of polo as played in London, and frequently a blind eye turned to over-enthusiasm which would have incurred a severe

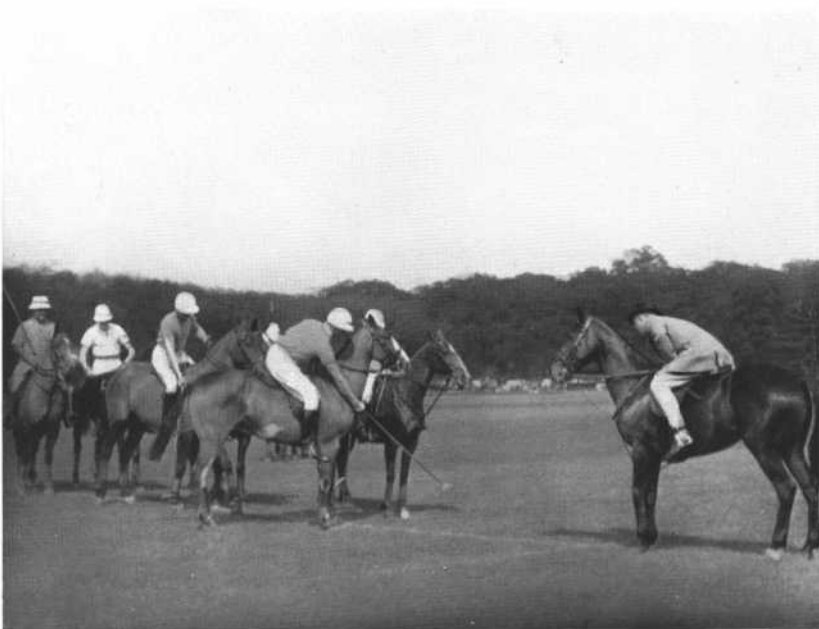


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THE GAME IN RICHMOND PARK.

A successful start was made last month with polo in Richmond Park, where the game bids fair to prosper. Sir Louis Greig is seen throwing in the ball for the first chukker of the opening match.

penalty at Hurlingham, but it was really surprisingly good, and the keenness and genuine enthusiasm augurs well for the future. As one German enthusiast got off his pony after the last chukker he turned to me and said: 'A day like this makes the time seem so long before another can take place.' "

Saddles in Nigeria.

It is of interest to know that some of the natives of Nigeria have become polo players. Facts about the history of their present saddles were given by Mr. G. S. Browne, late Chief Commissioner for Northern Nigeria, at the annual meeting of the R.S.P.C.A. in London last month. He said that owing to the popularity

of the game the natives often watched the Europeans playing, and were intrigued by their saddles. Their own were not very satisfactory to the horse, since it caused great discomfort to the animal. The natives rather felt they would themselves fall off if they used such a saddle, and, put on their mettle, they determined to try. They liked it so much they now refuse to use any other, and (according to Mr. Browne) to have a European saddle is to be in the height of fashion.

Rhinefield.

In spite of the parched ground the season has started well at the Rhinefield Polo Club, an average of about twenty players appearing on the first four days. A knock-out tournament was played in the week ending June 4th. The Gieves Cup will be played for on July 9th, 12th and 16th, and on subsequent days until finished. The Bluejacket's Cup is to be played for on August 16th, 20th, 23rd and subsequent days until finished. This is open only to members of the R.P.C. and the R.N.P.A. In addition to the above, the following matches will be played: R.P.C. v. Ferne Club, on the Ferne Club ground near Shaftesbury, on June 29th. Two matches of four chukkers each, if it can be arranged, viz., R.P.C. Men v. Ferne Men and R.P.C. Ladies v. Ferne Ladies. Return matches of the above at Ober Farm on August 3rd. Navy v. Army, date and teams to be settled later, probably played about the end of August. R.P.C. v. R.M.C., Sandhurst, to be played on the Ober Farm ground at a date probably in September.

Dressage at Olympia.

Dressage, the most intricate and interesting development of horsemanship, will be a novel feature of the International Horse Show at Olympia this month. This will be the first time the international competition has been held in this country, and England gets that honour as a result of the unsettled European conditions. The International Dressage Competition takes place in a different country each year, and once it has been held there must not be another in any country for a year. It had been scheduled for Prague this year, but the Federation Equestre Internationale, which controls all international equestrian competitions, has just transferred the venue to the Olympia Show. Dressage is horsemanship at its highest, and in the past Continental riders have triumphed in this form of riding. It involves complete animal mastery and profound exercise of memory. Each competitor has to memorize anything up to fifty different positions and feats of horsemanship, and perform them at various specified points. These include sudden immobility of horse and rider, side-walking, collected trotting, circular riding in a five-yards diameter, reining backwards several paces, and the changing of the leading leg every three paces. Her Majesty the Queen will be present on June 21st and witness the entire performance, including a children's display, in which she is specially interested. This will be given by members of the Wiltshire Pony Clubs, by children whose ages range from twelve to sixteen years.

Mrs. Mike Rimington.

The death is recorded of Mrs. Margaret Tryon Rimington, wife of Capt. Mike Rimington, the well-known polo player, of Brockworth Lodge, Prestbury, and daughter of the late Mr. Lionel B. Woodforde and Mrs. Woodforde. Mrs. Rimington, who was forty-four years of age, died on May 15th, at the Chippenham Hospital, from bronchial pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Rimington assisted her husband in the training of polo ponies and race-horses. She was herself a good polo player, and played last season for the Cheltenham Ladies in Prestbury Park.

Mrs. Auriol-Barker.

Only about five weeks after the death of her husband, who was known as the "grand old man" of polo, and whose death was announced in last month's issue, Mrs. A. Auriol-Barker, of Barrow Hill, Worcester Park, died at the age of 80. With her husband, she had lived at Worcester Park ever since their marriage in 1881.

In Baltistan.

A description of polo in Baltistan is given in a recent article in *Country Life*. We are told that Baltistan is an amazingly "polo-minded" country. It covers a large area of mountains, including the Karakoram Ranges; and it is surprising that a game like polo, calling for a large level ground, should be so popular there. Yet every big village, lying in the river valleys, has its comparatively level polo ground and a regular list of fixtures. The polo grounds are usually the only level places to be found. The game must have been played there since time immemorial. It is played with full Eastern pageantry, and is most popular with the spectators, who line the ground and the dilapidated grandstand in great numbers. The ground at Skardu is over 200 yards long, and certainly less than 35 yards wide. The goal-posts are about 10 yards apart. The ground is enclosed by a stone wall 2 ft. 6 in. high. The players never change ends, and there are no chukkers.

Past Season in Victoria.

The polo season has just been concluded in Victoria. Caramut were again the outstanding team, winning the Huntingfield and Stradbroke Cups. They visited Sydney for the Australasian Gold Cup, but were beaten in the first round by Town and Country Whites (8-4). Melbourne Hunt Polo Club visited Adelaide and managed to reach the final of the Barr-Smith Cup, when they lost to Mount Crawford (8-3). The standard of play in the Hexham Polo Club is improving, with Mr. N. B. Palmer the most improved player. It is possible that new clubs formed at Cavendish and Mansfield will be represented in the various tournaments during the 1938-39 season.

POLO IN THE NAVY.

President's Report.

The 1938 Year Book of the Royal Naval Polo Association and Hunt Club, the ninth volume of the annual publication, contains a mass of information of interest to polo players in the Navy. Among its contents are Station Notes from all parts of the world, together with details of the new Richmond Park polo ground, the Royal Calpe Hunt, polo in South America, and hunting in Shanghai, the last being from the well-qualified pen of Mr. John A. Hayes. The president of the R.N.P.A. is Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes. The hon. treasurer is Capt. the Hon. Lord Louis Mountbatten, the hon. secretary Lieut.-Commander W. A. C. Binnie, the hon. editor Commander H. W. A. Kemmis, and the hon. recorder Lieut.-Commander D. O. Doble. The offices of the Association are at 51 Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.

A satisfactory statement as to the affairs of the Association is made by Sir Roger Keyes in the annual President's report, which is as follows:

"The principal event of the past year has been the amalgamation of the Royal Naval Polo Association with the Royal Naval Hunt Club, under the title of the Royal Naval Polo Association and Hunt Club (short title R.N.P.A.). A ballot was held of all members entitled to vote, and the amalgamation, being approved by a large majority, took place on August 1st, 1937. The objects of the new Association have therefore been extended to encourage all equestrian forms of sport throughout the Service. We have so far had an increase of membership of 64 and, allowing for four recent resignations and five deaths, the membership now stands at 642. The financial position last year being so secure, it was decided that a larger proportion of the income should be spent for the benefit of the members. Accordingly, further grants, in addition to those to Malta and to Rhinefield, were made to Hankow Stable, Diyatalawa Club (Ceylon), and the Royal Calpe Hunt. The Association was also able to publish a Hunting and Racing Year Book after the amalgamation with the Hunt Club, supplementing the information contained in the ordinary Year Book published earlier in the year. Royalties on the R.N.P.A. stick head continue to bring in a steady income. Members all over the world are particularly encouraged—as I said in my report last year—to make suggestions as to how our increased funds can be expended for their benefit on either polo, hunting or any other form of riding.

"The match for the Duke of York's Cup last year received special significance by the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester as a member of the R.A.F. team. Members of the Board of Admiralty and the Air Council and many members of the R.N.P.A. attended the match, which the Navy won by 11 goals to 3. Free entry to watch the match was accorded to all life and full members who applied, the R.N.P.A. reimbursing Ranelagh Club. At the annual general meeting after the match the 'Duke of York's Cup Defence Fund' was inaugurated to enable some of the expenses of the Navy team in this match, in future years, to be paid from this fund when no Naval officers are playing regularly in London. The fund now stands at about £100. Lieut. Keith Rous (retired) with a team styled the Jaguars, had an outstanding run of success in last year's London polo season. He had thirteen tournament wins, including the Roehampton Open Challenge Cup and the King's Coronation Cup at Ranelagh. The R.N.P.A. is also glad to note that Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten was chosen to captain the Hurlingham team sent to Jamaica this spring. The ships' bells bought by the R.N.P.A. last year were presented to the polo clubs, in Montreal by Admiral the Hon. Sir Matthew Best, Commander-in-Chief North America and West Indies Station; and in Talara, Peru, by Commodore Harwood, who was later Acting-Commander-in-Chief North America and West Indies Station. These presentations received prominence in the local Press, and teams from H.M. ships "York" and "Exeter" were welcomed with enthusiasm.

"We have had no recent news of the R.N.P.A. stable, which catered for hacking, paper-chasing and polo at Hankow, and it is likely that the Sino-Japanese war will have considerably curtailed its activities. However, even if the money loaned by the R.N.P.A. should have to be written off, such risks are more than justified by the success of the stable while it existed, and we hope for its continuance in more peaceful times.

"The Rhinefield (New Forest) Polo Club had a very successful season and the co-operation of the R.N.P.A. enabled nine of our members to play there, a number of the regular players taking advantage of the subsidy scheme organized by the club for hiring good ponies cheaply. The Gieves Cup, formerly the property of the South Hants Polo Club, has been loaned to Rhinefield with the sanction of the donors, and was competed for by six teams during the summer tournament. It is satisfactory to record that the winning team was captained by a Naval officer, Commander Aubrey Fanshawe.

"Prospects for Malta polo are more encouraging this year than for the past two, though a very recent set-back in the form of one of the worst storms within memory has seriously damaged the ground. The R.N.P.A. has sent an unconditional donation towards the cost of the repairs, with a promise that it should be doubled on receiving assurance from the Malta Committee that the other Services were relatively also doing their utmost with financial assistance or corresponding labour.

Last year, owing to the Spanish war, the Navy were only able to field a weak team in the Rundle and Subaltern Cup matches, and were beaten in both. A grant has been made to Diyatalawa United Services Sports Club for improving and boarding their polo ground in Ceylon. The Point-to-Point races took place on April 6th in conjunction with the Blackmore Vale Hunt Races. Thanks are due to the Blackmore Vale for including these races in their fixture and to Capt. Vivian for making all local arrangements. Elsewhere in the book will be found the conditions and results of this year's races. A subscription has been sent to the Royal Calpe Hunt, and they have intimated that they will not cap subordinate officers and will only take half the usual cap from other R.N.P.A. members. As regards hunting in England, the R.N.P.A. are refunding for the 1937-38 season caps up to £3 per person for subordinate officers."

THE RULES OF POLO.

American Suggestions for Further Changes.

In the past twenty years so much has been done to bring the rules of the Hurlingham Polo Association and the United States Polo Association into line, that any changes which are suggested in the American rules can be broadly accepted as applying to the game in this country. Mr. Thomas H. White, a member of the U.S. Association's Committee on Rules, contributes a thoughtful article to our New York contemporary, *Horse and Horseman*, on the question of further revisions of the rules. It seems fairly obvious, he claims, that any changes that are suggested for the polo rules must be considered by the rules committee to see if they conform to several basic considerations. Among these are: (1) Does the change suggested conform to the game as played? (2) Does it change the fundamental character of the game? (3) Does it simplify or complicate the game for players and officials? (4) Does it promote or decrease the safety of man and pony? With the growth in popularity of the game by the general public it may be necessary also to consider any rules changes from the angle of whether or not they complicate understanding of the game by the spectator. Numerous suggestions for changes have been made. Some are obviously necessary to bring the rules up to conform to present practice, or to make them more understandable. Many seem to be of the character that would change the game and complicate it for everyone. After going through the suggestions there appear to be certain fundamental changes that should be given consideration by the Rules Committee. As the

game throughout the country, with the exception of a few high-goal tournaments, is on a six-period basis, the standard game should be made that length.

"The rules," proceeds the article from which we quote, "provide for an adjustment of handicaps for games of less than standard length, and as the present handicaps are based on the eight-period game, it would seem necessary to make an adjustment of handicaps to cover the six-period game. However, it has been learned from a study of this situation that in 147 games played during 1936 and 1937 on Long Island and in the Middle West, in tournaments and club polo, with teams ranging in handicap from 6 to 25 goals, if the scores were revised using the present handicaps without revision for the six periods, there would have been no change in the final results in 139 games; only 5 games would have shown a change, and 3 would have been a tie. These figures indicate conclusively that the handicaps as now set by the Handicap Committee can be used for a six-period game without change.

"With the speeding up of the game it has become harder on ponies, and it is proposed, from several sections of the country, that each period be stopped on the bell, as is the last period. There are some who object to this revision, in that it might be unfair to a player to have the period end just as he was about to hit a goal. The proposers point out that stopping on the bell is fair to both teams, and that it is more unfair for a player to go into a period with a tired pony and have to play a great deal of overtime, and that it would be better for players and ponies to have periods of definite length. Numerous suggestions have been made to change the rules to get around some of the roughness that has come into the game in the last few years, largely because of its speeding up. These suggestions summarize into proposed stiffening up of the penalties, the most useful suggestions on this line covering a change in the No. 4 penalty, making it an undefended shot from the 60-yard line.

"There also seems to be a demand that the 'Guide for Polo Umpires' be revised and brought up to date, emphasis being put upon amplification of interpretation of the rules, with diagrams illustrating what is and is not allowable. The Rules Committee of the Association has always taken the position that the rules should only be revised when it is obvious that changes should be made, and not to make any changes unless they are well worth while. As there have been numerous suggestions, both in this country and in England, for changes in the rules, it would seem that the time has come for the Rules Committee to bring the rules up-to-date."



“Gillo” Passes On.

Death of a Popular Polo Manager.

To the grief of the polo world, in which he had been a popular personality for a great many years, the death of Capt. Frederick Agnew Gill occurred on June 4th, at Brambletye, Lyndhurst. His illness had been referred to in our last issue. A fine player in his day, his charm of manner made him one of the most successful polo managers of his time. He served some seasons in this capacity at Hurlingham, but Ranelagh was his spiritual home. We shall never see polo at this club without affectionate recollections of “Gillo,” who for season after season directed the fortunes of the game there.

Here is an impression of him as written by the late Lieut.-Col. E. D. Miller, as far back as 1919:—“ ‘Gillo’ is the nickname of Capt. F. A. Gill, the well-known polo manager of the Ranelagh Club. Like so many of our best players, he started his education in the game in a cavalry regiment—the 3rd Dragoon Guards. When he was appointed to the polo management of Ranelagh his personal popularity with all classes of players, and the fact that he is an enthusiastic player and excellent teacher of the game, resulted in the unqualified success of polo at the Ranelagh Club. ‘Gillo’ has never been quite at the top of the tree as a player, but he is a very sound tactician, an excellent captain of a side, and has always been a valuable asset to any team. His experience as manager of polo clubs has been extensive, and wherever he has gone he has been successful. Besides Ranelagh, he has managed Paris and Deauville, Naragansett and Newport. His successes in tournaments include the Ranelagh Open Cup, the Roehampton Cup (twice), the Championship of California, the Championship of America, the Championship of Canada, the Paris Open Cup, etc. His war record consists in having joined up at once with the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, who went to France with the Seventh Division. For his services at the first battle of Ypres he was mentioned in despatches, and promoted to the command of a squadron, which position he kept till June, 1915, when he was invalided out, and joined the Remount Department in England.”

After this was written Capt. Gill remained a force in high-class polo. He played at back for the Foxhunters when they won the Ranelagh Open Cup and the King’s Coronation Cup in 1921. At one time he stood at 8 points on the handicap. His father was His Honour the late Deemster J. F. Gill, Isle of Man. The funeral took place at Minstead Church on June 8th, when a memorial service, attended by a great many polo players, was held at Christ Church, Down Street, W.

INTER-REGIMENTAL TOURNAMENT.

The honorary secretary of the Army Polo Association announces that there is an entry of fourteen teams for this year's Inter-Regimental Tournament. All the cavalry regiments now stationed at home will be represented, except the Royal Horse Guards, and the 1st Brigade, R.H.A., have also entered. No Royal Navy team will be competing this season.

All ties in the London group must be played on a Hurlingham ground. First and second round ties in the Aldershot and Tidworth groups must be completed by June 24th. In the London group preliminary round ties will be played during the week of June 11th to 18th, and the semi-final ties by June 30.

First Round.—(A) 12th Lancers v. 9th Lancers, at Tidworth; (B) The Queen's Bays v. 10th Hussars, at Tidworth; (C) 15th/19th Hussars v. 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, at York; (D) The Royals v. The Life Guards, at Hurlingham; (E) 3rd Hussars v. 1st Brigade, R.H.A., at Aldershot; (F) 4th Hussars v. King's Dragoon Guards, at Aldershot.

Second Round.—(G) Winners of A v. winners of B, at Tidworth; (H) winners of C v. 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, at Hurlingham; (J) Royal Scots Greys v. winners of D, at Hurlingham; (K) winners of E v. winners of F, at Aldershot.

Semi-Final Round.—(L) Winners of G v. winners of H, at Hurlingham; (M) winners of J v. winners of K, at Hurlingham.

Final Round at Hurlingham on Saturday, July 2nd.

The tie between the 15th/19th Hussars and the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards was played on May 25th at the Toulston Club, Tadcaster.

15th/19th Hussars	beat	4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.
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Pos.

1. Mr. A. D. Taylor.
2. Capt. J. G. Leaf.
3. Maj. W. R. N. Hinde.

Bk. Maj. T. J. Arnott.

9 goals.

Pos.

1. Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins.
2. Mr. G. A. Cunard.
3. Lt.-Col. J. A. Aizlewood.

Bk. Capt. T. G. G. Cooper.

5 goals.

The 12th Lancers beat the 9th Lancers in the first round at Tidworth, Hants, on June 3rd.

<i>12th Lancers</i>	beat	<i>9th Queen's Royal Lancers.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. W. G. Carr.		1. Maj. C. H. M. Peto.
2. Lt.-Col. R. L. McCreery.		2. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.
3. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh- Porter.		3. Mr. J. H. Montagu- Douglas-Scott.
Bk. Mr. R. W. Hobson.		Bk. Mr. R. S. G. Perry.
8 goals.		6 goals.

Subalterns' Cup.

In a first-round tie of the Subalterns' Gold Cup tournament, played on May 28th in rain at the Toulston Polo Club, near Tadcaster, the 15th/19th Hussars beat the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.

<i>15th/19th Hussars</i>	beat	<i>4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.		1. Mr. D. C. Atkinson.
2. Mr. A. D. Taylor.		2. Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins.
3. Mr. R. B. Hodgkinson.		3. Mr. G. A. Cunard.
Bk. Mr. M. S. Balmain.		Bk. Mr. W. P. Riley.
12 goals.		3 goals.

Mr. A. R. A. Dorrien-Smith cracked a bone in his thumb when playing in the Toulston Spring tournament, and so was unable to play for the 15th/19th Hussars in this tie.

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

A spring of cold and drought, with foot-and-mouth disease and the Norfolk floods, means that the waiting-list for the pension of the Farmers' Benevolent (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) will shortly assume a pitiful length. The funds of this old-established and economically managed society, which have suffered severely during recent months by the death of many of the chief subscribers, will be totally inadequate to deal with more than a fraction of the cases unless prompt and very generous help is forthcoming from those still in the enjoyment of comfortable circumstances. It is impossible at present, after replacing deceased pensioners, to do much more, as the Institution's first duty is to the 1,100 annuitants now on the books, whose grateful appreciation of their small pension, and the regularity with which the instalments are paid, is quite out of proportion to the small sum they receive (£26 a year). We trust, therefore, that all our non-subscribing readers will write at once to the secretary at Vincent House for a bankers' order form, and that they will contribute as generously as possible to this very worthy cause.

WHITNEY CUP.

Adsdean in Fine Form.

Instituted in 1910 for a challenge cup presented by the late Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, the organizer and captain of the original American Big Four, the Whitney Cup tournament is one of the earliest of the London tournaments. Played on handicap at Hurlingham and Roehampton, it invariably yields attractive polo, though last season it could not be played on account of rain. This year the final tie was contested at Hurlingham. Inevitably after a long drought, the grounds were hard, but the ball ran truly and players were able to get exceptional length. On May 9th one of the first round ties was played between the Rangers and the Royal Scots Greys at Roehampton. On handicap there was a difference of six goals between these sides, and in a six-chukker match—all tournaments in London now are of six chukkers, excepting those for the open cups—the Rangers were called on to concede a start of $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals, a task which proved easily within their powers. The start was delayed by half an hour by the late arrival on the road of Capt. Guinness's ponies. The predominant figure in the match was Mr. Cecil Smith, the brawny Texan being in much the same powerful hitting form as he produced on his former visit to this country. Mr. Tyrrell-Martin was also effective, and with Mr. Wrightsman and Major Leaf both pulling their weight in the side, the goals came freely for the Rangers. The soldiers were to some extent outclassed. Capt. Guinness found himself with too much to do, and Capt. Findlay was perhaps best for the losers.

<i>Rangers</i>	beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos. H'cap.	
1. Mr. C. B. Wrightsman .	3	1. Capt. Lord Roborough .	4
2. Mr. C. Smith .	10	2. Capt. H. R. Mackeson .	3
3. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin	8	3. Capt. R. L. Findlay .	4
Bk. Mr. N. W. Leaf .	4	Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness .	8
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	25	(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	19
17 goals.			

On the same afternoon the Knaves and Someries House met on the No. 2 ground at Hurlingham. This would have been a close match had the teams met on even terms, but with a start of six goals Someries House were too strong for the others. Capt. Roark was hardly on top of his form, and Mr. Skene was variable. Thus the Knaves never settled down to their best game and were well beaten. For the winners Capt. Dawnay was perhaps the most conspicuous, but the side did well all round. There was a certain lack of combination in both teams. The Knaves

hit three goals without reply in the first two chukkers, but from that point Someries House had considerably more of the game.

<i>Someries House</i>		beat	<i>Knaves.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Col. Sir H. Wernher	. 3		1. Mr. R. Skene	. 7
2. Capt. D. C. J. Miller	. 4		2. Capt. W. F. Butler	. 6
3. Capt. D. Dawnay	. 7		3. Capt. C. T. I. Roark	. 9
3. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter	6		Bk. Maj. J. F. Harrison	. 5
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	20			27
(received 6) 10 goals.			5 goals.	

Special interest attached to the tie between the Gauchos and Cowdray at Hurlingham on May 10th, this being the first appearance of the Argentine team since their arrival from the West Somerset Club. In the last of their practice games at Dunster Mr. Cavanagh had been unable to play on account of influenza. Perhaps this affected his display in the Hurlingham game, as he was not so effective as the onlookers had expected to find him. Mr. Hughes worked tremendously hard, and Mr. Santamarina hit a long ball, but the team as a whole was somewhat disjointed, and scarcely came up to their high reputation. It may be, of course, that they played just as well as Cowdray allowed them to do. Lord Cowdray's team was full of vigour and the determination to win. They proved themselves an exceedingly well balanced side, their skipper and Capt. Dollar forming a powerful attack. Capt. Sanger produced a glimpse of the form which has made him famous in India, and Mr. Lakin once again showed that he is as promising a young defensive player as we have in this country. It will be surprising if the highest honours of the game do not fall to him in due course. Cowdray Park received a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, and early in the last chukker they were leading by only half a goal. Then a good goal by Lord Cowdray made the issue safe for them.

<i>Cowdray Park</i>		beat	<i>Gauchos.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Lord Cowdray	. 4		1. Mr. R. Loewenstein	. 3
2. Capt. P. W. Dollar	. 4		2. Mr. R. L. Cavanagh	. 8
3. Capt. P. B. Sanger	. 7		3. Mr. H. H. Hughes	. 7
Bk. Mr. J. Lakin	. 6		Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina	. 6
	—			—
	21			24
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			6 goals.	

Hotly contested from start to finish was the tie at Roehampton between Adsdean and the Jaguars. The Hon. Keith Rous's hope of adding this trophy to the long list of successes gained by his team last season was extinguished. Thanks to a start of $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals on the handicap, Adsdean were able to lead throughout, and

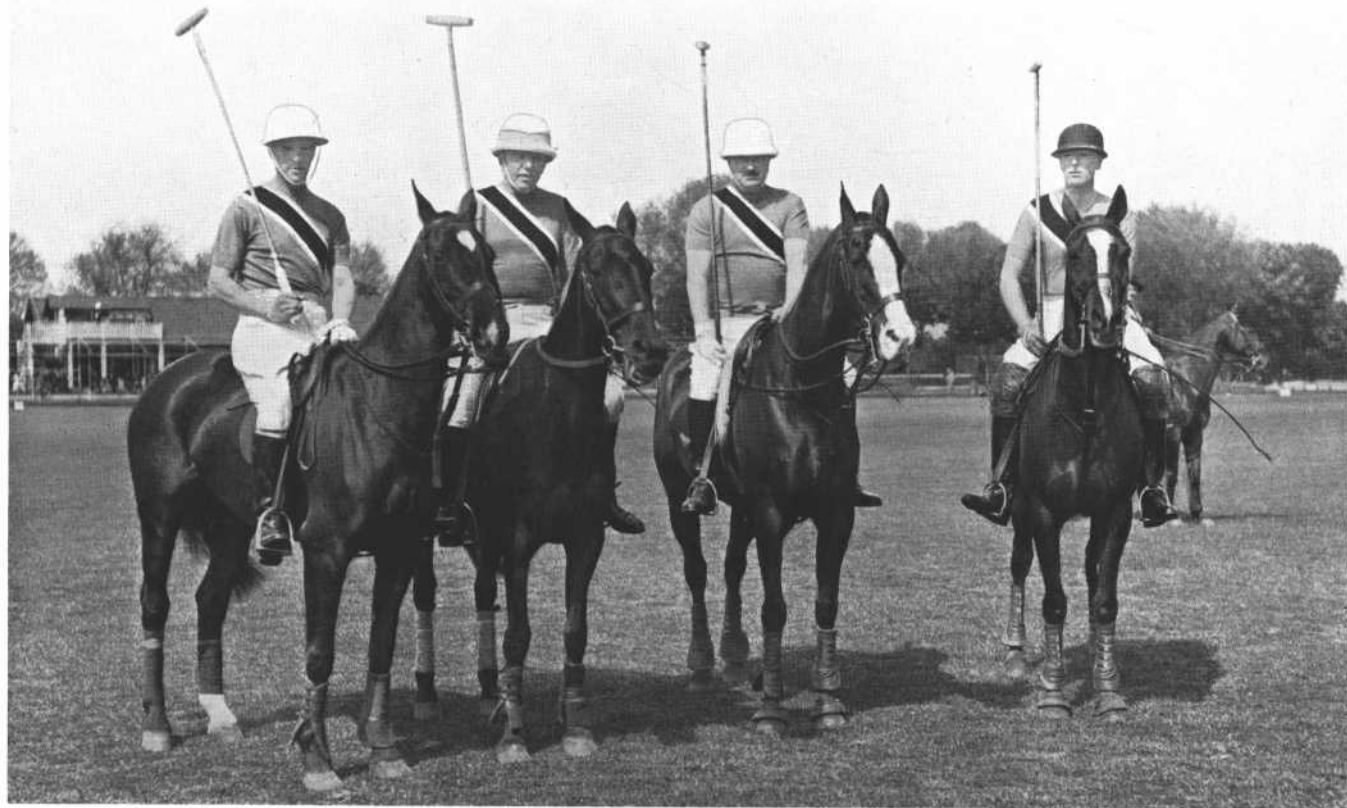


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ADSDEAN, WINNERS OF THE WHITNEY CUP TOURNAMENT.

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This side, which comprises (left to right) the Hon. M. R. Samuel, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Capt. H. G. Morrison and Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, played brilliantly in the first of the important tournaments in the London season, and subsequently maintained their good form.

finally prevail by a margin of $1\frac{1}{2}$. Each member of the winning side played up to his best. They thoroughly deserved to win a most entertaining struggle. Adsdean had the better of the first two periods, and held their own in the others, except the third, in which the Jaguars made their one real challenge. Adsdean had then scored three times in reply to a penalty goal by Mr. Balding in the first minute. Despite the Jaguars' three goals in the third period, Adsdean were leading $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4 at half-time, and were never subsequently in danger of being overhauled, although their lead had shrunk to $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals when they rode out for the last time. It was a hard-fought finish: the only goal came when Lord Louis Mountbatten, in an effort to stop a shot by Mr. Rous, turned the ball into his own goal.

<i>Adsdean</i>		beat	<i>Jaguars.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Hon. M. Samuel	1		1. Hon. Keith Rous	4
2. Mr. J. P. Robinson	5		2. Mr. S. Sanford	5
3. Capt. H. G. Morrison	6		3. Mr. G. Balding	10
Bk. Lord Louis Mountbatten	5		Bk. The Duke of Roxburghe	3
	17			22
(received $4\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			8 goals.	

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Cowdray Park</i>	beat	<i>Somerles House.</i>
7 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

A change in the Cowdray team became necessary owing to a knee injury sustained by Lord Cowdray, whose place was taken by Major B. J. Fowler. This added two points to the total handicap of the team, which was therefore called on to concede a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals. The winners gave another sparkling exhibition, and were always on top. For Somerles House Capt. R. O. Critchley came in for Sir Harold Wernher. In these circumstances a lack of combined tactics between him and Capt. Miller was not surprising. The winners, however, were powerful alike in defence and attack, and gradually wore down their rivals. Capt. Dollar was again prominent, but the feature of the match was the effectiveness of the team as a whole. It was in the fourth chukker that Cowdray went strongly ahead, adding three to their score in that period, with the result that in the end they were decisive winners.

<i>Adsdean</i>	beat	<i>Rangers.</i>
(received $6\frac{1}{2}$) $13\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		9 goals.

Despite their fine performance in having knocked out the Jaguars, it was not generally supposed that Adsdean would be equally successful against the well-mounted Rangers, a team including the redoubtable Cecil Smith and Eric Tyrrell-Martin. Lord Louis Mountbatten's side again came out on top, and, what

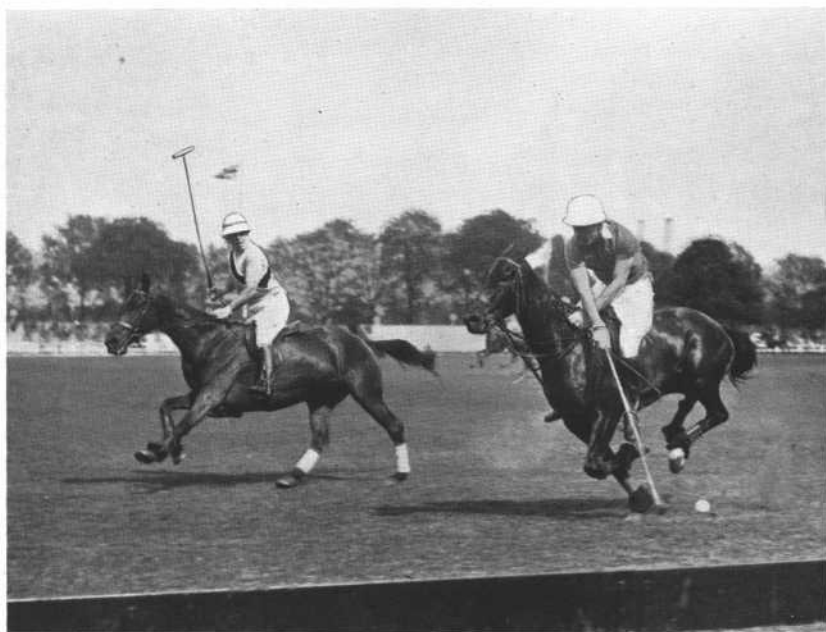


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A GALLOP IN THE WHITNEY CUP FINAL.

Capt. P. B. Sanger (Cowdray Park) in possession, with Mr. J. P. Robinson (Adsdean) in defence.



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[Sport and General.

LADY LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN PRESENTS THE CUP.

Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten received the Whitney Cup from the hands of his wife after the success of Adsdean.

is more, by a decisive margin. There was little in the first half of the game to indicate that the Rangers would fail to give the start, but the second moiety showed Adsdean to great advantage, and they easily maintained their advantage. Towards the end the Rangers tried a new line-up, Major Leaf taking Mr. Tyrrell-Martin's place and Mr. Smith going back to No. 4, but the change made no difference to the run of the game, the others being left with a praiseworthy victory. The winners all did well, Mr. Samuel in particular improving on his modest handicap of 1. The tournament has served to bring this young player well to the front. In the first chukker the Rangers scored three goals in almost as many minutes, but Adsdean soon showed they were in no way disconcerted by this early set-back. They had begun the match with a start of $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals, and at half-time they were $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals to the good. From this point they actually hit more goals than the Rangers, who were $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals behind when the last bell rang.

Final.

<i>Adsdean</i>	beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>
(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		6 goals.

The consistently good form display by Adsdean in the tournament was maintained in the final, which was contested at Hurlingham on May 14th. Receiving $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap, they were hard pressed all through, and in the end were worthy winners of the trophy, which was presented by Lady Louis Mountbatten. After an early spell of attack by Adsdean, Cowdray Park got going, and Lord Cowdray signalized his return to the team by hitting the first goal. Then, nearing the end of the period, Mr. Lakin, picking up a pass by Capt. Sanger, hit another with a backhander. Adsdean had the better of the second chukker, in which Mr. Robinson gave them their first earned goal. Early in the next a goal by Capt. Sanger made it $4\frac{1}{2}$ —3, and, soon after, a good hit-up by that player was put through by Capt. Dollar, reducing Adsdean's lead to the fraction of their start. Shortly before half-time Capt. Morrison passed to Mr. Robinson, who hit a goal and made the scores $5\frac{1}{2}$ —4 in Adsdean's favour. The fourth period opened with another Adsdean goal, hit by Lord Louis Mountbatten with a long shot, and then they nearly scored again, Mr. Samuel only missing by inches. Cowdray Park then had a success, Capt. Dollar hitting a fine goal. The fifth period produced another goal for Adsdean, a centre by Capt. Morrison being put through by Lord Louis Mountbatten, and the latter player hit another in this period, which ended with Adsdean in front by $8\frac{1}{2}$ —5. Although they had little prospect now of victory, Cowdray Park played up hard in the last period, and had four shots at goal, in addition to a forty yards penalty for a cross, which Capt. Dollar, who took the hit, was able to convert. All the way through the tournament the winners had produced sound and vigorous polo.

VISITORS' CUP AT HURLINGHAM.

Four teams entered for the Visitors' Cup, a high-handicap tournament, open to sides beaten in the Roehampton Open Cup and any other high-handicap team, no restrictions being imposed as to players being members of the Hurlingham Club. Someries House were successful last season. In the opening tie El Gezira, with Capt. Sanger in the team, sustained a heavy defeat.

<i>Someries House</i>		beat	<i>El Gezira.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Col. Sir Harold Wernher.		1.	Maj. B. J. Fowler.
2.	Capt. D. C. J. Miller.		2.	Mr. W. G. Lowther.
3.	Capt. D. Dawnay.		3.	Capt. P. B. Sanger.
Bk.	Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.		Bk.	Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller.
	(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			2 goals.

<i>Adsdean</i>		beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	The Hon. M. R. Samuel.		1.	Capt. Lord Roborough.
2.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2.	Capt. H. R. Mackeson.
3.	Mr. J. Lakin.		3.	Capt. R. L. Findlay.
Bk.	Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		Bk.	H. P. Guinness.
	(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			4 goals.

Final.

<i>Adsdean</i>		beat	<i>Someries House.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	The Hon. M. R. Samuel.		1.	Col. Sir Harold Wernher.
2.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2.	Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.
3.	Capt. H. G. Morrison.		3.	Capt. D. Dawnay.
Bk.	Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		Bk.	Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.
	(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			9 goals.

The result was in doubt up to two minutes of the end, for until Mr. Samuel scored the last goal of the game Someries House were only half a goal down. Adsdean had the better of the play in the first and fifth chukkers, and held their own in the last. For the remaining three periods Someries House were on top and scored six goals to their opponents' two.

BROOMHOUSE CUP.

The week ending May 27th saw many polo interruptions owing to rain, and these conditions extended well over the following week, in which Epsom Races were held. Although there was no polo at Hurlingham, Ranelagh, and Roehampton on May 30th, it was found possible to start the Broomhouse Cup medium-handicap tournament on the Hurlingham Club's third ground at Wimbledon, which played well. Twelve teams entered for this tournament, which was formerly known as the Hurlingham Weekly Cup. Results:—

First Round.

<i>Hurricanes</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. E. R. Nutting.		1. Capt. Lord Roborough.
2. Mr. S. Sanford.		2. Mr. N. Dugdale.
3. Mr. R. Skene.		3. Mr. W. H. Whitbread.
Bk. The Duke of Roxburghe.		Bk. Capt. H. R. Mackeson.
(5 goals).		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>	beat	<i>5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.</i>
1. Maj. J. H. Hirsch.		1. Capt. C. P. D. Legard.
2. Lord Cowdray.		2. Mr. P. A. C. Bridgewater.
3. Capt. P. W. Dollar.		3. Capt. F. J. S. Whetstone.
Bk. Capt. P. B. Sanger.		Bk. Capt. F. P. B. Sangster.
5 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns</i>	beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>
1. Mr. P. M. Borwick.		1. Mr. R. W. Hall.
2. Mr. J. V. F. Nutting.		2. Mr. A. S. Gaselee.
3. Mr. R. H. A. G. Calthorpe.		3. Major S. C. Deed.
Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.		Bk. Mr. A. Grisar.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		4 goals.

<i>Gauchos "A"</i>	beat	<i>Carswell Manor.</i>
1. Mr. J. O. Farrell.		1. Capt. H. S. Ford.
2. Mr. R. Lowenstein.		2. Col. Lord Barnby.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.		3. Capt. R. T. Conant.
Bk. Mr. G. O'Farrell.		Bk. Major P. Magor.
9 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Second Round.

<i>The Royal Dragoons</i>	beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		
1. Mr. E. A. Calvert.		
2. Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory.		
3. Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell.		
Bk. Capt. H. W. Lloyd.		
12 goals.		(received 6) 8 goals.

<i>Jaguars "A"</i>	beat	<i>Friar Park.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. C. Pringle.		1. Mr. A. David.
2. Hon. W. K. Rous.		2. Mr. G. R. Trotter.
3. Mr. G. Balding.		3. Capt. Lord Roborough.
Bk. Mr. J. A. O. Walker.		Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness.
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>The Royal Dragoons</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos "A."</i>
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) 8 goals.		7 $\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

(To be concluded.)

THE WIMBLEDON CUP.

The new low-handicap tournament (teams of 8 goals and under) for the Wimbledon Cup was begun at Hurlingham on May 16th, when, in the opening tie, played on the club's No. 2 ground, the Royal Scots Greys Subalterns, conceding on handicap half a goal, beat the Centaurs. Results:

<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns</i>	beat	<i>Centaurs.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. V. F. Nutting.		1. Mr. G. Mercer-Nairne.
2. Mr. G. R. Trotter.		2. Marquis de Basily-Sampieri.
Mr. R. H. A. G. Calthorpe.		3. Lt.-Col. D. C. H. Richardson.
Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.		Bk. Capt. H. S. Ford.
8 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Edmundsbury "B"</i>	beat	<i>Chinchillas "B."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. The Duke of Gloucester.		1. Mr. E. de V. Boulton.
2. Capt. A. H. Barclay.		2. Mr. R. W. Hall.
3. Mr. H. W. Hibbert.		3. Maj. S. C. Deed.
Bk. Mr. T. M. Hilder.		Bk. Mr. A. Grisar.
14 goals.		6 goals.

Royal Scots Greys Subalterns beat *Norton Bavant "B."*

<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant "B."</i>
		Pos.
		1. Mr. G. W. Williams.
		2. Mr. C. M. Smiley.
		3. Mr. N. Dugdale.
		Bk. Col. Lord Barnby.
11 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Final.

Edmundsbury " B " beat *Royal Scots Greys Subalterns.*
12 goals. 4 goals.

The Duchess of Gloucester presented the challenge cup and souvenirs, His Royal Highness being among the recipients.

COLTS' CUP AT RANELAGH.

A Victory for the Jaguars.

Three ties in the Ranelagh Colts' tournament for teams not exceeding 16 points on handicap, and for which 11 sides entered, were decided on May 9th. The match between Edge Hill and Norton Bavant was marred by a mishap to A. H. McConnel, the Edge Hill No. 3. Just before half-time he fractured a shoulder in a spill. Capt. Leslie H. H. Harris replaced him for the rest of the match. Later in the tournament the Duke of Gloucester played for the Rangers " A," who were beaten in their tie by the Wanderers. Results:

<i>Cowdray Park " A "</i>	beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Maj. J. Hirsch.		1. Mr. Roger Hall.
2. Lord Cowdray.		2. Mr. A. Gaselee.
3. Capt. P. W. Dollar.		3. Maj. S. C. Deed.
Bk. Mr. J. Lakin.		Bk. Col. Lord Barnby.
12 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Royal Scots Greys " A "</i>	beat	<i>Edmundsbury.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. R. Hanbury.		1. Capt. G. J. Kidston.
2. Mr. G. R. Trotter.		2. Capt. A. H. Barclay.
3. Mr. R. H. A. G. Calthorpe.		3. Mr. H. W. Hibbert.
Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.		Bk. Mr. Norman Morrison.
(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		8 goals.

<i>Edge Hill</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Hon. M. R. Samuel.		1. Mr. Gerald Williams.
2. Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2. Hon. W. W. Astor.
3. Mr. A. H. McConnel (and Mr. L. H. H. Harris).		3. Mr. W. H. Whitbread.
Bk. Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		Bk. Mr. N. Dugdale.
10 goals.		(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Second Round.

<i>Jaguars "A"</i>		beat	<i>Traillers.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Hon. Keith Rous.		1.	Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.
1.	Mr. S. Sanford.		2.	Mr. J. B. Traill.
3.	Capt. R. T. Conant.		3.	Mr. J. R. Traill.
Bk.	The Duke of Roxburghe.		Bk.	Capt. H. P. Guinness.
	9 goals.			(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

This tie was played, by arrangement, at Roehampton.

<i>Wanderers</i>		beat	<i>Rangers.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. J. A. O. Walker.		1.	Duke of Gloucester.
2.	Mr. E. R. Nutting.		2.	Mr. C. B. Wrightsman.
3.	Mr. G. Balding.		3.	Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.
Bk.	Capt. D. J. E. Norton.		Bk.	Maj. N. W. Leaf.
	(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			5 goals.

<i>Edge Hill</i>		beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys "A."</i>	
Pos.				
1.	Mr. C. M. Smiley.			
2.	Hon. M. R. Samuel.			
3.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.			
Bk.	Capt. Lord Louis			
	Mountbatten.			
	6 goals.			(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

This tie was played, by arrangement, at Roehampton.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Wanderers</i>		beat	<i>Gauchos "A."</i>	
			Pos.	
			1.	Mr. E. P. G. Miller-Mundy.
			2.	Mr. R. Loewenstein.
			3.	Mr. H. H. Hughes.
			Bk.	Mr. R. Santamarina.
	(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			4 goals.

Edge Hill scratched to the Jaguars "A."

Final.

<i>Jaguars "A"</i>		beat	<i>Wanderers.</i>	
	9 goals.			4 goals.

As the better balanced side the winners deserved their success. They played very well together. Mr. Sanford, who scored four goals, was in form, and Capt. Conant safe in defence. There was little in it for the first two chukkers. Jaguars finished the second a goal to the good, and they had a great third period, each member of the side hitting through to give them a commanding lead by five goals. The Wanderers were not going well enough to have any chance of making an effective recovery afterwards, although each side scored three further goals.

RANELAGH HANDICAP CUP.

This medium-handicap tournament, confined to club members and won last year by the Jaguars, opened at Ranelagh on May 21st. Results:

<i>Panthers</i>	beat	<i>Edge Hill.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. R. Trotter.		1. Mr. C. M. Smiley.
2. Capt. R. T. Conant.		2. Hon. M. R. Samuel.
3. Capt. R. L. Findlay.		3. Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.
Bk. Maj. P. Magor.		Bk. Mr. J. P. Robinson.
4 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. P. M. Borwick.		1. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.
2. Mr. J. V. F. Nutting.		2. Hon. W. W. Astor.
3. Mr. R. H. A. G. Calthorpe.		3. Mr. W. H. Whitbread.
Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.		Bk. Mr. N. Dugdale.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		2 goals.

<i>Edmundsbury</i>	beat	<i>Jaguars "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. G. J. Kidston.		1. Mr. E. R. Nutting.
2. Capt. A. H. Barclay.		2. Mr. J. A. O. Walker.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.		3. Capt. Lord Roborough.
Bk. Mr. N. Morrison.		Bk. Duke of Roxburghe.
12 goals.		(received $4\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Second Round.

<i>Panthers</i>	beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. R. Trotter.		1. Mr. R. W. Hall.
2. Capt. R. G. Conant.		2. Mr. A. S. Gaselee.
3. Capt. R. L. Findlay.		3. Maj. S. C. Deed.
Bk. Maj. P. Magor.		Bk. Mr. A. Grisar.
15 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Friar Park</i>	beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		
1. Mr. A. David.		
2. Maj. N. W. Leaf.		
3. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.		
Bk. Mr. J. Pringle.		
12 goals.		(received $7\frac{1}{2}$) $11\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

Panthers beat *Edmundsbury*.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 8 goals.

Friar Park beat *Centaur*s.

11 goals.

Pos.

1. Mr. S. J. Barton.
 2. Marquis de Basily-Sampieri.
 3. Mr. J. B. Traill.
- Bk. Capt. H. S. Ford.
(received 6) 10 goals.

Final.

Panthers beat *Friar Park*.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 6 goals.

BUENOS AIRES CUP.

Triumph for the Jaguars.

This tournament at Ranelagh, which could not be completed last year owing to rain, is confined to members of that club. It comes under the heading of high-handicap tournaments—for teams of 17 goals and over. The opening ties were played on May 16th. Results:

Jaguars beat *Somerley House*.
Pos. Pos.
1. Hon. W. K. Rous. 1. Sir H. Wernher.
2. Mr. S. Sanford. 2. Capt. D. C. J. Miller.
3. Mr. G. Balding. 3. Capt. D. Dawnay.
Bk. The Duke of Roxburghe. Bk. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.
7 goals. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Gauchos beat *Knaves*.
Pos. Pos.
1. Mr. D. Frost. 1. Mr. R. Skene.
2. Mr. R. L. Cavanagh. 2. Capt. C. T. I. Roark.
3. Mr. H. H. Hughes. 3. Capt. W. F. Butler.
Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina. Bk. Maj. J. F. Harrison.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 6 goals.

Cowdray Park beat *Rangers*.
Pos. Pos.
1. Lord Cowdray. 1. Mr. C. B. Wrightsman.
2. Capt. P. W. Dollar. 2. Mr. C. Smith.
3. Capt. P. B. Sanger. 3. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.
Bk. Mr. J. Lakin. Bk. Maj. N. W. Leaf.
(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 5 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

Jaguars beat
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Gauchos.
4 goals.

Cowdray Park

beat *Royal Scots Greys.*

Pos.

1. Capt. Lord Roborough.

2. Capt. H. R. Mackeson.

3. Capt. R. L. Findlay.

Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness.

9 goals.

(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.



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PRESENTATION OF THE BUENOS AIRES CUP.

[Allieri.

This trophy at Ranelagh was handed by the Lady Mayoress (Lady Twyford) to the Hon. Keith Rous. Other members of the Jaguars are (left to right) Mr. S. Sanford, Mr. G. Balding and the Duke of Roxburghe.

Final.

Jaguars beat
9 goals.

Cowdray Park.
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

This was an unexpectedly heavy defeat for Cowdray Park, who were unable to settle down to their best game. Probably this was to some extent due to the exceptional brilliance on the opposing side of Mr. Balding, who had seldom been seen to better advantage. Inspired by his example, the other members of the Jaguars gave of their best, and all played well up to, if not rather above, their respective handicaps. At the end of the second chukker the Jaguars were leading by 4 to $\frac{1}{2}$ goal, and they continued on top for the rest of the match.

LADIES' NOMINATION CUP.

On May 14th a start was made at Roehampton with the annual Ladies' Nomination Tournament, which attracts more interest now that it is contested early in the season instead of at the tail-end. The history of the challenge cup goes back to 1901, when it was presented by the late Mrs. M. E. Stephens. It ranks as a medium-handicap tournament, for teams of 16 goals and under. Individual players must be nominated by a lady, whose name is stated at the time of entry. The ladies who nominate the winners take the prizes. Results:

<i>Wanderers</i>	beat	<i>Edmundsbury.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. A. David.		1. Capt. G. J. Kidston.
2. Mr. J. B. Traill.		2. Capt. A. H. Barclay.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.		3. Mr. H. W. Hibbert.
Bk. Mr. R. H. A. G.		Bk. Mr. N. Morrison.
Calthorpe.		
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		4 goals.
<i>Chinchillas</i>	beat	<i>Butterflies.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. R. W. Hall.		1. Capt. H. W. L. Cowan.
2. Mr. A. S. Gaselee.		2. Mr. A. F. Stanley-Clarke.
3. Maj. S. C. Deed.		3. Col. Lord Barnby.
Bk. Mr. A. Grisar.		Bk. Capt. R. C. Ansdell.
8 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
<i>Norton Bavant</i>	beat	<i>Roehampton.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. N. Dugdale.		1. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.
2. Mr. W. H. Whitbread.		2. Mr. J. C. Pringle.
3. Capt. R. T. Conant.		3. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.
Bk. Hon. W. W. Astor.		Bk. Maj. N. W. Leaf.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $11\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		6 goals.
<i>Jaguars "A"</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. R. Hanbury.		1. Mr. L. H. Story.
2. Hon. K. Rous.		2. Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.
3. Capt. H. P. Guinness.		3. Mr. R. Cavanagh.
Bk. Mr. J. A. O. Walker.		Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

<i>Wanderers</i>		beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Mr. A. David.		1.	Hon. W. W. Astor.
2.	Mr. J. B. Traill.		2.	Capt. R. T. Conant.
3.	Mr. J. R. Traill.		3.	Mr. W. H. Whitbread.
Bk.	Capt. C. T. I. Roark.		Bk.	Mr. N. Dugdale.
	10 goals.			(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>		beat	<i>Edge Hill.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Maj. J. H. Hirsch.		1.	Mr. C. M. Smiley.
2.	Lord Cowdray.		2.	Hon. M. R. Samuel.
3.	Capt. P. W. Dollar.		3.	Capt. Lord Louis
				Mountbatten.
Bk.	Mr. J. Lakin.		Bk.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.
	12 goals.			(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>		beat	<i>Wanderers.</i>	
	8 goals.			7 goals.

Final.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>		beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>	
	13 goals.			(received $4\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

The challenge cup and souvenirs were presented by Mrs. C. D. Miller.

ROEHAMPTON CUP.

Play in this tournament, the first of the unrestricted competitions at the London clubs, was begun on May 21st with a tie between the Gauchos and Someries House. The Argentine team won by a larger margin than the start they would have been called on to concede had the match been played on handicap terms.

<i>Gauchos</i>		beat	<i>Someries House.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1.	Mr. R. Loewenstein . . . 2		1.	Col. Sir H. Wernher . . . 3
2.	Mr. H. H. Hughes . . . 7		2.	Capt. D. C. J. Miller . . . 4
3.	Mr. R. L. Cavanagh . . . 8		3.	Capt. D. Dawnay . . . 7
Bk.	Mr. R. Santamarina . . . 6		Bk.	Capt. A. M.
				Horsbrugh-Porter . . . 6
				—
				23
	11 goals.			6 goals.
				20

For the winners Mr. Hughes was at the top of his form and Messrs. Cavanagh and Santamarina gave their best display since their arrival in London, their long hitting and control of the

ball being features of a match which provided much excellent polo. Someries House did well in the first two periods and were only two goals down (4—6) at the end of the fourth period. But in the fifth chukker they struck a bad patch, and with four successive goals the Gauchos put the result beyond doubt. The members of the losing side all acquitted themselves creditably. Perhaps Capt. Dawnay did best of all, though he was inclined now and again to wander out of position.

<i>Jaguars</i>		beat	<i>El Gezira.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.	
1. Hon. Keith Rous . . .	4	1. Maj. B. J. Fowler . . .	7	
2. Mr. S. Sanford . . .	5	2. Mr. W. G. Lowther . . .	5	
3. Mr. G. Balding . . .	10	3. Capt. H. C. Elton (4)		
Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness .	8	and Maj. F. W. Byass .	4	
		Bk. Capt. J. C. Vernon		
		Miller	4	
	—		—	
	27		20	
6 goals.		3 goals.		

This tie, played on the 23rd, was marred by several spills, one of them of rather a serious nature. After a collision of ponies Capt. Elton was removed from the ground suffering from concussion. It was a most unfortunate beginning of their London tournament season for El Gezira, an eminently sporting side made up of officers on leave from Egypt. They have brought their ponies over. Bad luck, after all their preparations and organization, to have their combination broken up so soon by this accident to Capt. Elton. That player is not having a fortunate year in the game, as in Cairo in the winter he broke a collar-bone when playing in the Open Cup, a misadventure which kept him out of the final of that tournament and also the match for the King's Cup. The players from the Gezira Club were Major B. J. Fowler and Capt. Elton, R.H.A., and Mr. W. G. Lowther and Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller, 8th Hussars. The accident at Roehampton occurred in the second chukker. Major F. W. Byass, 7th Hussars, who has been playing with the members of the Gezira team in Egypt, came in to replace Capt. Elton, this reducing the handicap aggregate of the side by one point. No doubt the incident was not without its effect on the result of the tie, as El Gezira did not finish as strongly as they had started. The fall which incapacitated Capt. Elton was the result of a cross, for which penalty No. 2 was awarded against the Jaguars, a goal accruing from the thirty yards' hit. Up to half-time El Gezira more than held their own, but the fourth chukker was disastrous for them, four goals being secured by the Jaguars in that period. The Jaguars were hardly at their best. Considering their advantage on the handicap and the dislocation of the opposing side, they should have won more decisively. Major Fowler, who went to No. 3 on the rearrangement of his team, did some brilliant things. Mr. Lowther and Capt. Vernon Miller were both excellent.

<i>Knaves</i>		beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>	
Pos.		H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1.	Mr. R. Skene	. 7	1.	Viscount Cowdray . . . 4
2.	Capt. W. F. Butler	. 6	2.	Capt. P. W. Dollar . . . 4
3.	Capt. C. T. I. Roark	. 9	3.	Mr. J. P. Robinson . . . 5
	Bk. Maj. J. F. Harrison	. 5	Bk.	Mr. J. Lakin . . . 6
		—		—
		27		19
	6 goals.			6 goals (scratched).

So level was the scoring here that at the end of the last chukker the board showed six goals all. Lord Cowdray then decided not to call on his ponies for extra time, and scratched. To have forced a draw with the Knaves on level terms was immensely creditable to Cowdray Park, especially as Mr. Robinson came into the team at the last moment, owing to the indisposition of Capt. Sanger. The winners did not come nearly up to their handicap, the best work for them being accomplished by Capt. Roark and Capt. Butler. Quick to get going, Cowdray scored three goals in the opening chukker. The first came from a free hit by Mr. Robinson close in, and Lord Cowdray and Capt. Dollar also hit through, the latter player having had a good deal to do with Lord Cowdray's goal. The Knaves made a better show in the next period, but they were made to play hard for the goal that Capt. Roark hit after a fine run. Cowdray Park were still in front at half-time (4—3), a goal by Robinson for them being replied to with two from Roark, one of them from a penalty hit. The fourth period found Cowdray Park with a two goals' lead. Later Butler, with a great near-side shot, and then Mr. Skene, brought the scoring level, and, each side scoring again in the final period, the score was even at the finish.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Jaguars</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos.</i>
7 goals.		6 goals.

Postponed until June 4th, this game ran into extra time and had rather an unsatisfactory finish, the Jaguars hitting the winning goal from a penalty from 40 yards. There was an unusual number of fouls, the winners scoring four of their goals, including the decisive one, from penalty shots, and the Gauchos one. Had the game been played under handicap, the Gauchos would have received $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals start. The Jaguars scored the first goal, hit by Balding close in, in the opening period. The second period went in favour of the Gauchos, and in it Loewenstein, their No. 1, received a severe blow from a stick on the ear, but was able to go on. The players from the Argentine scored three goals in this period, one hit by Hughes and two by that fine striker Cavanagh.

After Rous had scored for the Jaguars in the third period, the Gauchos were leading at half-time by 3—2. At the

beginning of the fourth chukker the Gauchos got a 40 yards hit for a cross by Guinness, and Cavanagh made their fourth goal. Then a couple of fouls by the Gauchos cost them two goals, Guinness being successful with a 60 yards hit, and with another at 40 yards, which equalized the scores at 4—4. Another 60 yards penalty by Capt. Guinness gave the Jaguars the lead, and Rous then made it 6—4. Santamarina then came through the game, and landed the ball right in front of goal, where Hughes tapped it through, and the Gauchos were only one goal down when the last period opened. With only three minutes to go Cavanagh hit a fine long goal, and it was still 6—6 when the bell rang. Finally, half-way through an extra period, Hughes crossed Balding, and Guinness hit the winning goal.

TOULSTON SPRING TOURNAMENT.

A Win for Rugby.

As usual the spring tournament of the polo club at Toulston, Tadcaster, was held during the week of the York Spring Races, at which Mr. W. Riley Smith, the prime organizer of the club, won the Londesborough Plate with Rosemary Row, a 20 to 1 chance. It was feared that hard ground might interfere with the success of the tournament. Certainly the going was undesirably firm when play began, but rain fell during the week, which led to a great improvement in the conditions underfoot. On the Wednesday ties had to be played on the No. 2 ground. An entry of twelve constituted a record for the tournament which had to be started, therefore, on the Saturday. Two were sent by the 15th/19th Hussars at York and further interest was imparted by the presence of a Continental side, which played under the name of Bagatelle. The handicap worked out well in the majority of the ties, and the quality of the polo was fully up to the average standard. Success eventually rested with the Rugby four, for whom Mr. William Balding in his 64th year played very well. The tournament was very fast, yielding the best polo that has been seen at Toulston. Results:

<i>Boston Spa</i>	beat	<i>15th/19th Hussars "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. Gilpin.		1. Mr. T. D. Wilson.
2. Mr. G. Calvert.		2. Capt. W. R. N. Hinde.
3. Mr. J. F. Holdsworth.		3. Maj. T. J. Arnott.
Bk. Capt. W. S. Griffiths.		Bk. Mr. R. B. Hodgkinson.
(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		5 goals.

Only half a goal separated the sides when the final period opened. The Hussars almost took the lead when a hit by Hinde hit the post and went outside, but less than a minute later they did so when Arnott drove into the middle, went ahead and goaled easily. Griffiths had a shot diverted by a pony which might have scored, but almost instantly he did score, to make the score $5\frac{1}{2}$ —5 in Boston's favour. Calvert saved a dangerous situation, and with less than a couple of minutes to go it seemed as though Boston Spa would save the game, which they did.

<i>15th/19th Hussars "B"</i>		beat	<i>Harrogate.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.		1. Mr. J. M. Whitehead.	
2. Mr. A. R. A. Dorrien-Smith.		2. Mr. W. H. D. Riley Smith.	
3. Mr. A. D. Taylor.		3. Mr. T. L. Paisley.	
Bk. Mr. M. S. Balmain.		Bk. Mr. G. E. Tennant.	
9 goals.		3 goals.	

<i>Micro-Organisms</i>		beat	<i>Woolley.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1. Mr. E. A. Swift.		1. Mr. T. W. Worsnop.	
2. Mr. R. W. Hill-Forster.		2. Mr. L. Nickols.	
3. Mr. W. Riley Smith.		3. Mr. H. H. Robinson.	
Bk. Col. H. L. L. Jones.		Bk. Mr. M. W. Wentworth.	
5 goals.		(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	

At the close of the third period Woolley at this point still held a lead of half a goal, but Col. Jones early in the final chukker put the Micros in front for the first time, and later he goaled with a long lofted shot. Robinson shot only inches wide for Woolley, for whom Wentworth put the ball between the posts just before the bell.

<i>Rugby</i>		beat	<i>The Bleeding Wolves.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1. Mr. B. Bethell.		1. Mr. N. Hardy.	
2. Mr. W. Balding.		2. Mr. J. Midwood.	
3. Mr. R. Balding.		3. Mr. C. Drage.	
Bk. Mr. G. T. Wright.		Bk. Mr. R. Midwood.	
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		5 goals.	

Second Round.

<i>Bagatelle</i>		beat	<i>Holderness.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1. Mr. P. Davy.		1. Mr. D. Hall.	
2. Vicomte de Jonghe.		2. Mr. T. Blackburn.	
3. M. H. Couturié.		3. Mr. A. Emson.	
Bk. Capt. J. S. Collings.		Bk. Mr. W. G. Longstaff.	
8 goals.		(received $4\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	

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15th/19th Hussars " B " beat Boston Spa.
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 2 goals.

<i>Agden</i>	beat	<i>4th/7th Dragoon Guards.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. D. P. G. Moseley.		1. Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins.
2. Lt.-Col. F. Williams.		2. Mr. G. A. Cunard.
3. Mr. F. E. F. Spiegelberg.		3. Lt.-Col. J. A. Aizlewood.
Bk. Mr. A. J. Crewdson.		Bk. Capt. T. G. G. Cooper.
(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		6 goals.

Rugby beat *Micro-Organisms.*
7 goals. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

Rugby beat *Bagatelle.*
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 1 goal.

15th/19th Hussars " B " beat *Agden.*
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 4 goals.

Final.

Rugby beat 15th/19th Hussars " B."
6 goals. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Subsidiary Tournament.

First Round.

15th/19th Hussars " A " beat *Harrogate.*
8 goals. (received 4) 7 goals.

Bleeding Wolves beat *Woolley.*
9 goals. (received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards beat *Holderness.*
16 goals. (received 5) 5 goals.

Bleeding Wolves beat 15th/19th Hussars " A."
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 5 goals.

Final.

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards beat *Bleeding Wolves.*
9 goals. 2 goals.

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10th HUSSARS CUP AT TIDWORTH.

This annual handicap tournament was played last month, with an entry of twelve teams. Results:

First Round.

<i>Clive House</i>	beat	<i>10th Hussars "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. D. Meyrick.		1. Mr. N. Cliff.
2. Capt. G. H. Grosvenor.		2. Capt. Allen.
3. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.		3. Lt.-Col. A. W. Lee.
Bk. Brig. C. A. Heydeman.		Bk. Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee.
4 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
<i>10th Hussars Subalterns</i>	beat	<i>Queen's Bays "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. L. Richmond.		1. Mr. D. M. Patchett.
2. Mr. J. W. Malet.		2. Maj. G. W. C. Draffen.
3. Mr. M. F. Morley.		3. Maj. G. H. Fanshawe.
Bk. Mr. D. R. B. Kaye.		Bk. Mr. H. J. A. Weld.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.
<i>Queen's Bays "C"</i>	beat	<i>Silton Lodge.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. R. P. Scott.		1. Hon. C. J. Beckett.
2. Capt. W. G. Carr.		2. Maj. J. H. N. Peto.
3. Lt.-Col. R. L. McCreery.		3. Brig. F. B. Hurndall.
Bk. Capt. F. Guy Knight.		Bk. Mr. J. R. Greenwood.
6 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
<i>Queen's Bays "B"</i>	beat	<i>North Cadbury.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. H. Rich.		1. Mr. H. R. Taylor- Whitehead.
2. Mr. J. de G. Tatham- Warter.		2. Mr. J. A. Cooke.
3. Capt. D. V. H. Asquith.		3. Maj. G. Phipps-Hornby.
Bk. Mr. G. L. Streeter.		Bk. Mr. D. F. Little.
6 goals.		1 goal.

Second Round.

<i>Aliwal</i>	beat	<i>9th Lancers Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. I. K. Muir.		1. Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney.
2. Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen.		2. Mr. K. J. Price.
3. Capt. C. B. Harvey.		3. Mr. J. H. M. D. Scott.
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Queen's Bays " B " beat *Queen's Bays " C. "*
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10th Hussars Subalterns beat *Clive House.*
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 4 goals.

Candahar beat *Assaye House.*

Pos.

1. Mr. W. A. Morris.
2. Mr. R. M. Kennard.
3. Mr. R. W. Hobson.
Bk. Mr. R. H. Palmer.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Pos.

1. Mr. A. P. Ness.
2. Mr. W. A. Manger.
3. Lt.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe.
Bk. Maj. W. R. Beddington.
3 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

10th Hussars Subalterns beat *Candahar.*
6 goals. (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Aliwal beat *Queen's Bays " B. "*
8 goals. (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

(*To be concluded.*)

14th/20th Hussars Cup.

In the semi-final round of this six-chukker tournament at Tidworth the following were the results:

Queen's Bays beat *12th Lancers.*
Pos. Pos.
1. Mr. H. W. Hibbert. 1. Capt. W. G. Carr.
2. Maj. G. W. C. Draffen. 2. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.
3. Lt.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe. 3. Lt.-Col. R. L. McCreery.
Bk. Maj. G. H. Fanshawe. Bk. Mr. R. W. Hobson.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 6 goals.

9th Lancers beat *10th Hussars.*
Pos. Pos.
1. Maj. C. H. M. Peto. 1. Capt. N. M. E. Macmullen.
2. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer. 2. Maj. C. B. Harvey.
3. Mr. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott. 3. Capt. D. Dawnay.
Bk. Mr. R. S. G. Perry. Bk. Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee.
(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 5 goals.

Final.

9th Lancers beat *Queen's Bays.*
(received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 6 goals.

During the spring the drought has proved a big problem to the polo authorities here. The club has two grounds in the heart of Tidworth for match play, namely the Fisher, which

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is perhaps the most popular, and Shipton Road. At Pennings there is one ground, the only one for match play the club uses with one of its sides unboarded, and there are two grounds at Perham. There are practice pitches, but the large number of members of the club this season has meant much use of grounds, and the absence of rain became a source of anxiety. In the normal spring, if it happens to be particularly wet, the two Perham grounds can be used for match play, and the Blakiston Houston Cup tournament which usually opens the programme has been played there often. Perham, however, was impossible this time because of its hard state, and both Fisher and Shipton Road saw much play in the early weeks. For the 10th Hussars tournament Pennings was used, and the lack of rain meant that the turf wore badly.

WELLINGTON CUP AT FLEET.

In the semi-final round of the Wellington Cup tournament at the Fleet (Hants) Polo Club, Frensham (3rd Hussars) beat the Royal Horse Artillery "B," and Sandycross, conceding $2\frac{1}{2}$, defeated Somme House.

	<i>Frensham</i>	beat	<i>R.H.A. "B."</i>
Pos.			Pos.
1.	Mr. P. W. M. Lancaster.		1. Mr. P. R. Gold.
2.	Maj. G. M. O. Davy.		2. Maj. E. G. Waller.
3.	Sir Douglas Scott.		3. Capt. G. Meyer.
Bk.	Maj. C. L. Huggins.		Bk. Mr. T. de F. Jago.
	7 goals.		5 goals.
	<i>Sandycross</i>	beat	<i>Somme House.</i>
Pos.			Pos.
1.	Mr. R. Bertram.		1. Mr. C. M. Clarke.
2.	Mr. C. J. F. Platt.		2. Capt. H. M. P. Salmon.
3.	Mr. P. H. Labouchere.		3. Lt.-Col. G. E. Younghusband.
Bk.	Capt. O. F. M. Tudor.		Bk. Mr. M. Hartigan.
	5 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
<i>Final.</i>	<i>Sandycross</i>	beat	<i>Frensham.</i>
	12 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Fleet Cup.

In the final tie of the Fleet Cup tournament on June 3rd the King's Dragoon Guards beat the Royal Artillery Subalterns.



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<i>King's Dragoon Guards</i>	beat	<i>R.A. Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. K. E. Savill.		1. Mr. B. Wilson.
2. Mr. M. R. Arkwright.		2. Mr. P. C. Tuson.
3. Mr. H. S. Selby.		3. Mr. R. H. Hewetson.
Bk. Capt. W. E. S.		Bk. Mr. J. H. Slade-Powell.
	Whetherley.	
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		4 goals.

TAUNTON VALE.

Playing on the Taunton Vale Club's Orchard Portman ground, near Taunton, on May 26th, in the semi-final of the Franklin Cup, Orchard beat Minarets and Bull-Bulls defeated Los Amigos.

<i>Orchard</i>	beat	<i>Minarets.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. Elliott.		1. Mr. K. M. W. Leather.
2. Capt. J. B. Glencross.		2. Sir W. Stampe.
3. Maj. L. A. Jones-		3. Capt. P. Jelf.
	Mortimer.	
Bk. Maj.-Gen. Sir E. A.		Bk. Maj. C. F. Clarke.
	Fagan.	
(received 1) 7 goals.		3 goals.

<i>Bull-Bulls</i>	beat	<i>Los Amigos.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. H. Small.		1. Mr. E. P. Dove.
2. Capt. H. Stuart-Pearson.		2. Mr. G. H. Couper.
3. Maj. R. P. Power.		3. Mr. E. W. Tyler.
Bk. Capt. D. J. T. Turnbull.		Bk. Capt. R. D. Bolton.
6 goals.		2 goals.

<i>Final.</i>		
<i>Bull-Bulls</i>	beat	<i>Orchard.</i>
4 goals.		3 goals.



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A new era in the efficient, speedy and economical transportation of horses by road is foreshadowed by a six-wheel Commer-Carrimore articulated horse-box, which has recently been delivered to Messrs. A. O. Hemus Ltd., the well-known livestock transporters, of Esher, Surrey. This unusually interesting vehicle has accommodation for six full-sized horses and four grooms, in addition to the driver, and is notable for the very



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WESTERN PROVINCE TOURNAMENT.

Details are now to hand of the Western Province Tournament, played at the Cape Hunt and Polo Club, Wynberg, of which the results were published in last month's issue. The tournament, open to all clubs which are members of the South African Polo Association, was played on handicap for the Labia Cup (presented by Sir Joseph Robinson), and was competed for by the following teams:

<i>Bedford Park.</i>		<i>Griqualand West.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. G. E. Simmons	. 2	1. Mr. S. G. Kiddie	. 3
2. Mr. J. Truter	. 4	2. Mr. A. C. Kiddie	. 3
3. Mr. A. S. Higgs	. 5	3. Mr. N. A. Kiddie	. 2
Bk. Mr. G. de Necker	. 5	Bk. Mr. F. Vigne	. 2
	16		10
<i>Cape Hunt "A."</i>		<i>Matatiele.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. J. M. Wilks	. 2	1. Mr. C. J. Chaplin	. 2
2. Mr. S. G. MacGregor	. 2	2. Mr. F. D. Minchin	. 3
3. Mr. J. St. G. Glyn	. 3	3. Mr. E. E. E. Pope	. 6
Bk. Mr. E. G. Flegg	. 1	Bk. Mr. M. C. Gilson	. 2
	8		13
<i>Cape Hunt "B."</i>		<i>Worcester.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.	Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. H. Gorfinkel	. 0	1. Mr. C. le Roux	. 0
2. Mr. R. B. Stuttaford	. 0	2. Mr. C. Dicey	. 0
3. Mr. L. MacGregor	. 1	3. Mr. C. le Roux	. 0
Bk. Dr. J. F. Wicht	. 1	Bk. Mr. A. V. Frost	. 0
	2		0



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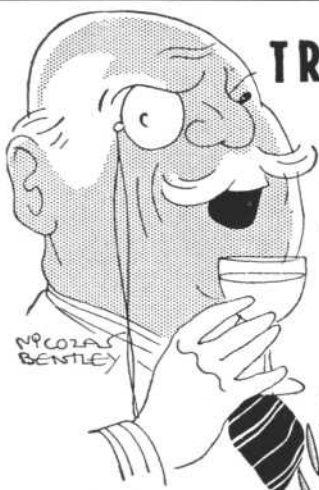


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In the first round Bedford Park beat Cape Hunt "B" by 22 goals to 15, and Matatiele beat Worcester by 23 to 13. In the semi-final round Bedford Park beat Griqualand West by 19 to 10 and Cape Hunt "A" beat Matatiele by 10 to 6. In the final Bedford Park beat Cape Hunt "A" by 14 goals to 12. In the Consolation Handicap for the cup presented by the United Tobacco Co., Matatiele beat Griqualand West in the final by 10 goals to 7. Hunting the jackal with hounds, the counterpart of foxhunting in England, is the second oldest form of organized sport in South Africa, and the Cape Hunt is one of the oldest institutions in the country. Lord Charles Somerset started by having eight couple of hounds sent out to him, and these he kept at Wynberg and on the Cape Flats. The year 1843 saw the formation of the present Cape Hunt Club, with Mr. John Proctor, a well-known sportsman of those days, as Master. In 1935 the Hunt joined up with the polo club, and the amalgamated club is now on a sound footing, having as its object the promotion of fox-hunting, polo, drag-hunting, paper chasing, gymkhanas and other forms of equitation. Of recent years drag hunts have been immensely popular, and in winter, on a Sunday morning, the hounds are always out in the Pinelands or Tokai forestry areas. The Cape Hunt has always had a fine pack of hounds.

THE PONY MARKET.

The most important polo pony sale of the season up to that date was at Messrs. Tattersall's on May 23rd, when a number of high-class ponies were offered. Capt. D. J. E. Norton sent up nine weight-carrying ponies which had been played in the spring at the Beaufort Club. Top price of 560 guineas was made by *Serpentina*, an eight-year-old Argentine mare, purchased by Major N. W. Leaf in Argentina in 1936. Capt. J. N. Bailey, Claybrooke Grange, near Rugby, sent up his entire stud of weight-carrying thoroughbred polo ponies, of which several were described as being up to International class and the others very near it. They were sold as "owner has to give up polo, having to take an active part in the family business."

Eight of Capt. Bailey's ponies were sold for 2,000 guineas, top price of 550 guineas being given for *Ladygold* by Mr. C. B. Wrightsman. Lord Cowdray bought *Schooner*, *Sheila Peeps* and *Bill's Gift*. Mr. W. K. Rous was the buyer of the five-year-old *Golden Son*, described by Capt. Bailey as "the best young pony the owner has ever had, and, with a season's more experience, should be super-International." *Ladygold* was described as "far the best pony the owner has ever played, and is super-International." The late Mr. Hugh Lloyd-Thomas's polo-bred *Queenie*, sold for 420 guineas, is likely to make an International pony. The following is a record of recent transactions at Knightsbridge:

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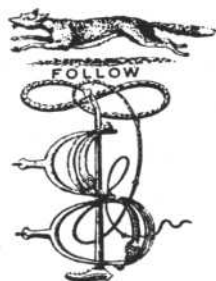
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May 9th.—Property of Mr. A. D. Taylor: Squib, roan, 40 gs. Property of Mr. J. P. Robinson: Paul Jones, bay pony, by De Coverley, 40 gs. Property of Capt. S. A. Watt (who is not playing polo this season): Copper Alley, br, by Goldcourt, 76 gs.; Little Vixen, ch, by Rocken, 65 gs. Property of Col. R. G. Ritson: Doltu, b, 170 gs. Property of Capt. R. C. Kidd, The Royals (who is not playing polo this season): Pittance (1929), gr m, by Tagrag out of Marie Trespass by Trespasser, 200 gs.; Pintail, bl-br, by Fariray, 50 gs.

May 16th.—Property of Major H. A. Young, Royal Artillery (sold owing to mechanization): Coralou (1927), br m, by Hurry On out of Balasha by Swynford, 30 gs.; Cottesmore, b, by St. Tudwal, 37 gs. Property of Mr. Anthony Brunner (who has given up polo): First Mate (1931), b, by Beresford out of Knight's Mate by The White Knight, 58 gs.; Borealis (1930), ch, by Suddaby out of Bronx by Beppo, 36 gs.; Siesta, br, by Sysonby, 42 gs. Property of Capt. Douglas Kennedy: Sunny Amy (1928), b m, by Battle-axe out of Seldom Wrong by Earla Mor, 66 gs.; The Swede (1929), b m, by Longboat out of Court Favour by Primer, 125 gs.; Edith's Gift (1930), b m, by Arch-Gift out of Louvois Girl by Louvois, 35 gs.; Chispa, b, 76 gs. Property of Mr. H. Roe Wade, Wood Hall, Little Waldringfield, Suffolk: Pimpo, ch, 48 gs.; Patsy, b, 36 gs.; Pancake, b, 39 gs. Property of Mr. Herbert Drage (who has given up polo): Docena, ch, 36 gs. Property of Major A. H. Ferguson: Button, b, 45 gs.; Barbara, ch, 50 gs. Property of Mrs. Henry Millar: Star, br, 33 gs.

May 23rd.—Property of Mr. J. A. E. Traill: Cradle, b, 35 gs. Property of Capt. J. N. Bailey: Ladygold (1931), b m, by Pommerly out of Flèche d'Or by Golden Myth, 550 gs.; Schooner (1929), br, by Scherzo out of Broken Tendril by Sunder, 360 gs.; Sheila Peeps (1931), br m, by Peeping Tom out of Cilissa by Noblesse Oblige, 250 gs.; Bill's Gift (1930), b, by Knight of the Garter out of Tanya by Glasgerion, 160 gs.; Welsh Powder (1931), b m, by Bardsey out of Toilet by Toyshop, 180 gs.; Puttrite (1929), gr m, by Puttenden out of Clerical Error by Friar Marcus, 50 gs.; Pantalette (1932), b m, by Jehangir out of Panthea by Golden Myth, 150 gs.; Golden Son (1933), b, by Poor Man out of Casilda by Gay Crusader, 300 gs. Property of Capt. D. J. E. Norton: High School (1924), b, by Hapsburg out of Blue Stocking by Heliotrope or Melton Boy, 140 gs.; Serpentina, ch, 560 gs.; Wake Up and Dream, ch, 250 gs.; Chimango, ch, 250 gs. Property of the late Mr. Hugh Lloyd-Thomas: Queenie, b, by Wild Tint, 420 gs.; Deseado, ch, 220 gs.

May 30th.—Property of Lieut.-Col. E. J. L. Speed: Cuba, br, 31 gs.; Perfecto, b, 40 gs. Property of Mr. Marcus Goodman: Black, by The Best, 45 gs. Property of Mr. G. A. Murray Smith: Happy Moments, br, 35 gs.; Brownie, br, 50 gs.; Chileno, ch, 40 gs.

Concerning Motors.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

Improved styles of coachwork on well-known chassis are the novelties offered motorists this midsummer, wedged in with the usual sales of shop-soiled cars at reduced prices so as to clear the showrooms ready for the 1939 models. Not that these are going to be any different from the present 1938 cars, so that people are really buying next year's models when purchasing now the new carriage styles. A notable instance is the new Sports Saloon Humber, available on the 16 h.p. or the "Snipe" chassis. Entirely new in line, creating a complete departure from stereotyped saloon bodies, more dignified, roomy, of low centre of gravity build, giving certain safety yet having maximum visibility and structural rigidity. There is generously wide seating, with most comfortable springing and seat covering material. Its cushions are designed to give comfort under the knees, room for elbows and forearms, soft support for the small of the back and shoulders. Humber realize that motorists are requiring real ease when they sit in the car, not a fictitious comfort, so they give it thoroughly in this new Sports Saloon. Doors are wide, letting stout folk make an easy entrance and exit from the car, and the right hand position of the brake lever clears the floor, so to speak, as the central gear lever gives no restriction of movement.

One expects luxury fittings in this car, and these are indeed provided in full. Spacious door pockets, adjustable ventilation panels in the winding lever-controlled windows, a windscreen which can be fully raised by a winding centre lever, independent dual windscreen wipers operated by concealed electric motors, the usual sun roof and anti-glare vizors, side arm-rests to front seats as well as side and centre arm-rests to rear seat, are just some of the no-trouble comfort devices. The driver can see easily all the instruments, as the dials are large, and, with ash-tray and cigar-lighter, a capacious locker on the left side of the dashboard, with a clock, so his or her needs are well looked after. Moreover, the telescopic adjustment of the pillar of the steering wheel, automatic return direction indicators, dip-switch for headlamps, and horn control ring, are further conveniences for the pilot. Women tell me that it is a very handsome car, which appeals equally to their eyes as it does to men for its smart lines and excellent road performance.

Regulations for the Tourist Trophy race for cars, organized by the R.A.C., have been issued for this event, which is to be run at Donnington Park on September 3rd. The "Gold Star" race at Brooklands, run on Whit-Monday, won by W. W. S. Bennett on a supercharged Alta 1½-litre sports, with a start of 28 sec., was a sort of trial race for the T.T., as this was for sports cars, run over sixteen miles of the Campbell road circuit. Unfortunately the Alta is not eligible for the T.T., as superchargers are barred, and it was the only car with a "blower" to compete in the "Star" handicap. Sports cars are those

eligible for the T.T., but no superchargers, and these must run on fuel obtainable at pump stations, not more than one carburetter to a pair of cylinders is permitted, and a minimum weight and wheelbase based on engine capacity is prescribed. The public will be interested, however, to learn that the event is divided into five scratch races, run concurrently, by cars with engine cylinder capacity not exceeding (1) 1,100 cc., (2) 1,500 cc., (3) 2,000 cc., (4) 3,000 cc., and (5) over 3,000 cc., but no racing car or international formula Grand Prix cars are eligible. In fact the Royal Automobile Club hope that this race will continue to assist "breeding" better touring cars for the public, as a race of this character is apt to discover all weaknesses in design and materials of their construction, so keep the event to ordinary standard production models, which are allowed to be stripped of some accessories, such as hoods, and "hotted up" by the entrants to improve their maximum speed.

The first of the quarterly census of traffic at selected points on trunk roads was made on May 23rd for that week ending May 30th by the Minister of Transport, and County Councils throughout the country co-operated. A comparison of the figures obtained in each quarter will reveal the seasonal variations in the volume of traffic, and thus provide valuable material on which to base future trunk road improvements. Possibly some readers noticed some of the traffic enumerators, some 1,000 strong, working in relays from 6 a.m. They recorded all classes of vehicular traffic, and, in addition, where there is no footpath, or only a very narrow one, they also took a poll of the pedestrians.

The census was taken at nearly four hundred points, and at more than half of them the counting was continuous throughout the day and night. At the remaining points there was a sixteen hours' count, concluding each day at 10 p.m. Counts were also taken at certain points in order to show the directional movement of traffic. The same points will be watched each quarter, but in August there will be an additional 500 points. The reason for this is that the August census will coincide with the triennial census of traffic on Class I roads generally, and, for the sake of continuity of record, it is desired to retain as far as possible the same points at which a census was taken in 1935.

The success of the old 4 cyl. 1929 Bentley of 4½ litres winning the Locke-King Trophy at the Whit-Monday meeting at Brooklands, at a speed of 106.41 miles per hour, reminds me that my friends are apt to take advantage of the good nature of the present Bentley models when they drive them on the open Continental roads.

The temptation to take advantage of continuous high speed there is really courting trouble, as our Continental neighbours have already taken to heart, as evidenced by the restraint with which the roads in question are being used by experienced Continental drivers. Even in high-speed motor racing continuous high speeds are never possible, as hazards in the form of corners and bends are purposely introduced to test the skill of the driver, and such bends are also to prevent the engines being wrecked by continuous maximum revolutions. The same factors apply to

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aeroplane engines, as there is nothing to restrict the pilot other than engine limitations, but experience has shown that it is necessary in the interest of engine life to restrict the power output of an aeroplane engine to round about 65 per cent of its maximum. Whilst engine revolutions are strictly controlled, reliability and public safety can be secured. So just a mild warning to owners of modern Bentley cars to stop their 100 m.p.h. runs on these long straight roads, and for continuous trips the maximum speed for the $4\frac{1}{4}$ -litre Bentley should be not exceeding 75 to 80 miles an hour, and for the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Bentley 70 to 75 miles an hour, and, goodness knows, that should be fast enough to please anybody. Also, if you do not do this you are risking excessive engine wear on these specialized motorways in long runs at possible maximum speeds. Speeds which I have stated will not cause unnecessary wear and tear, but if higher speeds than these are maintained, then the engine must invariably suffer, however well designed or constructed it may be.

Since the Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd. discovered "muffled pinking," motorists have wisely paid more attention in seeing that they purchase Ethyl petrol for their cars, as it is now generally recognized that our present higher compression ratio standard cars, with their 6 to 1 compression, are prone to detonate or produce muffled pinking, which loses power unless they buy such grades of fuel. Since the technical motor world has seen the new knock-detecting instrument, which electrically indicates and measures the tendency of motor fuels to knock, what was thought as a sort of advertising "stunt" is now duly recognized as a serious fact which costs you money to neglect. Motorists have so often wondered why engines of their cars sometimes run sluggishly, incline to labour on hills and fail in acceleration. They do not suspect this silenced knocking, which is the real cause, because they are using a fuel which detonates too soon, so causes loss of power. Now Ethyl enrichment of petrol raises the detonating point considerably, so not only cures muffled or inaudible pinking but also the audible "knock" as well, so permits the engine to develop its real power. So my advice is: use such enriched petrol and save money.

Optimists who expect relief from the taxation of petrol for their cars will be sadly disappointed, as Clause 2 of the Finance Bill—it will be an Act before you read these lines—lays down that the preference on home-produced fuel shall be at least 8d. per gallon for the next twelve years, in order to encourage home production. This means, of course, that petrol cannot be taxed less than 8d. per gallon for that period, so that all one can look forward to is reduction in the price made by the fuel distributing companies, and perhaps a penny off the present ninepenny tax rate.

On the other hand the tariff insurance companies have informed the R.A.C. that motorists who have volunteered for Air-Raid Precaution training and use their cars or motor-cycles in this connection are covered by their present policies without additional premium. The insurance companies ask their policy-holders, however, to advise them of the intention so to use the

vehicle, and the name of the public authority must also be given, so that the requisite endorsement may be added to the policy. The public authority is the local body under which the A.R.P. men and women work or are attached to.

Of course, all the A.R.P. business is all right from a training point of view, just as we all like our sons and grandsons to join the O.T.C. corps of their schools for getting discipline in preparation for days of disorder. But all of us know that there is as little likelihood of raids as of earthquakes in England for the next two years, and by that time we shall be too well armed and prepared for other folk to dare tackle us. That is why the sooner we are provided with a formidable fighting machine to defend our rights the sooner our motor manufacturers can stick to their job of building cars, and not have to bother about the armament orders on which they are now busily engaged at the present time.

It is for that reason that I and many of my friends are buying new cars now, as there is no chance of any alteration in designs being made for the next year or so. Cars purchased to-day will be up-to-date in 1940. And as a matter of fact the working parts of automobiles are so good to-day that there is little room for improvement.

Coachbuilders will always try to find new designs to please their customers, especially as all those carriage owners who deal with them like the coachwork built to fit them. And such jobs last for many years, and are infinitely more comfortable to ride in than the standard mass-production car body.

British motorists are lucky that here we do have a few cars of real class merit in these days of multi-production motors. The new Alvis models come into this first-class category from the new 12-70 h.p. Alvis upwards. Rated at 13 h.p., the drop-head coupé only costs £445 and runs like one of double its price, so responsive is it to the gentle handling of the driver. No ham-footed pilot is needed on this car or else he will jerk his passenger violently forward by too sudden an application of a full throttle from a standing start. And this applies equally to the 20-h.p. Crested Eagle Alvis saloon, the 16-95-h.p. Silver Crest and the 20-h.p. Silver Crest cars, and but for a most excellent soft engaging clutch would bump noses against the front screen. In fact, the present Alvis cars are very nice to drive, because you can glide away at such a high rate so smoothly that you arrive at 60 miles an hour if the road is open in a few seconds. It seems incredible the speeds one can attain so quickly with the modern car, which makes it all the more necessary that drivers should really be very skilful, and, above all, first-class judges of speed and distance. That is why polo players usually drive very well. I think that they will like these Alvis present cars very much and add one to their stable when they need a fresh mount.

At the same time our low-priced English cars are wonderful value for the price at which they are listed. Recently one of the 14 h.p. Hillman cars was driven across Europe to Poland and Lithuania without any difficulty to the tourists, although the roads were very bad in some districts. But any person who would

care to read the account of this journey should write to the Hillman Motor Car Co. Ltd., Coventry, and ask them to send gratis the little brochure of this journey, entitled "You Shall Not Pass," telling of its adventures amid blizzards in Poland on a 2,500 miles journey, covered in eight days, from England and back again. And this saloon, which is really quite comfortable in its coachwork, design and equipment, only costs £248, seating five persons.

Another advantageous carriage is the new 30 h.p. Ford cabriolet, a double-purpose carriage costing £290, and the newly refashioned saloon listed at £280, on the same chassis. Cabriolets or foursome coupés—you can take your choice of which term you call them—have come more prominently on the motor market because the industry is at last realizing people are "fed-up" with the ordinary open touring car, with its most inefficient and draughty cape-cart hood.

People want to feel the energizing effect of an open car, as they can when the head of a coupé or cabriolet is dropped, while the side windows can be raised to prevent unpleasant draught. They also ask for complete protection from all the elements when the head is raised or "up," which they do get with this style of carriage, and did not with the raised hood of an open tourer.

Another reason why the motoring world asks for a car which can open completely as a tourer is that both men and women appear in such vehicles without wearing hats, although the feminine sex does usually tie her head up with a scarf to foil the breeze from disturbing her coiffure.

By the way, a driver was fined 40s. at Croydon recently for overloading a car. It was not denied that twelve persons were on board, some on the luggage grid and some on the running-board. The driver stated that the people inside were his relatives coming from a party, and he knew nothing about the others, who must have jumped on after he had started.

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So if your car is invaded, as mine has been, by a crowd of children clambering on to all available places, beware that the village constable does not run you in for overloading. But I rather fancy few of these minions of the law know about applying this regulation to private cars, as, like many another motor law, it was originally designed to apply to commercial vehicles.

Anyway, we now know that twelve persons on a small car are too many in the eyes of the law, as seen in Croydon. Other districts please do not copy, as such things seldom really happen, and only at parties, where people are out to enjoy themselves and are not likely to get into danger.



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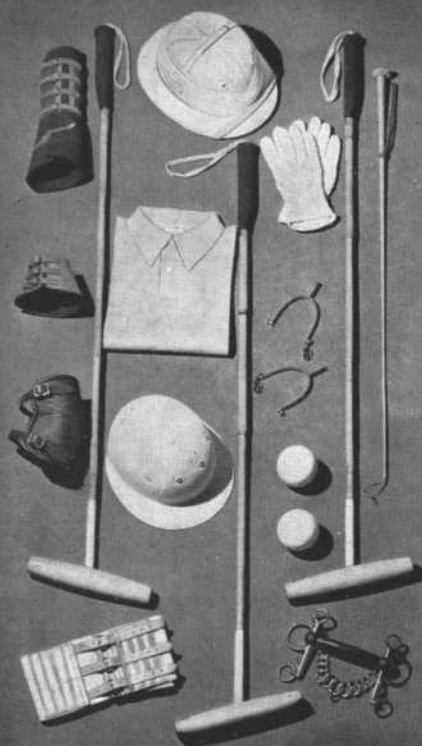
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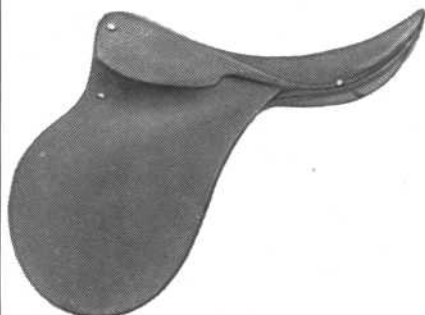
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JULY.

SATURDAY,	16th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup (N.S.) Final.
SATURDAY,	16th.	Young Cup (M.H.) commences.
WEDNESDAY,	20th.	Entries close for "Paul Jones" (N.S.) Tournament.
SATURDAY,	23rd.	Young Cup (M.H.) Final.
MONDAY,	25th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) commences.
SATURDAY,	30th.	"Paul Jones" Tournament (N.S.) Final.

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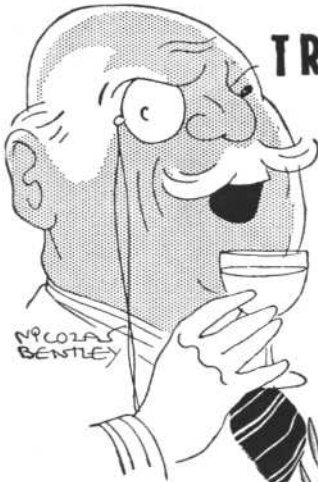
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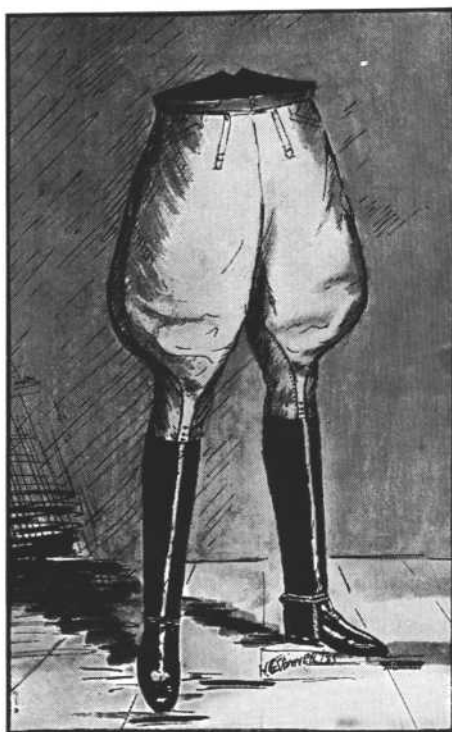
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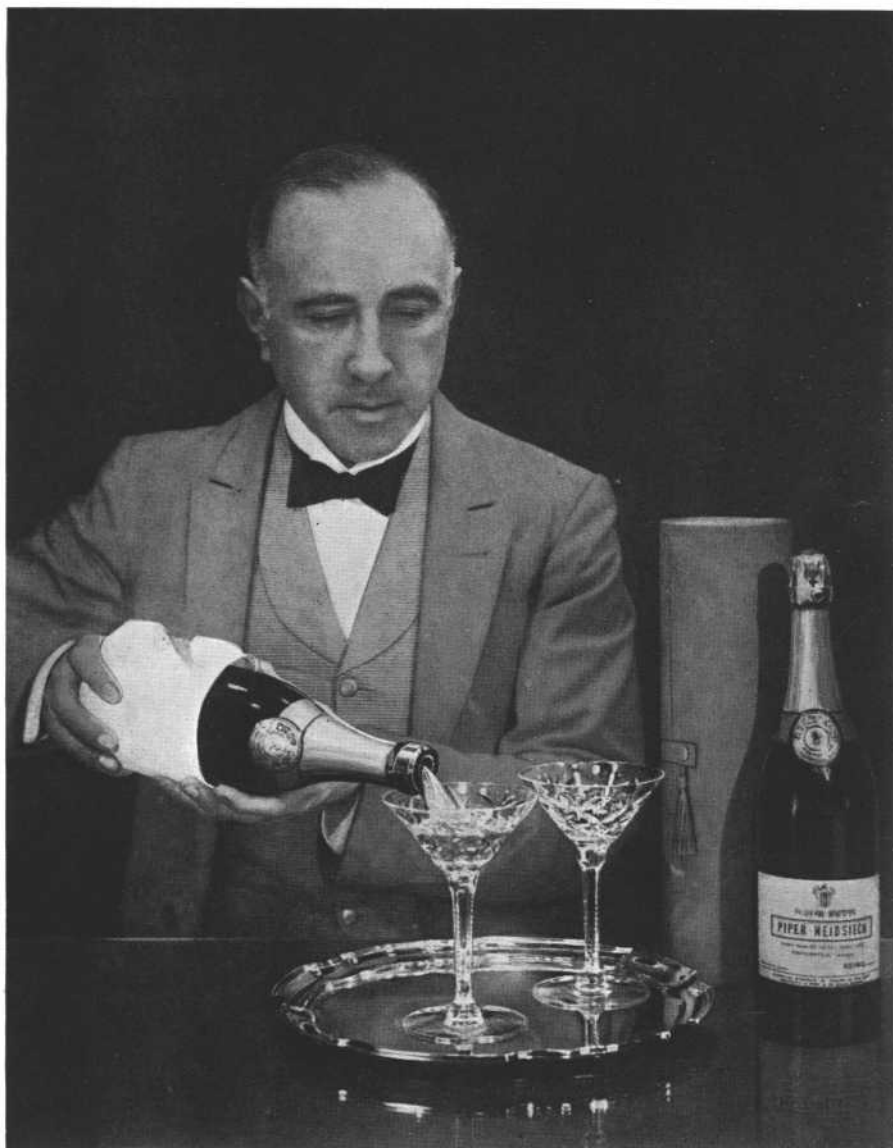
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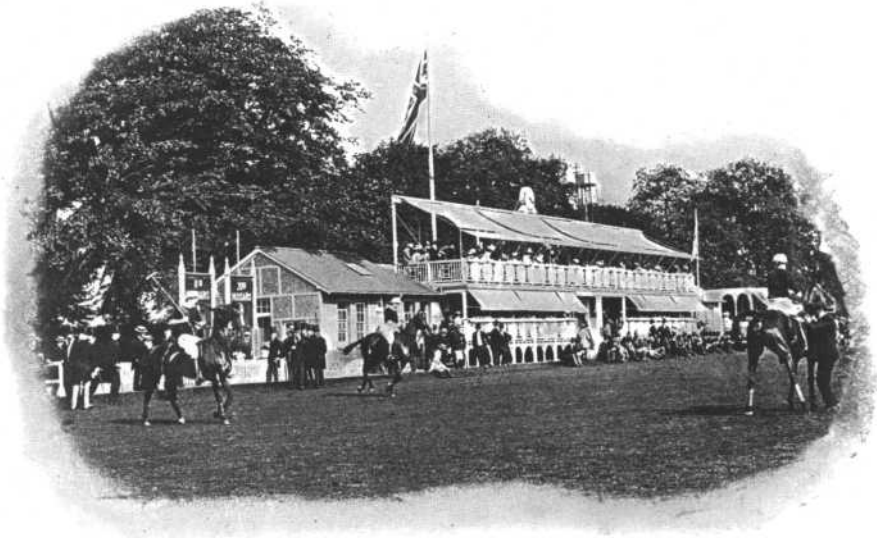
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CURRENT TOPICS.



International Prospects.

Last month it was announced by the Hurlingham Polo Association that the International matches next year at Meadow Brook will be played in June. This is a return to the order of things which ruled years ago. Since the war the International matches at the headquarters of American polo have been decided in September, an arrangement made at Hurlingham's request as being more suitable to the conveniences of the London season. It is understood that our ponies will arrive on Long Island in the early spring and that our selected players will be there in good time in order to secure plenty of practice. England's prospects of success are by no means negligible. Much will depend on how far the team to be selected are effectively mounted. On this season's form in London Mr. E. Tyrrell-Martin, Mr. Gerald Balding, and Mr. Aidan Roark were certain to be selected. At a meeting early in July the Selection Committee definitely chose these three players, together with Mr. H. H. Hughes and Mr. R. Skene (one of whom will be the No. 1 of the team), Capt. Humphrey Guinness and Mr. John Lakin. It is announced that Mr. G. Balding has been invited to captain the team in the field.

French Success.

A Hurlingham team, competing against France for the Paris Cup at Bagatelle, was beaten by 4—2. M. Lebrun, the French President, was among the large crowd who saw a fine game.

Britain were represented by Mr. Gerald Balding, Capt. Richard Hanmer, Capt. P. B. Sanger, and Capt. John Collings. Capt. Hanmer scored Britain's first goal early in the first period and Balding got the second in the third period. The game was even throughout and the Frenchmen led by only one goal at the end of this period. The fourth and fifth periods were goalless, but in the sixth the Frenchmen went further ahead, although Britain almost saved the match, twice missing narrowly.

Another Richmond Ground.

Thanks to the co-operation of Sir Philip Sassoon, First Commissioner of Works, Sir Louis Greig, the Deputy Ranger, and Lord Louis Mountbatten, a plot of land near Sheen Gate, Richmond Park, which has been enclosed for thirty years, is to be used as a polo ground. It is also proposed to lay out several football pitches in this ground, and staff provided by the Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee will assist in looking after these pitches.

Handicap Changes.

Mr. W. G. Lowther, promoted by no fewer than three points, was among the players whose handicaps were raised last month at a meeting of the Handicapping Committee. The following alterations were made to the handicaps of London players:— Elton, Capt. H. C., R.H.A. (Egypt), 4 to 5; Loewenstein, R. (London), 2 to 3; Lowther, W. G., 8th Hussars (Egypt), 2 to 5; Roxburghe, The Duke of (London), 3 to 4; Samuel, the Hon. M. R. (London), 1 to 2; Traill, Jack B. (London), 1 to 2; Walker, J. A. O., 13th/18th Hussars (London), 0 to 1; Ansdell, Capt. R. C. (London), 1 to 0; Kidston, Capt. G. J. (London), 4 to 3; Roark, Capt. C. T. I. (London), 9 to 8; Trotter, G. R. (London), 2 to 1.

Accident at Simla.

Capt. A. B. B. Moore, of the 6th Lancers, an A.D.C. to the Viceroy, was reported as seriously injured in an accident while playing polo at Simla last month.

Polo by Television.

Further experiments in polo by television have been successful. According to a radio correspondent polo televises excellently, and the well-fought match between Hurlingham and Ireland at Hurlingham on Whit-Monday brought to the screen a succession of thrills. Skilful manipulation of the camera allowed the scoring of every goal to be seen clearly. It was remarkable how steadily the ball was kept in view. Between the chukkers the television "eye" showed the players changing ponies. It then took viewers over the ground, where children were amusing themselves treading down the marks made by the hooves. Before the game started the commentator, Col. Kennedy, described the rules, and with a polo stick demonstrated various strokes the players use.

Deauville.

The polo season at Deauville opens on July 31st. The following tournaments appear on the programme: William the Conqueror Prize, Gramont Cup, Arthur Capel Cup, Internationale Cup, Jean de Madre Cup, Continental Championship, Junior Championship, Championship of Deauville, and a large number of general handicaps. English players wishing to send ponies to



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THE INTER-REGIMENTAL FINAL AT HURLINGHAM.

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Rangers at Aldershot.

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a great crowd. The Army (Past and Present) team selected to do duty against the Rangers were only two goals the weaker team on handicap, but they were defeated by 11 goals to 6. The match produced a fine exhibition of polo, and was perhaps more even than the actual score would suggest. The teams were:—*Texas Rangers*: Mr. C. B. Wrightsman, Mr. C. Smith, Mr. A. Roark, and Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin. *The Army*: Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, Capt. C. T. I. Roark, Capt. D. Dawnay, and Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (back).

Duke of York's Cup.

The annual match for the Duke of York's Cup between the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, which had been provisionally fixed for June 18th, had to be postponed owing to a flying accident to a member of the R.A.F. team. It was hoped that the match would take place later in the season.

Frank Hargreaves Cup.

Some of the ponies which have been carefully collected with a view to next year's International matches had their first experience of fast polo in the match for the Frank Hargreaves Cup at Roehampton on June 30th. Rather a disappointing game for pace resulted in the success of the Roehampton side by 11 goals to 7. The teams were:—*Roehampton*: Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Mr. J. Lakin (6), No. 2; Mr. G. Balding (10), No. 3; Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin (8), back. *Hurlingham*: Mr. R. Skene (7), No. 1; Mr. R. Cavanagh (8), No. 2; Capt. W. F. Butler (6), No. 3; Mr. R. Santamarina (6), back.

Harrogate.

It is claimed for the Harrogate tournament that it holds the spectator record for this country, excepting for the international events against the United States. The tournament next August is already creating widespread interest. Ten thousand spectators and over have witnessed polo matches on the South Stray on single occasions. But then, points out a local writer, there is scarcely another town in the British Isles which can offer such an ideal polo ground in the very centre of the town, and this fact is becoming more and more appreciated. The polo season at Harrogate this year is from August 6th to the 27th, when every effort will be made to play the finals on a Saturday. There are nine main events, and it is anticipated that these will attract the best polo teams in the North and also several good sides from the South of England.

Toulston.

Last month the Toulston Polo Club held a tournament on the American principle, when Mr. W. Riley Smith threw open his gardens and grounds in an annual effort for the raising of funds for the West Riding Nursing Association. The games were of three chukkers each, and three teams—Frothblowers,

Foxhunters and Terrors—took part, constituted as follow:—*Frothblowers* (handicap 4): Messrs. G. Calvert, J. Gilpin, W. S. Griffiths, and E. A. Swift. *Foxhunters* (handicap 5): Messrs. T. W. Worsnop, D. Riley Smith, J. F. Holdsworth, and T. L. Paisley. *Terrors* (handicap 3): Messrs. M. Whitehead, H. H. Robinson, M. Wentworth, and H. L. L. Jones. Foxhunters beat Frothblowers by 4 goals to 2½, and beat the Terrors by the same



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LADY MARGARET DRUMMOND-HAY,

[Topical.

A woman polo enthusiast who plays regularly at the Ferne Club and is expected to take part this month in the new tournament for women players at Hurlingham.

score, thus winning the tournament. The Frothblowers defeated the Terrors by 6 goals to 3½.

Rhinefield.

Major and Mrs. R. Walker-Munro lent their house at Rhinefield for the Rhinefield Polo Club ball held last month. Major and Mrs. Walker-Munro were assisted in the arrangements by

Mrs. R. H. Kennard, Captain Sir Berkeley Pigott, Mr. George Ferguson, Mr. G. R. Rudkin, Commander A. B. Fanshawe, and Major P. P. Curtis, hon secretary. In the list of fixtures of the Rhinefield Polo Club the match, "Navy v. Army," should be described as "Sailors v. Soldiers," as the Royal Naval Polo Association retain the title "Navy" for representative games.

West Gloucester.

West Gloucester, receiving $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap, beat Beaufort by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5 in the final tie of the West Gloucester Polo Club's annual tournament at Filton. The teams were: *West Gloucester*: Mr. K. G. Bergin, Mr. B. Bethell, Mr. F. Armstrong, and Capt. H. S. Bethell; *Beaufort*: Capt. H. J. Melville, Mr. J. Harper, Capt. W. S. Fielding-Johnson, and Major K. G. Menzies.

Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Club's American tournament last month was won by Redford House, who were successful in all three of their games. The team comprised Mr. G. Usher, Mr. W. N. D. Barlow, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Aizlewood, and Mr. J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid.

Irish Novices' Cup.

The final of the All-Ireland Polo Club's Novices' Cup tournament, which was instituted 40 years ago, was played on the Nine Acres Ground, Phoenix Park, Dublin, the Nomads winning easily by 7 goals to 2. The teams were:—*Nomads*: Mr. P. McCann, Mr. D. L. Moore, Mr. J. Johnson, and Mr. W. Magee (back). *Wanderers*: Mr. D. McGillicuddy, Mr. D. Harvey, Mr. A. L. Moore, and Major J. O'Rorke (back).

Penshurst.

The programme arranged by the Penshurst Polo Club for the Whitsun holidays was attractive. With the weather in kindly mood it was not surprising to find the attendance record broken on Whit-Monday. Both sides of the centre ground were packed with cars, and on the public side vehicles were parked two deep, whilst seating accommodation was taxed to the limit. Ample evidence, this, of the growing interest in the game. The more important of the two matches played on this date was between the following teams:—*15th/19th Hussars*: Mr. A. D. Taylor, Mr. Balmain, Major W. R. N. Hinde, and Major T. J. Arnott. *Hurlingham*: Mr. G. W. Williams, Capt. P. J. Butler, Mr. W. H. Whitbread, and Capt. B. B. N. Woodd. The soldiers had a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap, and won by that margin.

Drummond Cup.

White Post, conceding half a goal, beat Birchetts by 6 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie of the Drummond Cup tournament at the Penshurst Polo Club on June 18th. The teams were:—*White*

Post: Major G. P. Richardson, Capt. P. J. Butler, Major W. D. Morgan, and Mr. N. Gee (back). *Birchets*: Mr. M. P. Fairclough, Mr. P. M. Kemp-Gee, Mr. F. W. Scott, and Mr. R. Gee (back).

Ulster Polo Gymkhana.

Despite unfavourable weather there was a good attendance at the gymkhana organized by the Ulster Polo Club at Dundonald on June 18th, with the object of aiding the funds of the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Satisfactory



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THE INTER-REGIMENTAL CUP FOR THE SCOTS GREYS.

Capt. Guinness, who played a great game for the winners, is presented with the cup on behalf of his team by Mrs. Liddell, the wife of the Adjutant-General.

entries were received for the majority of the events, and a number of army horses competed. The following were the officials: Secretary, Capt. Blakiston-Houston; treasurer, Lieut.-Col. D. M'Vicker; judges, Sir Charles Wickham and Mr. Arthur Pack-Beresford; stewards, Mr. James King, Mr. Norman Cleland, Mr. C. Nugent, and Mr. A. Hill-Dickson. The prizes were presented by Miss Montgomery.

Malta Cup.

An open tournament for teams from ships and regiments at Malta was won by the Royal Irish Fusiliers, who beat a team from Cruisers and Destroyers by 5 goals to 2. The teams were:—*Royal Irish Fusiliers*: Capt. Weldon, Capt. Chavasse, Capt. Hill

and Capt. French. *Cruisers and Destroyers*: Lieut. Kennard, Midshipman the Marquess of Milford Haven, Commander Abel Smith, Lieut.-Commander Courage.

12th Lancers' Cup.

In the final of the 12th Lancers' Cup, played at Tidworth on June 28th, the 10th Hussars Subalterns beat The Rifle Brigade (received 4 goals) by 5 goals to 4. Teams:— *10th Hussars Subalterns*: Mr. L. Richmond, No. 1; Mr. J. W. Malet, No. 2; Mr. M. F. Morley, No. 3; and Mr. D. R. B. Kaye, back. *The Rifle Brigade*: Mr. E. J. H. Brush, No. 1; Mr. C. M. Smiley, No. 2; Mr. P. Peel, No. 3; and Capt. A. Gore, back.

Transport.

Well known for its able management in the shipping of polo ponies to all parts of the world, the Lep Transport Ltd., Sunlight Wharf, Upper Thames Street, E.C.4, does equally well with other types of horses. To this firm, for example, was entrusted the transport of the Grand National winner Battleship. That entire horse was shipped per Southampton per s.s. "Manhattan" in somewhat unusual and special circumstances. Battleship was trained by Reginald Hobbs at Lambourn, where the stable hands were on strike and threatened that they would not allow the horse to be transported from Lambourn to Southampton for shipment. In consequence police escort was required. Special stabling was constructed on the s.s. "Manhattan" for the return voyage of the horse to New York, accompanied by both the trainer and his jockey in the Grand National, Bruce Hobbs. Battleship stood the trip very well and was in fine condition on landing.

Sale of Polo Ponies at Minehead.

An important sale of polo ponies will be held by Messrs. Robert J. Goff and Co. Ltd. at Minehead on August 10th. Owners of ponies for sale should avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of entering their stock in a catalogue which is certain to appeal strongly to players. Among ponies already entered are four belonging to the Hon. Keith Rous, these having been played this season with the Jaguars. They include the chesnut mare Mabel, a very sound, easy and fast pony; she has been played in London in the past three seasons by Mr. Rous and members of the Jaguars team. This also applies to the chesnut gelding Minor, another extremely handy pony. The six-year-old brown mare Dawn is a first-season pony, who with more experience will be first-class in the game. The bay gelding Gotch is a clever pony played by his owner and Mr. G. Balding for three seasons in London polo. Messrs. R. J. Goff and Co. have also received the entry for this West Somerset sale of two unmade ponies belonging to Mrs. Isla Forrester, namely the four-year-old mare Sunbeam II, by Sungirt out of the well-bred Huonetta, the three-year-old filly Katie, by Mankato out of the same dam. These have been carefully mouthed and long-reined, and should make valuable middle-weight polo ponies. The auction is an enterprising movement and bids fair to prove decidedly successful.

Players for Places.

By Captain R. M. S. Barton.

The polo season is rapidly drawing to a close, and we are already in the throes of selecting and preparing our International team for America next year. As time progresses some of us must wonder when polo as played in this country will come by the knowledge of the importance of players playing in their correct places.

Combination is an important factor in all team-played games, in fact, more so in polo, which is a game of rapid movement. To obtain good combination, one of the first essentials is that players play in those places which they are accustomed to. To change the positions of players is folly, and will lead to disruption.

A classic example of what this chopping and changing can do was to be found in the final played last month for the Champion Cup this year, which, competed for by the best teams, is looked upon as the most coveted trophy of the London season. The cup was won by the American-sponsored team of Texas Rangers, comprising: 1, C. B. Wrightsman; 2, C. Smith; 3, Aidan Roark; and back, E. H. Tyrrell-Martin. The members of this team played in their allotted places. The losers were the Jaguars, and comprised: 1, S. Sanford; 2, G. Balding; 3, Capt. H. P. Guinness; and back, Hon. W. K. Rous.

There was only one goal difference on the aggregate handicap, yet the Texas Rangers won by 13 goals to 3. A very large margin for players so evenly handicapped, but there was very good reason for this—the alteration of the players' places. The Hon. W. K. Rous, who had all the time been playing at No. 1, was now at back. Mr. Sanford moved up from No. 2 to No. 1. Mr. Balding, one of the finest polo players in the world, and who excels at No. 3, was pushed up to No. 2, and Capt. H. Guinness, who has played at back for years, and is well-known as our International back, was placed at No. 3. The result of this changing was defeat, not only that, but very decisive defeat, where this ought not to have been.

The International matches of 1936 saw three players, who were all No. 3's, playing in the England team. Reference is made to Messrs. Hughes, Balding, and Tyrrell-Martin. One need not have a special knowledge of polo to understand all that this means. Any footballer would have a shrewd idea. It was akin to sending a football team on the field composed of eight or nine half-backs, which is, of course, a ridiculous thing to do.

On the other hand, a classic example of what can be achieved by keeping players in their correct places was that of the team sponsored by Lord Louis Mountbatten in 1936, a team comprising three sailors and one marine. They had been playing together when stationed in the Near East, and came to England in the same formation. They entered for the Inter-Regimental

Cup and reached the final, no mean feat for sailors when competing against some of our crack cavalry regiments. They were exceedingly unlucky to lose. On their victorious way they met and beat higher handicapped teams, some with famous names, and redoubtable players, such as the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards and the Queen's Bays (including the brothers Fanshawe). Other examples of what correct placing and team play can do are those of Jodhpur (1925), Jaipur (1933), Kashmir (1935), and Bhopal (1937) until they disbanded.

Americans keep their places. Mr. Eric Pedley always plays at No. 1 and Mr. Cecil Smith at No. 2, and so on.

We in England must for ever be chopping. Before the war we did not do this to such an extent, and we did have definite players for places. Now, because we are so deficient in forward players, we keep on bringing players up from the back line. If we do not mend our ways we shall develop polo players for no specified places. To-day we are producing players who are Jacks of all positions and masters of none. One day a player will be seen at No. 1, the next at No. 3, then at No. 2, and lastly at back. How is it possible to get cohesion and team play under these conditions?

To meet with success when playing teams of tried merit, more than hard riding and pretty stick-and-ball play on the part of each individual player are required. There must be good tactics, combination, team play, and a thorough understanding between players, who must have played together for some time in order to know each other's game if they are to attain any degree of success. It is in these respects where English polo is so lamentably lacking.

We all know that we put up a remarkably good performance against the Americans the last time, and perhaps some of us think we were a little unlucky not to win at least one game, but we are apt to forget one or two things. First, we did not play the best that America could produce; neither Hitchcock nor Smith was included in our opponents at that time. Also our team, with all due respect, was not representative of English polo, there was a great Argentine cum American element in it, and we were scouting about in India, not only among Englishmen, but among Indians. All this merely proves that we have not the talent in this country, and the reason for this is because we do not set the right way about playing the game. There is too much individuality, and not enough of the team spirit. Lastly, we must remember we are up against a stiffer proposition than we were in 1936; we are now engaging the enemy on his own ground, and we will have travelled a long way to get there by the time we go into action.

This may perhaps make depressing reading, but it does not defer the hope that we may win.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—Whether our contributor is right in his conclusions is open to controversy, though it will be generally agreed that English polo to-day is stronger in defence than attack. This is possibly a legacy of the times when the No. 1

was regarded as the figure of least importance in the game. As to the Jaguars in the Champion Cup, Capt. Barton should not overlook the fact that in the Ranelagh Open Cup the team in their regular formation were defeated by the Rangers almost as easily as in the Champion Cup. Although Mr. Rous's experiment in lining-up at Hurlingham proved a failure, it would in our opinion be harsh to declare that the experiment was not worth trying.

Selection and Training of Polo Ponies.

By Major E. S. W. Peatt, O.B.E., F.R.C.V.S., R.A.V.C.

The following article is based on the system of training polo ponies in vogue at the Equitation School, Weedon, and is that advocated by Major B. J. Fowler, R.H.A. It is reproduced from the May issue of *The Journal of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps*, by kind permission of the author and the Editor.

There are many ways of training polo ponies, and, provided the trainer keeps to any reasonable method and gives time and patience to it, he should be successful. The important point is to carry out the method thoroughly without hurrying the pony from one stage to the next before it is physically capable of doing the work required.

SELECTION.

In selecting a pony to train, it is wisest to buy one that has been broken and that can be ridden, because it is much easier to judge a pony from his back than from the ground. When buying ponies, there are four essential features to take into account, namely:

- (i) Class.
- (ii) Balance and conformation.
- (iii) Temperament.
- (iv) Action.

Class.—It does not cost any more to feed a quality pony than a common one, also the latter will give less pleasure to play, and, should you wish to sell him, will be worth little. Always, therefore, select a pony with sufficient quality to compete in first-class polo should he train successfully.

Balance and Conformation.—These two are dependent on each other, good balance being impossible without good general conformation. A pony with good natural balance gives the rider the feeling that the weight is equally distributed over all four legs. The ability to go on a loose rein, to decrease pace easily and smoothly, indicates good balance. The feeling that the pony has to keep going in order to preserve his balance—in other words, is pursuing his own centre of gravity, is a sign of bad balance.

A pony with good natural balance will give the trainer a far

greater chance of success than the ill-balanced one, although the latter, with time and trouble, may have his faults overcome.

Temperament.—A pony with a generous and kind temperament will be much easier, quicker and more pleasant to train than a sulky, excitable or nervous one.

Action.—It is most important to choose a pony with a smooth action and short stride, that is, one that, when ridden, gives the feel of a pony and not a horse. Such an animal will lengthen his stride as occasion demands, but the other will have great difficulty in shortening his stride, a necessary prelude to any considerable change of direction.

TRAINING.

The aim of the trainer is to produce a pony that can be ridden with as little thought as a bicycle, and that will be staunch and true. The pony should not require to be held together and balanced like the hunter, or to be ridden with the accurate and precise aids of the charger. An animal which is able to look after itself, which changes its direction, decreases and increases pace willingly and energetically at the signal of the rider, is what is required.

First Stage.—Even if the pony has already been backed, it is wise to start by putting him on long reins and ensure that he will increase and decrease pace to the voice-aid, and is handy and obedient on the long reins, before he is again backed.

This period will give the trainer time to gain the confidence of, and make friends with, the pony.

Discipline can also be enforced in a quiet way, provided the trainer is patient and firm, and, at the same time, generous and just in his rewards. For raw walers which have not been handled much until they are four or five years old it is especially useful. It also gives the trainer time to start mouthing in the stable before the pony is mounted. The pony should be driven on a cavesson and not on a bit.

Second Stage.—The next step in training is to obtain what is called free forward movement. This merely means that the pony will go forward freely into a walk or trot, and go straight in these paces without wandering about. This, of course, takes time and depends on the strength and development of the pony. This period provides an ideal opportunity to train the pony to the polo stick, and, later, to the ball. When the pony is quite quiet to ride, start carrying a stick. Commence by keeping it well behind the leg, and gradually swing it on the off-side till the pony takes no notice; then start it with the left hand on the near-side. When the pony is staunch to a stick, enter him to a ball; start with a dirty ball, as a clean white one often puts a pony off. The pony will be extremely green, will wander about and be hard to steer, so have plenty of balls on the ground; do not make a point of hitting at every ball within reach of you; walk about swinging the stick quietly, and when you meet a ball nicely, and the pony is quite unperturbed, tap it softly. It is often the click of the stick on the ball that puts a pony off. Always hit the ball away from the pony.

You should have ample time to get the pony used to the ball

before he is ready to trot; do not hurry this period, and do it all on a loose rein. If the pony is keen and increases his pace, or breaks into a trot, check him, then give him a loose rein again. Go on doing this till the pony is steady; do not ride him with a constant feeling on the mouth, and do not check him after hitting a backhand.

By the time he has free forward movement he should walk and trot after a ball on a loose rein, and allow you to play every shot.

Third Stage.—The pony is now ready to start schooling, which must be progressive, and takes the form of circles and turns, movements sideways and backwards, increase and decrease of pace. These exercises are P.T. for the pony: they develop him, and, if done properly, teach him obedience and finally make him a light and active ride.

Start by wide circles and gradual changes of pace; remember that smoothness of movement and straightness of the pony's body on the line of the direction in which he is going are essential to success. Gradually decrease the size of the circles. Should the pony show signs of clumsiness it means that you are trying to get on too rapidly; give the pony time and have patience: this is the key to success.

It will be found necessary to use the reins with both hands in the early stages, but prepare the pony for the indirect rein by using the neck rein in conjunction with the direct rein. Now work will have to be done with reins in both hands, but old work should be done with reins in one hand, aiming at doing it eventually on a flapping rein. The pony then has to carry himself and learns to regulate his own balance without support from the bit.

As the pony gradually becomes stronger and more active, turns may be made sharper, and decrease of pace quicker. At first the pony will swing his quarters out when asked to make a small circle or sharp turn; this is a bad fault, and the way to counter it is to get the pony's quarters under control by doing lateral or sideways movements. The first lessons in lateral work are best done dismounted. The next lesson is the "shoulder out" facing a wall or fence. When this is free, the half and full pass can be tried.

It is more important to get sideways movement than correct bend at the poll. When a pony will go freely sideways away from the leg, you know that you are getting the pony's quarters under control.

The next exercise, in which control of the quarters is essential, is circling on two tracks; that is, with the hind legs making a smaller circles than the forelegs. This will have the effect of making the pony use his loins, accustom him to keeping his hocks under him and his quarters from flying out when making a sharp turn.

Reining back is a most useful exercise. It develops the muscles of the loins that are used in stopping and starting, and has a suppling effect on the back. The rein-back, like the other exercises, must be done smoothly, straightly and under control; like the lateral exercises, it is best started dismounted. Once you have taught a pony to go backwards you can use the rein-back

as a punishment for disobedience, particularly for increasing pace without orders, for going on when told to stop, or being lazy in stopping. Teaching a pony to stop is one of the most important lessons that he has to learn. The Americans adopt the wise precaution of "teaching the pony to stop before they teach him to run." When teaching a pony to stop, the legs must be used in conjunction with the reins, and correctly used, that is, by dropping the toe and squeezing inwards with the lower leg, not as in urging a pony forward, which is done with the toe up, swinging the leg back from the knee. If the pony does not stop correctly, or leans on the bit whilst stopping, rein back two or three strides at once; but avoid jumping off from the rein-back, as this exercise tends to hot ponies up and make them jerky at this stage of their training.

The training must be done on a loose or flapping rein, and this will only be achieved if the rider sits loosely on the pony; the legs below the knee should not squeeze the pony's sides until it is desired to give a definite signal. In this way the rider must adapt his riding to the job in hand.

Advanced school work and elaborate exercises are not necessary. All that is required is that the pony will increase and decrease pace quickly and smoothly, steer lightly on a neck rein, and turn actively with his hocks underneath him without swinging his quarters outwards.

The pony should not be taught to change his legs on the straight, but he may be taught to change his legs on a figure of eight. This exercise is quite simple to a well-balanced pony, provided he has found his strength and can do the preliminary exercises accurately and easily. These are:

1. To strike off in a straight line correctly and smoothly on a named leg from a walk.
2. To be able to make a figure of eight at a canter, trotting for one stride to change legs on the centre of the figure.

A pony should never be asked to change legs unless a considerable change of direction is made at the same time.

The pony that is taught to change legs on a straight line may be a nuisance to his rider in a game, as a change of legs whilst making a stroke will completely upset the timing.

During the schooling period the pony will gradually change from being clumsy, awkward and slow to being active, handy and quick. Avoid making a pony too quick and sharp during this period: most ponies with quality can be quicked up easily enough, and the time to do it is after they have been successfully entered to the game.

Fourth Stage.—Entering the pony to the game is the next stage. The kind of game to start in entirely depends on the state of training of the pony. The really well-schooled, obedient, temperate pony can go straight into station games, but the green pony can be played in slow chukkers when still very backward. All games on young ponies must be for the benefit of the pony and not for the amusement of the player. It is a wise precaution to go slightly slower than the other players. Let them canter past you, and check any desire on the part of your pony to race.

Anyone can train most ponies to the stage of playing station games. The lottery in training only opens when you ask for top-pace polo for a whole chukker; and success, provided the material is suitable, depends on the obedience you have taught the pony, on the quickness and activity that you have developed, on the mouth that you have produced, the biting, and—shall I say?—bridling of the pony.

Bitting.—The question of mouth and bridling cannot be separated from the remainder of the training. The whole performance is dependent on the mouthing and bridling; it starts from the word "Go," and cannot be completed until the pony is fully trained. Like the remainder of the training, it is achieved by method, time and patience. The early work is done in a snaffle, but finally the pony should play in a double bridle or pelham. The change from the snaffle to the double bridle should not come until the pony is obedient, well balanced, active and will play in a medium-paced game steadily and kindly.

The reasons for a long stay in a snaffle are: when the pony is green he will have to be made to do what the rider wants; in other words, it is often necessary to pull him about; with a snaffle no harm will be done to the mouth, and it can be used strongly, provided that it is not used roughly. On the other hand, any form of curb is painful, punishing, and, if used strongly, cutting in action. Strong usage, or resistance on the part of the pony, will cause damage to the mouth and ruin the pony's temper. The curb must not be used until the mouth, mind and body of the pony have been prepared for it.

"Mouthing" is merely a process of making the pony play with the bit, work his jaws and salivate. This has the effect of toughening the mucous membrane of the mouth, especially over the bars, so that the bit does not irritate and injure it, and it also has the effect of suppling the muscles of the jaws and neck.

The remainder of the preparation, that of mind and body, is done by demanding obedience by a system of reward and correction, and by exercises for the body that have already been mentioned.

This mouthing process should be started in the stables. There are a variety of ways, but a curb chain hung loose in the mouth will make a simple start; another way is to put in a half-moon or jointed snaffle with mouthing keys attached; a third is to put in a double-ring-bar snaffle with a few links of burnisher attached to the middle as a tongue tickler.

The pony should be put on pillar chains when the mouthing device is applied; later he can be fed in it. When you start riding the pony, put him in a plain snaffle, but keep in a mouthing device, such as one or two curb chains hung loose, the burnisher links, or the keys.

If the pony gets too light in the mouth, or too much behind the bit, take out the mouthing device for a spell.

When you go to a double bridle, fit the curb very long at first, and let the pony get used to two bits; gradually bring him on to a curb effect. With some ponies the mouthing device may still be necessary with a double bridle.

INTER-REGIMENTAL TOURNAMENT.

The premier tournament of Army polo in this country reached its conclusion at Hurlingham on July 2nd. Early ties were reported in last month's issue. The following is a record of the complete tournament.

First Round.

At Tadcaster:—

15th/19th Hussars	beat	4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. A. D. Taylor.		1. Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins.
2. Capt. J. G. Leaf.		2. Mr. G. A. Cunard.
3. Maj. W. R. N. Hinde.		3. Lt.-Col. J. A. Aizlewood.
Bk. Maj. T. J. Arnott.		Bk. Capt. T. G. G. Cooper.
9 goals.		5 goals.

At Tidworth:—

12th Lancers	beat	9th Lancers.
1. Capt. W. G. Carr.		1. Major C. H. M. Peto.
2. Lt.-Col. R. L. McCreery.		2. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.
3. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.		3. Mr. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott.
Bk. Mr. R. W. Hobson.		Bk. Mr. R. S. G. Perry.
8 goals.		6 goals.

At Tidworth:—

10th Hussars	beat	Queen's Bays.
1. Capt. N. M. E. Macmullen.		1. Mr. H. W. Hibbert.
2. Major C. B. Harvey.		2. Major G. W. Draffen.
3. Capt. D. Dawnay.		3. Lt.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe.
Bk. Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee.		Bk. Major G. H. Fanshawe.
4 goals.		1 goal.

The Royal Dragoons

1. Mr. E. A. Calvert.	beat	<i>The Life Guards.</i>
2. Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory.		1. Lord Roderick Pratt.
3. The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell.		2. Capt. F. E. B. Wignall.
Bk. Capt. H. W. Lloyd.		3. Capt. Sir G. Fuller.
18 goals.		Bk. Major A. H. Ferguson.
		4 goals.

At Aldershot:—

4th Hussars	beat	King's Dragoon Guards.
1. Capt. H. G. Cowdell.		1. Capt. K. E. Savill.
2. Capt. J. H. Collingwood.		2. Mr. M. R. Arkwright.
3. Capt. P. W. Dollar.		3. Capt. W. E. Whetherley.
Bk. Major E. G. Lillingston.		Bk. Major D. McCorquodale.
9 goals.		2 goals.

Runner-up
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THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS, ARMY CHAMPIONS OF 1938.

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In carrying off the Inter-Regimental tournament, beating the 12th Lancers in the final, the Greys supplemented their success in the tournament five seasons ago. The team was composed of (left to right) Capt. Lord Roborough, Capt. H. R. Mackeson, Capt. R. L. Findlay, and Capt. H. P. Guinness.

At Aldershot:—

	<i>3rd Hussars</i>	beat	<i>1st Brigade, R.H.A.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Capt. H. M. P. Salmon.	1.	Mr. B. Wilson.
2.	Mr. C. J. F. Platt.	2.	Capt. G. Meyer.
3.	Lt.-Col. G. Younghusband.	3.	Mr. J. H. Slade-Powell.
Bk.	Capt. O. F. M. Tudor.	Bk.	Mr. T. de F. Jago.
	5 goals.		1 goal.

Second Round.

At Tidworth:—

	<i>12th Lancers</i>	beat	<i>10th Hussars.</i>
	7 goals.		2 goals.

This match on June 10th was naturally regarded as one of the features of the tournaments, the 10th Hussars being the holders of the Cup. On handicap the teams were exactly level, and the defeat of the holders came as a great surprise. The winners, for whom Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter was in particularly fine form, were splendidly served by their ponies. A year ago the 10th Hussars defeated the 12th Lancers in the corresponding round by 7 goals to 6.

At Hurlingham:—

	<i>15th/19th Hussars.</i>	beat	<i>5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. A. D. Taylor.	1.	Capt. C. P. D. Legard.
2.	Mr. A. R. A. Dorrien-Smith.	2.	Mr. P. A. C. Bridgewater.
3.	Major W. R. N. Hinde.	3.	Capt. F. J. S. Whetstone.
Bk.	Major T. J. Arnott.	Bk.	Capt. F. P. B. Sangster.
	6 goals.		2 goals.

At Aldershot:—

	<i>4th Hussars</i>	beat	<i>3rd Hussars.</i>
	5 goals.		4 goals.

At Hurlingham:—

	<i>Royal Scots Greys</i>	beat	<i>The Royal Dragoons.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Capt. Lord Roborough.	1.	Mr. D. M. Rodgers.
2.	Capt. H. R. Mackeson.	2.	Mr. E. A. Calvert.
3.	Capt. R. L. Findlay.	3.	Capt. H. W. Lloyd.
Bk.	Capt. H. P. Guinness.	Bk.	Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory.
	11 goals.		6 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

	<i>Royal Scots Greys</i>	beat	<i>4th Hussars.</i>
	9 goals.		4 goals.



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THE 12TH ROYAL LANCERS, RUNNERS-UP FOR THE INTER-REGIMENTAL CUP.

This team, consisting of Capt. W. G. Carr, Lieut.-Col. R. L. McCreery, Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, and Mr. R. W. Hobson, were defeated by 10 goals to 8 by the Royal Scots Greys in the final of the Army Championship.

In this tie at Hurlingham on June 28th Capt. Guinness exercised a predominating influence. Five goals came from his stick, and he was able to keep his team well together. For the losers Capt. Dollar was chiefly prominent. The Hussars were superior in just one period, and held their own in one other, but were deprived of two goals by bad luck, one good shot hitting a goal-post and staying outside, and another which would have scored being stopped by a pony.

12th Lancers beat 15th/19th Hussars.
9 goals. 8 goals.

In its hard-fought character this tie on the 29th was worthy of the best traditions of the Army championship. The Lancers led by a goal in the first period, the Hussars by a goal in the second, and at half-time the score was 4-4. In the next two the Lancers, playing better together, made the score 8-5, and looked to have the game safe. But the Hussars came back at them with a 3 to 1 score in the final period, and narrowly missed equalizing. Fine work for the winners was done by Col. McCreery, who was admirably backed by Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter. Both the other members of the side did well. Majors Arnott and Hinde played a fine game for the losers.

Final.

Royal Scots Greys beat 12th Lancers.
10 goals. 8 goals.

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A grandly-fought final on July 2nd at Hurlingham resulted in a narrow victory for the Royal Scots Greys, who had previously won the tournament in 1933. Their team that year was the same as on the present occasion, excepting that Capt. Mackeson now played at No. 2, replacing Major Gaisford St. Lawrence at back. Each member of both teams did himself full justice in the final, though the match was largely decided by the brilliance of Capt. H. P. Guinness, who proved himself worthy of his International reputation. To win by a two goals' margin after being three goals down (7-4) at the end of the fourth period was a great performance on the part of the Greys.

A cross by the Greys gave the 12th Lancers the first goal, Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter scoring with his forty yards' hit, and Mr. Hobson soon added another. Then Capt. Findlay hit a couple of goals for the Greys, which made it two all. The period concluded with a third goal for the Lancers, hit by Lieut.-Col. McCreery. It was goal for goal in the second chukker, Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter scoring with a forty yards' penalty for a cross and Capt. Findlay hitting a goal for the Greys. Lieut.-Col. McCreery, in the third period, hit a couple of goals for the 12th Lancers, and Capt. Guinness scored cleverly for the Greys, and at half-time the 12th Lancers were leading by 6-4. In the fourth chukker a goal by Mr. Hobson increased their advantage to 7-4.

In the next period the Greys managed to make a sequence of four goals. First Lord Roborough made a run and scored, then

Capt. Findlay hit two, which made it 7—7, and then a goal at long range by the Greys' No. 1 made it 8—7 in their favour when the last period was begun. It was not long before Lieut.-Col. McCreery hit a goal, which equalized the scores again at 8—8. The Greys then pressed, and after the 12th Lancers had, in defending, hit behind their own line, Capt. Guinness scored with his sixty yards' hit. Finally, nearing the end of a very keen game, another goal for the Greys, hit by Capt. Findlay, put the result beyond doubt. It was generally agreed that it was one of the best Inter-Regimental finals ever seen.

The cup was presented to Capt. Guinness by Mrs. Liddell, wife of Lieut.-General C. G. Liddell, the Adjutant-General.

ASHTON CUP.

At Hurlingham this new tournament is for the Ashton Challenge Cup, presented by the four Ashton brothers, of the Goulburn (Australia) team. Entries are by invitation of the Hurlingham Club, which this year selected Someries House, El Gezira, Adsdean, and Cowdray. The first tie, on June 8th, resulted in an easy victory for Someries House over El Gezira.

<i>Someries House</i>	beat	<i>El Gezira.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Col. Sir Harold Wernher.		1. Major B. J. Fowler.
2. Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.		2. Mr. W. G. Lowther.
3. Capt. D. Dawnay.		3. Capt. G. H. Critchley.
Bk. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.		Bk. Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller.
11 goals.		2 goals.

<i>Cowdray</i>	beat	<i>Adsdean.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Lord Cowdray .		1. Mr. J. P. Robinson.
2. Capt. P. W. Dollar.		2. Capt. R. T. Conant.
3. Capt. P. B. Sanger.		3. Capt. H. G. Morrison.
Bk. Mr. J. Lakin.		Bk. Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.
7 goals.		(received 1½) 4½ goals.

Final.

<i>Someries House</i>	beat	<i>Cowdray.</i>
8 goals.		(received 2½) 6½ goals.

Mr. Lakin did not turn out for Cowdray, Major J. H. Hirsch coming into the team at No. 1. At half-time Cowdray led by 3½ goals to 3, but a couple of goals in the fourth chukker put Someries House in front. Then Cowdray regained the lead at 5½—5 in the fifth period, but in the end Someries House, for whom Capt. Dawnay was prominent, went ahead again.

CHAMPION CUP.

The Rangers Dominate the Tournament.

In the premier tournament of the London season the opening tie was played on June 18th between the Texas Rangers and Cowdray Park. There was such a wide disparity between the handicaps of the teams—28 points for the Rangers and 21 points for the others—that the result was almost a foregone conclusion. Still the visitors won more substantially than the margin of goals they would have been called on to concede had the match been on handicap lines.

<i>Texas Rangers</i>		beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. C. B. Wrightsman .	3		1. Lord Cowdray .	4
2. Mr. Cecil Smith .	10		2. Capt. P. W. Dollar .	4
3. Mr. Aidan Roark .	7		3. Capt. P. B. Sanger .	7
Bk. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-			Bk. Mr. J. Lakin .	6
	Martin 8			
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	14 goals.	28	5 goals.	21

Cowdray Park held their own fairly well in the first period, Capt. Sanger scoring twice for them against three by the Rangers, one hit by Mr. Roark and the other two by Mr. Smith. In the next period Mr. Smith, after a good run, scored again, and at the beginning of the third chukker the Texas Rangers quickly added two more, the first by Mr. Smith and the second by Mr. Roark. Lord Cowdray, with a fine high shot, hit the third goal for Cowdray Park, who were three goals down (6—3) at half-time. In the fourth period the Rangers, with a sequence of five goals, put the result beyond doubt. First Mr. Wrightsman scored with a lofted shot, then Mr. Roark added two, one of them from long range and the other with a clever near-side shot. The other two were scored by Mr. Smith with good accurate shots, one a long backhand and the other from a very difficult angle. The fifth chukker produced another goal by Mr. Roark, and closed with a foul being given against the Rangers, Mr. Lakin scoring with his sixty yards' penalty hit. Early in the last period a fine shot by Mr. Roark was turned through by Mr. Wrightsman, after which Mr. Lakin scored with a thirty yards' penalty for a foul. Mr. Smith hit the last goal of the game from a long near-side shot.

<i>Jaguars</i>		beat	<i>Knives.</i>	
Pos.	H'cap.		Pos.	H'cap.
1. Mr. S. Sanford .	5		1. Mr. R. Skene .	7
2. Mr. G. Balding .	10		2. Capt. W. F. Butler .	6
3. Capt. H. P. Guinness .	8		3. Capt. C. T. I. Roark .	8
Bk. Hon. W. K. Rous .	4		Bk. Maj. J. F. Harrison .	5
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	14 goals.	27	5 goals.	26



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AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHAMPION CUP AT
HURLINGHAM.

Mr. C. B. Wrightsman, the organizer of the Texas Rangers, is not shown by the camera in this picture. The leader is Mr. Cecil Smith. He is followed by Mr. Aidan Roark and Mr. Eric Tyrrell-Martin, who have assisted Mr. Wrightsman in carrying off the highest honours of the London polo season.

It will be observed that the Jaguars appeared here with a complete change of line-out. Mr. Rous went from No. 1 to back, and each of the other members of the team moved up one. On handicap the match should have been closely contested, but unfortunately the Knaves had an off day, and the game was not even enough to afford a true test of the merits of the winners' change of positions. The pace was comparatively slow, and it was generally agreed that the polo did not come up to the reputations of the teams. Always more effective than their rivals, both in hitting and team work, the Jaguars led at half-time by 9 goals to 4, and their superiority was even more marked in the last three chukkers. On the whole a disappointing tie.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Texas Rangers</i>	beat	<i>Somerles House.</i>
	Pos.	H'cap.
	1. Col. Sir Harold Wernher	3
	2. Lt.-Col. R. L. McCreery	6
	3. Capt. D. Dawnay	7
	Bk. Capt. A. M.	
		Horsbrugh-Porter 6
14 goals.		22

Again an easy task for the formidable Rangers, who have convincingly proved themselves the strongest team in the London polo of 1938. Results in the Champion Cup seem to suggest that even at 28 points the side has been under-handicapped. Probably this impression is largely due to the fine combination displayed by the team and the superb way in which they are mounted. Mr. Wrightsman is cheaply rated at 3 points, especially when he has Mr. Smith behind him. Mr. Smith has more than justified his position in the American handicap, Mr. Tyrrell-Martin has given of his best, and Mr. Roark has acquitted himself in a manner which augurs well for his prospects in the International matches at Meadow Brook next June.

All four players were in such form in the championship semi-final that Somerles House were outclassed for the most part, though Sir H. Wernher's side never ceased to work hard, Col. McCreery being specially conspicuous for his untiring efforts. At the end of the third period the Rangers were leading by no less a margin than 9 goals to 1, a crushing advantage which naturally detracted from the interest of the second half of the game, though the polo was sometimes brilliant and always worth watching.

<i>Jaguars</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos.</i>
	Pos.	
	1. Mr. J. B. Traill	3
	2. Mr. R. Cavanagh	8
	3. Mr. H. H. Hughes	7
	Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina	6
11 goals.		24

This semi-final had been looked forward to keenly as likely to furnish one of the closest games of the tournaments. It will be seen that there was only a margin of two goals between the teams at the end, but it was an uphill fight for the Gauchos, who were unable to make good their early reverses. A change had to be made in the team owing to Mr. Loewenstein having strained a riding muscle a day previously. His place at No. 1 was taken by young Mr. J. B. Traill, which did not alter the handicap rating of the South American side. At the end of the fourth chukker, when the Jaguars were leading by 8 goals to 3, the Gauchos altered their line-up, Mr. H. H. Hughes going up to No. 1. The change was an immediate success, but it was too late to affect the issue. After being five goals to the bad, the Gauchos made it a much more presentable score before the final bell rang. Mr. Balding was in great form for the winners, who did well all round.

Final.

<i>Texas Rangers</i>	beat	<i>Jaguars.</i>
13 goals.		3 goals.

By defeating the Jaguars in the final at Hurlingham on June 25th by 13 goals to 3 the Rangers completed the remarkable score of 41 goals, with only 12 hit against them, in their three ties in the championship tournament. Mr. Keith Rous's drastic step in reorganizing the positions of his team did not come off, and in the first chukker of the game the Rangers ran through the opposing defence like a hot knife through butter. Nothing of the sort has ever been seen in the Champion Cup before.

Mr. Wrightsman's team hit no fewer than seven goals in the opening period, which constitutes a record for this tournament, and probably for any other polo tournament of importance. It has to be said that the huge cluster of goals in this chukker were mainly the result of fine strokes. The Rangers took charge of the game in breath-taking fashion, and the chukker will live in memory as one of the most extraordinary ever played. After having gained this overwhelming advantage, the Rangers could afford to take things comfortably. The pace slackened, and in the last five chukkers the Jaguars hit three goals as against six by their rivals.

Most of the interest evaporated as a result of the early knock-out blows administered by the winners, though the Jaguars never ceased from trying and the polo never became really bad. In pony power the winners appeared to hold a marked ascendancy. Each member of the Rangers was pretty well at the top of his form. While Mr. Smith was possibly the most conspicuous player on the field, Mr. Roark was immensely impressive, and still further strengthened his reputation. Both Mr. Tyrrell-Martin and Mr. Wrightsman seemed to enjoy the game as much as the spectators enjoyed their excellent work. Incidentally, the crowd was the largest of the season at Hurlingham. The stands quickly filled, and it soon became a case of standing room only.

The cup was presented by Lady Louis Mountbatten, and the congratulations she extended to Mr. Wrightsman and his teammates were richly deserved. The visit of the Rangers this season has been a model of good organization, and while we regret that they were not given closer struggles, either in the Ranelagh Open Cup or the Champion Cup, it can be remarked that their opponents played just as well against them as they were allowed to do. The final was umpired by Col. S. V. Kennedy and Major M. Cox, with General Sir Beauvoir de Lisle as referee.

RANELAGH OPEN CUP.

Rangers
14 This historic tournament began at Ranelagh on June 4th with a one-sided tie, in which El Gezira were outclassed by the Rangers. Capt. G. H. Critchley came into the Egyptian team in place of Capt. Elton, whose accident was reported last month. The soldiers had a big disadvantage on the handicap, totalling 20, as against 28.

<i>Rangers</i>	beat	<i>El Gezira.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. C. B. Wrightsman.		1. Major B. J. Fowler.
2. Mr. C. Smith.		2. Mr. W. G. Lowther.
3. Mr. A. Roark.		3. Capt. G. H. Critchley.
Bk. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.		Bk. Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller.
17 goals.		3 goals.

The Rangers scored five times in the opening chukker, and led at half-time 11—1. Major Fowler hit through for El Gezira in the second period. No further success came their way, however, until the concluding chukker, when goals were hit by Capt. Fowler and Mr. Lowther, but the Rangers put on their last four goals in about as many minutes. Mr. Smith hit through eight times for them, and Mr. Aidan Roark six.

<i>Gauchos</i>	beat	<i>Cowdray.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.		1. Lord Cowdray.
2. Mr. H. H. Hughes.		2. Capt. P. W. Dollar.
3. Mr. R. Cavanagh.		3. Capt. P. B. Sanger.
Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.		Bk. Mr. J. Lakin.
13 goals.		5 goals.

The length and accuracy of Mr. Cavanagh's hitting was the feature of the match, but the work of the whole side was sound. Mr. Hughes, who was hurt and resumed after a brief delay,

started the scoring for them, but Cowdray Park hung on to them so well that there was only a goal in it, in the Gauchos' favour, at half-time. Afterwards the Gauchos had most of the game. They increased their advantage to 7-3 at the end of the fourth, had 6 goals in hand at the close of the next, and won by a big margin. Mr. Cavanagh scored five goals for them and Mr. Hughes four, while Mr. Loewenstein, who was always well up in the game, credited them with three goals.



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MRS. KEITH ROUS PRESENTS THE RANELAGH OPEN CUP.
Mr. C. B. Wrightsman receives the trophy. On the left is Capt. L. H. Harris, of the Ranelagh Club.

	<i>Knaves</i>	beat	<i>Adsdean.</i>
Pos.			Pos.
1. Mr. R. Skene.			1. Raj Kumar Prithi Singh.
2. Capt. W. F. Butler.			2. Mr. J. P. Robinson.
3. Capt. C. T. I. Roark.			3. Capt. H. G. Morrison.
Bk. Lt.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe.			Bk. Capt. Lord Louis
			Mountbatten.
	12 goals.		7 goals.

Owing to an injured knee, Major Harrison could not play for the Knaves, his place being taken by Lieut.-Col. E. D. Fanshawe. Adsdean were strengthened by the presence of Raj Kumar Prithi Singh at No. 1, but the Jaipur player hardly came up to his handicap of 8, no doubt because he was riding borrowed

ponies. Thus Mr. Skene, who was well mounted, was the better of the two No. 1's on the afternoon's play. The Knaves took the game in hand at the start, and in the first two periods ran up a 5—1 score, easily outpacing their opponents. They then slowed down, and mediocre play in the next two periods reduced their lead to a single goal.

They then put on the pace again; Capt. Roark and Capt. Butler set up a series of strong attacks, from which Mr. Skene had little difficulty in scoring four goals in quick succession, as against two earned by single-handed runs by Prithi Singh. Mr. Butler and Col. Fanshawe also scored more or less at their ease in these two periods, the Adsdean defence being not at its best.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Rangers</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos.</i>
8 goals.		3 goals.

A well-contested match, the pace being good throughout. Superior combination helped the Gauchos to victory, Messrs. Smith and Roark fitting in splendidly together. Mr. Tyrrell-Martin was at his best, and Mr. Wrightsman was always in the picture. He took a heavy fall in the third chukker, and though severely bruised and shaken he pluckily resumed play. The losers put up a good uphill fight. They were at their best in the last two periods after the score against them had reached 8—1. Mr. Hughes was always going at top speed and hitting with length and accuracy. Mr. Cavanagh was a good second to him, playing a cool and clever defensive game under heavy pressure from a strong attack.

	<i>Jaguars</i>	beat	<i>Knaves.</i>
Pos.			
	1. Hon. W. K. Rous.		
	2. Mr. S. Sanford.		
	3. Mr. W. Balding.		
	Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness.		
	6 goals.		2 goals.

With a little more luck the losers would have made it a much closer finish. It was a fast game, worthy of the best traditions of the tournament. Scoring was level in the opening period, but in the next the Jaguars took a lead of 3—1. Half-time found the score 4—2 in their favour. The Knaves played so well in the fourth chukker that they deserved at least one more goal, but this did not come their way, and with the others hitting a point in each of the last two periods they worthily won a hard tussle, which was delightful to watch.

Final.

<i>Rangers</i>	beat	<i>Jaguars.</i>
11 goals.		6 goals.

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THE JAGUARS, RUNNERS-UP FOR THE RANELAGH OPEN CUP AND THE CHAMPION CUP.

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In both tournaments they found the Rangers too good for them. The team consisted of (left to right) the Hon. W. K. Rous, Mr. S. Sanford, Mr. G. Balding, and Capt. H. P. Guinness.

A big crowd mustered round the Old Ground at Ranelagh for the final on June 11th, when weather conditions were favourable. The turf was in good order considering the shortage of rain, though there was an inevitable amount of bumping of the ball. Every one was glad to see Mr. Wrightsman in action again after his accident earlier in the tournament, and what is more, he was right at the top of his form. For the first half of the game the exchanges were even, and there was good reason to look forward to a keen finish. From that point, however, the Jaguars fell away, and in the last two periods of this six-chukker match the Rangers were clearly on top. They owed their easy victory in some part to superiority in attack.

After beginning well, Mr. Sanford lost his form to some extent, and this made Mr. Rous less effective than usual. Mr. Balding was always doing brilliant things, and Capt. Guinness made some fine efforts without being so consistent as Mr. Tyrrell-Martin, who gradually assumed the better of the opposing attack. No player was watched more closely than Mr. A. Roark, and it can be said that he came out of the test with flying colours, proving himself without question a strong competitor for international honours next season. It was, of course, an advantage to him to be between such masters of the game as Mr. C. Smith and Mr. Tyrrell-Martin. He fitted in with them well and was brilliant individually.

The Jaguars were the first to score, Mr. Balding putting through at close range after a powerful attack. Mr. Tyrrell-Martin equalised with a high shot at 50 yards range, but Mr. Balding replied with a cleverly-sliced stroke. Further goals by Mr. Wrightsman and Mr. Tyrrell-Martin gave the Rangers the lead at the end of the period. Splendid hitting by Mr. Guinness resulted in an equalizing point, but the others went ahead again with a goal by Mr. Wrightsman. The third chukker was tolerably even, and at half-time the board showed 6 to 4 in favour of the Rangers. Then Mr. Wrightsman's side assumed the mastery. The close of the fifth period found them leading by 9 to 6, and they ran out winners by a margin of five. The cup was presented by Mrs. Keith Rous.



KIT-CAT TOURNAMENT.

The Kit-Cat Cup, a medium handicap tournament (16 goals and under), confined to members of Ranelagh, was begun at that club on June 18th with an entry of thirteen teams. The Jaguars were the winners last year. Results:

<i>Planetree House</i>	beat	<i>Greylings.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. F. Stanley-Clarke.		1. Capt. Lord Roborough.
2. Maj. N. W. Leaf.		2. Capt. H. R. Mackeson.
3. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.		3. Capt. R. L. Findlay.
Bk. Maj. P. Magor.		Bk. Mr. G. R. Trotter.
6 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Edge Hill</i>	beat	<i>1st Royal Dragoons.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. W. T. Brigg.		1. Mr. D. M. Rogers.
2. Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2. Mr. E. A. Calvert.
3. Capt. H. G. Morrison.		3. Capt. H. W. Lloyd.
Bk. Mr. D. F. Zanuck.		Bk. Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory.
7 goals.		6 goals.

Extra time was played in this tie.

<i>Jaguars "A"</i>	beat	<i>Somerles House "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. J. A. O. Walker.		1. Col. Sir Harold Wernher.
2. Mr. E. R. Nutting.		2. Capt. R. T. Conant.
3. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.		3. Capt. R. Critchley.
Bk. Mr. G. Balding.		Bk. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.
6 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Gauchos "A"</i>	beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.		1. Mr. P. M. Borwick.
2. Mr. J. B. Traill.		2. Mr. J. V. F. Nutting.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.		3. Mr. R. H. A.-G. Calthorpe.
Bk. Mr. H. H. Hughes.		Bk. Mr. H. T. Brassey.
7 goals.		(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

This tie was played by arrangement at Hurlingham.

<i>Edmundsbury</i>	beat	<i>Friar Park.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Capt. G. J. Kidston.		1. Col. Lord Barnby.
2. Mr. H. W. Hibbert.		2. Mr. A. David.
3. Mr. R. Skene.		3. Capt. C. T. I. Roark.
Bk. Capt. A. H. Barclay.		Bk. Mr. S. J. Barton.
9 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Second Round.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>	beat	<i>Planetree House.</i>
Pos.		
1. Maj. J. H. Hirsch.		
2. Lord Cowdray.		
3. Capt. P. W. Dollar.		
Bk. Mr. J. Lakin.		
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		4 goals.

<i>Jaguars "A"</i>	beat	<i>Edge Hill.</i>
10 goals.		6 goals.

<i>Norton Bavant</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos "B."</i>
		Pos.
		1. Capt. H. S. Ford.
		2. Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.
		3. Mr. G. O'Farrell.
		Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.
9 goals.		(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Gauchos "A"</i>	beat	<i>Edmundsbury.</i>
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		4 goals.

In the fifth period Mr. Loewenstein strained a riding muscle, his place for the rest of the game being taken by Mr. J. O'Farrell.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Cowdray Park "A"</i>	beat	<i>Jaguars "A."</i>
9 goals.		(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
<i>Gauchos "A"</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $12\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		7 goals.

Final.

<i>Gauchos "A"</i>	beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>
7 goals.		5 goals.

After the score at half-time had been 3 goals all, it was 5 goals all at the final change of ponies.

Within a minute of the start Mr. Lakin opened the scoring, but soon afterwards Mr. Hughes got away on his own and equalized. Then Mr. Jim Traill put the Gauchos ahead with a thirty yards free hit, Mr. Lakin having crossed Mr. Loewenstein. Mr. J. Traill added another goal before the change of ponies from a long hit-up by Mr. Hughes. Cowdray Park pressed hard in

the second chukker, and after five unsuccessful shots Capt. Dollar scored after the bell. Mr. Lakin hit another goal in the third stage with a nearside shot, and then Capt. Dollar scored with a sixty yards free hit. There was no score in the fourth period, but in the fifth Mr. Hughes scored twice and Capt. Dollar once, to make the board read 5 goals all for entry into the last eight minutes. Here Mr. J. Traill took a sixty yards free hit, which was turned through by Mr. Loewenstein, and then Mr. J. Traill scored the final goal of the game for the Gauchos.

JUNIOR COLTS' CUP.

The low-handicap tournament for the Junior Colts' Cup was begun at Ranelagh on June 13th, two of the first-round ties being played on the Barnes ground. The Los Indos team included Darryl Zanuck, famous in the world of the films, who has brought eight ponies with him from America. He scored 3 goals.

Los Indos
Pos.
1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.
2. Mr. G. R. Trotter.
3. Mr. Darryl Zanuck.
Bk. Capt. G. J. Kidston.
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

beat *Chinchillas*.
Pos.
1. Mr. H. Good.
2. Mr. A. Grisar.
3. Mr. R. W. Hall.
Bk. Major S. C. Deed.
5 goals.

Norton Bavant
Pos.
1. Major J. H. Hirsch.
2. Col. Lord Barnby.
3. Mr. G. W. Williams.
Bk. Mr. N. Dugdale.
8 goals.

beat *Friar Park*.
Pos.
1. Capt. R. C. Ansdell.
2. Mr. A. S. Gaselee.
3. Mr. S. J. Barton.
Bk. Capt. H. S. Ford.
4 goals.

Traillers
Pos.
1. Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.
2. Mr. J. O'Farrell.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.
Bk. Mr. J. B. Traill.
11 goals.

beat *Panthers*.
Pos.
1. Mr. C. M. Smiley.
2. Mr. J. M. Hilder.
3. Major P. Magor.
Bk. Capt. R. T. Conant.
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Semi-Final Round.

Norton Bavant
Pos.
7 goals.

beat *Los Indos*.
Pos.
1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.
2. Mr. G. R. Trotter.
3. Mr. G. O'Farrell.
Bk. Capt. G. J. Kidston.
6 goals.

	<i>Trailers</i>	beat	<i>Edmundsbury.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
		1.	Mr. E. R. Nutting.
		2.	Mr. J. A. O. Walker.
		3.	Major N. W. Leaf.
	(received $\frac{1}{2}$) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	Bk.	Capt. A. H. Barclay.
			4 goals.

<i>Final.</i>	<i>Trailers</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
	11 goals.		7 goals.

ROEHAMPTON OPEN CUP.

After having been badly interfered with by weather the Roehampton Open Cup was resumed with the semi-final tie between the Rangers and the Knaves on June 13th. As reported in last month's issue, the Gauchos had beaten Someries House by 11 goals to 6, the Jaguars had beaten El Gezira by 6 goals to 3, and the Knaves had passed into the semi-final round after being 6 all in the final chukker with Cowdray Park, who then scratched.

	<i>Rangers</i>	beat	<i>The Knaves.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Major N. W. Leaf.	1.	Mr. R. Skene.
2.	Mr. C. Smith.	2.	Capt. W. F. Butler.
3.	Mr. A. Roark.	3.	Capt. C. T. I. Roark.
Bk.	Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.	Bk.	Major J. F. Harrison.
	13 goals.		5 goals.

This was almost a runaway victory for the Rangers. Well served by the men behind him, Mr. Smith was in great scoring form, seven goals coming from his stick. The Knaves strove vainly against a faster and cleverer side. Only in the final period, when the game was lost and won, did they have an advantage. Capt. Roark did well to score 3 goals on his own, and Mr. Skene, who scored the other two and made the most of his few chances, produced a very fine effort in the final period, coming down the boards from his own sixty at a racing gallop and getting through with a beautiful pulled shot.

(To be concluded).





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PRESENTING THE JUNIOR COLTS' CUP AT RANELAGH.
On behalf of the Traillers, Mr. Jim Traill receives the trophy from the hands of Lady Lyons.



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THE TRAILLERS, WHO WON THE JUNIOR COLTS' CUP AND THE LOW HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

The successful team in these tournaments was made up of Mr. J. O'Farrell, Mr. Jack Traill, Mr. Jim Traill, and Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.

ROEHAMPTON HIGH HANDICAP CUP.

Now one of the season's High Handicap tournaments, the Roehampton Cup has a history dating back to 1902, when the challenge trophy was presented by Mrs. Cuninghame, of Craighends. Last season it was won by Someries House. In the opening tie Adsdean managed to achieve success by a fractional margin over El Gezira.

<i>Adsdean</i>		beat	<i>El Gezira.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Hon. M. R. Samuel.		1.	Major B. J. Fowler.
2.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.		2.	Mr. W. G. Lowther.
3.	Capt. H. G. Morrison.		3.	Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller.
Bk.	Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.		Bk.	Capt. G. H. Critchley.
	(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			8 goals.

The winners had a bad time in the second and third chukkers, where they had seven goals scored against them and were only able to reply twice. They, however, made amends in the last two periods, for here they hit four goals without answer from their opponents. Major Fowler and Mr. Lowther shared the scoring honours for El Gezira, each hitting four goals. For the winners Lord Louis Mountbatten and Mr. Robinson each hit two goals, and Mr. Robinson and Mr. Samuel scored one apiece.

<i>Someries House</i>		beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	Col. Sir Harold Wernher.		1.	Capt. Lord Roborough.
2.	Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.		2.	Capt. H. R. Mackeson.
3.	Capt. D. Dawnay.		3.	Capt. R. L. Findlay.
Bk.	Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter		Bk.	Capt. H. P. Guinness.
	8 goals.			(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Jaguars</i>		beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>	
Pos.			Pos.	
1.	The Hon. W. K. Rous.		1.	Lord Cowdray.
2.	Capt. R. T. Conant.		2.	Capt. P. W. Dollar.
3.	Mr. R. Skene.		3.	Capt. P. B. Sanger.
Bk.	The Duke of Roxburghe.		Bk.	Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.
	(received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $12\frac{1}{2}$ goals.			5 goals.

*Semi-Final Round.**Adsdean*

beat

Gauchos.

Pos.

1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.

2. Mr. H. H. Hughes.

3. Mr. R. Cavanagh.

Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.

(received 6) 12 goals.

7 goals.

Somerles House

beat

Jaguars.

(received 1½) 4½ goals.

4 goals.

*Final.**Somerles House*

beat

Adsdean.

8 goals.

(received 2½) 3½ goals.

The losers did not show the same form as in the semi-final. Mr. Robinson was neither so quick on the ball nor so sure of his hitting as he then was. Capt. Morrison had consequently too much work to do both in attack and defence. Capt. Dawnay and Capt. Hamilton-Russell were in great form for the winners, as also was Sir Harold Wernher. The last-named scored twice, Capt. Dawnay once, and Capt. Hamilton-Russell hit the remaining goals. Mr. Robinson scored Adsdean's only goal.

LAWSON CUP.

Instituted in 1923 for a challenge cup presented by Mr. J. A. D. Lawson, this is a medium-handicap tournament open to members of the Roehampton Club, Officers of the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force, undergraduates of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, or cadets from Woolwich or Sandhurst. The winners in 1937 were the Jaguars "B." With an entry of 16 two of the first-round ties were played in Richmond Park. Results:—

Edmundsbury

beat

15th/19th Hussars.

Pos.

Pos.

1. Capt. G. J. Kidston.

1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.

2. Capt. A. H. Barclay.

2. Mr. A. D. Taylor.

3. Mr. R. Skene.

3. Major W. R. N. Hinde.

Bk. Mr. J. A. B. Traill.

Bk. Major T. J. Arnott.

7 goals.

(received 2½) 3½ goals.

Jaguars "A"

beat

*5th Royal Inniskilling
Dragoon Guards.*

Pos.

Pos.

1. The Hon. W. K. Rous.

1. Capt. C. P. D. Legard.

2. Mr. H. T. Alexander.

2. Mr. P. A. C. Bridgewater.

3. Mr. G. Balding.

3. Capt. F. J. S. Whetstone.

Bk. Mr. J. A. O. Walker.

Bk. Capt. F. P. B. Sangster.

6 goals.

(received 2½) 3½ goals.

<i>Somerles House "A"</i>		beat	<i>Edgehill.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Col. Sir Harold Wernher.	1.	Mr. J. R. Hanbury.
2.	Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.	2.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.
3.	Capt. R. T. Conant.	3.	Capt. H. G. Morrison.
Bk.	Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter.	Bk.	Lord Louis Mountbatten.
	11 goals.		5 goals.

<i>Friz Hill</i>		beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.	1.	Mr. R. W. Hall.
2.	Capt. H. R. Mackeson.	2.	Mr. A. S. Gaselee.
3.	Mr. S. J. Barton.	3.	Major S. C. Deed.
Bk.	Capt. R. C. Ansdell. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	Bk.	Mr. A. Grisar. 5 goals.

<i>Gauchos "A"</i>		beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. R. Loewenstein.	1.	Capt. Lord Roborough.
2.	Mr. J. O'Farrell.	2.	Capt. H. R. Mackeson.
3.	Mr. H. H. Hughes.	3.	Capt. R. L. Findlay.
Bk.	Mr. G. O'Farrell. 9 goals.	Bk.	Mr. G. R. Trotter. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>Friar Park</i>		beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys Subalterns.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. A. David	1.	Mr. P. M. Borwick.
2.	Major N. W. Leaf.	2.	Mr. J. V. F. Nutting.
3.	Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.	3.	Mr. R. H. A.-G. Calthorpe.
Bk.	Mr. A. F. Stanley-Clarke. 9 goals.	Bk.	Mr. H. T. Brassey. (received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

<i>The Royals</i>		beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. E. A. Calvert.	1.	The Hon. W. W. Astor.
2.	Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory.	2.	Mr. N. Dugdale.
3.	The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell.	3.	Mr. W. H. Whitbread.
Bk.	Capt. H. W. Lloyd. 7 goals.	Bk.	Mr. J. G. Morrison. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

By invitation of the Ranelagh Club the concluding tie in the first round was played on the Barnes ground.

<i>Hurricanes "A"</i>		beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. E. R. Nutting.	1.	Major J. H. Hirsch.
2.	Mr. S. Sanford.	2.	Lord Cowdray.
3.	Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.	3.	Capt. P. W. Dollar.
Bk.	The Duke of Roxburghe. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	Bk.	Capt. R. B. Sanger. 4 goals.

Second Round.

<i>The Royals</i> (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	beat	<i>Friz Hill.</i> 3 goals.
<i>Edmundsbury</i> (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	beat	<i>Jaguars "A."</i> 3 goals.
<i>Somerles House "A"</i> (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.	beat	<i>Gauchos "A."</i> 3 goals.
<i>Hurricanes "A"</i> 10 goals.	beat	<i>Friar Park.</i> 6 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Edmundsbury</i> 9 goals.	beat	<i>The Royals.</i> (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals.
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(To be concluded).

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the new classification of London tournaments the Roehampton Junior Championship comes under the heading of "Restricted Open Cups." Instituted in 1903, it is for a challenge trophy presented by the late Mr. W. A. Hazard, of the United States Polo Association. It is open to teams whose aggregate does not exceed 20 points, there being no limit to individual handicaps. The first ties were decided on June 25th. Results:

<i>Cowdray Park</i> Pos. 1. Capt. G. J. Kidston. 2. Viscount Cowdray. 3. Capt. P. W. Dollar. Bk. Mr. J. Lakin. 10 goals.	beat	<i>Friar Park.</i> Pos. 1. Mr. A. David. 2. Capt. C. T. I. Roark. 3. Capt. P. B. Sanger. Bk. Mr. Stanley Barton. 0 goal.
<i>Adsdean</i> 1. The Hon. M. R. Samuel. 2. Mr. J. P. Robinson. 3. Capt. H. G. Morrison. Bk. Lord Louis Mountbatten. 5 goals.	beat	<i>Knaves.</i> 1. Mr. H. W. Hibbert. 2. Capt. R. O. Critchley. 3. Capt. W. F. Butler. Bk. Maj. J. Harrison. 4 goals.
<i>Texas Rangers</i> 1. Mr. Darryl Zanuck. 2. Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin. 3. Mr. Aidan Roark. Bk. Mr. C. B. Wrightsman. 5 goals.	beat	<i>Traillers.</i> 1. Mr. J. B. Traill. 2. Mr. R. Skene. 3. Mr. J. R. Traill. Bk. Mr. R. Cavanagh. 4 goals.

Early in the extra time the Traillers were penalized near their own goal, and Mr. Roark scored the deciding goal.

Second Round.

<i>Adsdean</i>	beat	<i>Gauchos.</i>
	Pos.	
	1. Mr. R. Loewenstein.	
	2. Mr. G. O'Farrell.	
	3. Mr. H. H. Hughes.	
	Bk. Mr. R. Santamarina.	
8 goals.		7 goals.

It was 6—6 when the last period was begun. After three minutes' play Capt. Morrison, with a short-range backhand, hit a goal, which gave Adsdean the lead for the first time. Near the end of the chukker Capt. Morrison crossed Mr. O'Farrell, and with the 40-yard hit at an open goal Mr. Santamarina made it seven goals all. From the throw-in in the centre Adsdean attacked, and immediately after the bell a goal hit by Mr. Samuel gave Adsdean the victory.

	<i>Jaguars</i>	beat	<i>Cowdray Park.</i>
	Pos.		
	1. Hon. W. K. Rous.		
	2. Capt. R. J. Conant.		
	3. Mr. Gerald Balding.		
	Bk. Mr. J. H. M. D. Scott.		
	7 goals.		6 goals.

A hard, keen match. Twice the scores had been even before the Jaguars drew away with a three points lead in the fifth period. Cowdray Park fought back, and caught their rivals at the close of the sixth period. After three minutes of extra time Mr. Balding, from near his own goal-line, broke through, to finish a fine gallop down the field with the winning goal. It was his fourth goal, Mr. Rous having hit the others. Mr. Lakin scored four for Cowdray Park.

	<i>Hurricanes</i>	beat	<i>Somerics House.</i>
	Pos.		Pos.
	1. Mr. H. T. Alexander.		1. Col. Sir Harold Wernher.
	2. Mr. S. Sanford.		2. Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell.
	3. Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer.		3. Capt. D. Dawnay.
	Bk. Capt. H. P. Guinness.		Bk. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh- Porter.
	6 goals.		3 goals.

In the last chuker, after Capt. Guinness had cleverly saved from a shot by Capt. Hamilton-Russell, Mr. Sanford's pony went lame in a foreleg, and the game was held up for a quarter of an hour while it was helped off the ground. On the resumption of

play the Hurricanes attacked, and after a shot had gone close Mr. Sanford hit the final goal of the match for his side.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Texas Rangers</i>		beat	<i>Adsdean.</i>
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Mr. C. B. Wrightsman.	1.	The Hon. M. R. Samuel.
2.	Mr. Darryl Zanuck.	2.	Mr. J. P. Robinson.
3.	Mr. Aidan Roark.	3.	Capt. H. G. Morrison.
Bk.	Mr. E. H. Tyrrell-Martin.	Bk.	Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.
	9 goals.		8 goals.

A fine game was marred towards the end by heavy rain. At first Adsdean had the best of it, and early in the third period they were leading by 6 goals to 1. Then the Texas Rangers changed their formation, Mr. C. B. Wrightsman, who had been playing back, going up to his usual position at No. 1. The Texas Rangers then hit four quick goals, and by the end of the fourth chukker they were leading by 8—6. There was no score in the fifth period, when the rain began. In the sixth chukker a goal by Mr. Robinson and another by Lord Louis Mountbatten equalized the scores, and so a seventh period had to be played, and nearing the end of this extra chukker a goal awarded to the Texas Rangers for an Adsdean foul gave them the victory.

In the other semi-final, between the Hurricanes and the Jaguars, the game was stopped after two chukkers owing to the rain, and will be completed later. At the time the Hurricanes were leading 4—2.

The match was completed a few days later, the Hurricanes winning by 8 goals to 6.

Final.

<i>Hurricanes</i>	beat	<i>Adsdean.</i>
8 goals.		1 goal.

Low Handicap Tournament at Roehampton.

This tournament, started on June 20th, was for a challenge cup presented by the officers, "M" Battery, R.H.A., in 1928. The Jaguars "C" were the winners last season. Eight teams competed, the results being:

<i>Friz Hill</i>		beat	<i>The Lifeguards</i> (<i>Subalterns</i>).
Pos.		Pos.	
1.	Col. Lord Barnby.	1.	Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh.
2.	The Duke of Gloucester.	2.	Mr. G. H. Lowther.
3.	Mr. S. J. Barton.	3.	Lord Roderic Pratt.
Bk.	Capt. R. C. Ansdell.	Bk.	Lord Lewes.
	6 goals.		(received 2½) 5½ goals.

<i>Norton Bavant</i>	beat	<i>Friar Park.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.		1. Mr. P. S. Morris-Keating.
2. The Hon. W. W. Astor.		2. Mr. A. David.
3. Mr. N. Dugdale.		3. Mr. D. F. Zanuck.
Bk. Mr. J. G. Morrison.		Bk. Mr. G. O'Farrell.
6 goals.		5 goals.

<i>The Looe</i>	beat	<i>Chinchillas.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. E. P. G. Miller-Mundy.		1. Mr. G. R. Trotter.
2. Mr. T. K. Walls.		2. Mr. A. S. Gaselee.
3. Capt. R. O. Critchley.		3. Maj. S. C. Deed.
Bk. Mr. R. H. A.-G.		Bk. Mr. M. D. Blair.
Calthorpe.		
7 goals.		4 goals.

Semi-Final Round.

<i>Norton Bavant</i>	beat	<i>Friz Hill.</i>
7 goals.		6 goals.

Extra time, lasting four minutes, had to be played to decide this tie.

<i>Traillers</i>	beat	<i>The Looe.</i>
Pos.		
1. Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.		
2. Mr. J. O'Farrell.		
3. Mr. J. B. Traill.		
Bk. Mr. J. R. Traill.		
(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		1 goal.

Final.

<i>Traillers</i>	beat	<i>Norton Bavant.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. T. W. Brigg.		1. Mr. I. S. Balmain.
2. Mr. J. O'Farrell.		2. The Hon. W. W. Astor.
3. Mr. J. R. Traill.		3. Mr. N. Dugdale.
Bk. Mr. J. B. Traill.		Bk. Mr. J. G. Morrison.
8 goals.		5 goals.



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<i>Hopefuls</i>	beat	<i>5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. G. B. A. Williams.		1. Mr. E. A. F. Widdrington.
2. Capt. J. F. Adye.		2. Mr. C. H. Blacker.
3. Capt. C. C. M.		3. Mr. J. E. Swetenham.
MacLeod-Carey.		
Bk. Major R. Darley.		Bk. Lt.-Col. E. S. D. Martin.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

<i>Delacres</i>	beat	<i>Cambridge University.</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. E. N. Sheppard.		1. Mr. E. W. Sewell.
2. Mr. R. H. Russell.		2. Mr. F. Allhusen.
3. Mr. G. D'O. Sheppard.		3. Mr. W. F. Beale (substitute for Mr. L. F. White).
Bk. Mr. J. H. Russell.		Bk. Mr. K. Watt.
5 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $\frac{1}{2}$ goal.

Semi-Final Round.

Oakhill
5 goals.

beat *Hopefuls.*
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Middlewick
4 goals.

beat *Delacres.*
3 goals.

Final.

Oakhill

beat *Middlewick.*

Pos.
1. Mr. T. M. Hilder.
2. Mr. W. F. Beale.
3. Col. R. Neave.
Bk. Mr. H. S. Tiel.
4 goals.

Pos.
1. Mr. D. J. MacG. Black.
2. Capt. J. G. Wolfe-Barry.
3. Major H. A. Young.
Bk. Mr. J. M. Burton.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Subsidiary Tournament.

Final.

Delacres

beat *5th Royal Inniskilling
Dragoon Guards.*

Pos.
1. Mr. E. N. Sheppard.
2. Mr. R. H. Russell.
3. Mr. G. D'O. Sheppard.
Bk. Mr. J. H. Russell.
(received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Pos.
1. Mr. E. A. F. Widdrington.
2. Mr. C. H. Blacker.
3. Mr. J. E. Swetenham.
Bk. Lt.-Col. E. S. D. Martin.
3 goals.



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ALDERSHOT CHALLENGE CUP.

This tournament reached its semi-final stage on June 7th, with the following results:—

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>4th Hussars</i></p> <p>Pos.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major J. A. L. Powell. 2. Capt. J. H. Collingwood. 3. Capt. P. W. Dollar. <p>Bk. Major E. G. Lillingston. 10 goals.</p>	beat	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>3rd Hussars (Subalterns)</i></p> <p>Pos. (7).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. R. Bertram. 2. Mr. C. J. F. Platt. 3. Mr. P. H. Labouchere. <p>Bk. Sir D. W. Scott. (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tockington</i></p> <p>Pos.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capt. H. M. P. Salmon. 2. Capt. W. A. J. Lockhart. 3. Lt.-Col. G. E. Younghusband. <p>Bk. Capt. O. F. M. Tudor. 11 goals.</p>	beat	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>R.H.A.</i></p> <p>Pos.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. B. Wilson. 2. Capt. G. Meyer. 3. Mr. J. H. Slade-Powell. <p>Bk. Mr. T. de F. Jago. (received $5\frac{1}{2}$) $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals.</p>
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<p><i>Final.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>4th Hussars</i></p> <p>5 goals.</p>	beat	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tockington.</i></p> <p>(received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.</p>
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In the fifth chukker it looked as if Tockington, a 3rd Hussars team, might win if they could hold out the 4th Hussars attack till the final bell went, for at this point a goal by Lieut.-Col. Younghusband put the score at $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4 in their favour. Capt. Dollar, who was the highest handicapped player in the two sides, however, atoned for several wide shots in previous chukkers by a beautiful run and accurate pass to Capt. H. G. Cowdell, which enabled him to hit the final goal for the 4th Hussars. Capt. Cowdell played for the winners in place of Major Powell.



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The Stoke d'Abernon Club's annual spring tournament was begun on June 20th at Cobham, Surrey, two of the first-round ties being played. Results:

"*Tria Juncta in Und*" beat *Cambridge University*.
 Pos. Pos.
 1. Capt. R. Myddleton. 1. Mr. F. E. Allhusen.
 2. Mr. E. J. B. Nelson. 2. Mr. L. S. White.
 3. Mr. N. D. M. Johnstone. 3. Mr. A. P. S. Wood.
 Bk. Col. W. A. F. L. Bk. Mr. K. R. Watt.
 Fox-Pitt.
 5 goals. (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Green Drakes beat *The Life Guards*.
 Pos. Pos.
 1. Col. R. Neave. 1. Capt. R. J. Hardy.
 2. Mr. G. D'O. Sheppard. 2. Capt. Sir G. Fuller.
 3. Maj. H. A. Young. 3. Maj. A. H. Ferguson.
 Bk. Mr. W. F. Beale. Bk. Capt. F. E. B. Wignall.
 (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals. 3 goals.

Oxford University beat *Royal Scots Greys "A."*
 Pos. Pos.
 1. Mr. J. E. Mansfield. 1. Mr. H. S. Gunn.
 2. The Hon. J. J. Astor. 2. Mr. J. R. Hanbury.
 3. Mr. J. P. Summers. 3. Maj. R. Twisleton-
 Wykeham-Fiennes.
 Bk. The Hon. N. H. Villiers. Bk. Mr. M. G. Borwick.
 5 goals. (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Bosworth beat *Remnants*.
 Pos. Pos.
 1. Mr. G. Mercer Nairne. 1. Mr. A. S. Rawle.
 2. The Hon. P. M. Samuel. 2. Capt. J. H. Evatt.
 3. Mr. A. S. Gaselee. 3. Mr. F. Winstone Scott.
 Bk. Mr. R. W. Hall. Bk. Mr. D. S. Schreiber.
 6 goals. (received $\frac{1}{2}$) $\frac{1}{2}$ goal.

Semi-Final Round.

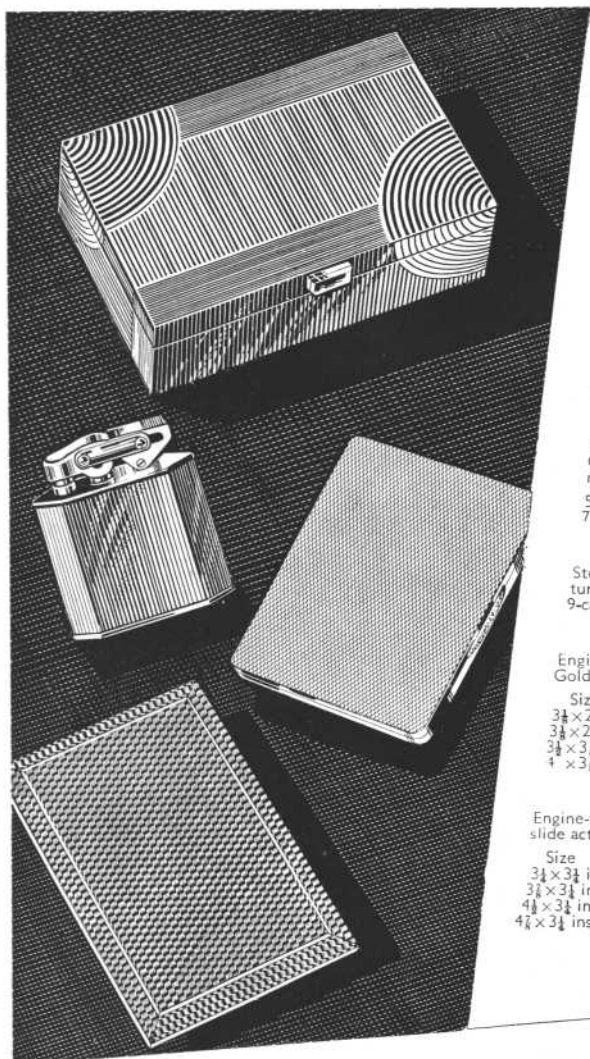
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 6 goals. (received $3\frac{1}{2}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

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Final.

<i>Bosworth</i>	beat	<i>Green Drakes.</i>
7 goals.		(received $\frac{1}{2}$) $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Subsidiary Tournament.

Final.

<i>Cambridge University</i>	beat	<i>Royal Scots Greys "A."</i>
Pos.		Pos.
1. Mr. F. E. Allhusen.		1. Sir G. A. Bonham.
2. Mr. L. S. White.		2. Mr. J. R. Hanbury.
3. Mr. A. P. S. Wood.		3. Mr. H. S. Gunn.
Bk. Mr. K. R. Watt.		Bk. Maj. R. T. W. Fiennes.
$3\frac{1}{2}$ goals.		3 goals.

Letter to the Editor.

The Polo Stance.

[*To the Editor of THE POLO MONTHLY.*]

SIR,

As long ago as 1924, while I was on a visit to Meadow Brook for the International matches of that year, you invited me to send you some comments on those games. Finding they were being covered adequately by highly competent journalists who were thoroughly conversant with the players, conditions, and so forth, the scope of the comments on the matches and their results, outside these essential details, was naturally somewhat restricted. One point, however, and a very important one, which had evidently escaped the attention of everyone else, impressed itself forcibly on my mind as a practical student of the game. That was the great difference in technique and form in riding and hitting between the American and British players, with the possible exception of that of Louis L. Lacey, who played for Great Britain, and who made some magnificent individual runs through his opponents, which resulted in a goal on more than one occasion.

An attempt to analyse and account for this difference accordingly formed the gist of the article which duly appeared in THE POLO MONTHLY. Being in Shanghai at the time of its publication I do not know if it received any attention.

However, as every English player who has had the advantage of a season's play in first-class polo in America, i.e. since the abolition of the offside rule and the removal of the height limit for ponies, seems to be infinitely better for it, its worth and correctness have slowly but surely impressed themselves on the minds of careful students of form, until to-day we find no less an authority than the Marquess of Cholmondeley urging his countrymen, through the medium of the correspondence columns of *Country Life*, to emulate the example set abroad.

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“Sitting back puts all the weight on the horse's weakest part, and the recovery to get back to the “flat race” position must lose valuable time. . . . The chief object of the forward seat is to get across country, i.e. solid jumps, in the quickest and easiest manner. At present we have adopted the Italian method with marked success for show jumping, and I feel the advantage would be the same in hunting, steeple chasing, and polo. Having some experience of the latter game, I am convinced it is not cash or superior ponies which enable the Americans to win the Cup time after time. It is the slumping back on the cantle of the saddle. With my own eyes I saw two goals lost in this manner in the last international match. The American on a stop and turn for the ball, with his more compact seat, was off and away, while the Englishman unconsciously stopped his pony by letting all his weight fall on the weakest part of the pony, thereby losing two or three valuable lengths.”

The above is a complete vindication of the contention set forth in my article, “The Polo Stance,” appearing in the September (1937) issue of THE POLO MONTHLY, to quote: “The position of the man, if his mount is withdrawn from beneath him, should remain an attitude resembling an alert stance . . . which is so indispensable to overcome the unbalancing effects of ever-changing momentum.”

These words appear to provide the solution and account for the “compact seat” referred to.

JOHN A. HAYES.

Shanghai.

South Australian Polo Association.

Season 1937-1938.

It is with great regret that we record the deaths of Mr. Frank Downer, Mr. F. W. Porter, and Mr. C. T. Bray. Their assistance to polo in South Australia as players and in executive positions covered many years, and was given without reserve. If we can carry on the traditions of polo in South Australia which they helped so much to establish, it will be a fitting memorial. To play the game: without arrogance in success and without complaint in defeat.

The chief effort of the Association this season was to send a team to Sydney to represent South Australia in the Australasian Polo Cup. The team selected were well balanced, and although their handicap was low, its members did very well indeed. They played above their handicap, except perhaps in the first round of

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the Cup, when they were defeated by the New South Wales team (which won the Cup last year) by 8 to 3. On a handicap rating it would have been a draw. The soft ground somewhat hampered both ponies and players. The team won the Willsallen Cup, a handicap event, defeating Town and Country Reds by 10 goals to $7\frac{1}{2}$, Caramut 12 goals to 6, and Town and Country Blues by 5 goals to 4. They were handicapped at 6 goals.

In the Town and Country Tournament they were defeated in the semi-finals by Town and Country White by $\frac{1}{2}$ goal, the scores being $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 10, their handicap being $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals. The team comprised: 1, E. W. Hayward (3); 2, R. N. Keynes (4); (Captain); A. C. Rymill (3); back, R. Warnes (4).

They were a little astonished at the beginning of the tournaments at the vigour of the play, particularly by New Zealand and New South Wales, but as Jim Ashton was umpiring they presumed it was in order. They still have some doubts whether a free hit is of much benefit after the body has been removed. All the players feel they have derived considerable benefit from the trip and are anxious to have another go.

During the season Adelaide played Mount Crawford at Angaston, and were badly defeated by 10 goals to 3. This was disappointing in view of Adelaide's hopes of winning this year's Barr Smith Cup. During this visit the South Australian team had their first practice match against the rest; they won, but only by individual brilliance. They did not look like a team. They did, however, show signs that with practice and coaching they might develop into a well-balanced combination. The next match of interest was at Clare, where Mount Crawford narrowly scraped a victory on the bell by one goal. This was a very good performance by Clare, who on handicap would have been receiving 4 goals. It was unfortunate after this exhibition that they were unable to send a team to play in the Association's tournament in March.

We were fortunate, however, in the tournament; the weather was good, and our old friends and enemies, Melbourne Hunt Polo, came over from Victoria. It was also a pleasure to welcome a team from Broken Hill. Three Warnes brothers and J. Murray reformed the old Mid-North team. Yot Murray presented a Cup for Junior teams off scratch, and the Porter family presented a shield in memory of Fred Porter for Junior teams on handicap. The Adelaide III team—1, W. K. Hope; 2, R. R. Law Smith; 3, E. S. Paterson; 4, T. A. Roberts—won the Murray Cup by 2 goals from Broken Hill—1, B. R. Bright; 2, R. Moyle; 3, K. Martin; 4, W. Bayley. Broken Hill, with T. Conroy playing instead of Bayley, won the first match of the Porter Shield, J. Ayres replacing Paterson in the Adelaide III team. In the next two matches J. Maitland played for Adelaide III; this substitution gave Broken Hill an increased handicap, but Maitland's knowledge of the game gave the Adelaide team a great advantage and they won the second game by 6 to 4, and the deciding game by 5 to 4.

In the first round of the Barr Smith Cup, Melbourne Hunt Polo—(1, Capt. T. R. Wilbraham; 2, A. R. Creswick; 3, Major



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R. G. H. Irving; back, Lt.-Col. E. Helme Pott)—defeated Mid-North—(1, J. Murray; 2, J. Warnes; 3, T. Warnes; back, R. Warnes)—by 6 to 3, and Mount Crawford—(1, W. G. Lillecrapp; 2, J. E. Murray; 3, R. N. Keynes; back, J. R. Cowell)—defeated Adelaide I—(1, W. K. Bakewell; 2, E. W. Hayward; 3, M. J. Noonan; back, A. C. Rymill) by 6 to 5. The improved form of Adelaide was the surprise of the tournament.

In the second round Melbourne Hunt Polo defeated Adelaide II—(1, D. M. Reid; 2, R. E. Porter; 3, C. C. Hayward; back, E. S. Paterson)—9 goals to 7. Mount Crawford won the final from Melbourne Hunt Polo by 8 goals to 3. Notwithstanding that Creswick played with a broken thumb, he hit some very fine shots; in fact, all the Melbourne team played up to their individual form. Their lack of cohesion, however, gave too many openings to Mount Crawford's solid team play.

In the Melrose Cup Mount Crawford were handicapped at scratch, Melbourne Hunt Polo 2 goals, Adelaide "B" 3 goals, Adelaide "A" $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals, and Mid-North 5 goals. Adelaide "B" defeated Mid-North 10 goals to 2. Adelaide "A" defeated Melbourne Hunt Polo $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 6. Adelaide "B" defeated Mount Crawford by 8 goals to 6. In the final, Adelaide "B"—(1, D. M. Reid; 2, E. W. Hayward; 3, C. C. Hayward; back, A. C. Rymill)—defeated Adelaide "A"—(1, W. K. Bakewell; 2, R. E. Porter; 3, M. J. Noonan; back, E. S. Paterson) by 9 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$. Melbourne Hunt Polo won the Beaten Teams competition from Mid North by 9 goals to 7.

In the Women's Competition The Four Winds—(1, Miss R. Lloyd; 2, Miss W. Paterson; 3, Miss B. Harper Robertson; back, Miss M. Bright)—won two out of the three matches from The Typhoons—(1, Master D. Paterson; 2, Miss J. Martin; 3, Miss E. Teesdale Smith; back, Mrs. E. S. Paterson). Seven competitions were played for during the week, and a number of the games were uninteresting to those who only wanted to see spectacular polo. The Tournament Committee are, however, satisfied with the encouragement given to junior players, even if their games did not appeal to the ordinary onlooker. As usual, the umpiring was not satisfactory to the players. It was either so strict as to spoil the freedom of the game, or so loose as to render the game dangerous. On the whole, the onlookers thought it was as usual. There was certainly less argument with the umpires, which is a definite step in the right direction. There is a rule about appealing, but no penalty for its breach.

It appears to be true that even the most level-headed seem to get hotter under the collar in a polo match than in any other game. Blowing up the umpire is a form of reaction to the intense concentration at high speed. Umpires must make some allowance for this. On the other hand, it would not happen so often if it was postponed until the player had dipped his head in a bucket and had a suck at some barley sugar.

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REGIMENTAL POLO RECORDS.

In earlier issues we have quoted freely from the fine series of articles on "Famous Sporting Regiments" which appeared in the *Field*. We give a few more extracts of interest to polo players.

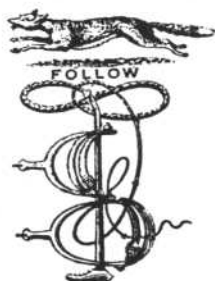
Lieut.-Col. E. G. S. L'E. Malone, writing of the Royal Fusiliers, says of the regimental polo: "Those of mature years can recall how in 1878 the 7th Fusiliers beat the 7th Hussars in the final for the All-Ireland Polo Cup. In 1879 the tables were turned, and in the final the same cavalry regiment had their revenge against the regiment. In those dim distant days polo was played five a-side, our team consisting of P. St. Maur, H. Mansel-Pleydell, G. Hayhurst, F. Sartoris and R. Saunders. Towards the close of the last century polo in the regiment had reached a high standard in India. In 1898, the last year of the famous Durham Light Infantry Cycle, we competed, and did creditably in the Inter-Regimental. We reached the final of the Infantry Tournament, played at Ambala. Col. T. P. Melvill, then spare man to the South Wales Borderers, who defeated us, wrote: 'Never before or since have I been so excited—the odds would have been 10 to 1 against us—perhaps they (the Fusiliers) were stale—perhaps all sorts of things. We won by the odd goal.' The regimental team on that occasion was Carr, Johnson, Swiney and Annesley. Our successes since then have included the Secunderabad Novices' in 1908, the Wiesbaden Inter-Regimental in 1928, and no less than seven subsidiary tournaments abroad between 1924 and 1935. In addition, we secured the Mussoorie Cup—a three-a-side tournament—and were victorious at Maymyo in Burma. The ponies there, of course, were only 12.3 in height, very different from the giants of to-day. I should mention that polo funds were raised in the regiment some time ago, and maintained by a small subscription. These enable the impoverished subaltern to play the game at a very small cost. In addition to the players already mentioned, our best performer was L. F. Ashburner, who was a member of the famous Durham Light Infantry team before he transferred to us; and the names of Annesley, Swiney, Fisher, Clarke, Cripps, Jefferson, Lee and Hill must be noted, together with Carr, whose flair for selecting raw material was wonderful, making our stud of ponies in his time really first-class."

The polo records of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry go back as far as 1878. It was stated in the *Field* article that during the regiment's march from Peshawar to Sabathu matches were played at all stations *en route*. One of the 1st Battalion's silver trophies is a statuette of a polo pony and rider, and in 1882 this became the Regimental Polo Scurry Cup, and was competed for up to the Great War, the last winner being Second

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Lieutenant J. Pepys, who, sad to relate, was our first officer to be killed in 1914. In 1897 the regiment won the Rajputana Cup, open to all-comers, with a very useful side. From 1910 to 1912, whilst stationed at Hong Kong, practically every officer played, and the K.O.Y.L.I. had a very good side there which won many trophies. One side was asked by the Governor of the Philippines to visit Manila, but the fact that all matches started at 9 a.m.—after most hospitable evenings—and also that the Americans played 16 and 17 hand chargers against our 14.2 ponies, seems to have prevented our team winning the Cup, for no mention is made of this fact. One of their officers, writing the other day from Hong Kong, says that three cups presented by the regiment are still competed for annually, and, he adds, it is gratifying to know, from conversations with those who remember pre-war days in Hong Kong, that the 51st still enjoys a very high reputation in that station for sport. After the war polo was restarted in the 2nd Battalion by the energy of Col. Henry Mallinson, who filled all the young officers with his enthusiasm as soon as they landed at Deolali in 1922, and during the following year at Ferozepore he was so successful in training a team that the regiment, with the bare minimum of ponies, managed to win its first tournament at Jullundur in February, 1924. Since those days polo has always had its enthusiasts, and in Peshawar in 1931 the 2nd Battalion won the Gai Cup. In Gibraltar the 1st Battalion have been playing regularly, and last year were playing on the race-course (a temporary substitute for the grounds in Spain) when a shell from a Spanish anti-aircraft gun fell on the ground. As in the days of Drake, no Spanish interference was allowed to stop the game, and so it went on.

Lieut.-General Sir Alfred Codrington, who wrote the account of the sporting activities of the Brigade of Guards, referred to the early days of polo. Play at Gibraltar and in South Africa had given many officers a taste for the game, and in 1903 the Brigade of Guards Polo Club was started, with headquarters at Southfields, Wimbledon, where there were two grounds, the first ground being a really good one, a small club-house and stabling for a considerable number of ponies. A Brigade of Guards inter-regimental tournament was started, a condition being that no pony for which more than £70 had been paid might be played in it. The object of this rule was to keep brigade polo as cheap as possible. The Irish Guards, helped by a generous gift from Col. R. J. Cooper, were the first to start a polo pony club, which made it possible for officers to play polo without incurring the expense of buying ponies.

In this connection General Sir Alexander Godley writes: The Irish Guards won the Brigade of Guards tournament, I think, six years in succession. I captained and played back for the team for most of those years; and those that I remember playing in it in different years were George Morris, Hubert Crichton, Kerry, Hill-Child and Arthur Fitz-Gerald.

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polo season, when useful ponies could usually be picked up cheaply. The ponies were then wintered, some being boarded out with officers and others turned out in a field hired for the purpose, and looked after by the regimental stud groom. The ponies were thus wintered for practically nothing, and were got up and got fit in the spring. Every spring after the first year surplus ponies were sold, and, the market at the beginning of the season being almost invariably a good one, they were generally sold at a profit. By 1911 a great many Grenadier officers were playing polo, and by 1914 (in which year the Grenadiers won the Brigade Cup and the Infantry Cup at Ranelagh) the club had paid off the whole of its debt to Messrs. Cox and Co. and had a considerable stud of ponies. At the outbreak of war nearly all of these were taken at low prices for the army, but even so the club was left with some £700 in hand.

During the war the ground at Southfields was used for bombing practice, and the ground was cut up with trenches; and after the war it could not be again acquired as a polo ground. After the war the Brigade Club made temporary arrangements, first with Ranelagh and then with Roehampton, where a few individuals, most of the Coldstream and Welsh Guards, continued to play for a few years, but the days of inexpensive polo in the Brigade were numbered, and after a few years it ceased to be played to any extent by officers, except when on service in Egypt. A few battalions did play some polo after the war as units, notably the 1st Battalion Coldstream under E. Gibbs, the 2nd Battalion Grenadiers at Aldershot under E. Colston, and the Welsh Guards under Price, but the effort was short-lived and the lack of a Brigade Club killed the game in the Brigade at Home.

Major C. H. H. Eales dealt with the sporting records of Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides, with whom polo was started in earnest at Mardan in the autumn of 1880. The infantry parade ground was used, which, in addition to being hard and dusty, faced the wrong way. "George Younghusband," writes Major Eales, "then made a full-sized ground on the present site of our church ground. He had a great job, as the area was covered with tussocky mounds and thorn bushes. Great were the complaints that this clearing would but increase the dust of Mardan. However, it was a great improvement, as it faced north and south instead of into the setting sun. Labour was found by the Kahars, who ordinarily were hospital dhooly-bearers, but were allowed to earn a bit in their free time. On this occasion they were paid one anna a day for their pains! In 1887, when the canal water first flowed, this same ground was turfed, and a few years later a second one was made by taking a slice off the cavalry parade ground. For many years these two polo grounds were the best in Northern India, and may still be classed among the best in the country."

"It was many years," proceeds Major Eales, "before the corps produced winning teams in any of the big tournaments. Being isolated in Mardan, it was always difficult to get other teams to play against, and the supply of ponies was a great problem, as Mardan is too far from the pony market. Continual

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expeditions on the frontier were also a serious handicap to building up good teams. In spite of all these difficulties, the cavalry got into the final of the Bengal Cavalry tournament in 1896, and a corps team won the Punjab tournament, which was an open event in those days and attracted all the best teams in North India. In 1899 the Guides won the Native Infantry tournament, and have since won this event no less than nine times. 1906 was perhaps our most successful year, as the cavalry won both the Bengal Cavalry and P.F.F. tournaments. Polo was strong up to 1914, and the corps continued to produce good teams. During the Great War the cavalry managed to get some polo in Mesopotamia, while the infantry played in Egypt and Palestine. After the Great War the position was much the same as after the Afghan campaign in 1880. Many of the older players had left, and several promising young ones had been killed. The cavalry have won sixteen handicap tournaments since the war, and reached the final of the Indian Cavalry tournament in 1935 and 1936. Prioleau was selected to go to Australia with the Indian Army polo team in 1928. Polo in the infantry has been pretty well knocked on the head owing to three tours to Aden, the Khyber and Waziristan. However, they contrived to enter a team for the Native Infantry in 1928 during a brief spell back in Mardan."

Writing on the (60th) King's Royal Rifle Corps, Major-General Sir Hereward Wake remarked of the regimental association with polo: "The regiment plays polo wherever it goes, but as a matter of fact it must be admitted that it has produced but few first-class players, and only comparatively minor successes in tournaments. The expense of high-class polo at home has for some time put the game beyond the means of most infantry officers. In India we have yet to win the Inter-Regimental. The remarkable achievement of the Durham Light Infantry, who won this trophy three years in succession (1896 to 1898), under De Lisle, and the victory of the Rifle Brigade in 1900, have proved that it is within the reach of an infantry regiment, so we will not despair. Up to the present our best records in India have been the Infantry Cup in 1905 and in 1928, and the Subalterns' Cup in 1913. There are, however, many trophies among the mess plate won at local tournaments, not only in India but in Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar and South Africa."





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CONCERNING MOTORS.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

The history of petrol furnishes a striking side-light on the history of motoring, as I was reminded recently of the Anglo-American Oil Co.'s Jubilee last April.

Any motorist who can remember when he bought petrol in round cans can claim to be a veteran. One usually obtained this spirit from ironmongers or cycle dealers, with one or two inns keeping it because they were situated on the Great North Road or on the Coventry—Birmingham highway. I never saw the Anglo-American Oil Co.'s first office in the City of London opened in 1888, but I well remember their first lot of square two-gallon cans filled with Pratt's, issued in 1904, and the installation of their first service station pump supply in 1919.

In fact the wayside petrol pump proved a boon to motorists, and the Anglo deserve much praise in adopting this method of supply of fuel, which started the installation of pump stations all over the country.

Goodness gracious! how the Anglo has grown in the past fifty years from one depot to 500 depots, a staff of 8,000, and owning 105 ocean-going craft, 13 refineries, 2,500 motor vehicles and 1,800 railway tank cars. And still Pratt's, or rather Esso, as it is now called, is the same reliable petrol it was when it had no opposition against it in the very early days of motoring.

But few of us remember that the ever-recurring petrol station on our highways to-day is only a post-war improvement. We have all accustomed ourselves so much to use them that no one can imagine when they did not exist, and one often had to hunt round a town to find supplies.

Nowadays everything is so simple and easy for automobile owners that smaller matters loom larger than they should. For instance, one has been so accustomed to day and night service that it comes somewhat of a shock to find motor showrooms closed for the half-day once a week because those traders in the district have forgotten that it is necessary to petition their local town or district council that dealers in motors should be exempted from such half-day's closing under the Shops Act of 1912.

That is the reason one finds all the dealers ready and willing to supply your wants in one town, while in another one half-day their premises are closed.

Moreover, it is necessary to obtain signatures on such petitions of over fifty per cent of the dealers of cars, motor-cycles, etc., within the area before the local council can consider such a petition.

Recently the motor shops in Manchester found themselves in this predicament, so they have now instructed a solicitor to arrange for the presentation of a petition in the proper form applying for exemption within the City of Manchester.

From time to time cases have been reported to the R.A.C. where British motorists touring in France have been involved in an accident resulting in injury to a domestic animal which was straying on the road. Not infrequently claims have been made against motorists by the owners of such animals, in some cases for substantial sums.

For the guidance of British motorists, the R.A.C. gives the following exposition of the French law regarding such matters, which it has obtained from the International Association:

"Rural population have habits which are a nuisance; they frequently consider the road a pasturage or a fowl run. The law has fixed that no indemnity is payable to the owner of an animal which, wandering at liberty on the road, is killed or wounded by a vehicle. The Code of the Road and the Penal Code maintain definitely this principle of forbidding the wandering of animals on public highways.

"The driving of herds or flocks of any kind of animals on public roads must be effected so that it shall not inconvenience public circulation and so that meeting or passing may be done conveniently; flocks must not be stationary on the road."

The continuous progress which is being made in the perfection of the motor vehicle, coupled with the fact that such a large proportion of the population has become "motor minded," might make it appear that breakdowns involving professional assistance are almost a thing of the past. Far from this being the case, however, the latest figures relating to the R.A.C. "Get You Home" Service show a substantial increase over 1937.

Actually, the number of cases dealt with under the Service for the five months ended May 31st, 1938, was 5,801, made up of 5,329 cars and 472 motor-cycles and three-wheelers, a total of more than 300 in excess of the same period last year.

The R.A.C. "Get You Home" Service provides free conveyance for any member of the R.A.C. and his passengers when the car, three-wheeler or motor-cycle concerned is disabled owing to a breakdown or accident. In the event of breakdown only, free towage is also covered, in each case for a distance within the limits of the scheme. The fact that, year by year, the records of the R.A.C. "Get You Home" Service show an increase clearly indicates that the need for the protection provided by the Service is as great as ever it was.

A correspondent raises an interesting point on the subject of oil consumption. He writes: "Recently, when the new thinner type of motor oils were announced, I decided to use them. However, I now find that my oil consumption has considerably increased, and in view of the economy claims made for these oils, I am rather disappointed. . . My car is a 1935 model."

The answer to this query is straightforward. If oil consumption were to increase substantially, even so, thinner oil would still be economical. Before explaining the reasons for this seemingly

paradoxical statement, let it be said that the question of increased consumption is only likely to apply to models of pre-1937 vintage which have had a fair amount of wear, and not to new or reconditioned cars.

It is fairly obvious that older cars, in which the engine has been worn, have a larger margin of clearance between the pistons and the cylinders. This means that if thinner oils are used a larger quantity compared with the thick type will get past the pistons and be burnt, with resulting increased consumption. Now, although thicker oils may be economical in this direction, yet, because of their very nature, they cannot circulate so freely round the engine as the thin. This is particularly so when the engine is warming up from cold, the most critical time for engine wear. So we now have it that thick oil may save a little oil, but thin will certainly reduce wear and corrosion. The problem, therefore, evolves itself into a question of simple arithmetic—oil against engine wear; and the answer is very obvious.

The reason already stated above would alone justify the use of thin oils, but in addition to greater engine protection it has many other advantages—quicker starting, more miles per gallon petrol, less decoking, longer battery life—to mention a few.

Motorists using light oils must, however, take heed of a warning issued by the leading oil manufacturers on the use of light oils. Apparently it has been ascertained that a number of motorists have been using the winter grades of these lighter oils in summer, with, of course, resultant dissatisfaction. If motorists have any doubt as to whether they are using the correct grade, consult the local garage, who have the latest manufacturers' recommendations.

Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Transport, cleared the air considerably in his speech in Parliament reviewing the Department's work for the year he has been in office.

Referring to Germany's new motor roads for motors only, he stated that to restrict roads in this country to one class of traffic would require legislation, and the Government had the matter under consideration.

On the Report of the Transport Advisory Committee on the problem of accidents caused by pedal cyclists, Mr. Burgin stated that the report raises wide and highly controversial issues, so needs careful consideration.

At the same time there is a general feeling in the House that cycle tracks will be made parallel to and part of our main roads where pedestrians have footpaths, that carrying a rear light and a small disc with the name and address of the owner of the cycle, an obligation to report accidents and a prohibition of riding more than two abreast, are suggestions in the Report which may mature in future legislation.

According to archæologists, the oldest road in England is the Harroway. It can be traced from Marazion in Cornwall across the rivers on Dartmoor by means of the primitive clapper bridges, passes through Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain, and later follows the line of the Pilgrims' Way through southern England.

This whole route is very nice country, full of interesting places,

so that I can thoroughly recommend it as a guide for a tour through pastoral rural England to visitors who want to have a holiday on the road and stop where they like for as long or as short a period as they wish.

Londoners who are apt to run out on summer evenings to road-houses with swimming pools and other entertainments on its outskirts, seem to have forgotten that the oldest inn in England is "The Fighting Cocks," at St. Albans, whose origin can be traced back to A.D. 795.

Writing on places to see during a motor tour reminds me that Bamburgh, the ancient royal city of Bernicia, which is about to celebrate this year the centenary of Grace Darling and the rescue of the nine survivors of the ill-fated steamer "Forfarshire," which struck on the Carcar rocks in September, 1838, by the Darling family.

Bamburgh Church, where Grace Darling is buried, and Bamburgh Castle, are well worth a visit when in the neighbourhood.

This Bamburgh Castle was built by King Ida in A.D. 547, when, as King of Northumbria, he lived here and made it the capital of England, as, for a brief period, Northumbria had conquered the Mercians, until later they threw off the yoke of the North and Prender, King of the Mercians, lay siege to Bamburgh.

The great square Norman keep was built in the time of Henry II, and is still much in its original state. But the castle saw many battles, as both Danes and Scots besieged, assaulted, pillaged and burnt Bamburgh in the centuries that followed the original building of the castle, so the place is full of historical interest.

I often wonder whether history will take any notice of efforts to create higher speeds on land, sea and in the air, except in a mere passing reference of this present-day period.

There is one thing that deserves chronicling, however, which is the modesty of Mr. John Cobb, who leaves for Bouneville Salt Flats, Utah, on July 27th, crossing the Atlantic in the "Aquitania," his giant Railton car preceding him on July 8th per s.s. "Georgie."

This Napier-Railton racer is lighter than George Eyston's "Thunderbolt" Rolls-Royce, but Cobb himself weighs 16 stone, so is considerably heavier than his friendly rival. The two Napier 12-cylinder aero engines, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. bore, $5\frac{1}{8}$ in. stroke, develop 1,250 h.p. from their 23,936 cc. cylinder capacity. The car has a three-speed gearbox with a top ratio of 1.35 to 1. Independent front wheel suspension, but normal coil springs backed by a series of rubber discs which take up the work when the coil spring is compressed solid, for the rear suspension, with similar type of springs for the independent front wheels' suspension.

As usual in racing cars, the front axle has a wider track, of 5 ft. 6 in., as compared with the 3 ft. 6 in. for rear axle track. All four wheels, front and rear, are driven running on 44-inch tyres.

It was the tyres which settled the weight of the car, as, using only four tyres, the chassis and racing shell body had to be kept within 7,000 lb., or $62\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. A single steel girder in the centre

forms the frame, the engines being slung on either side of this girder near the centre of the car. Each engine, with its transmission, is independent of its fellow. One drives through a three-speed gearbox and a short propeller shaft to the bevel gear wheels of the front axle, contained in a housing bolted to the frame.

The other engine drives through another three-speed gearbox and another propeller shaft to the bevels of the rear axle, which is of conventional design. The steering gear is of normal type, with the differential on front axle and none on rear wheels. Also Cobb sits in front of the front axle and the control has been arranged so that one lever changes gear on both gearboxes simultaneously. The two engine throttles are also interconnected, and the brake pedal operates hydraulically two contracting bands on the gearboxes, and can be made to raise also an "air brake" flap at the back of the body. The friction brakes are fully capable of stopping the car without the air brake, and each brake drum is water-cooled automatically by water fed from the engine cooling system.

The streamline contour of the car has no radiator to spoil its lines, as the cooling system for the engines consists of a 75-gallon water tank, in which ice is placed before each run. This tank, and those for fuel and oil, is carried at the side of the frame. Eighteen gallons of National Benzole fills the fuel tank and 15 gallons of Shell-Mex B.P. oil that for the lubrication.

Of course, K.L.G. plugs are used, just as they were by Alex. Henshaw and Giles Guthrie, the winner and second of the King's Cup air race on their Mew Gull aeroplanes. But these record-trying cars are really aeroplanes on wheels, with all the same types of power units and superchargers. We tourists on the road can only wish both Eyston and Cobb "happy landings" and hope for the best. But, personally, I think the Rolls-Royce "Thunderbolt" will beat the Napier-Railton. We shall have to wait until August to find out which is the faster.

For those who like figures Malcolm Campbell's "Blue Bird" Rolls-Royce put up 301.13 miles per hour in 1935 at these Bonneville Salt Flats. George Eyston raised the speed to 312 m.p.h. over the same course in "Thunderbolt" Rolls-Royce and is now at Utah with a reconstructed "Thunderbolt" to get as near 350 m.p.h. over the kilometre or the mile as he can. In any case, it is very probable that both Eyston and Cobb will improve on 312 m.p.h., the present record. Also those motorists who favour magnetos on their cars will note that Cobb's racer has magneto ignition supplied by Joseph Lucas and Co. Ltd., who are the chief suppliers of electrical equipment on most British motors.





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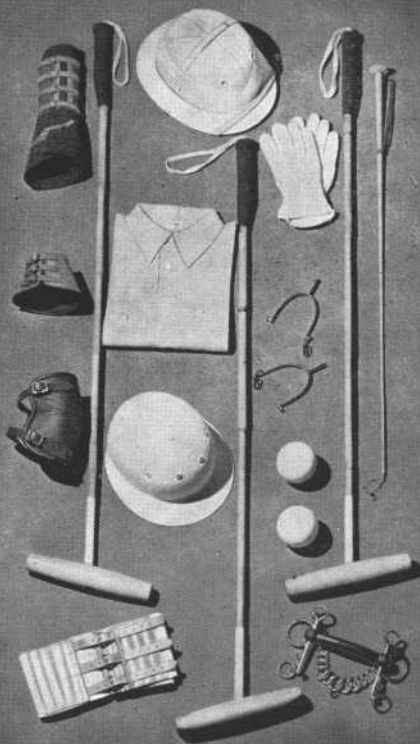
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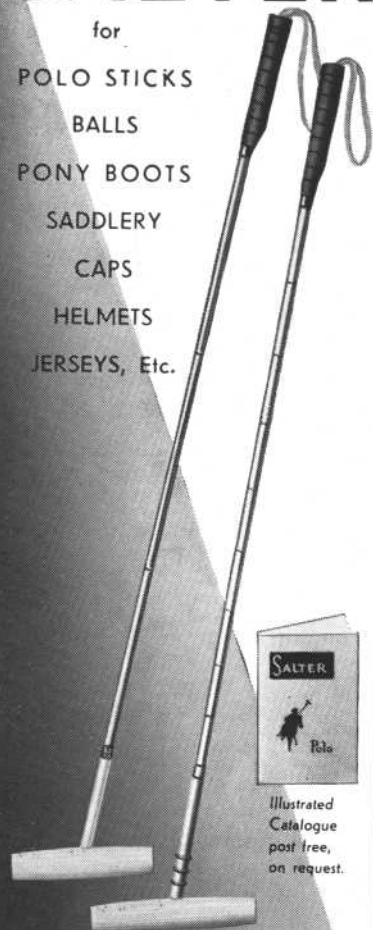


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MAY.

WEDNESDAY,	17th.	Wimbledon Cup Semi-Final.
THURSDAY,	18th.	Wimbledon Cup Semi-Final.
SATURDAY,	20th.	Wimbledon Cup Final.
SATURDAY,	20th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament commences.
WEDNESDAY,	24th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Semi-Final.
THURSDAY,	25th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Semi-Final.
SATURDAY,	27th.	Visitors' Handicap Tournament Final.
SATURDAY,	27th.	Broomhouse Cup commences.
WHIT-MON.,	29th.	Empire (Prince of Wales's) Cup.
WHIT-MON.,	29th.	Hurlingham v. An Army Team.
WEDNESDAY,	31st.	Broomhouse Cup Semi-Finals.

JUNE.

SATURDAY,	3rd.	Broomhouse Cup Final.
SATURDAY,	3rd.	Inter-Regimental Tournament Ties.
MONDAY, 5th, to		Inter-Regimental Tournament Ties.
SATURDAY,	10th.	
TUESDAY,	13th,	Inter-Regimental Tournament Semi-Finals.
and		
WEDNESDAY,	14th.	Inter-Regimental Tournament Final.
SATURDAY,	17th.	
SATURDAY,	17th.	Champion Cup 1st Tie.
MONDAY,	19th.	Champion Cup Ties.
WEDNESDAY,	21st,	Champion Cup Semi-Finals.
and		
THURSDAY,	22nd.	Champion Cup Final.
SATURDAY,	24th.	
SATURDAY,	24th.	Subalterns' Gold Cup Final.
SATURDAY,	24th.	Cicero Cup commences.
MONDAY, 26th, to		Cicero Cup.
SATURDAY,	1st.	

JULY.

SATURDAY,	1st.	Tyro Challenge Cup (<i>The Hurlingham Junior Championship</i>) commences.
MONDAY,	3rd.	Indian Empire and Eastern Garden Party. India v. The World, for "The Indian Princes' Challenge Shield."
MONDAY, 3rd, to		Tyro Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY,	8th.	
SATURDAY,	8th.	Oxford v. Cambridge (5 p.m.).
SATURDAY,	8th.	Ashton Cup commences.
MONDAY, 10th, to		Ashton Cup.
SATURDAY,	15th.	
SATURDAY,	15th.	Villavieja Cup.
SATURDAY,	15th.	Social Clubs' Cup commences.
MONDAY, 17th, to		Social Clubs' Cup, and Clanbrassil Cup (Ladies' Championship).
SATURDAY,	22nd.	

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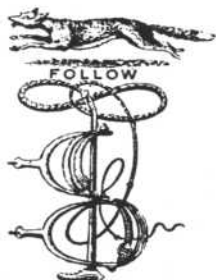
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Buenos Aires Cup	May 13—20
Junior Colts' Cup	May 20—27
Open Cup	June 3—10
Handicap Cup	June 10—17
Subalterns' Gold Cup	...	...	...	...	June 10—24
Duke of York's Cup—					
Royal Navy v. Royal Air Force...	...	...	...	...	June 12—17
The Kit-Cat Cup	...	...	...	...	June 24—July 1
Coronation Cup	...	...	...	...	July 1—8
Hunt Cup	...	...	...	...	July 8—15
County Polo Week	...	...	...	...	July 10—15
The Bluejackets' Cup	...	...	...	...	July 15—22
Farewell Handicap Tournament	...	...	...	...	July 22—29
Verdun Cup—					
A British Team v. An Allies Team					} Dates to be arranged.
Harrington Cup—					
House of Lords v. House of Commons					

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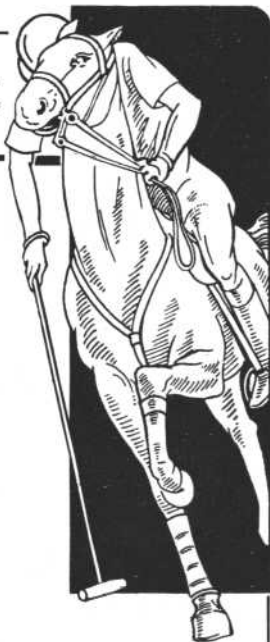
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WEDNESDAY, 17th.	Entries close for Roehampton Open Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 20th.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 24th.	Entries close for Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 27th.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 27th.	Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 31st.	Bhopal Cup.
WEDNESDAY, 31st.	Entries close for Lawson Cup.

JUNE.

SATURDAY, 1st.	Sutton-Smith Challenge Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 1st.	Lawson Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 7th.	Entries close for Young Cup.
SATURDAY, 10th.	Lawson Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 10th.	Young Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 14th.	Entries close for Shaw Cup.
SATURDAY, 17th.	Young Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 17th.	Shaw Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 21st.	Entries close for Junior Championship.
SATURDAY, 24th.	Shaw Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 24th.	Junior Championship commences.
WEDNESDAY, 28th.	Entries close for Roehampton Cup.
THURSDAY, 29th.	Eleventh Annual British Empire Garden Party.
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	At 3 p.m., Frank Hargreaves Cup.
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	Band of the Life Guards.

JULY.

SATURDAY, 1st.	Junior Championship Final.
SATURDAY, 1st.	Roehampton Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 5th.	Entries close for Military Handicap Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 8th.	Roehampton Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 8th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 12th.	Entries close for Ladies' Nomination Challenge Cup.
SATURDAY, 15th.	Military Handicap Challenge Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 15th.	Ladies' Nomination Challenge Cup commences.
WEDNESDAY, 19th.	Entries close for Handicap Tournament.
SATURDAY, 22nd.	Ladies' Nomination Challenge Cup Final.
SATURDAY, 22nd.	Handicap Tournament commences.
SATURDAY, 29th.	Handicap Tournament Final.

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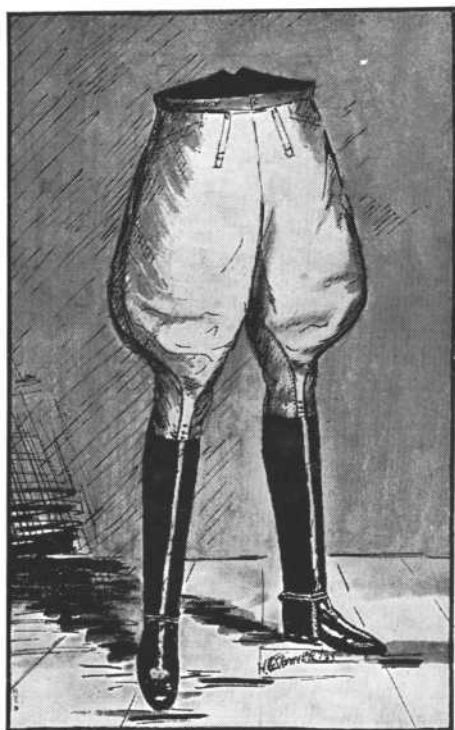
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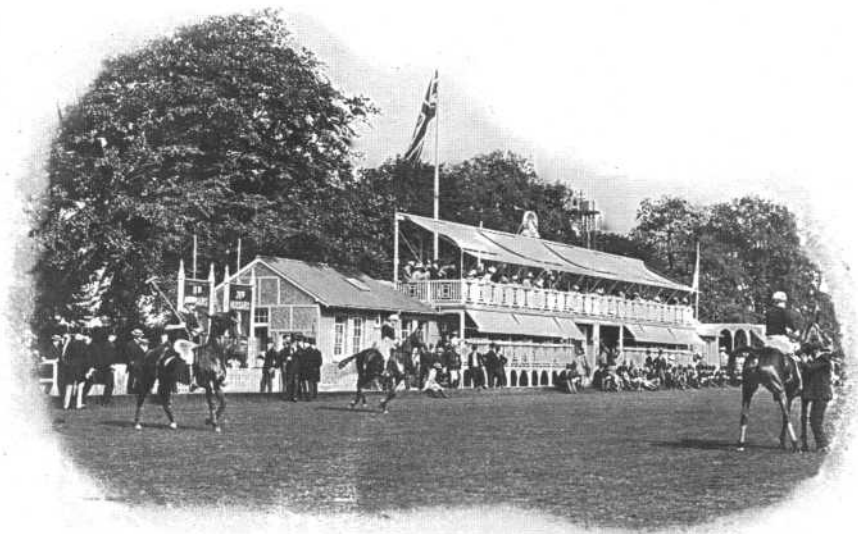
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CURRENT TOPICS.



The London Season.

The London season should have been started last week but, as has so often happened before, the weather decreed otherwise. The recent rains had left the majority of grounds too soft for play and there would have been a danger of them cutting-up badly had matches been played. In a normal season this delay in starting would have made difficulties in carrying out the full programme, but the absence of our best players in the United States has naturally meant smaller entries for most of the tournaments. The Whitney Cup, for instance, has only received an entry of two teams. The preliminary ties should have been played before last Saturday but, as it happens, there was no delay in spite of the loss of a week of the season. The two teams concerned in it were Adsdean (the Hon. M. R. Samuel, No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; and Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, back), and Juggernauts (Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Major W. G. Carr, No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 3; and Capt. R. W. Hobson, back).

Memories of 1914.

In 1914 England regained the Westchester Cup from America on the eve of the Great War. Since then international matches

in America have always been played in September. This year again the matches are to be played in June, which may be of happy augury. We reprint elsewhere in this number comments by eye-witnesses of that historic series, believing that this must be of considerable interest to our readers, not only to those who remember those great events, but also to the younger generation, to whom the story is no more than a tradition.

The Length of a Chukker.

An agitation is being made in America for termination of chukkers on the bell, instead of continuing until the ball goes out of play or the whistle blows for a foul. The idea has much to support it, for it is in these extra minutes that the damage is done to ponies and the bad falls take place. The fatal accident to Pat Roark, for instance, took place a minute and a half after the bell in a very hard chukker. The rule which will be in operation in England this year provides for the umpires to stop when the ball is in a "neutral" position immediately after the bell. That is all to the good, and will probably be found to be sufficient.

Questioning the Umpire.

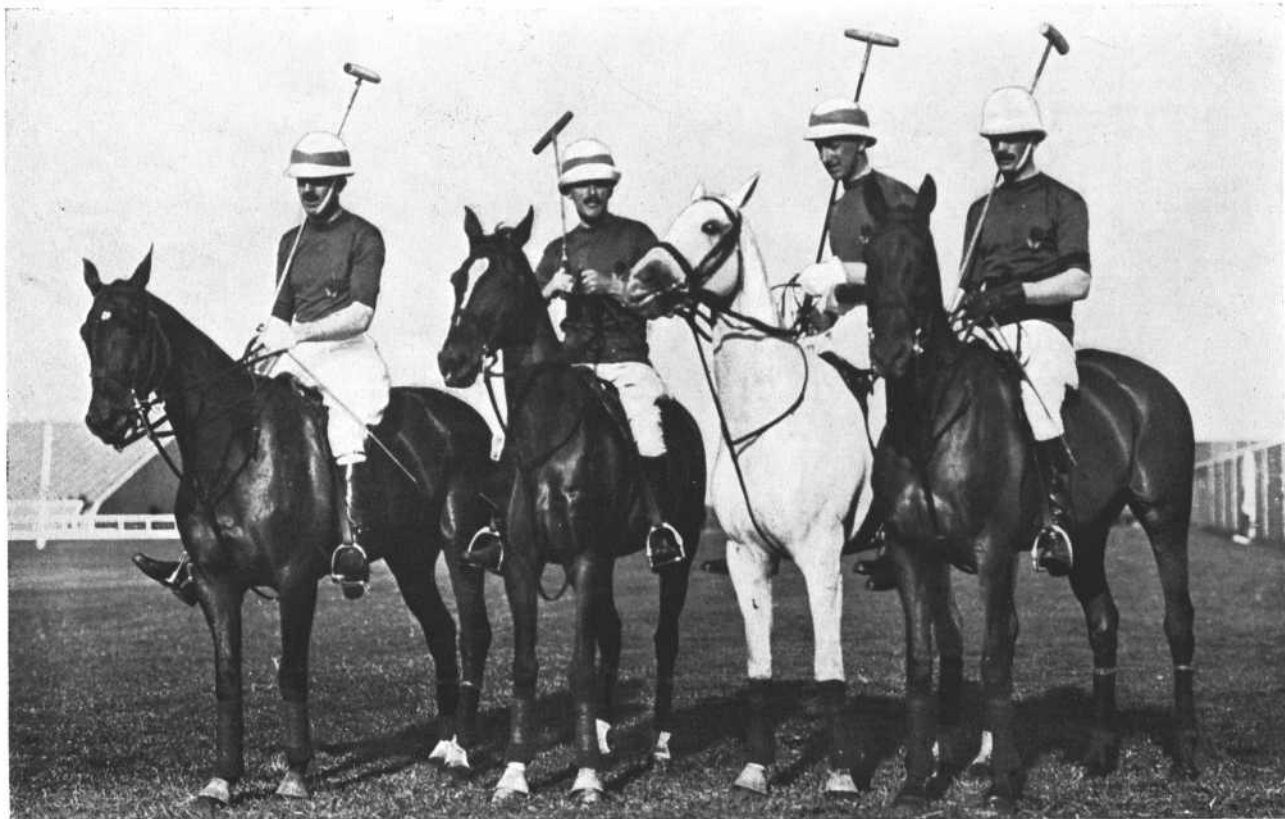
The rule, on the other hand, which permits the captain of a side to question the ruling of an umpire during the play, does not seem so good. A much better suggestion was made by a famous umpire to the effect that the captain might ask the umpires any question he wished during the change of ponies after a chukker, with no time allowance for wasted time. That would discourage a practice that might become a menace. After all, a game is no more than a game, and it is a tradition in all our sports that the umpire's decision is final.

The Optimists.

An important addition to the Open Cup teams in the London Season is Mr. W. L. Horbury's Optimists, with Raj Kumar Prithi Singh and the Maharaja of Jaipur. Capt. H. C. Walford, of the 17/21st Lancers, was to have completed the line-up, a 26 goal side, but owing to the exigencies of the Service, his leave has been postponed. Mr. Horbury, however, is confident of filling the gap with another Indian player of little less skill. He proposes to mount the team exclusively on his own ponies, which is a tall order, but the quality of his string is well up to it.

A Well-Mounted Team.

It will be remembered that in the Internationals of 1936 Mr. Horbury mounted Mr. Hesketh Hughes, and the ponies enabled him to give a magnificent performance. They are not only of great quality, but without exception beautifully schooled, as they are schooled in India. Of the ponies Mr. Hughes played two years ago he has still the chesnut Cincerro, Largato, Lulu, Merla



THE ENGLISH TEAM OF 1914.

The winning English team was made up of (left to right) Capt. V. N. Lockett, Capt. F. W. Barrett, Capt. L. St. C. Cheape and Capt. H. A. Tomkinson. They were the last English team to win a match for the Westchester Cup. An article on the 1914 matches appears elsewhere in this issue.

(who went extraordinarily well), Timote, and the far-famed brown Xmas Cracker.

Registered Colours.

Lord Louis Mountbatten's Adsdean team will be the same as last year, with the Hon. M. R. Samuel, Mr. J. P. Robinson, and Capt. H. G. Morrison. Col. Sir Harold Wernher will be running a Someries House team as usual, but its composition is not yet certain, as it seems likely that officers may find it hard to spare the time to play in London this summer. The order of the London Polo Committee to the effect that colours of teams must be registered at the beginning of the season, has resulted in the registration of seven teams. These are: Adsdean, Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (blue, red and white sash); Carswell Manor, Capt. H. S. Ford (dark blue); Edge Hill, the Hon. M. R. Samuel (claret, white sleeves); Edmundsbury, Capt. A. H. Barclay (brown, yellow spots); Jaguars, the Hon. Keith Rous (red and grey); Lavington, Major S. C. Deed (blue and gold); Someries House, Col. Sir Harold Wernher (green and yellow).

There will no doubt be several other teams in the various handicaps.

Official Umpires.

The official umpires at the three London Clubs will be:—*Hurlingham*: Brigadier W. H. Anderson (polo manager), Major A. G. S. Alexander, Capt. C. W. Hesketh. *Ranelagh* (under the management of Hurlingham): Capt. L. H. H. Harris (polo manager), Major Trevor Horn, Major John Wilson. *Roehampton*: Col. H. A. B. Johnson, Major P. Bayer, Col. S. V. Kennedy. Major M. Cox is, of course, chief umpire of England.

The Hurlingham List.

The Hurlingham Polo Association publishes a list of recommended umpires, as has been done for a long time in India. The following names are on the list:—

Major M. Cox, Chief Umpire of England.

Major A. G. S. Alexander, Brigadier W. H. Anderson, Capt. David Dawnay, Capt. L. H. H. Harris, Capt. C. W. Hesketh, Major Trevor Horn, Col. Sidney Kennedy, Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., Mr. E. C. Roark.

Not necessarily available: Major Claud Crichton, Capt. H. W. L. Cowan, Major R. George, Lieut.-Col. J. Muirhead, Major C. P. J. Prioleau, Capt. H. C. Walford, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Williams.

Polo in the Country.

There is no indication as yet of much activity in the provinces. The absence of foreign teams tuning up at Beaufort, Dunster, or elsewhere has deprived the season of an initial impulse. The grounds are looking splendid and inviting, but so far little has happened. At Penshurst there has been some practice, and the

grounds are certainly in the most excellent condition. By the time these notes appear, however, things no doubt will have begun to "warm up."

The Season at Tidworth.

There is every reason to expect a most interesting season at Tidworth this year. All five grounds are in excellent order, and that lovely Fisher Ground in particular is better than ever before. There are now at Tidworth five Cavalry Regiments, the 60th and the Rifle Brigade, both of which regiments play polo. At Bulford there are two Horse Artillery Regiments. Brigadier Heydeman, who has been chairman of the club for three seasons, is relinquishing command of the Brigade on appointment to India. His place as chairman is being taken by Brigadier Norrie.

The Heydeman Cup.

Brigadier Heydeman has spent a vast deal of care and trouble over the polo at Tidworth during his command. In spite of many difficulties the game has flourished and improved during his period of command. He will be very badly missed. He has always insisted that his officers should be given every facility to play polo, provided this did not interfere with their duties, holding the game to be "the finest training for a cavalry officer," which indeed it is. His name will be perpetuated at a club which owes him so much in a Challenge Cup he has presented to the club.

Richmond Park Polo Ground.

At a meeting of the Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee it was decided to start play on this ground on Saturday, April 29. Also, in order to meet the expenses for the upkeep of the ground, that a charge of 10s. per player be made for each day anyone takes part in games or matches on this ground. Mr. J. P. Robinson has very kindly presented a silver challenge cup to be competed for annually.

In 1938 the total amount received in voluntary donations and subscriptions amounted to £1,137 2s. 6d. The cost of getting the ground ready, buying goal posts, polo boards, etc., came to £765, whilst the maintenance charges amounted to £320, thus leaving a credit balance of £52 on January 1, 1939. Since that date the ground has had a top dressing of just over 200 yards of sifted soil, but it is regretted that, owing to lack of money, it was impossible to do any further improvements to the ground during the winter months.

The estimated maintenance charges for 1939 will be approximately £350, towards which about £60 has already been received in voluntary subscriptions. It is, therefore, obvious that more financial support will be required if further improvements to the ground are to be made. Any further voluntary donations and subscriptions will be greatly welcomed, and should be sent to

the Hon. Secretary, Richmond Park Polo Ground Committee, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

The Giant Pandas.

A team which will be playing in the medium handicaps should attract a good deal of favouritism, if for no more than their name and their colours. These are the Giant Pandas (the "Giant," we understand, being at the moment under discussion), and their sponsor is Mr. Nigel Dugdale. The other members of the team are Capt. J. Heathcoat-Amory, Capt. the Hon. R. G. Hamilton-Russell, and, as the spear-head of their attack, Mr. Archie David. Their colours, as suggested by their title, are black and white vests decorated with the totem (on the breast) of our friend "Baby," who is daily drawing large "houses" at the Zoo.

Low Prices for Ponies.

This seems likely to be a year of low prices for polo ponies, which is borne out by the prices fetched in the early sales. It is, therefore, an excellent opportunity for anyone who is on the look-out for some good ones which in time may rally the market a trifle. There are quantities of good trained ponies and very likely youngsters up and down the breadth of the country if one takes the trouble to look for them. A somewhat desultory season as this promises to be, will ensure that the young ones shall not be overplayed and, perhaps, soured.

Indian Empire Garden Party.

Queen Mary hopes to be present at the annual Indian Empire and Eastern garden party to be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, July 3, from 2 to 6.30 p.m.

All officers who have served in the Near and Far East or India and the Crown Colonies, as well as clergymen, with their wives and daughters, are eligible. Lady nurses and officers' widows may also attend.

There will be a polo match at 3 p.m., India v. The World, for the Indian Princes' Challenge Shield, and the Kneller Hall Band and Pipe Band of the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, will play during the afternoon. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, including tea and light refreshments, can be obtained from Lieut.-Col. C. C. Anderson, 10 Gilston Road, London, S.W.10. The proceeds will be given to Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

Old Westbury to be Disbanded.

The news that, owing to pressure of business, Mr. C. V. Whitney is disbanding his Old Westbury team, may not come as any great surprise. The running of a team in the Open Championship is an enormously costly matter, for they must be mounted on ponies of International class or they will be nowhere. In any case, the two Whitneys have for the last four years made

the Championship a regular family affair, and it is somebody else's turn. Mr. Sonny Whitney was in the Meadow Brook team which beat the United States Army by 8 goals to 5 in 1928. In 1935 began the reign of Greentree, Mr. Jock Whitney's outfit, and they carried all before them with Mr. Pete Bostwick at No. 1, Mr. Tommy Hitchcock at No. 2, Mr. Gerald Balding at No. 3, and Mr. J. H. Whitney at back. In the following year Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Balding exchanged places, and again they won by a single goal from Templeton. Next year Old Westbury wrested the title from them with Mr. Mike Phipps, Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. S. B. Iglehart, and Mr. Sonny Whitney at back. It was very largely a matter of ponies, and last year Old Westbury was even better mounted, and won by 16 goals to 7. With its personnel and its wonderful ponies Old Westbury was not far from being an international side.

A Magnificent String.

Mr. C. V. Whitney was invited to a place in the defending squad this year, who are now congregated on Long Island getting ready for the Westchester Cup matches. Good player though he is, his inclusion obviously was made with a view to getting a lien on that splendid string of his. At the end of last season it will be remembered he won the Championship with his bay gelding Estilista, by Morfeo out of a mare by Monoculo, for whom he paid as a six-year-old, £1,500. He owns also Fuss Budget, by St. Germans (sire of Twenty Grand), out of Quarrel, who won for the second time in succession the Prince Friar Stone Cup. In addition he has Rubisela, a bay mare by Collar Stud out of Estella, who carried Mr. Iglehart three chukkers in the last two Open Championship trials; Tornasol, by Morfeo, out of Sweet Briar; Cacique, a chesnut gelding, by Zaragatero, out of Mumps (by Killrane); and numerous others hardly less notable. This year the Old Westbury string were noticeably superior even to the Greentree ponies, some of which are beginning to go back.

A Possible Change.

Though one has no cause to doubt the reason given for the retirement of the Old Westbury team, it is worthy of note that public polo opinion in America is beginning to harden against the teams of "prima donnas" who year after year sweep the boards. It is held that, in the true interests of the game, the Open Championship should, in fact, cease to exist as an "open" affair, and a limit of 28 goals be imposed. That, it is argued, would lead to better polo all round, a fairer chance to every one, and produce probably better games, and possibly more entries. Last year, for instance, even teams such as Aknusti, with the Gerry brothers, Capt. Pat Roark, and Mr. Raymond Guest, and Mr. "Shorty" Knox's Aurora were regarded almost as cumberers of the earth. Possibly this opinion, freely expressed in the highest quarters, may have had some weight in Mr. Whitney's decision.

A Busy Season.

This year the polo at Meadow Brook promises to be even more interesting than last year. It is by no means certain that all the British players will return to England in time to come in for the tail-end of the season, and several most probably will remain to play in various American teams on Long Island. After the Internationals there will be a slight lull, and then the various teams will begin to get ready for the Open Championship and the Monty Waterbury Cup. During those weeks of preparation you will see the best polo of the year at Meadow Brook, for without the desperate urgency of a cup tie the players are liable to produce more brilliant form at that time than any other. A practice match at Meadow Brook often surpasses the big occasion in brilliance, and even excitement.

The Game in New Zealand.

Hawke's Bay (N.Z.) won the Australasian Gold Cup for Polo on April 17, defeating Western Districts (N.Z.) in the final by 5 goals to 4, after extra time had been called. This cup, emblematic of the Australian and N.Z. Polo Championship, was won last year at Sydney by a New Zealand team. Australia did not send a cup team this year. An article on polo in New Zealand is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Sir Alfred Pease.

Sir Alfred Pease, who died in Yorkshire at the end of last month, was one of the earliest polo enthusiasts in the country and the game owed much to his interest and keenness during those days. He was an exceptionally fine horseman and was a familiar figure with the Cleveland, with which pack he used to hunt regularly. Indeed, he was fond of all sports and was a well-known shot and a first-rate stalker. Many will remember his book, *Half a Century of Sport*, which appeared in 1932, with its racy descriptions of hunts and games in which he took part. He took a keen interest in horses up till the end, and his death will be a sad loss to a great many friends, both young and old, amongst sportsmen.

The Kashmir Contingent.

As already remarked, the addition of the four top-class ponies recently purchased by the Maharaja of Kashmir, and by him most sportingly lent to the Hurlingham team in America, has greatly strengthened the British mounting for the Internationals. Of these, Flechilla, a bay nine-year-old mare, is by Ridgeway out of Felcha (by the celebrated sire Collar Stud, sire of Rubisela). She was bred and played by Mr. Jack Nelson, was champion pony of the Hurlingham (Buenos Aires) Show in 1937, and has won many other prizes. Roseta, b m 9 y.o., is also by Ridgeway, out of La V, bred by Mr. Jack Nelson. Both of these are light-weights, and would presumably suit either Mr. Aidan Roark or

Mr. Hughes. Figurita and Gold Leaf, a young chesnut gelding, are splendid heavy-weight ponies, and probably will be played by Mr. Gerald Balding.

The Hurlingham Report.

The report and accounts of the Hurlingham Club for the year ended December 31, 1938, have just been issued. They disclose a satisfactory state of affairs, showing a surplus of just over £1,800 on the income and expenditure account, while additional property has been acquired, and various buildings completed and works carried out. There are the usual four retirements by rotation from the committee, and the vacancies are filled by Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin and Major A. H. Ferguson in the polo section, and Lord Davidson and Col. the Hon. Henry Guest in the general purposes section.

Gifts to the Club.

Mention in the report is made of various gifts to the club during the season. The Hon. Hans Rowan-Hamilton has given a silver challenge cup for annual competition for the Ladies' Championship at polo, while Mrs. E. D. Miller has presented a silver challenge cup, to be presented annually for the best polo pony played in the Champion Cup. Mrs. C. W. Peters has given pictures, books and lilies for the garden, and Lieut.-Col. Henry Chamney has presented a framed copy of the original Rules of Polo. Shrubs and plants for the garden have been given by Lord Cowdray, Lady Violet Astor, Lord Doneraile, Commander M. B. Alexander-Sinclair, R.N., Lieut.-Col. J. R. C. Gannon and Miss Mavis Devitt.

Extension of Property.

The committee have acquired the No. 2 polo ground and Broomhouse Lane, and this property has become the freehold of the club. New stabling for 66 ponies, complete with harness rooms, has been built, and the two old open riding schools have been levelled, and one new school, 50 yards by 25 yards, enclosed by a 7-ft. sloping wall, has been made.

Last season 43 matches were played on the No. 1 ground, 36 on No. 2 ground and 17 on the two grounds at Wimbledon. The team sent to represent the Hurlingham Club in Dublin last August was successful in all its matches.

The Arab Horse.

A review appears elsewhere of the annual journal of the Arab Horse Society, an admirably produced publication. The Arab is the father of the English thoroughbred, and as such must be of interest to all horsemen. It is encouraging to learn that the membership of the Society is growing rapidly.

HURLINGHAM TEAM IN U.S.

A Letter from Lord Cowdray.

The secretary of the Hurlingham Polo Association recently received a report from Lord Cowdray on the activities of the English players in the United States. It is in the form of a letter and is printed below.

San Mateo, California.

April 15, 1939.

The time has now come when the progress of the Hurlingham team in California may be reviewed.

I.

The ponies arrived at Midwick from Del Monte on February 10, and it was soon evident, both from the way they looked and from the way that they accounted for themselves in the early matches, that Leaf had done an extraordinarily good job in getting them tuned up for top-class polo. Everyone was unanimous in this opinion.



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LORD COWDRAY.

Unfortunately, Major Leaf at this time began to suffer from a recurrence of his throat trouble, and from the start of the matches was handicapped in looking after the ponies. Finally, early in March, his throat trouble became so troublesome that he

was forced to resign altogether. Mr. Gerald Balding then took temporary charge of the ponies until such time as a substitute could be obtained for Major Leaf. It has, however, not been possible to find a suitable man, and it has therefore been decided that Mr. Balding shall continue in charge of the ponies. Combining this job with the captaincy of the side has kept Mr. Balding extremely busy, but he has fulfilled both to everyone's satisfaction.

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The matches played out here may be divided into two periods, from February 9 to March 12, inclusive, when neither Mr. Balding nor Mr. Roark were available, and from March 19 to date, during which time both Mr. Balding and Mr. Roark have been playing.

In the first period four big games were played. On February 19, February 26 and March 5 at Midwick, and on March 12 at

Santa Barbara. In the first two games the line-up was Hughes 1, Skene 2, Tyrrell Martin 3 and Lakin back, and in the next two games the line-up was changed, Lakin moving up to 2 and Skene and Tyrrell Martin dropping back to 3 and back respectively. The results of these four games are already known, and it may be said that the British team, considering that they were without their best two players, acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. The outstanding feature during the period was perhaps the brilliant striking of Skene, who was not only spectacular but also effective. Lakin, too, showed great promise, both at back and at 2. His striking may not have been as accurate as Skene's, but his aggressive play no doubt made many openings for the other members of his side, particularly in the game on March 12 at Santa Barbara, when his close attention to Cecil Smith considerably reduced the effectiveness of that great player. Eric Tyrrell Martin played a steady game throughout this series, although perhaps not reaching his best form.

The second period starts with the game in Golden Gate Park on March 19, in which Balding and Roark made their first appearance. The California authorities were unable to produce suitable opposition, and so the British squad split up and played amongst themselves, Cowdray going in with Roark, Balding, Tyrrell

Martin and an American 4-goal player, George Pope, going in with Lakin, Skene and Hughes. This was a fine game of polo, Balding and Roark showing great brilliance in the first four periods, and for the other side Lakin, at 2, showing really fine form. Hughes played well at back, doing a power of work.

The next game, due on March 26, was cancelled by rain. This was unfortunate, as a good game then would have been a great help to the British side. The next game was at Golden Gate Park on April 12, when Skene (1), Roark (2), Balding (3) and Tyrrell Martin (back) beat Wrightsman (1), Cecil Smith (2), Eric Pedley (3) and Boeseke (back) by 15—7. In this match the British side went really well, and looked like a top-class side. Skene



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MR. J. LAKIN.

did everything that could be expected of a No. 1, Roark's hitting and anticipation were brilliant; Balding was at his best, which means very good, and Tyrrell Martin was steady at back. The whole team played as a real side.

In order to get at least two more good games for our team, so that Lakin and Hughes could each be tried out at No. 1, it was arranged for only two sides to be entered in the Pacific Open,



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MR. E. H. TYRRELL MARTIN.

and so a Hurlingham side, consisting of Lakin (1), Roark (2), Balding (3) and Tyrrell Martin (back) played a Texas Rangers side consisting of Wrightsman, Cecil Smith, Pedley and Boeseke in the final of the Pacific Coast Open on Friday, April 7. This time the British side, after starting well in the first period, completely went to pieces, and were beaten 11-6. Roark had an off day and was not inclined to come back, and the whole side got muddled up and on top of each other. Thus the game was no test whatsoever of Lakin at No. 1.

On Sunday, April 9, the same sides played again, with Hughes at No. 1 for Hurlingham instead of Lakin. This time, although our side went better, they were still not at their best, and were four goals behind at the end of the sixth period. Then Balding moved up to 2, Roark went back to 3, and the side went better, and we finally won, with overtime, by 11—10.

These last two games were a disappointment after the fine form



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shown on April 2, but they need not be taken too seriously, as our players were far below their best form.

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It had been hoped to get another game for our team next Sunday, but again suitable opposition was not available, and so it was thought best for Mr. Balding to go over to Aiken to take charge of the ponies there. Accordingly he left California for Aiken on April 13. A game has, however, been arranged for the squad on Sunday, April 16, at Golden Gate Park, when the

teams will be Cowdray, Lakin, Roark and Hughes *versus* Pope, Skene, Carl Crawford (an American 6-goal player) and Tyrrell Martin.

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After this match the Hurlingham players will disperse, and plan to reassemble at Aiken about May 1 (with the exception of



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Roark, who cannot get away, and who will go direct to Long Island, arriving there about May 10). If the weather is suitable in Long Island they will all move up there about May 5, with the idea of playing the first game on Long Island on May 7.

The ponies, on the whole, have turned out satisfactorily. Eleven of the best were shipped to Aiken on February 14 to join the twenty-four ponies we have there already. Four ponies have not turned out well and have been disposed of in California. Of the private ponies, those which it has been decided will not be required in Long Island have either been disposed of or, in some cases, sent home. The remaining ponies, twenty-seven in number,

will be shipped to Long Island on April 25, after our final match, and the total number of ponies we shall have in Long Island will be sixty-two. Included in this number are seven ponies of Lord Cowdray's for his own use, so that fifty-five will be available for the team.



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MR. H. H. HUGHES.

The Last Game in the West.

The Hurlingham team played one more match at San Francisco before travelling east, though their last match had been scheduled as that of April 8. On this occasion they again beat the Western All-Stars by 10 goals to 6, a quite satisfactory performance. Mr. Lakin was in good form again, playing for Hurlingham, and he has clearly come on greatly since going to America. Mr. Skene was on the losing side, but he again was in good scoring mood,

hitting four of his side's goals. Mr. Tyrrell Martin took a nasty-looking fall in the sixth chukker, but apparently was not much hurt, for he continued till the end of the game. The Hurlingham team were excellently together, and the time of preliminary practice has certainly not been wasted. A well-drilled team is capable of playing several goals better than its handicap, as witness many



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successful teams in the past, notably the Durham Light Infantry, and by the end of this month, barring accidents, they should, in any combination, be as good as they are capable of being made. Whether that will be good enough to win remains to be seen, but they are quite definitely a very much stronger team to-day than they were when they began at Midwick in February.

DEFENDING U.S. TEAM.

A Short Sketch of The Selected Squad.

The U.S. Polo Association Defence Committee nominated 13 players last autumn to hold themselves in readiness to be tried out early in May on Long Island, with a view to their possible selection to defend the Westchester Cup on June 4, 11 and 18. That so many names appeared seemed perhaps a trifle strange, for it seemed that they had a ready-made team of ten-goal players to take care of the cup, but the invitation, we must presume, was in the nature of a compliment on excellent performances during the past season, and also perhaps with an eye on some of the ponies belonging to these gentlemen for the coming test.

The players honoured by the Committee were: first and foremost, Mr. Tommy Hitchcock (10), Mr. Cecil Smith (10), Mr. Stewart Iglehart (10), Mr. Mike Phipps (deservedly raised from 9 to 10 as a No. 1, which is remarkable), Mr. Eric Pedley (8), Mr. Raymond Guest (8), Mr. William Post 2nd (8), Mr. Elmer Boeseke (7), Mr. Winston Guest (7), Mr. Elbridge Gerry (7), Mr. Pete Bostwick (7), Mr. Robert Gerry (6), and Mr. C. V. Whitney (6).

That is a pretty imposing array, especially considering that Mr. Iglehart, Mr. Phipps, the Guests, the Gerrys, Mr. Bostwick and Mr. Whitney have all really fine strings, and could mount themselves perhaps entirely, even for an international match.

As, however, has been pointed out several times, the only chance of America not being represented by a 40 goal side, is that Mr. Hitchcock, round whom naturally the team will be built, may elect to play No. 3, and demand a different back from Mr. Iglehart. In that case one of the Guests or Mr. Post are the most likely candidates. Some idea of his prestige worthily earned in his own country may be gathered from the fact that, at his behest, the Committee are prepared to drop one of their ten-goal players.

Of the selected "squad" MR. TOMMY HITCHCOCK Junior is the hoary veteran at 38 years old. He has been a member of every American International team since 1921, except in 1936, when pressure of business prevented him from making the trip to England to defend the cup. Many competent judges consider that his handicap rating, by special dispensation, should be 12 goals. Certainly he is the outstanding player of his time, and indeed perhaps of all time. He was 21 years of age when he played his first international match, having been brought up on

polo almost since he could walk. His mother was responsible for fostering juvenile polo, both at Aiken and at Meadow Brook, and her influence on the standard of the play in America has been great. Probably he is now best at No. 3, but he is, as a genius, almost equally effective anywhere. He has been a member of Mr. J. H. Whitney's team Greentree, who won the Open Championship at Meadowbrook in 1935 and 1936, and lost in the final to Old Westbury in 1937 and 1938. He was also in the winning Meadow Brook team in 1923, and in the Sands Point team in 1927. He was one of the youngest members of the famous *Escadrille Lafayette*, composed of young American sportsmen who fought with such distinction for France in the Great War. He was shot down over the German lines, but escaped by jumping from a moving prison train, and got away, hiding by day and travelling by night, till he reached sanctuary over the Swiss border. He is a big man, a superb horseman, always well mounted, and if he can be said to have any speciality it is perhaps his uncannily accurate dribbling and play on the boards.

MR. CECIL SMITH, from American standards, may also be regarded as almost in the sere and yellow leaf, for he is 34 years old. His youth was spent on a ranch in Texas, the State of his birth, so that he, too, has been a horseman since he could walk. He was introduced to first-class polo by Mr. George Miller, and learned the game from Mr. Rube Williams. For an American he came to the game late in life—in 1930—but he has certainly made up for lost time since then. He was in the winning Old Westbury teams in the Open Championship in 1937 and 1938, and we in London had the opportunity to admire him in 1936 when he was in England, but did not play in the Internationals, and last summer, when he afforded us great pleasure by his brilliant play for Mr. Charles Wrightsman's Texas Rangers. His hitting is exceptionally powerful and accurate, attributable perhaps to his early training in throwing a *lariat*. He was a member of the Western team which beat the East in 1933. He is the most wonderful school of a pony, and in his youth won many prizes for roping and so forth at the *rodeos*. His probable place in the defending team is No. 2.

MR. STEWART IGLEHART is aged 29, and is an all-round athlete, being a first-class ice-hockey player, and also a good scratch golfer. He came to prominence at the early age of 16 in the Old Aiken team, and played brilliantly against us at Hurlingham in 1936. He, too, has been in the last two winning Old Westbury teams, and was also in the winning Templeton teams in 1932 and 1934. If he does not play against us in June he will, one imagines, be the first ten-goal player to have been dropped in an International team. He mounts himself.

MR. MICHAEL G. PHIPPS is 27, and has been playing in first-class polo since he was 18 years old. He has been the No. 1 of the two winning Old Westbury teams, and last year was promoted in the handicap deservedly from 9 to 10. He played against us at Hurlingham in 1936, and is a certainty for No. 1 on June 4. In 1932 he was a member of the American team

which beat Argentina at Buenos Aires. He is, moreover, an artist of parts, coming of an artistic and eclectic family, and is married to an Englishwoman. During the past month he has been preparing his very good ponies in Florida. He and Mr. Iglehart have perfected a wonderful understanding between them,



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MR. THOMAS HITCHCOCK, JUNR.

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and Mr. Phipps is never content to hang out in front, waiting for the ball to come to him, but is always hard at work worrying his opposite number if he is not making the play. He has, too, the rare gift of appearing "out of the blue" at top pace at the psychological instant, and if he gets away on his famous

lop-eared pony, Brown Fern (of whom we saw perhaps a little too much in 1936!) he is a quick man who can catch him.

MR. WILLIAM POST 2nd did not play in the Open Championship last year, but even so his form was regarded as justifying his selection. He is, of course, connected with Mr. Fred Post's establishments at Aiken and on Long Island and, as has been said, has a fair chance of a place against us in the Internationals at back. He played back in Mr. "Shorty" Knox's Aurora team which won the Champion Cup at Hurlingham in 1934.

MR. RAYMOND GUEST played back in the Aknusti team which won the Monty Waterbury Cup at Meadow Brook last autumn when, in a memorable game, they fairly beat the majestic Old Westbury team in the final. At the end of the season he was promoted to 8 goals. He is 30 years old, a younger brother of Mr. Winston Guest, and son of the late Capt. the Honourable F. E. Guest. He is a racing man, and is also a keen hunting man. He has come on very quickly of late as an enormously hard and accurate hitting back, and is well in the running for his place at back in the defending team.

MR. WINSTON F. C. GUEST has sponsored two winning Templeton teams in the Open Championship, named in memory of his father's house near Roehampton. He was selected in the "squad" for international polo against England when he was still at Yale, played for America against Argentina in 1928 and 1932, and against England in 1930 and 1936. He became a naturalized American citizen, having an American mother. He has played fairly regularly in London, and is an experienced and fine back. Last autumn he ran the Jaguar team at Meadow Brook, which included two British Internationals, but who were an ill-starred team and met with no success. He is rated at 7 goals, and has been rated in 1931 and 1935 at 9 goals. He has a very fine string of ponies, several of which, no doubt, will play in the American ranks in June.

MR. ELMER J. BOESEKE Junior is another aspirant to International honours at back. He is rated at 7 goals, but until this year had been out of the game for some time, owing to injuries. He played in England in 1934 in Mr. "Shorty" Knox's Aurora team, which won the Champion Cup at Hurlingham, as did Mr. William Post. He has been playing regularly against the Hurlingham team in California.

MR. ERIC PEDLEY has also been playing in California this winter, and latest information is that he will be a "starter" for the trials at Meadow Brook this month. He is rated at 8 goals and played at No. 1 against us in 1930 and 1936. At his best he can be brilliant, and if for any reason Mr. Phipps has a lapse of form he will probably take his place. He was in the winning team of the Open Championship, Midwick, in 1924, and in the famous Hurricanes team which won in 1926 and 1930.

Another candidate for No. 1 is MR. "PETE" BOSTWICK, better known in England as a gentleman-rider over jumps and winner of the Grand National. He was for some years the leading amateur jockey in the United States. He has tremendous dash, and for a small man hits an enormously long ball, and is a

superb shot at goal. He is well mounted on very fast ponies, and depends largely on his exceptional speed for his effectiveness. Though he is not of the class of Mr. Phipps he is none the less a first-class No. 1, goes terrifically hard and, to the crowd, is perhaps the most popular player of the game to-day.

MR. ELBRIDGE T. GERRY, hon. secretary of the U.S.P.A., had a great triumph with his Aknusti team last year, which won the Monty Waterbury Cup. He and his brother have an exceptionally fine string of ponies, many of which they have bred themselves. He is closely related to the Harrimans, and shares their knowledge and enthusiasm in breeding horses. It is understood that

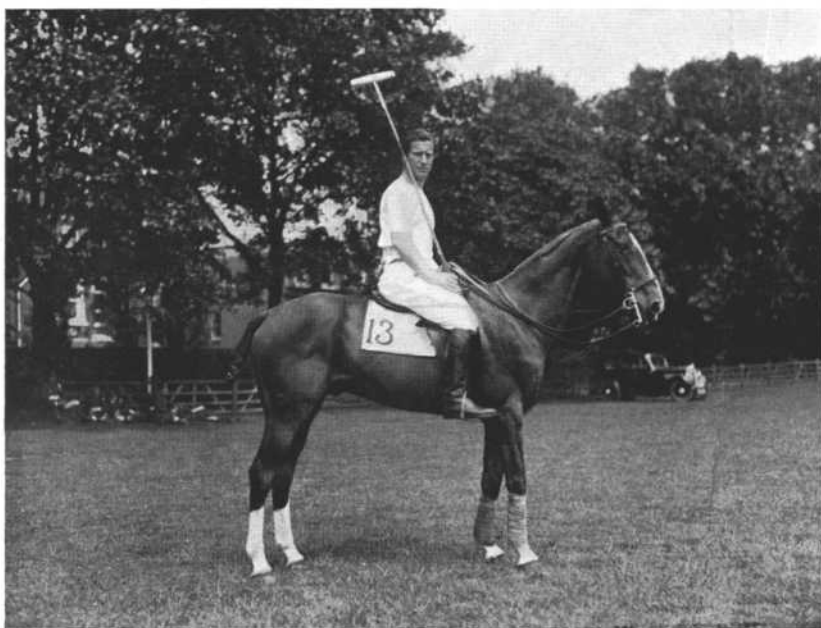


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MR. STEWART IGLEHART.

he is not going to try for a place this year, but there is no doubt that several of his ponies will be played against us. He was a reserve against us in 1936, and is now rated at 7 goals.

MR. ROBERT L. GERRY, rated at 6 goals, is a younger brother of the above-mentioned. He has been playing polo all his life, but it has only been in the last few years that he has come into the first rank.

MR. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT WHITNEY ran the Old Westbury team with conspicuous success for some years, and won the Open Championship in 1937 and 1938. He is the son of the famous Harry Payne Whitney, who organized the "Big Four," and is a thoroughly sound back, having been promoted last year from 5 to 6. He has the finest string of polo ponies in the States to-day, and will undoubtedly provide a number for the coming matches.

The Last British Victory.

Echoes of 1914.

It took the Englishmen some years to realize that they had to play the same sort of game to win back the Cup, and this year they changed their tactics entirely. When a team, composed of hard-riding, thorough horsemen decides to play a rough game, it is bound to end, other conditions being equal, in a result which has, in this case, returned the Cup to England.

In the first period the English players demonstrated superior team work, better horsemanship and faster ponies; the latter, however, in all probability due to superior horsemanship. But the most obvious and certainly the palpable reason for the eventual result was that the Englishmen played the hard-riding, no-quarter-given game that has been the means of keeping the Cup in America.

In England, when Mr. Whitney recaptured for America this International trophy, the games were played under conditions that should always be maintained in a gentleman's sport such as polo, but while I very much dislike to criticize the losing team, yet solely through tactics that were undesirable the games between England and America have degenerated into contests, on the part of the American team, that are typical of the undesirable features of baseball.

Impressions of the First Game.

While Mr. La Montagne came in for a great deal of criticism, he was not more to blame for the defeat than any other member of the team. There was not a single player on the defending side that played up to his form. Mr. Milburn was obviously out of his position and this was later proven by his playing in the second game. Of the Messrs. Waterburys I can only say they played as well as was possible, but the faulty line-up prevented either one of them from showing to advantage. Mr. L. Waterbury, while a very sure hitter, has not the distance necessary for a back. One feature of the games is especially commendable, and that is, notwithstanding the extreme criticism heaped on Mr. La Montagne, Mr. Monte Waterbury justly realized that the former was not individually weak, but that the whole team was disorganized. A captain of less experience would have given way to popular clamour, but Mr. Waterbury was right, as Mr. La Montagne's showing in the second game proved.

I can only say about the Englishmen that never in their polo experience can they have played so brilliantly. Capt. Cheape absolutely redeemed himself and was the popular idol. Capt. Tomkinson was the best No. 1 I ever saw. Capt. Barrett was a clear-headed, cunning No. 3, master of all the tricks and the most unselfish player that will ever be seen on a polo field. Capt. Lockett, while always a sure hitter and a good horseman, was

until this year the typical conservative "back." He demonstrated his ability to play a broader game, and was continually in evidence whether on the defensive or offensive.

Impressions of the Second Game.

What happened after the game was over beggars description. Capt. Cheape threw his stick up in the air, and hundreds rushed to get possession of it. Almost every polo stick in view was taken away as a souvenir. The English players are to be congratulated that they were allowed to get away with their clothing. Lord Wimborne was bodily seized and raised on high, as were the team. He remarked, after asking for cheers for the American players and complimenting them, that his bearers "could not carry him for a chukker," but anyway they were willing to try.

It was one of the best contests that has ever been witnessed. There was not a single weak link in either team. Mr. La Montagne played the game we expect of him, and Mr. L. Waterbury was at his best. Of course, the reason for the good showing of the American team was undoubtedly the change in position of Messrs. Milburn and L. Waterbury. The latter, as expected, proved an excellent No. 3, and did the work of two men. Mr. Milburn, while perhaps not quite as brilliant as in former years, was very spectacular, but occasionally played without regard to what was happening around him. It was proved beyond "a river of doubt" that the two Waterburys are the most consistent and reliable players in America to-day, and it is to be hoped that they are not serious in stating that this is their last appearance in International polo. Mr. Monte Waterbury proved himself to be a thorough sportsman in his attitude and by his remarks after the game. He behaved as if he had had the game of his life and was glad that the better team won.

It was very regrettable that owing to illness Mr. H. L. Herbert, the chairman of the American Polo Association, was unable to witness the games.

Mrs. H. P. Whitney, with the assistance of Mr. W. A. Hazard, presented, with very gracious speeches, the Cup to Capt. Barrett and his team.

H. H. HOLMES.

The Umpire's Comments.

The challenge match of 1914 will always be memorable for two reasons; one, that the English team, though regarded by most as a rather forlorn hope, showed the best play in the first match, both individually and collectively, that any team has shown in any International match; the other, that a team which was so completely outclassed as the American side was in the first match could, by the mere change of position of Milburn and L. Waterbury, show such a reversal of form.

In the first game the whole English team were so much better in team and individual work that it is impossible to ascribe the result to any individuals, for all four played the highest class polo. Lockett, perhaps, showed the most brilliant play of all, and seldom did he try anything without bringing it off with

the most marvellous precision. He was successful through his own unerring judgment and execution, made possible by the rather ineffectual play of La Montagne, and the steady and reliable filling-up play of Barrett. Barrett's play was like Whitney's, in that he always supported his back and two, covered every possible contingency, and while very brilliant at times, was content with playing the effective rather than showy game. Cheape was in the same form he showed in London, fast, handy, clever with his mallet, whether stopping, turning or lining out the ball, and seemed to have his opponents hypnotized with his control of the situation. Tomkinson played the most unselfish hard-working one I can remember seeing for a long time. He held the ball cleverly when necessary to allow his two or three to get round, left it at the proper time and went for his back, and never lost his courage, but often rode Waterbury off the ball when starting two and three lengths behind, just from sheer determination and grit. He had very fast ponies, and showed fine horsemanship in handling them, for they sometimes took a lot of clever control, the speed was so great. In summing up the play as a rule throughout the game all four were faster, quicker, more handy, and had better control of the ball under all circumstances than their opponents; in fact, they completely outclassed them.

Desperate Marking.

In the second game the English team did not show as well as before, due to the desperate play of the Americans. They still showed fine team work, but their individual play, especially in handling the ball, was not nearly so good, for they made many misses, and were so hurried that their horsemanship did not appear as good as previously. On the whole, however, they played a fine game, and their team work won it for them in the first quarter of the game, before the riding became so fast and furious. I have never seen such an exhibition of dare-devil riding and taking chances, as in that match, and the penalties which were the deciding factors in the game (as in last year's second game) were certainly not imposed too often.

In summing up the whole showing of the two games, England had the best team work, the best horsemanship (or the best ponies) and equal strokes, and had men in the position best suited to their style of play.

America had wonderful individual players, placed out of position.

England played the best form of game, the straight up-and-down game, with consistent backing up; America the diagonal passing game, which is good when it comes off (with inferior or slow-thinking opponents), but if the stroke is not picked up, the defence is demoralized for the time being, everyone being out of line.

Finally, the matches showed that a good man in his position is worth more than a star out of his position.

JOSHUA CRANE.

SOME AMERICAN PONIES.

Possible Mounts for Probable Defenders.

Having discussed at some length last month the Hurlingham string, it may be interesting to mention a few of the American ponies which are likely to take the field against us at Meadow Brook for the International matches. The list given below makes no attempt to be a full one, for, no doubt, there are plenty of others with pretensions to such class.

It is the fashion in England to believe that the Americans have not only the best ponies in the world, but also an inexhaustible supply of them. This is a fallacy. That they have some marvellous animals is beyond dispute, for they over there are prepared on occasion to spend fantastic amounts in order to secure a particular fancy, or in competition with a fellow would-be purchaser—as witness the quite ridiculous price (about 22,000 dollars) paid for the famous Jupiter by Mr. Sanford some years ago. But the real top-class polo pony, equal to the best and fastest polo, is a rare beast in America as elsewhere, and probably they have not more than 25 or so in the States of which you can say, "this is the perfect pony." But over there they seem to get a good deal more out of them than we do, and to play a pony three chukkers is a commonplace.

Presuming that the defending team will be the four 10-goal players, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hitchcock, and Mr. Iglehart, the following have played with distinction, and are likely to play again this year. Mr. Phipps and Mr. Iglehart can mount themselves, and are certain to obtain anything they may want. Mr. Smith presumably will be mounted mainly by Mr. C. V. Whitney and perhaps Mr. C. B. Wrightsman, and Mr. Hitchcock has presumably the choice of the best in any stables.

Of Mr. Phipps's mounts, Brown Fern, Bramble Broom, and Housemaid seem to have the necessary class. Brown Fern is an aged grey pony with lop ears, and he did as much as anyone to win the International series of 1936 at Hurlingham. He is by Brown Prince, out of Royal Fern by Royal Canopy, and was bred by Miss Isabel Sloane. Bramble Broom, a chesnut mare, was also bred by Miss Sloane, and is by Broom out of Bramble. She has won on the flat, and was in her first year last season. She played two chukkers in the final of the Open Championship last season. Primrose, a bay mare with a white face, by Christopher Columbus, a splendid getter, was a difficult pony for a time because she, for some unexplained reason, was ball-shy.

That, however, has been overcome, and last year she fulfilled her promise.

Mr. Cecil Smith is apt to have an *embarras des richesses* if Mr. Wrightsman is also helping to mount him. Bonny J, a light bay Texan pony, was the best playing pony in London last season, and Dynamita, a roan mare from Argentina, if very experienced, can still run like anything. In last year's Open Championship he played Estilista, a bay gelding by Morfeo by Craganour (one wonders how many first-class ponies that Morfeo has got), out of a mare by Monoculo, the champion pony at the Meadow Brook



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“BONNY J.”

Show last autumn. He had, too, Cacique, a chesnut gelding by Zaragatero, who, if anything, went better than Estilista, and Stardust, a chesnut Texan who can be terrific for about three minutes, but is apt to tire. In addition are Tornasol, another Morfeo pony out of Sweet Briar, Miss Gould, a Texan mare, and the ever famous Fuss Budget, by St. Germans out of Quarrel, who has twice won the Prince Friar Stone Cup. Mr. Iglehart played three chukkers on Rubisela, a bay mare by Collar Stud out of Estella, in the final of the Open Championship last year. If one looks for the quality of a polo pony behind the saddle you certainly find it in Rubisela, for she has the most enormous scope and power.

All these are of the Old Westbury string, and it was through them, as much as because of anything else, that Old Westbury last year was such an outstanding team. They were of superb quality, and they were brought up to the scratch in the most

perfect condition by Mr. Ivor Balding, who has inherited the family gift for horsemanship. Incidentally, Honu, a chesnut mare by Thunderer, out of Belle of All (what a parentage for good looks), of the same stable, and a half-sister to Capchief by Blondin, may be a really great pony. They both come from the Blue Grass Country, and breed is eloquent in every line.

Mr. Iglehart has some good ones of his own, too, though to be honest, their virtues are not so much on the surface as they are in some others. Probably his "star turn" is Housemaid, a chesnut mare bred in Texas by Mr. Farrish, of the Standard



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" DYNAMITA."

Oil Company. Housemaid is from modern standards small, standing a scant 14.3, but she is a real beauty to play, wonderfully handy, as all the Iglehart's are, and must be a joy to play. Old Little Red from Oklahoma is another great pony in his stables, but may be past his best. What a grand little chap he is and how he still can go.

Mr. Hitchcock played some of the pick of the Greentree ponies last season. Pampero, bred in the Argentine by Mr. Luis Nelson, is a live chesnut gelding, aged, and played in the Internationals in 1936. He is proved as one of the best in the United States, and played two chukkers in the Open last year. Nodmore, a brown American T.B., went very well for him, playing two chukkers, as did Perla Negra, an Argentine brown mare, who came from Mr. Louis Lacey. Black Prince, a black gelding by Lion d'Or, bred in Oklahoma, and Neensie, a bay mare bred

by Mr. Jock Whitney, by The Porter, a smallish but beautifully schooled mare, are two other outstanding members of the Green-tree string.

In addition to these, there are the Aknusti string, which presumably will be at the disposal of the Committee, although Mr. Elbridge Gerry himself is not a serious candidate, we understand, for a place, though he was invited to join the squad. The Gerrys, like their kinsmen, the Harrimans, are prominent and enthusiastic breeders of horses, and they have some real fizzers among their strings. Peanut Butter, by their sire Peanut, a brown mare, is very fast, and has an admirable temperament for the game. The Prince Friar Stone blood is prominent in this stud, and Nevertell, a bright bay mare, by the "Prince," out of Nevertell, is a notable representative. She was a slow starter and apt to be temperamental in her first season, but she improved last year, and is equal to any occasion. Zagomar, a young chesnut gelding by Black Rascal, out of Circle Sensation, was bred in Wyoming, and took a prize in the Novices' Class in the Meadow Brook Show at the end of last season. Hawaiian Maid, a grey mare bred by the Dillinghams in Hawaii, is a splendidly schooled pony and of real class.

The Guests, of course, have some very good (and very expensive) ones, and of these Cometa and Confite are two Argentines of top quality. So, too, is Shamrock, a chesnut gelding by Prince Friar Stone out of Heather, an English T.B. mare. Then there is the famous grey, Bald Eagle, and several others. Mr. Bostwick has some quick ones, notably Marcellina and Be Charming.

During the month of May, the American squad will be hard at work getting their ponies sorted and into condition at Meadow Brook. Most of them have had some fair polo down at Aiken (where polo is the sole topic of conversation and thought for nine months in the year), the rest have been in California or in the far South, and by now each man must know pretty well the capabilities of his ponies. No doubt an early announcement of the American team can be expected, so that the mounting problem can be settled without delay.

There is no use blinking the fact that they will be an extraordinarily strong and well-mounted team, but we shall not be far behind, if at all, in pony power, and after months of practice we should have a well-combined, excellently mounted team, to challenge them. In the long run, "other things being equal," as *The Times* would say, first-class polo is a question of pony power; not only of the material, but the fitness of that material for the event. That was demonstrated very clearly in last year's Open Championship. Good though these (and other) American ponies are, ours (or the best of them) are not inferior provided they are brought up to scratch, trained and fit to the last second.



“THE ARAB HORSE.”*

It is pleasant again to welcome *The Arab Horse*, a journal devoted to breeders of, and others interested in, the Arab horse in England and abroad, issued by the Arab Horse Society, of which Brigadier W. H. Anderson, C.B.E., the polo manager of the Hurlingham Club, is secretary.

This is a beautifully produced publication on a beautiful subject, for the Arab horse is the root of the English thoroughbred, and an ancestor from pre-Roman times of most of our native pony



NASR IN ACTION.

breeds. Without being lured into a long disquisition on the subject, it may be permissible to suggest that, at whatever temporary expense of pace, the “dark enduring blood” of the Arab should quickly be again infused into the veins of our thoroughbreds, to their improvement in conformation and temperament. There are altogether too many weedy, but aristocratic, nags infesting our stables, and a little reintroduction of the original but unspoiled blood would eventually result in the regeneration of our English thoroughbred. But although racing is upheld “in the interests of English breeding” (from John Jorrocks, M.F.H., to any present-day racing scribe), very few seem prepared, in the interests of that same English horse, to sacrifice a few years of success on the Turf, with the accompanying advantage in terms of £ s. d. After all, we are human, no more.

* *The Arab Horse*, published by the Arab Horse Society, London, 2s. 6d.

The purpose of this note, however, is to discuss *The Arab Horse*, not to elaborate on the patent merits of the father of all horses, if we except the convex-headed Prjevalski sub-horse, which type has somehow survived the centuries.

There is, without question, a reviving and wider interest in the horse to-day, as the result of the increasing interest in riding in all classes—and notably among what may be described as the “black-coated workers,” who take their pleasure each week-end in Richmond Park and such-like places—and with that interest it would be strange if there was not an increased interest in the ancestor, the very pattern, of the perfect horse. It is not, therefore, surprising to learn that this admirable publication has had a very gratifying circulation in the past year, and that the membership of the Arab Horse Society is steadily increasing and has doubled itself in the last four years.

“Current Topics” announce that Mr. “Tom” Armitage, the President of the Society in 1937-1938, retired from that post in rotation, and the new President is Mr. D. E. Neale, who owns the Naut Fawr Arabian Stud at Lisvane, Glamorgan. He will eventually be succeeded by Mr. R. S. Summerhays, the editor of that successful publication, *Riding*. The Roumanian horse, Delfis, which won the military high jump at Olympia in 1937, was an Anglo-Arab by a thoroughbred out of an Anglo-Arab mare, which seems to offer the lie to the often repeated statement that “Arabs can't jump.” Red Turk, the winner of the Kadir Cup in 1927, was out of a mare by Abdullah, whose sire was Marenkh (late Narenkh), of the Crabbet Stud, and his famous predecessor, Carelew, who lately joined the great majority at the age of thirty-two, was out of a stud-bred mare by Amir, an Arab. We learn, also, that in the film adapted from A. E. W. Mason's *The Four Feathers*, veritable Arabs were used, through the co-operation of the Arab Horse Society, who thus have given valuable service to an industry which is occasionally guilty of the most grotesque misrepresentations of “local colour.”

A list follows of the Arab studs in England, with details of their history and achievements, and including the various stallions now standing. Naturally Crabbet Park takes pride of place. An article entitled “A Journey to Arabia,” by Dr. Ahmed Mabrouk, who is the chief of the animal breeding section of the Royal Agricultural Society of Egypt, tells us of the breeding of the pure Arab horse in Egypt, also of what he saw throughout his journey of inspection and study. It is interesting to note that an examination of the differently bred horses in Arabia itself convinced him that this density of bone and strength of tendon of the Arabian horse is peculiar to the horse bred in the desert. Among the centres he visited were, naturally, Nejd, Kharg, El Ehsa, Bahrein, Iraq, Baghdad (the author permits himself to doubt whether the Iraqi horse is a pure bred Arab, but does not feel himself justified in taking a definitely negative view) Syria, Deir el Zour, Aleppo, Hama and Houas. In these conclusions he states that if the Arab horse is bred under any other circumstances (i.e. than as a Bedouin) he will in time lose all the characteristics of the thoroughbred. That

is, if well sheltered and fed, he will lose endurance . . . and even, possibly, his temper. An appreciation of the Arab horse by Stuart Cloete, author of that excellent, if stark, tale of the voortrekkers, *Turning Wheels*, gives him the opportunity to attack the English prejudice against small horses, which has lasted since the Tudors, and records his own experiences in South Africa, where the native pony has a strong infusion of Arab blood in his veins. It is for that reason, he insists, that the English Cavalry horses in the Boer War could never compete with Boer ponies unless they were on full rations.

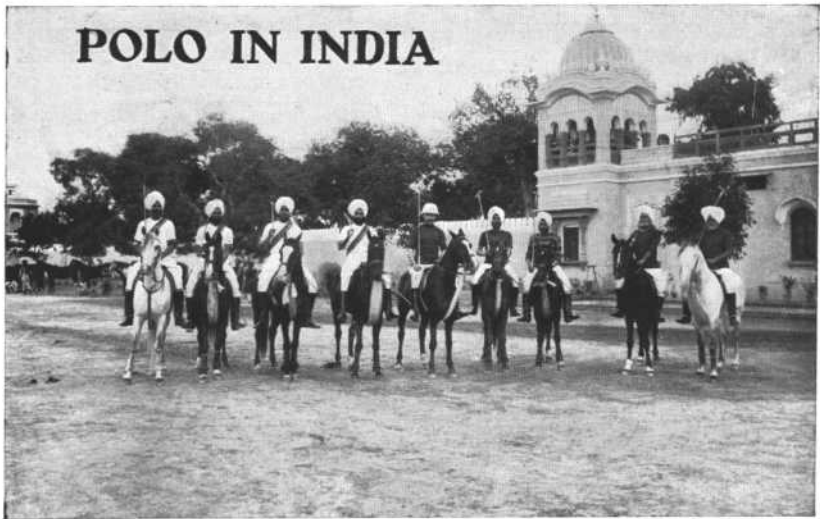
As an instance of the intelligence of the Arab horse, Capt. M. S. O'Rorke, of the Palestine Police Force, relates the story of an amazing accident to an Arab troop horse, which, while falling down the *khud* a distance of 200 feet, "contrived to tuck its head between its forelegs and fold himself into a ball," and was saved, uninjured, as the result of its sagacity. "The saddle was a complete wreck, and looked as if a steam roller had been over it. The horse was none the worse. . . ." If that doesn't beat cock-fighting!

There is a chapter on the Arab in America, concerning the W. K. Kellogg Institute, Pomona, California, which was established by Mr. Kellogg with a good deal of foundation stock from Crabbet Park, and mention is made of Arab stallions at Seven Hills Ranch, Walnut Creek, California, among which is Amanillo, a half-bred Arab of the Palomino breed, an interesting type.

The Arab, too, is enjoying a deserved popularity in Australia, where great strides have been made in the improvement of the Waler, so that now you often fail to recognize it at a distance, and in Western Australia the virtues of the Arab are being gradually realized for breeding purposes.

Altogether this journal, decorated with excellent photographs of famous Arabs and full of information for any who are interested—and who is not—in the *beau ideal* of the horse, is most pleasant reading. Brigadier Anderson is to be congratulated on its production, and deserves the thanks of all who are anxious to learn about and preserve these delightful and splendid animals.





Some Further Impressions of the Season.

A fair, if inadequate, description of the 1938/39 polo season in India could be written in five letters: H-A-N-U-T. Because the player whose name these letters denote has been famous throughout the polo-playing world for the last eighteen years, it might be supposed that the past season in India failed in bringing promising young players or teams to light. It is the object of this report to show that such is not the case. It has been a good season. That it should have been dominated by Rao Raja Hanut Singh merely shows its good taste. Hanut has won all the prizes the Eastern Hemisphere has to offer. Yet he is still on his toes and adequately nervous whenever he hears the mount sounded, and still sees to it that his beautiful ponies are, as ever, trained to perfection. He has never been bored by success.

Calcutta, as usual, opened the season's proceedings, and opened them with high hopes of a worthy contest in that a Bhopal side of top class was to attempt to stop Jaipur annexing the championship trophy for the seventh year in succession. Alas! Gerald Balding took a bad fall in a practice game in Jammu and injured the muscles of his pelvis. The Nawab of Bhopal decided that nothing but the best would do, and scratched. The championship balloon exploded with a loud report, and it fell to the P.A.V.O. Cavalry to show that where the will existed, all such bursts could be patched—but of them and their exploits more anon.

There were many surprises in the Ezra Tournament, which was eventually won worthily, and for the third year in succession,

by the 17th/21st Lancers. Perhaps the outstanding feature of this tournament was the play of Curtis Skene. I am not in possession of a permit to disclose his age, but I think, after watching him play, one would estimate it as in the early thirties physically and late forties mentally (i.e. in experience), and then add ten to the former when one talked to him on the touchline afterwards. One would be very, very wrong. He is well worth his handicap of 5 goals even while playing ponies which, by Indian standards, are on the green side.

The Kashmir side was disappointing. Before the first mount sounded they had the misfortune to lose Khusru Jung (Nawab and Major-General—Mahboob to his friends) with an injured wrist. His Highness wired for Towfiq Ali, of Hyderabad and Golconda. It was a heaven-sent opportunity for the latter and, to his own bitter disappointment, he failed to take full advantage of it. I think it was just a case of over-anxiety. He was superbly mounted. I happened to umpire their first game and got the impression that the Kashmir No. 1 would have liked me to throw the ball in, regardless of whether the remaining seven players were even mounted. His first two shots were meant to travel about two hundred yards, but he failed to connect. That unsettled him, and he reverted in desperation to his own rather individualistic game, and Jupiter, Wardenia and Co. disliked it. When Golconda's day comes Towfiq will be very much there, but will have to—and doubtless will—know his ponies very intimately.

A new tournament was successfully inaugurated—a four-chukker open—16 handicap limit, and next year will doubtless attract more entries than five, the number which competed on this occasion.

BOMBAY.—H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir dominated this increasingly popular week. Not only did his teams win both the open and handicap six-chukker tournaments but he won many prizes at the Horse Show, and his One I Love added the final laurels to his master's holiday by winning the Eclipse.

Golconda were notable and much missed absentees from the polo. This was due to the absence in Europe of H.H. the Prince of Berar and John Graham. However, two of their players, Hamidullah and Nasir, combined with Mumtaz and Karamat of Bhopal to form a team which went well in the Open to lose 6—8 to Kashmir (H.H., H.H. of Jaipur, Hanut and Mahboob). This latter team eventually won comfortably; though a score of 7—0 in the final against the 17th/21st Lancers was a little unfair to the latter, for whom Walford was in great form.

In the six-chukker handicap (Kashmir Cup) the Magpies, the Hyderabad - Bhopal combination mentioned above, looked dangerous but, after eliminating the 17th/21st in a desperate battle, they faded out of the picture when Nasir was taken to hospital with fever. Two more fine games took place before Kashmir, with H.H. at back, Hanut at 3 and Prem Singh at 2, defeated Kashmir "B" (Mahboob, Ram Rao of Venkatagiri, Chaplin and Gaj Singh, the latter a very promising back) by

half a goal. In the first semi-final, owing $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap to the P.A.V.O., the writer substituted for Sanger, who was suffering from a broken collar-bone. They were half a goal down mid-way through the last chukker, when two quick goals from Hanut settled the issue of an exciting game.

Having experienced the delight and honour of seeing this team at such close quarters and riding some of their beautifully schooled ponies, I will digress for a moment and revert to the championship semi-finals at Calcutta, in which they met the full Jaipur side, winners of seven championships off the reel, and were level at 1—1 at half-time. It was very nearly 2—0 in favour of the regiment. There is no gainsaying the quality of that performance, even though the result was a 1—7 defeat. I have heard people say that the members of this team are adepts at "closing up a game"; "good spoilers," to borrow the jargon of the ring. I am a little doubtful as to the exact interpretation of their meaning, but read into it myself an acknowledgment of sound, hard marking, at the same time feeling that in some cases it indicates disappointment at the purely spectacular result. If Mr. Z pays his money to see Hanut shoot goals from the half-way line, he feels he has been cheated if an inconsiderate opponent hooks his stick: an admittedly unusual occurrence! I umpired the Calcutta game and, although maintaining that umpires have little right, *vis-a-vis* spectators on the touchline, to hold, or at least express, opinions as to the performance of individual players, cannot restrain expression of the conviction that that particular game was magnificent.

Sanger has not yet recovered the form which took him to Meadow Brook in the Hurlingham side of 1935, but there is plenty of evidence that it is on its way. You cannot break thumbs, wrists, collar-bones and other working parts and still play 8-goal polo—at least not without a short rest. Carr White, now commanding, is still possessed of that fierce earnestness which is in itself an inspiration, and offers proof every time he plays that experience, wisely drawn upon, is of the utmost value. Hanmer had a splendid season, and probably never played better than on that afternoon in Calcutta. Apart from the four who represented them at Meerut, they still have three players available (Tatham, Bayer and Wheeler) who have all played in winning Inter-Regimental sides. They look like being a worthy target for all for many years to come.

The Guides retained possession of the Native Cavalry Cup at Lahore and their prospects for the future are bright. It was a near thing for them in the first round, when they eliminated Probyn's Horse after an extra chukker had been played. Pert is now with Probyn's Horse. There can be few regiments who could have suffered casualties which fate has brought to Probyn's Horse in the last ten years and still produce teams of quality. They have, during this period, suffered the loss of Ian Campbell (6) and "David" Davidson (3), deplored by all who knew them; Taylor (6) and Critchley (5) by retirement when in their prime; Todd (5) by transfer to the Remount Department—and still nobody likes drawing Probyn's in the first round. The

final between the Guides and the 13th Lancers was spoilt when, in the third chukker, with the score 3—2 in favour of the Guides, Messervy sprained a riding muscle and had to retire.

Delhi suffered this year from a paucity of top-class teams, and Jaipur were able to split into two, both of which reached the final of the Prince of Wales's Tournament, with the 17th/21st Lancers their most dangerous rivals; rivals, as it proved, who gave one of the Jaipur sides a widened-goals thrill.

The Baria Four-Chukker Tournament was won by the 16/5th Lancers. Given the enormous number of entries this tournament always attracts, it was a fine performance on the part of a young team playing their first serious season's polo in India, and they confirmed the promise later when they were narrowly defeated in the final of the Subalterns' Tournament by the 17th/21st Lancers. Much is expected in the near future of both the 16/5th Lancers and the 14/20th Hussars, another young side who have collected a fine lot of ponies and won the four-chukker Bombay Tournament with something to spare.

And so to Meerut. The week was marred by a bad accident to Tommy Tucker, of the 8th Cavalry, in the first round. He sustained a fall which resulted in concussion and unconsciousness for eight days. Latest news is reassuring and a relief to his many friends.

This year chief interest was centred on the question as to whether anybody could stop the 17th/21st Lancers. The P.A.V.O. were favourites for that honour—if any regiment was destined to secure it. The stage was set for great battles: the 17th/21st Lancers all out to win their last Inter-Regimental before leaving India, others all out to beat them because they were leaving India and because the chance of a game against this famous team would not again be offered for years. The result is now history. The P.A.V.O.'s won the final 3—2. I did not see it, but am told it was a very good game, with the winners having just and generally the better of it.

There are four young players who have come to the front during the season under review—Roffey (Guides), Prem Singh (Kashmir), Bols (P.A.V.O.) and Gill (16/5th Lancers). I have not seen the last-named, but am thus informed on reliable authority. And that, I suppose, is a dangerous statement to make—comparable to selecting a number of racehorses to be backed whenever they start throughout a forthcoming season. I shall expect the next news concerning my four to be that they have married . . . or transferred to the Navy . . . or both.

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Duke of Connaught's Cup.

The tournament for the Duke of Connaught's Polo Cup, presented by the late Maharaja Sir Partap Singh of Jodhpur to commemorate the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to Delhi in 1921, was played off in the last week of March.

The following teams entered:

18TH K.E. VII'S O. CAVALRY (4): 1, Mr. R. J. Gretton (0), 2, Mr. H. L. F. Picard (1); 3, Mr. A. H. Wagstaff (3); Back, Mr. R. G. A. Fitz-Patrick (0).

RIFLE BRIGADE (0): 1, Mr. T. C. H. Pearson (-1); 2, Major D. J. Purdon (0); 3, Mr. R. T. Basset (0); Back, Major R. D. Poole (1).

UBIQUE (13): 1 Mr. M. St. J. Oswald (1); 2, Major B. J. Fowler (6); 3, Capt. H. W. L. Cowan (4); Back, Major G. K. Cassels (2).

6TH LANCERS (6): 1, Capt. J. F. Crimmin (1); 2, Mr. T. J. D. Birdwood (1); 3, Lieut.-Col. C. H. Landale (3); Back, L/D Ganda Singh (1).

CENTRAL INDIA HORSE (3): 1, Capt. C. W. S. Grice (0); 2, Mr. H. R. Turner (0); 3, Capt. C. W. Ridley (3); Back, Mr. W. D. Vanrenan.

RED TAPE: 1, Capt. F. Stewart (0); 2, Capt. J. M. Martin (4); 3, Capt. J. Barlow (3); Back, Capt. C. R. Budgen (0).

The results were:

1ST ROUND.—Central India Horse (3) beat Ubique (13) 8—4; Rifle Brigade (0) beat 18th Cavalry (4) 4—2.

SEMI-FINALS.—Central India Horse (3) beat 6th Lancers (6) 5½—3; Red Tape (7) beat Rifle Brigade (0) 6—4½.

FINAL.—Central India Horse (3) beat Red Tape (7) 4—3.

Kohat Tournament Week.

The Fagan Cup polo tournament for a cup presented by Major-General Sir E. A. Fagan, K.C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., was played during the Frontier Force "week." The following teams entered:—

THE REMNANTS: Capt. E. D. Tims, Col. G. H. Johnstone, Capt. P. C. P. Bradshaw, Major J. Gordon.

"A" SQUADRON, 8TH CAVALRY: Mr. A. D. Best, Mr. C. M. Dodkins, Major J. Wilson, Capt. P. St. J. Cox.

"B" SQUADRON, 8TH CAVALRY: Mr. R. D. Gordon, Jemadar Sheikh Hamidullah, Ris. Major Mohd. Qadir Khan, Daffadar Subhan Khan.

"C" SQUADRON, 8TH CAVALRY: Mr. J. S. Atkinson, Mr. P. E. Salkeld, Mr. R. A. C. Sorby, Ris. Ujagar Singh.

The tournament was played on the American system and was won by "B" Squadron, 8th Cavalry.

Major M. S. Bendle undertook the duties of umpire for all games.

Fagan Cup at Ferozepore.

A large number of spectators witnessed the final of the Fagan Cup polo tournament, which was played between the Faridkot State "A" and the 19th King George V's Own Lancers. It resulted in a win for the former by 6 goals to 4½. The military team, who received 3½ goals on handicap, were outplayed.

In the final of the Subsidiary of the Fagan Cup polo tournament Faridkot "B," receiving $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap, beat Sam Browne's Cavalry "X" by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3.

Faridkot started off with a rush and Lal Singh almost scored. From the hit-in Faridkot attacked again, but Knowles saved with a back-hander. A 60-yard hit was awarded against Faridkot, which Bucher hit out. After some mid-field play Balwant Singh made a great solo run and scored. The Cavalry did some hard riding and Bucher sent in a good shot which was stopped and cleared by Hazara Singh on the goal line. The Cavalry attacked and after missing three fine scoring chances reduced the lead through Parsons. The second chukker was even, each goal being threatened in turn. At half-time Faridkot led by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 1.

The third chukker opened with Hazara Singh making a spectacular run and driving through the flags ($7\frac{1}{2}$ —1). The Cavalry were now having the better of the exchanges, but Hazara Singh and Lal Singh played a good defensive game and there was no further scoring.

In the fourth chukker Keegan scored for the Cavalry from a mêlée near the Faridkot goal. The Cavalry now looked dangerous and further reduced the lead through Knowles (3— $7\frac{1}{2}$). The Cavalry were still attacking when the bugle sounded.

The Karachi Tournament.

One of the two visiting teams in the Karachi tournament for the Sind Governor's Cup, the Royal Artillery from Hyderabad, were beaten in the first round by the Karachi Polo Club by $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3. Karachi received $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap and were better mounted, but there was little in the match until the final chukker, when Karachi scored four goals and put the issue beyond doubt.



THE GAME IN EGYPT.

8th Hussars Sweep the Board.

Five teams entered for the Open Cup, writes "Backhander," of *The Sphinx*, the 7th and 8th Hussars, the Night Hawks (consisting of Major Elton, of the R.H.A., Capt. Dunne, Mr. Llewellyn Palmer and Mr. O'Brien Butler), the Four Winds (consisting of Brigadier Russell, Capt. Mackeson, Capt. Enderby and Capt. Wainman), and the "B" Optimists (consisting of Capt. Phillips, Mr. Comyn, Mr. de Heller, junr., and Major Bowring).

The first match, between the Night Hawks and the "B" Optimists, was a one-sided affair, the Night Hawks winning by 14 goals to 7. The 7th and 8th Hussars had their customary hard struggle, which the 8th won by 10 goals to 7. This was a very good game, very open and fast. No. 2 ground played beautifully, and Mr. Jones, the groundsman, must have put in a lot of work to get it in such good condition. The result was a fast game, with good constructive polo. It was unfortunate that the match had to be played in the morning owing to an Army promotion examination that afternoon.

The Night Hawks pulled off a surprise by beating the Four Winds by 9 goals to 6. Elton is one of the best polo captains playing. He gets the best out of each member of his side. His team consisted of four individuals collected together shortly before the tournament but, with a couple of practice games and a few lectures at the Kit Kat, he made them play as well together as any team in Egypt. Anyway, they upset the Brigadier's side, which is five goals better on handicap. O'Brien Butler showed excellent form in front of goal, and Llewellyn Palmer played a dashing game at back.

The 8th got going quickly in the final, and soon secured a three-goal lead, but Elton fought back and held his more experienced opponents. So well did they play that in the third and fourth chukkers they started making up leeway, and drew level at five goals all and six goals all, and it looked as if the 8th combined play had been broken up. The 8th got going again, however, and eventually won by 11 goals to 7. The fourth chukker was the best and most exciting one.

The last two chukkers were played at a very fast pace, and the 8th got the upper hand. There was some wild riding in the final period, and Elton took several colossal bumps.

The 8th Hussars leave for India (Hitler permitting!) in October, and it was a great show on their part to win this Cup for the fifth year in succession. A record for Egyptian polo.

I know that they will look back on their polo days in Egypt with intense pleasure. They have had hard games and good ones, played in pleasant surroundings amongst congenial sportsmen. I have been asked to wish their old friends and opponents, the 7th Hussars, who used to "see them off" at Aldershot, the best of luck in the future, and the hope of meeting again on the polo field.

The King's Cup.

After winning the Open Cup, the 8th Hussars ended an excellent season by beating the Gezira Sporting Club in the final on April 1 by 10 goals to 5. The form shown by the winners was the best we have seen this year. Pringle played an excellent game at No. 2; this young player should develop into a class player, as he has all the strokes and is a good horseman. Vernon-Miller had a red-letter day. He certainly played far better than his handicap warrants and, while his defensive play was sound, he co-operated in the attack and scored several brilliant goals.

Four goals were scored in the first chukker. Gezira scored first, but in each case the 8th immediately replied with a goal. Only one goal was scored in the second chukker, which gave the 8th the lead. In the third chukker the winners played really good polo, and scored three times without reply. One goal in particular came from a tremendous near-side backhand pass from Vernon-Miller, who was on the boards in the centre of the ground. This was well picked up by Pringle, who hit it through the goal.

O'Brien Butler had a fall in the fourth chukker, and was replaced by Mackeson, who was umpiring. The Club then attacked, and scored through Wainman, but this was quickly neutralized by Vernon-Miller. The Club scored from a free-hit by Elton in the fifth chukker, but the 8th got going again and increased their lead with two goals. With a lead of five goals to commence the last chukker, the 8th were in a commanding position. The play, which had been of a high standard, was not so fast, and each side scored once.

The band of the 7th Hussars played before the game, and Lewa Omar Fathy Bey, representing King Farouk, presented the trophies.

The teams were:

8TH HUSSARS: Capt. C. Goulburn (2), Mr. J. C. Pringle (2), Major G. Kilkelly (4) and Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller (4).

GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB: Mr. P. T. O'Brien Butler (0) (and Capt. Mackeson (3)), Capt. W. Wainman (3), Major H. C. Elton (5) and Capt. C. G. Davies-Gilbert (3).



HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION.

The Council for 1939.

The fifty-second edition of the annual handbook of the Hurlingham Polo Association has just been issued at the price of 2s. 6d. As before, it is divided into five parts, the first giving the personnel of the Association and the committees, the affiliated clubs and associations, and considerable other data. The constitution and regulation of the London Polo Committee, together with its recommendations, are given in this section, as also are the registered colours of teams.

The remaining parts follow the familiar custom, and are devoted to programmes of tournaments in London and in the country, the Hurlingham Polo Association's rules of polo, notes for umpires and other officials and, finally, the Official Handicap List.

There are not a great number of changes in the Hurlingham Polo Association Council since last year. Lord Cowdray is nominated by The Hurlingham Club in place of Major C. H. Fanshawe, and the Hon. M. R. Samuel takes Lord Cowdray's place as a nominee of The Roehampton Club. Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gairdner and Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer are nominated by the Army Polo Association and Mr. D. S. Schreiber by the County Polo Association. New Empire and overseas members are Major J. O'Rorke, nominated by the All-Ireland Polo Club; Capt. H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur, by the Indian Polo Association; Mr. Anthony Hordern, by the Australian Polo Council; Capt. A. H. Gilmore, by the Nigerian Polo Association; and Mr. R. H. de S. Onraet, by the Malayan Polo Association (British East Indies). The following are members of the Council for 1939:

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Nominated by The Indian Polo Association: Lieut.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Col. R. B. Butler, Major M. Cox, Capt. H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur and Mr. C. Ismay.

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Nominated by The Egypt Polo Association: Brigadier A. L. I. Friend and Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller.

Nominated by The New Zealand Polo Association: Col. Lord Barnby.

Nominated by The Australian Polo Council: Mr. Anthony Hordern.

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Nominated by The Nigerian Polo Association (British West Africa): Capt. A. H. Gillmore.

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The Inter-Regimental Polo Tournament, 1939.

The ties have been drawn for each round as follow :—

		1ST ROUND.	2ND ROUND.	3RD ROUND.	SEMI-FINALS.	FINAL.
King's Dragoon Guards	Bye	} Aldershot	} Aldershot	} Hurlingham, June 13	} Hurlingham, June 17
4/7th Dragoon Guards ...	...	Bye			
12th Lancers ...	...	Bye			
15/19th Hussars	Bye	} Hurlingham			
Royal Horse Guards ...	...	Bye			
Life Guards	Bye	} Hurlingham			
13/18th Hussars ...	...	Bye			
3rd Hussars	} Tidworth	} Tidworth	} Hurlingham, June 14		
The Queen's Bays ...	...				
9th Lancers	Bye	} Tidworth			
10th Hussars ...	...	Bye			
4th Hussars ...	...	Bye			

NOTES :—

All Ties in London must be played on the ground of The Hurlingham Club.

ALDERSHOT AND TIDWORTH GROUPS.—Ties to be completed by June 8.

LONDON GROUP.—Preliminary ties will be played between June 3 and June 10, under arrangements to be made by the Regiments concerned with the Polo Manager of The Hurlingham Club.

The Subalterns' Tournament, 1939.

The ties have been drawn for each round as follow :—

	1ST ROUND.	2ND ROUND.	SEMI-FINALS.	FINAL.
9th Lancers	Bye	} Tidworth	} Ranelagh, June 21	} Hurlingham, June 24
The Queen's Bays	Bye			
The Life Guards	Bye	} Ranelagh		
15/19th Hussars	Bye			
Royal Horse Guards	Bye	} Ranelagh		
13/18th Hussars	Bye			
4/7th Dragoon Guards	} Aldershot	} Aldershot	} Ranelagh, June 22	
12th Lancers				
King's Dragoon Guards	Bye			

NOTES :—

All preliminary Ties in London and the Semi-Finals will be played at the Ranelagh Grounds. Regiments are responsible for arranging times and dates with the Polo Manager of Ranelagh Grounds. The Final will be played at 5 p.m. at The Hurlingham Club, following the Final of the Champion Cup.

ALDERSHOT AND TIDWORTH GROUPS.—Ties to be completed by June 15.

LONDON GROUP.—Preliminary ties to be completed by June 19.

COUNTRY TOURNAMENTS.

- May 15-20.—Fleet (Wellington Cup).
 May 22-27.—Aldershot Command (Open Cup and Subsidiary
 Tournament).
 May 22-27.—Stoke d'Abernon (Junior Challenge Cup).
 May 25-27.—Taunton Vale (Franklin Cup).
 May 29-June 3.—Fleet (Fleet Cup).
 May 29-June 3.—Rhinefield (Whitsuntide).
 June 5-10.—Mid-Essex.
 June 7-10.—West Gloster.
 June 12-17.—Fleet (Novices' Cup).
 June 12-17.—Tidworth (American Tournament).
 June 26-July 1.—Fleet (Sandhurst Cup).
 June 26-July 1.—Stoke d'Abernon (Philips Challenge Cup).
 June 26-July 1.—Tidworth (12th Lancers' Cup).
 June 27-July 1.—Taunton Vale (Portman Cup).
 July 3-8.—Tidworth (9th Lancers' Cup).
 July 11-15.—Taunton Vale (Mardon Cup).
 July 17-22.—Aldershot Command (K.D.G. Cup).
 July 17-22.—Penshurst.
 July 17-22.—Rhinefield.
 July 17-22.—Tidworth (Royal Artillery Harriers' Cup).
 July 24-29.—Beaufort (Summer).
 July 24-29.—Cowdray Park (Goodwood Week).
 July 24-29.—Kirtlington Park.
 July 24-29.—Mid-Essex.
 July 24-29.—Tidworth (American Tournament).
 July 25-29.—Taunton Vale (Empire Cup).
 July 31-August 5.—Cheltenham.
 July 31-August 5.—Osmaston.
 July 31-August 5.—Stoke d'Abernon (Senior Challenge Cup).
 July 31-August 5.—Tidworth (Cholderton Cup).
 August 7-12 (or earlier).—Aldershot Command (3rd King's Own
 Hussars' Cup).
 August 7-12.—Rugby (Open Tournament).
 August 8-12.—Taunton Vale (Houldsworth Cup).
 August 8-12.—Toulston.
 August 14-19.—Rhinefield.
 August 14-September 23.—West Somerset.
 August 21-26.—Rugby (Montaigu Cup).
 August 25.—Taunton Vale (Liddell Cup).
 September 4-9.—Rugby (Junior Tournament).

To the Young Idea.

Another polo season is upon us. It will be a momentous season, too, for is not our International team over in the States preparing for the battle to regain the long-lost Westchester Cup? While our interest will be over there, we ourselves here in England will be starting afresh, with new hopes and with the new entry.

No doubt some will be taking up the game for the first time, and one can only hope that these will number many, for we need polo players badly, and who knows but that among them there may be some budding Buckmasters, Freakes and Cheapes. We can do with them, for to-day among the younger generation we look for them in vain. These notes are addressed to them on the threshold of their career and not to the old hands, tried and tested players, for they already know all the rudiments of that grand game.

It is best to start anything on the right lines. If you begin on the right lines you will not have so much to unlearn later. It is easier to learn good habits than to unlearn bad ones.

There are many ways of learning. There is a great thrill about polo, even in belting a ball about at stick-and-ball practice. You, no doubt, are young, and therefore enthusiastic, but keep steady; do not try to gallop before you can walk, for you will assuredly meet misadventure and, perhaps, be a nuisance to others as well.

Before you aspire in any way to playing, make certain that you are a horseman of some proficiency. The aids must be second nature to you; you must be light of hands and safe of seat. Speaking for the polo pony, you will generally find that it is an intelligent animal, and it will help you all it can. Some of the older hands are adepts at this. Sometimes, indeed, these are too keen. They will turn before you give the indication and, perhaps, to the wrong side, to the distress and probable annoyance of your opponent, and this may make you unpopular. So take heed, go cautiously and thereby avoid pitfalls.

Riding for polo is not the same thing as hacking, or riding in the hunting field. Riding on the polo field has its own intricacies, specialities, and its finer points. Here you ride in great control, for you can stop in one, twist and turn on a sixpence. Your legs play a great part in this control business; in fact, they govern your game so much that you should be able to ride on a loose rein and do almost everything with your legs, balance, and weight of body. Keep steady in your saddle. More ponies are spoiled by messing about with their mouths than by anything else.

Come with me and watch some of the experts. See how steady they ride. There are no windmill motions here, no "elbows and legs, elbows and legs," and little backward and forward

movement. Were you in the States, you could see Mr. Michael Phipps, a poem in polo, a boy who played for his country at the age of twenty-two (about the same age as you think of starting polo), Mr. Eric Pedley, the man with the ideal polo seat, or perhaps Mr. Winston Guest, a picture of power and speed; to me he always was "the battle cruiser." Here, in England, the giants are scarcer, but I commend to your careful attention Mr. Eric Tyrrell Martin, so steady, so sure, so safe and so fast when need be. Watch them, and others. You will hardly see the indications; the urge for rapid forward movement on the rider's part is almost unnoticed, but you will perceive how the pony dashes forward and, perhaps, to the front—all done by just that extra pressure, and the slight movement of the body and the legs. Watch carefully, learn and practise, and, perhaps, you, too, one day will become great.



"THE WOODEN HORSE."

Before you attempt to hit polo balls about on pony back you must, in fairness to your mount, learn the elements of this art. You probably will be ham-handed, awkward and inaccurate, which means that your pony will suffer. It may have boots on, but even so, bangs about the legs and feet are neither pleasant nor economical. Then there is its mouth, and what about the jabs as you reach forward or backward to strike the ball? Therefore, I say, go to the polo pit or, at least, the wooden horse for your preliminary practice and tuition in stick-and-ball work, and you will save your pony pain and distress, yourself the displeasure of

souring and, perhaps, ruining it.

This initial training can be spread over a protracted period. You can take your time about it, and the longer you take, the better you will become, with the resultant blessing that your pony will be less apt to suffer when you practise a-horse.

When you are satisfied or, better still, when somebody else who knows more about the game than you do is satisfied, that you have achieved a fair mastery over the various strokes, fore and aft, near and off, then you can go on to the practise ground and knock a ball about, proceeding by easy stages. You must remember that it is necessary to do this early, because when you were practising in the pit there was no movement beneath you, whereas here, besides hitting the ball, you have a pony to manage as well.

The correct procedure from stick-and-ball to going into the game is to start in slow chukkers, but alas! I am afraid here in England there is little chance of that, for one sees all too little of intended slow chukkers on our polo grounds. Seasons and time are short, so you will most likely find yourself at No. 1 in a fast chukker when you start. That in England is where beginners are usually placed, and you will no doubt gather as a result of this that it is rather important that your preliminary stick-and-ball instruction and practice should be more prolonged and thorough than if you started off in slow chukkers. In America, it may be noted, it is the tendency to play the heaviest player at back, which accounts for a great deal of their superiority.



“WITHOUT A STICK.”

There was a time when we were taught to go into fast chukkers without a stick, and this certainly did no harm. There is more in polo than just beating a ball about. Combination and tactics are everything: the individual nothing.

Bear in mind that at polo you play for a side and not for yourself, or to put up a “good show” for the little “lovely,” whose azure eyes shine brightly as she watches you from the side. They will shine more later on when she sees you among the great ones, and you will never get there if you play a selfish, self-centred, showy game.

You will be more useful at the start if you mark and worry your man, who is the opposing back. By doing this you will make way for those behind you to come through and score goals, and that, after all, is the object of polo. Keep your place; don't fall back behind the others, and if you keep the opponent's back in check and mark him well you will have been some use. Remember, those behind you have more experience and are more accurate and therefore less likely to fizzle shots, so don't be selfish; leave it to them and push the back away. As you progress you can get on with the shooting as well. Listen to the calls from those behind you—“take the ball,” or “take the man,” and obey them. Polo should not be too chatty a game though, sad to relate, it often is. Keep your own mouth shut; nobody wants any instruction from you—you are a novice.

When taking a long shot at the ball, swing your stick to the full extent and strike in front of the pony's shoulder. You will get more momentum.

In riding the man, try and get your pony's nose a fraction in front of his. This will bring its shoulder forward, and you too. You will not have to barge, and exert yourself and your pony so much, and will thus reserve your energies. Steady pressure will push him aside.

Don't gallop about unnecessarily; that is tiring to the pony, so that at the critical moment it may fail you. Always hit the ball to the advantage of your side, and do not hit just for hitting's sake.

These are very minor and simple points in polo; there are a host of others, but I will not dwell upon them here, as I have other matters to discuss with you.

An important item will be the selection of your ponies. You do not need flashy, gassy, young ones. Go for old hands, well experienced in the game, who will teach you the game. There is many a good tune played on an old fiddle. Don't trust your own judgment. Be wise and take advice. A keen young player will always be sure of expert, kindly advice from experienced friends.

Old horses need care and attention if they are to gallop and keep up well in the game. Good stables, deep bedding, liberal feeding, massage (not much practised in England), and special care of the legs are all important points. It will be necessary for you to have good men in charge of your ponies. They are not nowadays easy to get. If you are lucky in your selection look after your men as well as the ponies—it will repay you.

Next we must consider your kit. Don't be ostentatious, but get always the best; they will pay for themselves. White breeches, a singlet, your colours, a helmet (not a cap if you please), a glove for the bridle hand perhaps and, if you desire, a whip. Spurs may or may not be necessary; they should not be worn unless they are essential, and in no case must they be sharp. Brown boots are *de rigueur*.

Choose good, strong serviceable saddlery. The bit must suit the pony, and the selection here is your responsibility. A snaffle is out of the question, and do not try to put the contents of an ironmonger's shop into the pony's mouth. A standing martingale is generally used at polo. The saddle should be the polo pattern. You will have to choose a length of stick suited to you. Some players prefer shorter sticks than others; you only can decide.

Don't overdo it so that you look a cross between a Christmas tree and an Indian Lancer going into action. The less trappings and hangings you have about yourself and your pony the better, and the less severe this will be on your pocket.



“BEFORE YOU GIVE THE INDICATION.”



“DON'T OVERDO IT.”

THE GAME IN NEW ZEALAND.

A Big Revival.

Owing its survival to the enthusiastic interest of farmers, polo in New Zealand has now fully recovered from the straits to which it was put during the depression years of 1930-35, when finances were so affected that the principal tournament, that for the Savile Cup, was not held. To-day, however, all the old clubs are functioning again and new ones are springing up, some in districts where the game has not previously been played.

Considerable impetus was given to the revival last year when New Zealand sent a team of six men and twenty-four ponies to play in the Centennial Gold Cup competition arranged in Sydney for the Australian sesqui-centennial celebrations. New Zealand won the cup, beating in the final, by 9 goals to 4, the New South Wales Town and Country Whites, a team which included two of the celebrated Ashton brothers.

The sporting spirit of New Zealand polo enthusiasts has never been more effectively shown than when it was decided to send the team to Sydney. Not only did they willingly subscribe the £1,000 required, but they also came forward with offers of ponies for members of the team. Without these offers the tour would have been impossible, for few New Zealanders find it possible to run polo stables.

Indeed, specialized breeding is not carried out to any extent. This is due to the number of horses bred for racing which are procurable. There are in the Waikato, for instance, many highly bred animals which have failed to pay their way in racing but have made extremely good polo ponies. The Waikato is chosen for mention because it is now probably the strongest polo centre in the Dominion, due largely to the enthusiasm of farmers—not many of whom would be accounted wealthy—and of town and country members of hunt clubs in the Auckland and Waikato areas.

The type of horse most generally used for polo in New Zealand was shown by the string which went to Australia. Practically all the ponies were from Stud Book mares and by sires that have been good performers on the Turf to-day. Two of the players refused £350 for mounts while in Sydney.

While many of the horses used in New Zealand might not fulfil strict requirements as polo ponies, there is no denying the fact that with them New Zealanders have brought their game up to a very high standard. It has been stated by the Ashtons and Bob Skene, another prominent Australian player, as well as by several Indian Army officers who have seen the game in several parts of the world, that the best New Zealand players are well up to International standard. Nor have New Zealand ponies

been ignored. Recently Lieut.-Col H. de N. Lucas came to the Dominion from India for the sole purpose of buying several ponies.

The variety of mounts which can be used in this country was seen clearly enough at a game arranged in a district just outside Auckland with the object of forming a new club. About forty stalwarts arrived at the field, where the goals were roughly indicated by stakes. Among the horses were one or two polo ponies, some hunters, many hacks and one light draught! Most of them were used for ordinary farm work. But the club has been formed and the standard of play is improving, while the members get a lot of fun out of their Saturday afternoon games.

It was obviously inevitable, when the country has so many bonds with England, that polo should be introduced sooner or later. Even in New Zealand, however, it is not widely known that only fifty years elapsed from the colony's official foundation in 1840 until the first inter-provincial competition was played.

The Savile Cup.

The credit for establishing the competition on a proper footing from its inception is due to an aide-de-camp of a former Governor. In 1889, when proposals for such a competition were being strengthened, Capt. R. S. Savile offered a cup for annual competition among the New Zealand polo clubs. The first such tournament was held in 1890, and in the following year a central controlling body was formed under the name of the New Zealand Polo Association, which has been the governing authority ever since. In 1901 a handicap cup was added to the annual tournament, and in 1928 a junior cup was also included. To-day, if less than twenty teams are entered for the Savile Cup competition the tournament is accounted a poor one. The fixture is played on central grounds, three years out of four in the North Island and the remaining year in the South Island.

The Association is now under the patronage of the present Governor-General, Lord Galway, who, with Lady Galway and their children, is an enthusiastic horseman. He never misses an opportunity to ride to hounds, and has given limitless encouragement to the polo clubs by his interest in their activities. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was also responsible, during his visit several years ago, for valuable encouragement, as at the time of his tour in the Dominion the game was feeling the full effects of the depression.

At the moment New Zealand polo is at a stage where its severest trials have been overcome. Its popularity is rapidly increasing, and its value, not only as a sport but also as an encouragement to a necessary revival in light horse breeding, is being widely recognized, while the standard of play is becoming progressively better. Any English enthusiast visiting the country to-day would be assured of a good, hard-riding, fast and skilful game, and anything he could do to advise New Zealand players and help the game along would be very gratefully welcomed.

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The ground is approximately 100 yards by 50 yards. The teams are three a side and a leather ball is used which can, by a strong hitter, be hit nearly the length of the ground. The photograph suggests the excellent schooling for ponies afforded by this game.

to improve one's own personal game and bring on young ponies. It has been a most popular game in other countries, especially the States, for almost two decades. Invariably it attracts a paying attendance that apparently is most thrilled at this condensed version of the game.

American polo, but principally in the States, owes much to indoor polo. The facilities offered to young boys in preparatory schools and, later on, at such universities as Harvard, Yale and Princeton, to mention only three of the prominent universities, gives the American player from four to almost ten years' start

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The U.S. Army has even much more enlarged upon this opportunity for player and pony fitness—larger rings—so much so that goal posts are erected with ample margin behind the goal lines. By comparison with outdoor polo the game is quite inexpensive. The same ring can be used every day in the year and as many times daily as required. The ideal foundation is just natural earth, and the only preparation needed is brush harrowing between the games.

I confess that I had a very stubborn prejudice against the game for several years. Mistakenly, as it turned out, I thought it was hard on the ponies. On the contrary, they have perfect footing and cannot possibly be hurt by the soft leather ball. They are taught the necessity of immediately answering the bridle and the aids and the use of their hocks. They are accustomed to continual riding-off and all the exciting moments that happen during a game, and the fact that they are in an enclosed ring makes them more amenable to discipline.

The game, originally fostered by the officers of the U.S. Army, has been for some time the winter sport for a great majority of North American polo players. To mention a few, it includes practically all the younger of the top-class players that have met and defeated our teams in International matches and those others that have been utilized for practice purposes, and are naturally of the higher handicapped class of player.

For those who are interested sufficiently in this great game it certainly need not be with the idea of financing a desirable but unprofitable organization or club. The uses of this ring, which requires very little care, are many. Polo tournaments, schooling of young ponies, jumpers and tuition of horsemen and women for all branches of equine sport would, of course, be the principal reason for existence.

Not only keen playing members of the many polo clubs, but those dealers who are such a material help to the game would utilize the stabling and other facilities, and these indoor rings with stabling, and outdoor playing grounds for the summer season would eventually become an economical and practical headquarters for all those interested in sports devoted to the horse.

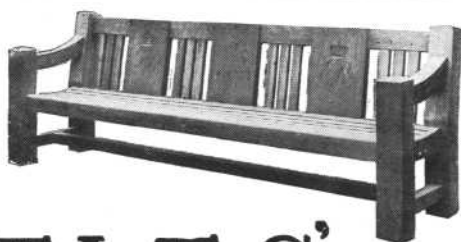
Olympia recently gave us an idea of what indoor polo can be, but the difference between this and the game as it is played in countries where it has been developed is the difference that now exists between lawn tennis of the beginning of the century and that of to-day.

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Concerning Motors.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

At the moment of writing English motor manufacturers are so busily engaged in making armament for the Government that there seems every likelihood of a famine in cars towards the end of this season. In fact I know of one or two speculators who have added an extra car or two to their stables so as to have the additional service if required and possibly sell them at a handsome profit, as happened after the Great War in 1919.

Now history has a knack of repeating itself, and while most folks who are closest in touch with diplomatic circles tell me that they do not expect any hostilities to break out during the next five years, and not then now that we have started conscription, I rather fancy the price of cars will rise considerably in the very near future.

Already, as I write these lines, the post has brought me the notification of a small increase in the price of all the M.G. new models for this season as from May 1, ranging from an additional ten shillings on the Midget Series T drop-head coupé to £10 on some of the larger cars of this maker.

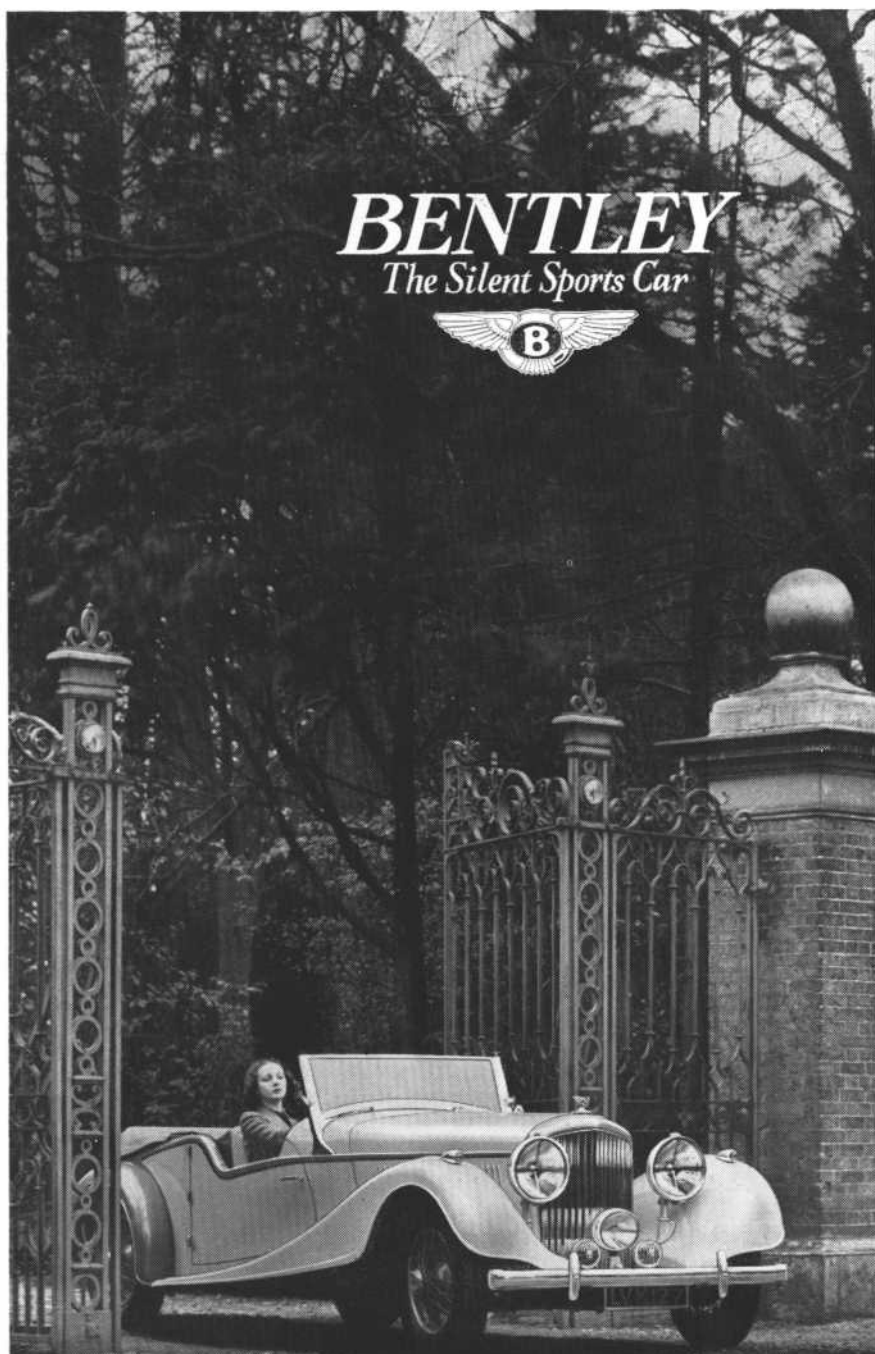
Already, also, the extra horse-power tax to be paid next year is increasing the sales of small cars. Here again these are being purchased by motorists who are using them, or intend to use them, as runabouts, and possibly only pay licence fees on their larger cars during the winter quarter, and so economize. There is also the question of petrol and fuel consumption to be considered, should war really break out, and the small units are so wonderfully efficient and so economical in their fuel consumption that most people are keeping one small car in their garage besides the usual Rolls-Royce, Bentley or Daimler.

Capt. J. P. Black, managing director of the Standard Motor Co., showed accurate prophetic instinct of new taxes on motorists when he christened this firm's new models "the Budget cars" last October, when they first made their appearance at the Earls Court motor exhibition. So he produced the Flying Standard 8 h.p. saloon at £129, with a petrol consumption of 45—48 miles per gallon, and yet offers the attractions of independent front wheel suspension, synchro-mesh gears and an enclosed luggage boot. Both this car and its counterpart, the 8 h.p. drop-head coupé, can travel at 60 miles an hour and so put up an excellent cruising speed when the driver requires it.

At the same time there is a lot of nonsense written and spoken in regard to the horse-power tax. Naturally, Englishmen, as other British subjects, hate paying any taxes, but are sensible enough to know that the money has to be found to pay the nation's expenses and insurance of existence. So they grumble yet pay. Also, in regard to this particular tax, I have always stated that if someone would pay for my lunch every day I would

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Now our girls play polo, and drive cars, the motor manufacturers have laid themselves out to please them in useful equipment. At the recent successful R.A.C. Rally to Brighton I noted that Miss Dorothy Stanley-Turner's 100 m.p.h. 4.3 litre Alvis, which won the champion banner against all the open touring cars entered in the Rally, carried in a pocket a small waterproof satchel containing, in addition to the usual material which a lady finds useful for removing the effects of a long journey, a small, very soft chamois leather. This, she told me, was very kind to the complexion, and can be kept damp in the satchel on the car for a considerable time without developing the unpleasant staleness usually associated with wet material. So I fancy that this is a tip which other women will take note of to carry in their carriages.

The Rolls-Royce Wraith saloon which won the championship for closed carriages had been fitted with chromium finished metal "finishers" instead of the usual polished wood facias. This carriage had many extra gadgets, including its extra expensive registration number, J.B.1, the initials of its owner, who pays the £5 extra to have it transferred from car to car as he changes his mounts.

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Perhaps the greatest novelty car of the Rally was the new sports 2½-litre Daimler. This car also won the prize for its class with its excellent road performance and its sweeping boat-shaped body. The car was low in build, so looked its part, yet did not sacrifice any of the comfort Daimler cars have made a tradition as carriages.

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Its appearance was enhanced by the clean, sweeping lines of the coachwork from radiator to tail and by the hinged deck, which gave continuity between front and rear seats while well protecting

the rear-seated passengers. The hood disappeared entirely from sight when not in use, and the front doors had cut-away sides with no running-boards. It found many friends at the Rally and should prove a popular model with the car-buying public, costing between £600 and £1,000.

Another notable car in the Rally was Col. Rippon's "straight-eight" Daimler sportsman's saloon, fitted with convenient carriers in its luggage boot for four sets of golf clubs, guns and fishing tackle and other sports equipment. The special reading lamps and interior lights which automatically turn on when the doors were opened received considerable praise, as well as its other fittings for the comfort of its users. These included a complete picnic service for five persons, with vacuum flasks for soup, coffee, tea and milk, as well as a miniature cocktail bar, radio and internal heating arrangements.

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This year's Tourist Trophy race, the next sporting fixture held by the Royal Automobile Club, will be held at Donnington Park in September. Before that motor race the chief attraction on that course will be the race for the Nuffield Trophy, a scratch event for 1½-litre cars. These will be racing machines, super-charged, and the latest design of British, French, German and Italian automobile engineers, all of whom are expected to compete in this light-car classic race to be run on June 10, starting at 3 p.m. The new British E.R.A. racing cars will be England's champions, while Mercedes represent Germany, Alfa Corse and Maserati cars Italy, and probably Bugatti for France. It should be a most exciting race to watch.

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Major A. T. G. Gardner, who created the record of 186.6 and 186.5 m.p.h. for the flying kilometre and flying mile in the International Class G for cars up to 1,100 cc. in November last year on the Frankfurt to Darmstadt motor road in Germany, expects to leave England for the Dessau *autobahn* on May 26 with his racing M.G. car, which now is stated to develop over 200 brake horse-power, so is expected to raise these records to a speed of 200 miles an hour or more when he makes his effort on this road in Germany on May 31, or as soon afterwards as possible, weather permitting.

This will be an almost incredible speed for this super-charged 12 h.p. M.G. Magnette, but the car has shown itself to be as steady as a rock when making the previous records, so that Gardner has no fears that it will not run just as smoothly, as well as faster, on his next effort this month.

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By the way, reverting for a moment to motor taxation, the total yield of the oil taxes for the past financial year was £52,500,000 from motor vehicles in a total of £58,078,000. Also the motor vehicle duties realized £35,608,000, the highest figure yet paid by owners. This it is estimated will be increased by the present Budget by £11,500,000 additional amount to the Exchequer, and the total contribution by motor transport will be at the rate of £100,000,000 per annum.

As the whole Budget is about £1,000,000,000, motor vehicles will thus pay more than one-tenth of our national taxation, as well as their owners' contribution to rates and taxes like everyone else.

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Owners of small cars will be interested in noting that one of the new Austin Eight cars climbed over 25,000 feet in one day's motoring of 12½ hours in the English Lake District. The highest altitude was over Kirkstone Pass, with its 1,300 feet above sea-level. The car climbed at the rate of 2,000 feet per hour, averaging 19 m.p.h., with a petrol consumption of 29 miles per gallon, as compared with its normal petrol consumption on give-and-take roads of 44 to 48 m.p.g. at 30 m.p.h. In this trip it made the ascents of all the noted Lake District passes, including Honiston, Newlands House, Whinlatter, Dunmail Rise, Red Bank, Blea Tarn, Wrynose, Hard Knott, Garbourn Road, Walna Scar, Bootle Fell and several others. But it should be noticed how this continual climbing hills affected both speed and fuel consumption, which is frequently forgotten by holiday-makers, who complain of the bad fuel average consumption, that this depends on the load and character of the roads which they travel on.

As a matter of fact, this Austin Eight made a very good performance in covering this wide extent of hills and difficult roads at the speed and fuel consumption as recorded.

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Lord Austin introduced a new 10 h.p. car to the public on May 17 at a luncheon given at the Longbridge Works, near Birmingham. It is an improved and rather bigger edition of the previous "ten" Austin, so should suit motorists who want something larger than the "eight" and costing under £200 to buy.

In fact, we are having quite a number of new cars brought out this spring or early summer. I was very much taken with new V8 20 h.p. Raymond Mays, entered and driven in the recent R.A.C. rally. Mr. Mays told me that it was designed as a high performance touring and utility car which could quickly attain a very high speed from a standing start, with a plus maximum to most cars of its rating at the command of the driver. I think it is good value at its price of £495 with coupé coachwork. Naturally, being built in the same workshop which produces the racing E.R.A., full advantage has been taken of that experience, so this new model for the connoisseur motorist has independent front wheel springing evolved from racing experience, torsional anti-roll bars in conjunction with hydraulic shock absorbers with wonderful stability at all speeds.

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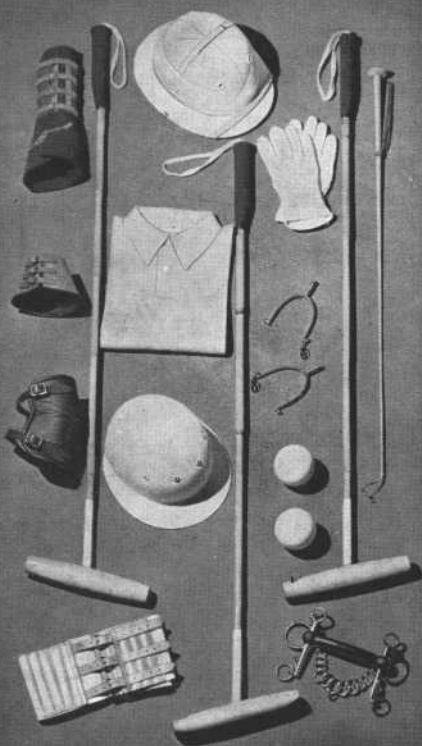
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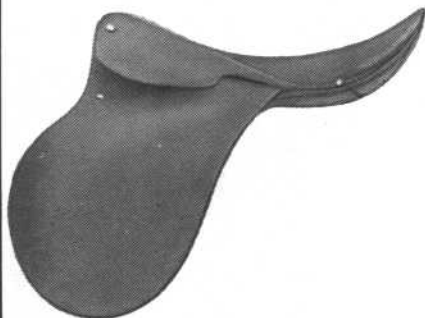
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SATURDAY,	22nd.	Ladies' Nomination Challenge Cup Final.
SATURDAY,	22nd.	Handicap Tournament commences.
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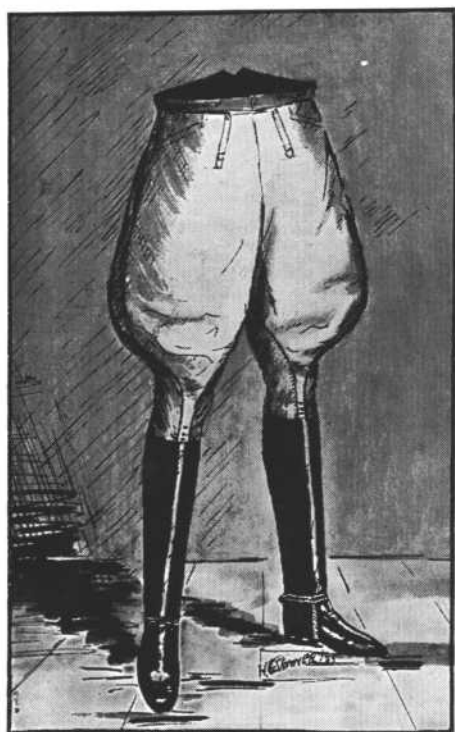
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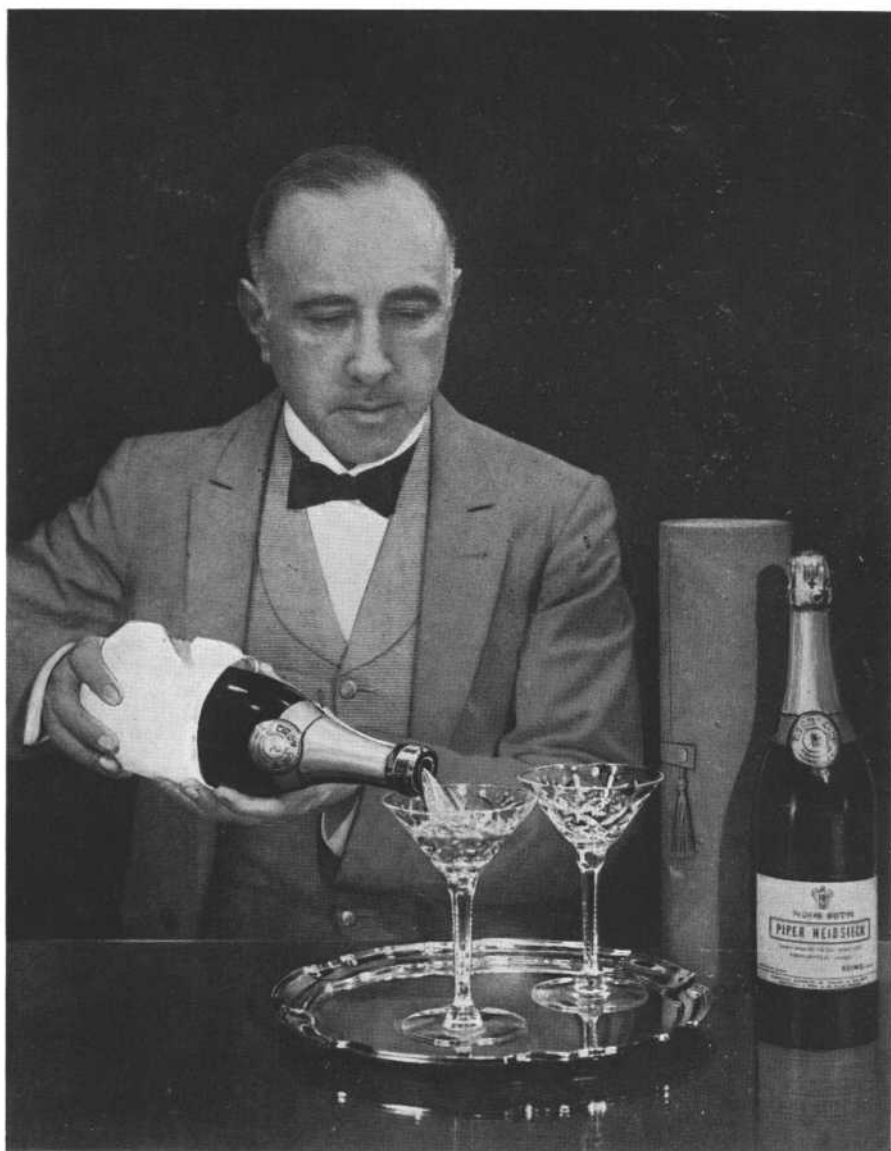
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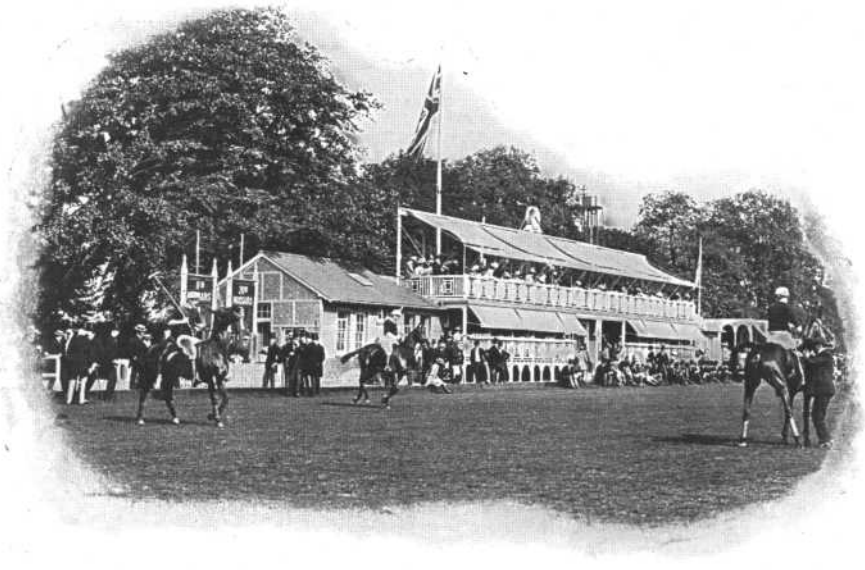
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A Heavy Bill.

The Westchester Cup remains in America despite our most strenuous endeavours for another three years. That we shall not challenge again is unthinkable, especially as the next series is due to be played on our own soil, but what will happen after that it is hard to say. For one thing, the fund so patiently amassed by the Hurlingham Polo Association is utterly dispersed, and when the bill is presented it seems more than likely that not including the £12,000 of the H.P.A. there will be a deficit in the neighbourhood of £10,000. The gates at Meadow Brook were unsatisfactory: the sale of the Hurlingham polo ponies even more so.

Looking into the Future.

To equip and maintain a team on the scale of 1939 is beyond the bounds of possibility for our next challenge on American soil unless some fairy godfather comes to the rescue. It seems more likely that, following the example of the Argentines, our selected squad will be invited each man to collect, say, eight ponies, Hurlingham guaranteeing some proportion of the cost and the transport, look after them himself and after the series dispose of them or not as he prefers. The acquisition of a national stud is altogether too expensive and chancy a business, and although our team this year was certainly not outponied—or would not have been had they had ordinary luck—that was

due rather more to the ponies they were lent than the ponies collected two years ago from Argentina bought from the fund.

The Hurlingham Ponies.

Elsewhere in this issue we give the approximate prices fetched at the auction sale of the Hurlingham and some other ponies at the conclusion of the Westchester Cup series. The official list was not to hand at the time of going to press, but the figures we quote may be taken as reasonably accurate. The result is naturally very disappointing, but nobody is buying in America—they have a "depression" too—and most of the highest prices were paid by British and Indian buyers. The Duke of Roxburghe, already admirably mounted, has acquired French Cottage at a very reasonable cost. His stud groom, Ross, has a great genius for getting his charges into splendid condition for the big occasion, and the appearance of Brocade, La Vétie and that grand old warrior Wazenden on the days of the Internationals was the admiration of all beholders. Perhaps in the near future the Duke will run a team in London. He himself will have improved his game considerably by his recent experience of American polo.

A Disappointment.

No doubt there will be recriminations and criticism. Any losing outfit is bound to suffer that, but the men on the spot did their job as well as they could be expected to do it. It is easy afterwards to say what should have been done, but not so easy to do on the spot. There are so many considerations unknown to any who are not themselves mixed up in the matter and even to them often obscure. If there was one cardinal error, as it was proved to be in the event, it was to put too much reliance on Mr. Aidan Roark. The team was almost built up round him, a sick man, and, after he had shown that he was not likely to be a match-winner, it was a mistake to persist with him. Had not Mr. Lakin been his greatest personal friend it is possible that Lord Cowdray might have insisted on playing him in the second match.

Brig.-Gen. Ricketts's Views.

We publish elsewhere an article from Brig.-Gen. R. L. Ricketts, who needs no introduction to polo players anywhere in the world. Anything that he may write demands attention, for he was a most distinguished player, and is a keen and close observer of the game. In this article the author expresses his own conclusions on the matter, which are not necessarily the opinions of THE POLO MONTHLY. It is, however, excellent to ventilate as many views as are expressed reasonably and, no doubt, the writer will find many to agree with him. Quite a number of points of criticism have suggested themselves to us, but once it is all over nothing but constructive criticism seems of real use. At all events few can doubt that the whole venture was conceived and launched with whole-hearted enthusiasm and in the belief that everything was being done to ensure success.

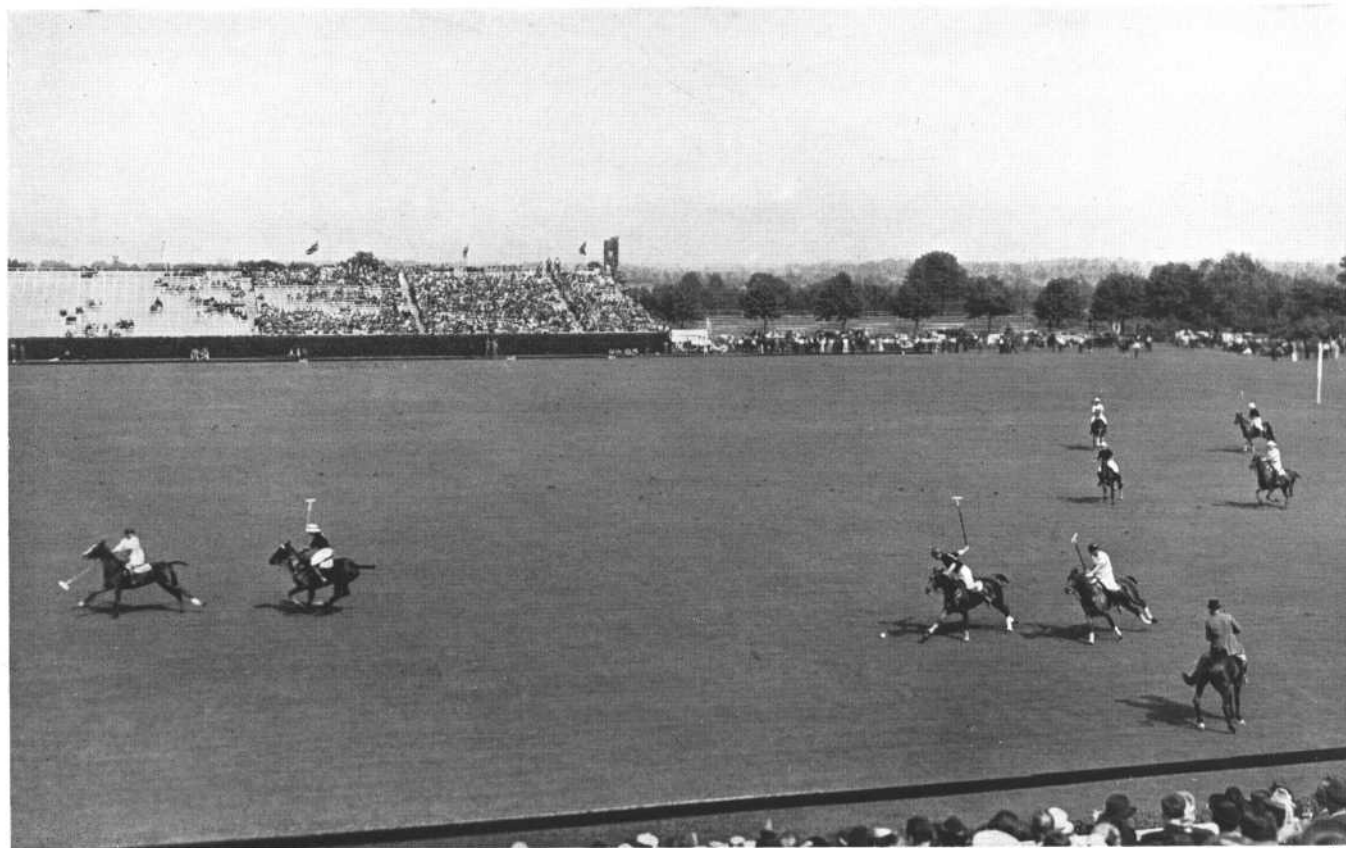


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ENGLAND ATTACKING.

In the first match. Balding, on Royal Mint, starts an attack, but Iglehart, on Rubisela (l.), has got back to cover Guest (r.), and Skene, for all the pace of Ebony, has little hope of getting clear. (Second chukker).

A Pleasant London Season.

In the meanwhile the London season which, it was feared, might become a desultory, dreary affair, has been eminently successful. Everyone appears to have been enjoying himself, and it is noticeable that there seems to be far less friction and differences towards the end of the season than is usual. To suggest that polo in England is in any way comparable with the game as it is played in America would be absurd, but at least we do play the game for our enjoyment, and if we enjoy ourselves the main object is achieved. That, however, does not necessarily imply that we should enjoy ourselves less if we played better.

Two Social Systems.

The fundamental difference between polo in England and the game in America is that, whereas polo is incidental in the London season and trammelled by the needs of the time, in America polo is played for polo alone. The nearest analogy in English life is hunting to the Englishman. If we spend only three short months at our polo, between the end of the steeplechasing season and August 12, it can hardly be expected to be on a par with the American game, where in any case they start in April and end in September or early October, with a brief pause during the heat of mid-July. Unfortunately we have no Long Island with its profusion of club and private grounds, and the eight grounds of the Meadow Brook Club. Were there such a centre within an hour's run of London (as Meadow Brook is of New York) and if we ceased to regard polo as a part of the social season, our views might change. In any case the social systems of the two countries are so utterly at variance that no true comparison could be made.

Umpires' Duties.

The insistence of the umpires in London on the strict observation of the rules of polo has, needless to say, come in for some criticism on the part of the players. Did it ever not? To be sure, constant "whistle" slows a game down exasperatingly, but surely anything is better than having serious casualties to men and ponies. The remedy is in the hands of the players. If they avoid fouls there will be no whistle and then we shall all be happier, especially the hard-working officials. Curiously enough, the faster and better the polo the fewer fouls occur. The first international match when the Americans alone fouled twelve times was exceptional.

A Possible Split?

In that connection the latest information from America suggests that our opinion expressed in last month's issue to the effect that the proposed International Rules are as far from being adopted over there now than they were before they were drawn

up was a correct one. It seems a pity that a world-wide game should not be played under universal rules, but in some ways the American is even more hide-bound than the Briton. Until they do so in the States there is little likelihood of Argentina coming in. To be vulgar, they know which side their bread is buttered, and their connection with the States, so far as polo is concerned, is infinitely closer than with us. Consider alone the number of their ponies imported into the States each year—and consider the prices some of them fetch. Some day it is likely that the polo world will be divided into two clear-cut compartments, the West including the States and Argentina, and the East including England and India and the Dominions. Public interest in America is nowadays much greater in the international matches between the States and Argentina than in the Westchester Cup series. That, if unpalatable, is true.

The Cup of the Americas.

It is understood that the match for the "Cup of the Americas," won by Argentina in 1936, will be played again this year. Mr. Charles Wrightsman is sponsoring the American team, who will leave for Argentina in the Fall. It is expected that the team will consist of Mr. Eric Pedley, Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. Winston Guest and Mr. Raymond Guest. That team, apart from its manifest strength, will be admirably mounted. Mr. Wrightsman will presumably mount the first two named, and the other two are perhaps as well or better mounted than anyone on Long Island this year. For the Championship at Hurlingham (B.A.) Mr. Wrightsman will, one imagines, go in at No. 1 in front of his skilled henchman, Mr. Winston Guest will drop back to back and Mr. Pedley to No. 3. Mr. Raymond Guest has expressed his intention to sell his ponies (probably Mr. Wrightsman will profit from this), retire from the game and settle permanently on his estate in Virginia, where he keeps a pack of hounds, and devote himself to the care of his land.

The 20-Goal Tournament.

The most interesting tournament played at Meadow Brook in the season, the 20-goal tournament, is in full swing as we go to Press. There are twelve teams entered, divided into two leagues—the "Meadow" and "Brook" leagues. They play off by leagues on the American system, each playing each on the flat, and the final is decided by the winners in each league. Of the British squad Lord Cowdray was playing in the Roslyn team with the Hoppings and Mr. John Schiff until his departure for England on June 29. Mr. R. Skene and Mr. H. H. Hughes teamed up in the League of Nations with Mr. J. B. Armstrong, a promising young player with a handicap of 2, and Mr. Bobby Loewenstein, who ran the Gauchos in London last year. In the Hurlingham team are Mr. Gerald Balding with the Duke of Roxburghe, Mr. Ivor Balding and Mr. Louis Stoddard, jun., who rode in this year's Grand National.

The Hurricanes Again.

Two more British players are taking part in Mr. "Laddie" Sanford's Hurricanes. These are Mr. J. B. Balding, who looks after Mr. Jock Whitney's ponies (a big task since the acquisition of the Old Westbury string almost *in toto*) and Capt. Hugo Anson, who has been playing a lot in Jamaica since his appointment, and is certainly well in at a handicap of one goal, especially as he has some useful ponies with him.

Texan Talent.

The wealth of young talent in America is evident in the teams entered for this tournament. The favourites are the Texas side. Mr. Wrightsman has gathered in two young Texans, Mr. W. M. Dritt (3) and Mr. H. Evinger (4), who seem to be definitely underhandicapped. They, with Mr. Cecil Smith and Mr. Wrightsman, are a formidable outfit. Texas, apart from producing some very good polo ponies nowadays, has already produced two famous players, Mr. Cecil Smith and Mr. "Rube" Williams, both of whom were "presented" by Mr. George Miller.

Promising "Elis."

In Mr. Tommy Hitchcock's Sands Point team were two young players from the recently victorious Yale team, Mr. W. H. Chisholm (1) and Mr. A. L. Corey, jun. (4). This is the way they bring on the young idea. It is small wonder that they have a constant supply of good young material to fill up wastage. In Broadhollow with the von Stades and Mr. Gerry Smith was young Mr. C. M. Woolley, also of Yale.

American Open Championship.

It is possible that Mr. Gerald Balding and Mr. Skene may remain in America till the Open Championship in August, but no information is available as to which teams they are likely to play in. The breaking up of Old Westbury, who started at 28 goals and ended as a 35-goal team, will no doubt make the issue more open, which is desirable, as other equally sporting but slightly inferior teams were losing heart. It is likely that in future a kind of "gentlemen's agreement" will be made not to play any team in the "Open" which aggregates more than 28 goals.

Sir Harold Wernher's Accident.

It was cruel luck on Col. Sir Harold Wernher that he should have been deprived of the pleasure of leading Someries House in the final of the Coronation Cup. In the semi-final his pony slipped up and fell, and Sir Harold sustained that most painful injury, a dislocated shoulder. His team eventually won, beating the Giant Pandas (who were without Capt. Guinness) by 6 goals to 3. Someries House always play attractive polo, and

this year have achieved a fair measure of success, which has pleased everybody.

Somerles House Ponies for Sale.

There is, however, a fly in the ointment. It is announced that twelve of Sir Harold Wernher's excellent ponies are to be offered for sale at Messrs. Tattersall's at the end of the season, which



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AN OUTSTANDING PONY.

Skene, on Roy Court, one of the most brilliant ponies in the Hurlingham string, making a run up the boards in the second International. Hitchcock, on Nodmore, is behind him; turning to go up (rather late) is Roark, on Blue Socks.

naturally gives rise to the fear that in future the leader of Somerles House may not run a team. If that is so it is a very sad business, but running a polo team year after year is a big undertaking and is "a constant care and a very uncertain comfort." That will leave him in any case plenty of ponies for the use of himself and his son, so it does not mean that he is giving up the game.

Mr. Harold Thomason.

Mr. Harold Thomason, whose pride it is to turn out the Somerles House ponies in splendid condition, and is one of the

finest horse-masters in England, is recovering from a very severe operation for appendicitis, which to a man less fit might have resulted fatally. He has now left hospital, and his many friends will congratulate him on his quick recovery. It is hoped that shortly he will be able to resume his lawful occasions in improved health.

Capt. H. P. Guinness.

Captain Humphrey Guinness, who has been delighting us in London, where he has been the mainstay of the Giant Pandas and the Jaguars—a seemingly interchangeable title—has gone back to Palestine to rejoin the Royal Scots Greys, who are busily engaged in the dreary pastime of policing excited Arabs and Jews up-country. It was a thousand pities that he was not able to join our international squad, even so late as their arrival on Long Island, for his presence alone might have given them the “drive” they so conspicuously lacked in their practice matches.

The University Match.

This year's University match very nearly did not come off, as Cambridge were unable to field a team of any sort. However, a Cambridge team composed of two undergraduates and two ex-Cambridge players took on Oxford under handicap at Hurlingham and, conceding $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, won by 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$. It is a melancholy thought that our two senior universities should be unable to raise even two teams of any kind when one considers the flourishing condition of the game in America. The recent inter-Collegiate final at Burnt Mills in New Jersey, when Yale revenged themselves for their last year's defeat at the hands of Harvard, was an excellent game, comparable with the best of Subalterns' Cup ties in England. Surely it is not too much to ask that the very wealthy Universities of Oxford and Cambridge should subsidize the game to some extent at least.

Catching them Young.

In a recent article the Polo Correspondent of *The Times* wrote: “Having recently watched the final of the Inter-Collegiate tournament on the Schley Field at Burnt Mills, in New Jersey, I am in a position to affirm that there is plenty of material available to replace retirements in the coming years. Down at Aiken early in the year, before serious polo began, we had the most edifying spectacle of the greatest player of his time, though verging on his retirement—Thomas Hitchcock, junr.—furiously playing bicycle polo with the children, ably abetted by such an experienced player as “Skiddy” von Stade, senr. No wonder they are never short of promising youngsters. Think of the thrill to a child to find himself playing in the same team as the most famous player of his time: and what an enormous incentive! I do not say that we in England can emulate this admirable system, because our polo season is so short, and in any case polo is not the sole interest of the people who play it, but very much could be done, especially by pony clubs, to give the children at

least a decent start. What is lacking as much as anything is a sufficiency of keen old hands to bear their part in educating the young idea, and, of course, the everlasting shortness of money.

"That inter-collegiate final was an eye-opener. In the first place the pace was not inferior to, say, a tie in the Subalterns' Cup. The hitting was extraordinarily long and, all things considered, most accurate. The Yale team totalled 13 goals on handicap, and were certainly worth it. By beating Harvard (only a five-goal team this year) by 12 goals to 5, they reversed the result of last year's final. Their team work was admirable, and they never gave their adversaries a chance to take advantage of the superior speed of some of their ponies. Up to half-time it was anybody's game, but gradually Yale asserted their superiority, and in the end won as they liked. The teams were: *Yale*: W. H. Chisholm (2), No. 1; A. L. Covey (4), No. 2; C. M. Woolley (4), No. 3; C. Johnson (3), back. *Harvard*: J. H. Lewis (0), No. 1; R. B. Forbes (2), No. 2; H. G. Dillingham (2), No. 3; B. F. Dillingham (1), back."

At the Universities.

"At many of the Universities the game is subsidized by the authorities. For instance, Harvard receive \$2,000 a year over and above subscriptions. On top of that there is a fund subscribed to by all past members of the College who played polo, which brings in a nice little sum each year. So far as mounting is concerned, naturally some of the players have their own ponies. Otherwise they are mounted on troop horses of the artillery or cavalry units of the O.T.C., an admirable system. One cannot help wishing that our Universities would in some degree imitate Harvard. The award of a Blue, even a half Blue, might serve to encourage the young idea. It is certain that as time goes on the Army will become less and less the nursery of British polo, and we shall have to rely for the young entry increasingly on the Universities. With all the wealth at their disposal, it does not seem unreasonable to suggest that the authorities might abandon their present unfavourable attitude and give this great game a little support for a change."

The Cowdray Weddings.

The Hon. Daphne Pearson, youngest sister of Lord Cowdray, is to be married to Mr. John Lakin at the Chelsea Old Church on August 10, almost immediately after Lord Cowdray, whose wedding to Lady Anne Bridgeman takes place on July 19, returns from his honeymoon. Miss Pearson is a keen and accomplished horsewoman and she and Lady Anne Bridgeman were out in California, and later, on Long Island with our Westchester Cup team. Both of these ladies gave great help in exercising some of the ponies. They returned to England shortly before the internationals.

Mr. John Lakin, who has enhanced his reputation in America, was a joint master with the Hon. M. R. Samuel of the North Warwickshire until last season. He is the only surviving son

of Mr. Harry Lakin and the late Mrs. Lakin of Pipers Hill, Leamington. He and Lord Cowdray were at Eton together and later at Oxford, the former at New College and the latter at "The House." Though Cowdray Week will not be quite the same this year, owing to these pressing family affairs, there will be polo, as announced elsewhere in this issue. Lord Cowdray is getting together a fresh or augmented string of ponies against next year's season and has already collected a number of star performers. Cowdray Park next year will, we imagine, be a very formidable combination. In the meanwhile we offer our felicitations and our hope for a long and happy life to those about to be united.

Cowdray Tournament.

In view of Lord Cowdray's absence, the Cowdray Park Challenge Cup will not be played for, but he has kindly lent his grounds for Goodwood Week for the above tournament, that is from July 24th to July 29th. The Cowdray Park Polo Committee, under the temporary chairmanship of Captain the Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., will manage the tournament, the conditions for which are as follow:—

"An American Handicap Tournament in which each team will play four games, their opponents depending on the draw if more than five teams enter. The tournament will be won by the team winning most games. In the event of a tie the team having the greatest aggregate goal score wins. No team may exceed 18 points or claim to total less than 12 points. Six chukkers will be played. There will be no Subsidiary Tournament."

Stabling and Forage.

All players requiring stabling are requested to make arrangements with A. Langdale, Esq., Home Farm Manager, Moor Farm, Midhurst (Telephone: Midhurst 89), the earlier the better. He will provide stabling and forage at an inclusive charge of 3s. 6d. per pony per night. Ponies will be met at Midhurst Station and their kits taken to their stables with no extra charge. Lodgings for grooms to be arranged by the players.

All particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Cowdray Estate Office, Midhurst. (Telephone: 27 Midhurst).

Riding in Richmond Park.

In reply to a question from Mr. H. Williams in the House of Commons to the First Commissioner of Works with regard to the intended imposition of a charge for riding in Richmond Park, Mr. Ramsbotham (Lancaster, U.) replied:—

The increase in riding has led to a very considerable and growing damage to the park, especially in wet weather. In the interests of the general public, and of the riders themselves, a track has been formed for the use of riders after 12 noon at week-ends and at times when the rest of the ground is too wet

for riding. On all other occasions they can ride where they please.

New regulations are necessary to enable the control of riding to be carried out in a satisfactory manner. The imposition of a charge is made under the ordinary powers of the Commissioners on behalf of the Crown as owner, and regulations are not required for this purpose. I should add that the cost of the riding track and of the repair and damage to the park is considerably more than is expected to be obtained from the riders, and it seems only fair that they should make some contribution to this heavy expenditure. I am discussing the draft regulations with those interested.

In reply to supplementary questions Mr. Ramsbotham said that the effect of the regulations had been to increase the opportunities for riding. Since the riding track had been formed the park was closed 10 times last winter as compared with 70 and 67 respectively in the years before the track was instituted. The legal position was that the public had no right of admission except by grace of the Crown, and therefore no right existed of bringing horses into the park, and the Parks Regulations Acts were quite irrelevant. Charges were made for cricket, golf and polo, and it did not seem unreasonable that there should be a charge for riding.

The Le Touquet Season.

The season at Le Touquet has for the past two years been one of the brightest features of the summer season. This year, except possibly for the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, the Army will not be represented so fully owing to various causes, not the least being the intensive training carried on. Nevertheless, there are plenty of teams entered for the various tournaments and there is sure to be lots of fun even if the polo is not exactly of international standard. There are few pleasanter playgrounds than Le Touquet among the pines, for apart from the hire of the tables and the general "night life," which somehow seems to prevent one from ever going to bed, there is one of the finest golf links in the world (over which the French Open Championship was recently decided), splendid bathing in the *Piscine* or the sea at high tide, and countless other joys. We are told that the polo grounds are much improved and a new ground has been brought into commission which promises well. The Oxford team is among those entered. The season lasts from July 20 till August 15.

Teams Engaged.

OXFORD: Lord Haig, The Hon. G. Astor, Mr. B. Profumo, and Mr. I. Marsden.

CHEVAU-LEGERS: Mr. A. Davey, Mr. W. Balding, M. H. Couturié, and M. Fenestrier.

ROUBAIX: M. Gallant, Capt. Brau, M. W. E. Rasson, and M. Detroyat.

HELGES: The Vicomte de Jonghe, Baron Janssen, Mr. Grisar, and Mr. D. Frost.

CHINCHINELLAS: M. Henri Good, Prince Omar Halim, Mr. Little, and M. Pedro Eyzaguirre.

GUEPARDS: M. J. Gonat, M. Daher Pasha, Capt. Prior-Palmer, and Mr. A Collings.

5TH ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS: Capt. Legard and others.

BLUE BIRDS: Mr. A. Mosselmans, Mr. A. Budgett, Mr. G. Budgett, and M. Noblet.

TOULSTON: Mr. W. H. D. Riley-Smith, Mr. A. Riley-Smith, Mr. M. G. Moseley, and Mr. O. Moseley.

ROTHSCHILD: M. Del Bono, M. Elie de Rothschild, M. Jean Rosenthal, and M. Moklin Bey.

County Fixtures.

Some alterations in the list of County fixtures have been made since we last published them. A revised list appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Late Lord Wimborne.

Lord Wimborne died on June 14 at Wimborne House. He had been in bad health for some years. He was aged sixty-six years. His chief interests were politics and polo, and he will always be remembered for his sponsoring the British team which won the Westchester Cup in 1914. Though he himself was never quite a first-class player, he was an exceptional judge of a player or pony. In 1912 he formed the Quidnuncs, who won the Champion Cup at Hurlingham in the following year. That, needless to say, was an excellently mounted team.

Since the American "Big Four" had appeared on the horizon in 1909 the quest to recover the Westchester Cup had failed repeatedly and comprehensively. America had won for the first time at Hurlingham in that summer, and the conditions under which the matches were then played insisted that they should be played in the country of the last winners. In 1911 England tried conclusions with the Big Four at Meadow Brook (the first international match ever played there), and again America were successful. Again in 1913 we were unsuccessful, though we lost the second match by only a quarter-point and it seemed that we should never recover the Cup.

However, it was decided to challenge again in the following year, and Lord Wimborne undertook to equip and provide for our challenging team. After some hard practice in Spain early in the year, the squad set out on their quest. The result was a glorious success, to which the sportsmanship of the Americans contributed, for they agreed to postpone the match in order to allow of Capt. Cheape's recovery from an injury, and back came the Cup to rest in our possession till 1921, when it crossed the Atlantic again, and at the moment looks like staying there indefinitely.

Ivor Churchill Guest was the eldest son of the first Lord Wimborne and Lady Comelia Spencer-Churchill, eldest daughter of the seventh Duke of Marlborough. He was educated at Eton and Trinity, Cambridge. During the South African War he served as a Captain in the Dorsetshire Yeomanry, and during his absence on active service was returned unopposed as Conservative Member for Plymouth. With his political career we have little concern. He crossed the floor of the House with his cousin, Mr. Winston Churchill, in 1905. In the General Election of 1906 he was returned as a Liberal Member for Cardiff. Four years later he was raised to the peerage as Lord Ashby St. Ledgers. From 1910 to 1912 he was Postmaster-General. In 1915 he became Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, where his sympathy with the cause of Home Rule made him unpopular in Ulster. He resigned at the Rebellion of 1916, but was exonerated from blame and returned to Dublin until 1918, when he was made a Viscount. From that time he ceased to interest himself deeply in politics, though in 1931 he was a strenuous supporter of the National Government.

Lord Wimborne succeeded his father in 1914. He married in 1902 the Hon. Alice Katherine Sibell Grosvenor, younger daughter of the second Lord Ebury, and leaves one son, the Hon. Ivor Grosvenor Guest, M.P., and two daughters. Canford Manor, the seat of the Guest family, was acquired in 1923 for a Canford School which, almost alone, brings horsemanship seriously into the curriculum.

Death of Yale's Captain.

Mr. C. M. Woolley, aged twenty-two, captain of the Yale polo team, died on Long Island on July 6, without regaining consciousness, after being thrown when his mount collided with a pony ridden by Mr. Winston Guest in a match for the Meadow Brook Polo Club 20-goal tournament. Mr. Woolley only graduated in June. The accident occurred when his mount fell after tripping over the hind legs of Mr. Guest's pony. Mr. Woolley sustained severe concussion, and the match was abandoned.

The Polo Correspondent of *The Times* wrote: "Mr. Woolley was playing in the Broadhollow team, which had a good outside chance of winning the tournament. He was one of the most promising young players in the States, and had already achieved something of a reputation. His handicap was four goals, and he certainly was well worth it. He had recently led the college team to victory over Harvard in the Inter-Collegiate final at Burnt Mills, when he had shown great leadership, drive and skill.



Ponies Played in the Internationals.

FIRST MATCH.

AMERICA.					
M. R. PHIPPS.		T. HITCHCOCK.	S. IGLEHART.	W. F. C. GUEST.	
ENGLAND.					
R. SKENE.		A. ROARK.	G. BALDING.	E. H. TYRRELL-MARTIN.	
No. 1.		No. 2.	No. 3.	Back.	
		FIRST CHUKKER.		Goals.	
A.	Limpita.	Nodmore.	Housemaid.*	War President.*	2
E.	Tatters.	Blue Socks.	Brocade.	Tercio Pelo.	0
		SECOND CHUKKER.			
A.	{ Brown Fern.	Tomasol.	{ Rubisela.	Charandi.	0
	{ Amadita.		{ Lisonjero.		
E.	Ebony.	{ Sea Foam.	Royal Mint.*	Brown Sherry.	1
		{ Alambre.		(1 Pen. 4).	
		THIRD CHUKKER.			
A.	Fuss Budget.	Black Prince.**	Goldpiece.	Confite.*	
E.	Free Lance.**	Naranja.	Paraguay.	(1 Pen. 4).	
				Wazenden.	2
		FOURTH CHUKKER.			
A.	Bramble Broom.	Pampero.*	Camille.	Cometa.	1
E.	Roy Court.*	Musical Prince.	Loyalist.*	Cop.	2
				(1 Pen. 2).	
		FIFTH CHUKKER.			
A.	Primrose.*	Slippery Sand.	Red Bird.	Cacique.	1
E.	Figurita.	Veritop.	Brujola.	Red Cameo.	0
		SIXTH CHUKKER.			
A.	Sharma.*	Miss Gould.*	Little Red.	Estilista.	2
E.	Ebony.	Blue Socks.	Brocade.	Tercio Pelo.	0
		SEVENTH CHUKKER.			
A.	Brown Fern.*	Bonito.	Goldpiece.	{ Cobra.	1
E.	{ Free Lance.	Massey Harris.	Royal Mint.	{ Pipes o' Pan.	
	{ Torrent.			Brown Sherry.	0
		EIGHTH CHUKKER.			
A.	Fuss Budget.*	Black Prince.	Flashlight.	Confite.	1
E.	Tatters.	Naranja.*	Paraguay.*	Cop.	2
				(1 Pen. 3).	

* Indicates ponies off which goals were scored. Balding and Hitchcock took the penalty hits.

SECOND MATCH.

(Teams as before.)

		FIRST CHUKKER.		Goals.	
A.	Primrose.*	Nodmore.*	Housemaid.	War President.	2
E.	Tatters.	Blue Socks.*	Brocade.	Tercio Pelo.	1
		SECOND CHUKKER.			
A.	Araquito.	Miss Gould.	Flashlight.	Confite.	0
E.	Ebony.	Thanks a Million.	Royal Mint.	Brown Sherry.	0

THIRD CHUKKER.			
A. Fuss Budget.	Black Prince.*	Rubisela.	Cacique. 1
E. Free Lance.	Veritop.	Loyalist.	Cop. 0
FOURTH CHUKKER.			
A. Sharma.	Karsanga.	Little Red.*	Estilista. 1
E. Roy Court.*	Flechilla.	Figurita.	Sea Foam. 1
FIFTH CHUKKER.			
A. Bramble Broom.	Gotero.	Housemaid.	Cometa. 0
E. Rosita.*	Helen.	Colorado.	Red Cameo. 1
SIXTH CHUKKER.			
A. Lovebird.**	Miss Gould.	Flashlight.	Pipes o' Pan. 2
E. Ebony.	Black Cherry.	Brujola.	Tercio Pelo. 0
SEVENTH CHUKKER.			
A. Brown Fern.*	Black Prince.**	Camille.	Cobra. 3
E. Free Lance.	Naranja.	Royal Mint.	Brown Sherry. 0
EIGHTH CHUKKER.			
A. Sharma.	Nodmore.	Goldpiece.	Charandi. 0
E. Roy Court.	Blue Socks.	Figurita.	Cop.* 1
		Topsy.	

* Indicates ponies off which goals were scored. Skene and Hitchcock took the penalty hits.

THIRD MATCH.

AMERICA.			
M. R. PHIPPS.	C. SMITH.	T. HITCHCOCK.	S. IGLEHART.
ENGLAND.			
R. SKENE.	J. LAKIN.	G. BALDING.	E. H. TYRRELL- MARTIN.
No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Back.
FIRST CHUKKER.			
A. Primrose.**	Cacique.	Nodmore.*	Housemaid. 3
E. Naranja.	Marson.	Brujola.	Cop. 0
SECOND CHUKKER.			
A. Brown Fern.*	Estilista.**	Black Prince.	Goldpiece. 3
E. Sea Foam.	Massey Harris.*	Figurita.	Brown Sherry. 1
THIRD CHUKKER.			
A. Sharma.	Past Master.	Miss Gould.*	Rubisela. 1
E. Tatters.**	Isla.	Royal Mint.	Atalanta. 2 (1 Pen. 3).
FOURTH CHUKKER.			
A. Bramble Broom.*	Bonny J.*	Gotero.	Little Red.* 3
E. Rosita.	Rebel Maid.	Thanks a Million.	Red Cameo. 0
FIFTH CHUKKER.			
A. Lovebird.*	Tigre.	Rumor.*	Housemaid.* 3
E. Moment.*	Miss Destiny.	Solito.	French Cottage. 1 (1 Pen. 4).
SIXTH CHUKKER.			
A. Arequito.*	Jemima.	Nodmore.	Flashlight. 1
E. Halo.	Black Cherry.	Loyalist.	Veloz.* 1
SEVENTH CHUKKER.			
A. Brown Fern.	{ Home Sis.	Black Prince.	Goldpiece. 0
	{ Cacique.		
E. { Golden Bubble.	{ Serpentina.	La Vétie.	Cop. 0
{ Princessa.	{ Alambre.		
EIGHTH CHUKKER.			
A. Sharma.	Mary Miller.	{ Pampero.	Rubisela. 0
E. Veritop.*	Rebel Maid.	{ Slippery Sand.	
		Royal Mint.	Brown Sherry. 1

In addition, Mr. Phipps changed on to Amber for a quarter of a chukker, which brought her the distinction of playing in three International series, once for England in 1930 and twice for America in 1936 and 1939.

* Indicates ponies off which goals were scored. Skene and Hitchcock took the penalty hits.

Some Reflections after Meadow Brook.

The Captain's Dilemma.

I wonder what we might have done to make the outcome of our affair in America less disastrous or more effective? The Englishman adores tradition and the man who once put up a show on some historic occasion. That is all very well, but so many English reputations are built up round one solitary performance. It is not unreasonable to suggest that the final selection of the English team was, in fact, made after the match at Santa Barbara, where Mr. Aidan Roark played the game of which he is capable and made all the rest of them look "worth 10 cents."

That was all very nice and large; spirits rose and he had seemed to have played himself in at No. 2. That, however, was the solitary flash of brilliance until, dropped from the English team, he played one chukker of surpassing brilliance, on an American pony, on the Cochran Field. Whereupon he was promptly reinstated—what else could one do in a team which had been built on the apparently secure foundation of Mr. Roark's excellence? Excellent he is, but not with a troublesome inside and not in a captious mood which discards pony after pony until we doubted whether he could only be suited by a "dobbin" or whether he had no more lust for the fray. Mr. Roark will support me if I say that his performance was not within goals of his handicap. He had said that he did not like playing No. 2 and, in fact, "did not know which way he was going or why." Why, therefore, persist in an obvious misfit on the strength of one Californian exploit?

Nothing is easier than to explain exactly where everyone went wrong, after the event, but after the dismal showings early on Long Island I submit that something might have been done. As a quite revolutionary measure I should have put in Hughes at No. 1 in front of Lakin, with Skene at No. 3 (but could he have ridden his ponies as a No. 3?), with the Rock of Ages at back and seen how that went. Not a bit of it. Mr. Roark went through the entire stud—or very nearly—expressed himself dissatisfied with nearly all of them and then—after the waste of a fortnight—explained with endearing Hibernian candour that he hated playing No. 2 in any case.

And so what? Eventually the management was reduced to buying a pony for him which had already been tried and discarded by almost every candidate for the American team, and he did not go noticeably better on that than on several others.

There is a remark in the Old Testament about the fallacy of putting one's trust in the strength of any man's legs. The commentator was evidently experienced in international affairs even if he was not a polo player.

I have always believed, and I continue to believe, that you cannot win a big polo match unless you are adequately mounted. We were in the internationals short of $1\frac{1}{4}$ pony each man, owing to lameness and so forth, otherwise there might have been a different tale. It was in the sixth and seventh chukkers in the second half, when we began to come back on our earlier mounts, that the irremediable damage was done.

I. H.

The Third Match.

England at Last Go Well.

In the last game of the series, when the Hurlingham team dressed in the dark shirts of England, received 10 goals from the "dream team" of 40 goals and won by 16 (or 17) to 14, they held their opponents for the last six chukkers and were led by only 8 goals to 6 scored. In the last four they were on a par, although they had been caught up at 14—14 mid-way through the sixth chukker. What is more, Mr. John Lakin had reduced Hitchcock to comparative impotence by untiring attention, so that it was a case of bellows to mend with him.

But what a start of a game! In the first two chukkers the Americans looked like running away from us, and the uninformed and unobservant occupants of the Press stand were moved to mirth at the prompt capture of six goals against one. In the fourth, just before the interval, they scored three more in a row, and that meant they had hit 10 goals against 3.

Then, just as we were praying for night or Blücher, England began to wake up. America scored three more goals in the fifth period against one by us. In the sixth chukker, thanks to the heroic efforts by Mr. Balding on that glorious looking bay gelding Loyalist, who has improved vastly in performance (he always had speed) since last year, England got ahead after America had equalized at 14—14, and the rest of the game was definitely England's. America certainly were not pulling up—far from it. Actually in that sixth chukker England ought to have scored three times, for Skene missed a great chance when he was let away on Halo unattended, and Mr. Lakin was unlucky with a great shot which went just wide a moment or two before America drew level.

The last two chukkers were terrific for pace. England, though outponied on paper, were on fresh ponies, except for Cop, who played the first chukker, and though the Americans had out the flower of their stud, Brown Fern, Cacique, Black Prince and

Goldpiece had all been out before. In the previous matches England had received the *coup de grace* in the sixth and seventh chukkers, when perforce they had to come back on ponies that had been out before, which seems to suggest that except in cases of really outstanding ponies, such as Brown Fern and Brocade, it is unwise to play a pony twice in a hard game on the vast and dead-galloping expanse of the International Field. The seventh chukker was described by *The Times* polo correspondent who saw it as "the fastest and hardest ever I saw," and men and ponies were done to a turn by the end of the chukker.

Again England had all the eighth chukker and scored one more goal, and Mr. Tyrrell-Martin, who had begun to come up in the game and had, indeed, played quite magnificently throughout, came up with a rush on Brown Sherry and banged the ball through with a terrific shot just as the bell sounded. A score of 17-14 would have sounded better and would certainly have been a fairer reflection on the game.

There is no doubt that Mr. Lakin definitely strengthened the team, and the fact that on his first appearance he should have been able to overcome the effect of those horrid two first chukkers and to pull out a game that was in every way worthy of the occasion stamped him as a possessor of the right temperament. If the captains, non-playing and playing, had steeled their hearts (but how could they?), dropped Mr. Roark after the game at Bostwick Field or at latest after Piping Rock, it is on the cards that we might have won, for in the first game the Americans were far from at their ease, and were ripe for vigorous assault. But if it had been a failure think of the unrestricted blame that would have been their portion. It is, however, interesting to note that in each match in which Mr. Lakin played the "drive" that was conspicuously absent in most of the practice matches on Long Island and also for part of the first two internationals was definitely there.

The "Might-have-been."

Even with the team as it was England should have won the first game had it not been for the very poor penalty hitting in the first half of the game. It was, perhaps, a little unfortunate that a goal was not signalled when Mr. Iglehart came in on Rubisela at a tremendous pace and back-handed a shot from Mr. Skene out of the goal mouth. Many, including Mr. Skene himself, were certain the ball had crossed the line. On the other hand, the penalty 2 awarded to England when Mr. Phipps rolled Mr. Roark over ought not to have been given, for there is now no doubt that, whatever foul there was, it was not made by Mr. Phipps. Had, however, England gone into the second half with a lead of three goals, which they should have had at least, it might well have been a different story. The shortness of ponies to carry them through the second half was certainly a contributory cause of their defeat. In the fifth, sixth and seventh chukkers America scored four more goals without reply, and had it not been for the brilliant play of Mr. Balding, and especially



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AMERICA IN DANGER.

First match, third chukker, just before Skene, on Free Lance, equalized for England at 3 all. Guest, on Confite, attempts to clear to the side, Iglehart, on Goldpice, coming up (r.) to help. In the background are Hitchcock, on Black Prince, and Balding, on Paraguay.

Mr. Tyrrell-Martin, they might well have scored many more. All of us felt at the interval that we had lost our chance.

It was much the same story in the second game, except for the missed penalties. Naturally, there were not so many this time, and Mr. Skene, who took those there were, had a hard wind to contend with. Even so, America led only by 4—2 at half-time, and in the fourth chukker, after Mr. Iglehart had come up single-handed on Little Red and given his side the lead by 4—1, England were constantly attacking, with Mr. Skene going splendidly on Roy Court, and should have had more than the one goal they made. In the fifth chukker England got to 3—4, with a very narrow angled shot from Skene, but in the next two chukkers history repeated itself, the English ponies, out a second time, could not hold the constant pressure, and America put on five more goals to put the issue beyond doubt.

The American Team.

Of the Americans, Mr. Hitchcock, if not the most spectacular, was constantly outstanding. His experience, his leadership and his own personal skill is perhaps beyond that of any player who has played international polo. His art is that the ball constantly comes to him and he is invariably set to use it to the best advantage. Were he sent on to the ground without a stick I believe he would still be worth his place in an international team by reason of his tremendous personality and his generalship, to say nothing of the physical trouble he hands out to any who try to get round him. He does not go "looking for trouble," but he is a real "tough guy," and it takes a good man to get the better of him even occasionally. If, as it is rumoured, he will play no more international polo, he leaves the arena at the height of his fame and with the knowledge that without him America



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FINISHED PERFORMANCE.

Tyrrell-Martin played with brilliant steadiness throughout, and Cop (by Spion Kop) was one of his outstanding ponies. Here he is spoiling a promising American run. The other player is Hitchcock, on the old International, Pamper-



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ROBBED!

Balding, on Royal Mint, just gets up in time to hook Phipps's stick in the third match (third chukker). Hitchcock, on Miss Gould, assiduously attended by Lakin, is turning into the play.

might very well have lost the cup this year. He is beyond question the greatest polo player since the war, perhaps the greatest of all time. It is pleasant to think that his father, who took part in the first international game in 1886, was able to watch his son's triumph at Meadow Brook.

Mr. Phipps may not have shown the brilliance throughout the series that one commonly sees, but the explanation is simple, namely that Mr. Tyrrell-Martin saw to it that he should not do so. To mark him is a considerable feat, for he has very fast ponies—Brown Fern *par excellence* and others such as Primrose, Bramble Broom and Love Bird (to say nothing of Amber, who played in her third international series this year even if it was only half a chukker), and with the certainty of the ball coming up so that he must race in order to get up to it, he develops tremendous pace even before he gets into the play, and he is as accurate at goal as ever, even when receiving a whole-hearted bump at the moment of striking.

Mr. Iglehart, after considerable doubt whether he would play at all in this year's series, played all through them. He is first and foremost a No. 3, and after Mr. Cecil Smith's accident that was the position in which he found himself after all. He is not really a back in the sense that Mr. Tyrrell-Martin is, but in the third game he played quite brilliantly in that position. If he had been ill during the winter he certainly showed no sign of it on the ground at Meadow Brook. His stickwork and striking is a joy to the eye, so amazingly quick is he to see and hit the ball, and his ponies are wonderfully quick and handy to

put him in position. In the recent matches perhaps Flashlight and Goldpiece were the best of them. Certainly they did the most damage.

Mr. Winston Guest determined to "get on the team" last year and he settled down to the fulfilment of his desire in the most thorough manner. He was already magnificently mounted with War President, Charandi, Cometa and Confite, and he added to this string Cobra, by Morteo, paying a considerable price for him. He went into training with this great object, and after seeing him at Sands Point there could be little doubt that he must get his place. He has now played against us for the last three series, and each time he has played splendidly. He was dropped to 7 in last year's handicap. He is likely to be rated at 9 at the end of this season.

The Greatness of Cecil Smith.

Mr. Cecil Smith is a most unlucky player. He seems to get more falls than any other first-class player, and he always seems to get hurt. This year he could not possibly be excluded, for he is the most brilliant player in America just now, and so a long cherished ambition was about to be realized when, only a day or so before the first match, he had a nasty fall owing to the unhandiness of an opponent's pony, sustained concussion and was not fit for either of the first two matches, which let in Mr. Iglehart. At all events he did play in the third match, but it was not quite the same thing as when it was all to play for. It was perhaps a fortunate coincidence for England, as he had been showing the same form as he showed for Old Westbury last autumn, which means superlative. He is, however, yet young and we shall expect to see him over here again in 1942 in any case, and very likely sooner if his Texas Rangers come roving in search of plunder next year, as we hope they will.

In whatever line-up these Americans were obviously enormously strong, and it is questionable what combination was or could have been the strongest. No side could be complete without Mr. Smith or Mr. Hitchcock or Mr. Iglehart, both No. 3's. Some say that Mr. Pedley is a better No. 1 than Mr. Phipps, 10-goal handicap and all, but to that view we hesitate to subscribe. Mr. Guest seemed obviously the choice for back, though his brother Raymond ran him close for the honour. No wonder the Selection Committee spent sleepless nights in the insoluble problem of getting five men into a polo team. At all events their team won, and deservedly, and we can but congratulate them and hope for better things next time.

Finally, the umpiring of Mr. Earl Hopping and Mr. Wiley Post in the internationals was entirely excellent, and they were only once at fault when they penalized Mr. Phipps in the first game, as described above. Umpiring in America is not always as good as it is made out to be, and there are certain conventions that few umpires dare to break, but these two did an arduous job to the complete satisfaction of all, including the players themselves, a remarkable and praiseworthy achievement.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS.

A Gloomy Outlook.

The challenge for the Westchester Cup which started with so fair a promise has failed comprehensibly: what is more it has resulted in a sad and serious financial flop, so much so that we fear that the public-spirited gentlemen who so generously guaranteed a substantial amount towards the cost of the venture will have to put their hands in their pockets and stump up.

These notes are being written before the details of the sale of ponies are to hand, and no doubt it will be some time before the balance sheet is presented. As to the ponies, we have learned already that 41 ponies put up for public auction at Mr. Fred Post's yard at East Williston had fetched only £11,000. Of those 41 ponies only 26 were the property of Hurlingham, and of these only Brown Sherry, Ebony, Sea Foam, Free Lance and Tercio Pelo played regularly in the internationals, though French Cottage recovered in time to play in the last game, when her form was as good as ever. This is not a year for buying on either side of the Atlantic, and this sale will have proved to be one of the lowest ever held. If Hurlingham get back £4,000 out of the £12,000 they spent (perhaps a trifle prodigally) in the acquirement of their stud they will be doing not so badly. The rest of the original string had been found wanting in California, and had accordingly been sent home to save their keep or sold on the spot for what they would fetch—and that was parlous little.

In addition, the gates fell vastly below the estimated sum. The attendance was small, not more than approximately 56,000 people in the three games as against the "highest possible" of 120,000, and as Hurlingham are to receive 20 per cent of the takings instead of a guaranteed sum of, say, £15,000, there will not be so much from that as had been hoped. The total cost has been, we believe, somewhere about £32,000, perhaps a little more, including the H.P.A. fund now dispersed. The contributory causes of the financial failure are four in chief.

First, the charges for admission on the east or public side were too high to hope to compete with the World's Fair, where a man and his wife could spend a day and most of the night for less than a single ticket to Meadow Brook would cost. There is a depression in America, as elsewhere, and people are compelled to watch their step as we are in England.

The decision to hold the matches on Sundays also was a mistake for the New Yorker since the depression is liable to plump for one week-end junketing, not two, and so again the Fair was apt to gain the verdict as a Sunday outing. Apart from that, though that was the act of God, the first Sunday

was beastly wet in the morning and the great American public had not at their service the remarkably efficient Weather Bureau of the Military Flying Field at Mitchel Field, so that it was hardly surprising they kept away, even though at Meadow Brook it was confidently predicted that the rain would stop at 12.30 (which it did) and that the sun would come out at 2.30 (which was wrong because it did not do so till 2.55). Otherwise there would have been no doubt a big attendance. Had the games been fixed for the Saturdays the authorities would have had a second string to their bow.

The American Press, with respect, seldom seems to be able to keep more than one thing in its noble mind at a time, and they were, for one thing, fair mad to the exclusion of all else, and so the preliminary ballyhoo, so necessary to publicity, was not forthcoming in sufficient volume to be heard among the din and the advertising also was not all that it might have been.

Fourthly, the form of the British team after its first fair showing at Roslyn had deteriorated, and the sports writers, who are no experts as a rule, had not the knowledge to understand the why and wherefore—(heaven knows they were hard enough to explain)—of the very inferior performances put up by our team in those three agonizing weeks before the first match on June 4. One cannot altogether blame them, for their chief duty is to "get a story," and any attempt to find out the reason for an obviously poor performance would be regarded as a waste of time.

The British team got a bad Press for their polo in practice, and especially in their practice on International Field, which they did indeed earn, and it is a fact that the public, whether they know or not, will not go to a game that does not promise well. As witness the series of 1936. Thanks to a defeatist attitude on the part of some people who ought to have known better, the stands for the first (and most exciting) match were little more than two-thirds full. When it was learned that England had all but won that game they were filled to their capacity for the second game.

Whatever the causes this trip of 1939, so far from vitalizing the series as we all had hoped, has gone far to make an end of the whole affair. We shall take some years to recover from the blow, and even if we challenge in 1942, as it must be hoped we shall, how the funds are to be collected even to "put on" the matches at Hurlingham is hard to say. It is even more difficult to say how we shall manage to carry out another challenge on American soil; that is unless we win in 1942. Nothing but an English victory is likely to arouse public interest in America, and it is a sad fact that, even now, matches against Argentina, since the Argentine victory in 1936, arouse much greater public interest on the other side of the Atlantic than the Westchester Cup matches.



SALE OF THE PONIES.

Low Prices Prevail.

“The full truth of this odd matter is what the world has long been looking for and public curiosity is sure to welcome.” The Hurlingham ponies, those lent to the Westchester Cup team by the Nawab of Bhopal, and some details, totalling 40, were sold



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BROCADE,

[W. A. Rouch.

Played by Gerald Balding, winner at Olympia, Hurlingham and Squadron “A” (New York) in heavy-weight classes. A brilliant pony. She is a chesnut mare by Bay Rhum, getter of so many great ponies, bred by Mr. T. J. Balfour. The property of the Duke of Roxburgh.

at auction on June 25, and fetched a gross sum of 58,500 dollars (our details make it 59,455 dollars), roughly £11,700. Of this total about 31,555 dollars were paid for ponies the property of the Hurlingham Polo Association. Though this is a little above the total that many expected in the circumstances, it is still considerably below the estimated return of £15,500, being in fact about £6,225. Most of the high prices were paid by English or Indian buyers. The reason is that Mr. Sonny Whitney has dispersed his Old Westbury Stud, Mr. Raymond Guest is presumably disposing of his string to Mr. Wrightsman after the

match for the Cup of the Americas, and most other American players either are not buying, on account of the depression, or else are already perfectly suited. It is pleasant to record that French Cottage, a great pony as we believe, is coming back to England as the property of the Duke of Roxburghe.

The sale took place at Mr. Fred Post's yard at East Williston, at night, preceded by the customary cocktails and snacks, so that it cannot be suggested that prospective buyers had not every encouragement. It will be of interest to compare the following list with the chukker-list of ponies played in the Internationals. The prices are given from memory, and the exact correctness is

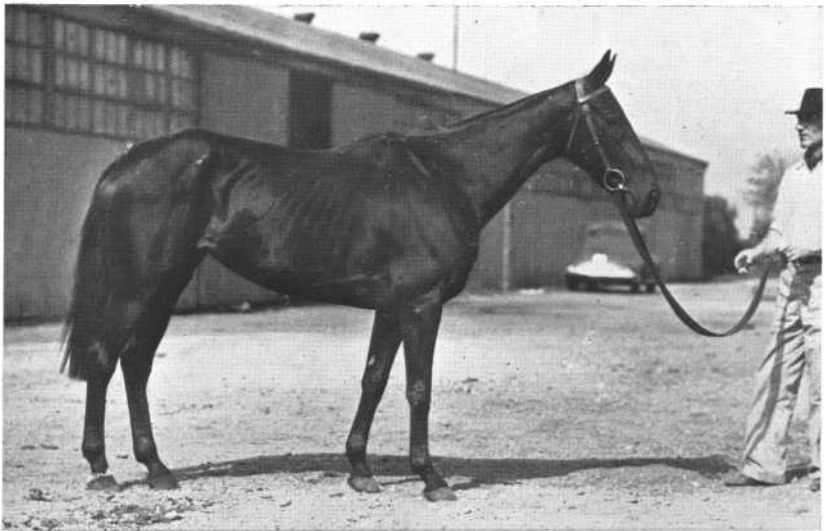


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EBONY,

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An ugly but exceptionally fast and brilliant Waler mare by Greenstead, played by Bob Skene, the property of the Hurlingham P.A. Like some others, she has nothing but her virtue to recommend her, but "handsome is as handsome does," and she, too, was outstanding. Holding her is McLaughlen, who did most valuable work in schooling our international ponies.

not guaranteed, pending the arrival of the marked catalogue, but it may be taken as reasonably correct.

PROPERTY OF THE HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION.

ATARIDO.—Brown gelding, by Rico. Bred in the Argentine. \$850.

ATLANTA.—Brown mare, by Dhoti. Bred in the Argentine by John Benitz. \$1,600 (D. Milburn).

BROWN SHERRY.—Brown mare. Bred in Australia. \$3,400 (S. Sanford).

COLORADO.—Bay gelding, by Bay Rhum. Bred in the Argentine by T. J. Balfour. \$900.

EBONY.—Brown mare. Bred in Australia. \$1,150.

FEDERAL.—Brown gelding, by Janez Pinson. Bred in the Argentine. \$525 (L. Stoddard).

FREE LANCE.—Bay gelding. Bred in England. \$1,150.

FRENCH COTTAGE.—Brown mare, by Cottage. Thoroughbred. (No papers). Bred in England. \$2,000 (Duke of Roxburghe).

GOLDEN BUBBLE.—Brown mare, by Golden Myth out of Ortema. Bred in England. Thoroughbred. \$500.

GRINGO.—Chesnut gelding, by Grisologo. Bred in the Argentine by Juan Cavanagh. \$230.

GUINDA.—Bay mare. Bred in the Argentine. \$2,000 (J. Schiff).



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ROY COURT,

[Bert Clark Thayer, Inc.

Played by Bob Skene and Aidan Roark. An exceptionally fast chesnut or roan English T.B. gelding, the property of the Hon. Clive Pearson.

ISLA.—Bay mare, by Mistletoe. Bred in the Argentine by Daniel Kearney. \$1,900.

JAPONICA.—Brown mare. Bred in the Argentine by John Benitz. \$850.

LANCE.—Chesnut gelding. Bred in the Argentine by Martinez de Hoz. \$300 (J. Secor).

MAYBE.—Brown gelding. Bred in the Argentine. \$300.

MENDIGA.—Bay mare, by Mistletoe. Bred in the Argentine by Daniel Kearney. \$850.

MISS DESTINY.—Bay mare, by General Gough. Bred in England. \$1,900 (Lord Cowdray).

A MOMENT.—Brown mare, by Promised Land out of Instantaneous. Thoroughbred. Bred in Australia. \$700.

PANDORA.—Brown mare, by Talisman out of Concussion. Bred in Australia. Thoroughbred. \$850 (E. Boeseke).

- PRINCESSA.—Brown mare, by Prince Friarstown. Bred in America. \$500 (Lord Cowdray).
 SEA FOAM.—Bay mare, by Dark Fox out of Rippling Foam. Bred in Australia. Thoroughbred. A winner of races. \$2,100. (S. Sanford).
 SERPENTINA.—Chesnut mare. Bred in the Argentine. \$1,700 (Lord Cowdray).
 TERCIO PELO.—Bay gelding, by Morfeo. Bred in the Argentine by Alec Duggan. \$2,200.
 TRECE D'ABRIL.—Chesnut gelding, by Bay Rhum. Bred in the Argentine by T. J. Balfour. \$900.
 VELOZ.—Chesnut gelding, by Footman. Bred in the Argentine. \$850.
 ZAIDARE.—Grey gelding. Thoroughbred. (No papers). Bred in England. \$350.

PROPERTY OF H.H. THE NAWAB OF BHOPAL.

- ARDAGH.—Bay mare, by Double Hackle out of Hermitano. Bred in the Argentine by Thomas Moore. Thoroughbred. A winner of races. \$450.
 BLUE SOCKS.—Chesnut mare, by Blue Ensign out of All Socks. Bred in Ireland. Thoroughbred. \$4,000.
 BRUJOLA.—Chesnut mare, by Dhoti. Bred in the Argentine by John Benitz. \$5,500.
 COP.—Brown gelding, by Spion Kop. Thoroughbred. Bred in England. \$3,500 (C. Wrightsman).
 DON CORTEZ.—Brown gelding. Thoroughbred. Bred in the Argentine. A winner of races. \$1,600 (E. Hopping).
 GEORGETTE.—Chesnut mare. Bred in England. \$800.
 TATTERS.—Grey gelding, by Tag Rag out of Corunna. Bred in Ireland. Thoroughbred. \$900 (D. Milburn).

- LOYALIST.—Bay gelding, by Silverdale Loyalty. Bred in England by Mrs. Whitefoord. Owned by Mrs. Whitefoord. \$4,000.
 PAPITA.—Bay mare. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by Mr. Hesketh Hughes. Unsold.
 PARAGUAY.—Chesnut gelding. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by Mr. Hesketh Hughes. Unsold.
 SOLITO.—Chesnut gelding. Bred in the Argentine by the Ancalu Stud. Owned by Mr. Hesketh Hughes. \$850.
 PERSIL.—Bay mare, by Silvias out of Pericoe. Thoroughbred. Bred in Australia. Owned by Mr. Robert Skene. Unsold.
 RED CAMEO.—Chesnut gelding. Thoroughbred. Bred in America. Owned by Mr. Eric Tyrrell-Martin. \$1,900 (S. Sanford).
 ALAMBRE.—Bay gelding, by Black Pony. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by the late Major N. Leaf. \$800.
 HALO.—Bay mare, by El Rayo. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by the late Major N. Leaf. \$800.
 LORITA.—Brown mare, by Sarrazin. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by the late Major N. Leaf. \$800.
 NARANJA.—Chesnut mare. Bred in the Argentine. Owned by the late Major N. Leaf. \$2,000 (Lord Cowdray).

ONE VIEW OF THE QUESTION.

The Westchester Cup "Fiasco."

By Brig.-Gen. R. L. Ricketts.

The Westchester Cup competition has come and gone with even less success for us than last time. Two very decisive American victories! For though the first defeat might have been turned into victory by good penalty hitting, there was a great difference in the number of goals scored by the two sides as the result of general play.

This has occurred in spite of a very expensive and thorough original organization, men and ponies going to America early and much public-spirited loaning of good ponies by their lucky possessors.

Why this catastrophe, this heavy defeat?

One obvious reason was the absence of Guinness, who, though persistently wrongly placed, from the beginning of his career, by the polo powers that were and are, has always been a potential match winner. As he, however, was not available we must confine our study to other reasons.

One appears to have been the continual effort to boost Roark into the team. Now Roark is a good player, but a good player is not by any means the same thing as an international player. Any general games player knows the difference. Was Sutcliffe consistently at the top of the batting averages when he and Hobbs were seldom parted before the 100 was up on the board in the Australian test matches? Why did a well-known critic call Sutcliffe the best bad bat he had even seen? Who would leave Hutton out of a test team? The fact is that, besides being a good player (except Sutcliffe?!), a test performer must have that rare capacity for playing above his form on an important occasion. This does not seem to have ever been Roark's characteristic.

Exactly what is the basis of this quality it is difficult to say, for men of very varying character possess it. H. K. Foster, who appeared merely not to care, had it; so had Bobby Jones, who is said to have been physically sick from anxiety after an important match; Peter Latham is said (with what truth I do not know) to have evolved during a championship match one of the now generally accepted methods of taking the American service at tennis, a case of clear thinking; Sutcliffe achieved success by power of intense concentration. Some football players seem to become imbued with a double dose of energy. Undoubtedly the American temperament tends to possess this factor essential for success in high-class competitions, among other

instances of which may be cited the result of the recent Open Golf Championship, for which three players tied for first place and in the play off two again tied in record scores for the meeting.

We, as a nation, appear to lack this particular quality. All the more need, therefore, for our selectors and captains to select their teams with a special eye on this side of the matter, taking a leaf from the book, their more experienced cricket *confrères*.

Another reason, which sounds most lamentable, is that Balding and Roark changed places not very long before the first match. Surely there must have been something very wrong there? Bad placing to start with is the obvious conclusion. Though Balding might have to play No. 2 with Guinness, a natural No. 3, in the team, it would seem to be quite unsound to put him in front of Roark, a much weaker and less experienced player. Though, no doubt, there are exceptions, a typical No. 3 should be a hard, slashing hitter with experience and drive, and a flair for hard work, coupled with a capacity for keeping his side together. There can be no comparison between Balding and Roark in this respect.

Pony Arrangements.

Another weak point appears to have been the arrangement of the ponies. We read in *The Times* of June 12 that in this match, the second, Roark "was better mounted than before." Does this imply that only at the last moment was he given the ponies he was to play in the matches? Can anyone seriously argue that any player, however accomplished, can play up to test class on even a comparatively strange pony? The idea is as bad as the "can-play-in-any-place" fallacy. Incidentally, what about the training of ponies chopped and changed about between players?

Was any attempt made to train substitutes in case of the failure of any of the four first selected players? Was either Lakin or Hughes played as a forward or a back consistently to replace a casualty? Reports do not seem to imply this. Had an accident occurred a mere "play anywhere" player would have had to come into the team.

Again, Hughes, though not an ideal player and possibly difficult to mount, had shown on one occasion (first test at Hurlingham) that he could rise to an important occasion. Would it have been unwise to have played him in place of Roark, who at best was out of form and at worst was unsuitable for test play? Or if Hughes proved to be too unmanageable it might have been sound tactics to give Lakin an opportunity of showing his match-playing capacities. A young, but not too young player of that type might easily have risen to the occasion and, at any rate, would have been given his chance. The policy would have been unlikely to have proved worse than that actually adopted.

We had eight penalty hits in the first match and only scored one goal! Again any general games player knows that if on a certain day he is off a certain stroke, that weakness will probably persist. In many games he can avoid that stroke and, if he is wise, he does so. The golfer cannot, and what golfer does

not know that on certain days he cannot drive or perhaps putt. Nothing will make him succeed on that day. In similar circumstances at polo an elementary tactical measure is to change the striker if the usual penalty hitter is out of form. It seems to be mere common sense!

Wasted Time.

The side, when it originally went to America was, admittedly, a scratch collection. What could have made it more scratch than playing against odds and ends of teams, who were no better in that respect than they were themselves? A disorganized side can often inoculate its opponents with its own disease, unless the latter are solid enough to gain a definite ascendancy and enforce their own methods on the game. Judging by accounts, our men were never able to do this, and many practice games were wasted in so far as learning team work was concerned.

This expedition would surely have been an opportunity of playing for a month our own game, with our own six players consistently in the same places and two good class Americans (the same all through) to make up the eight. The Americans appear to have been most hospitable and helpful, and it seems likely that two adequate players could have been found to join us in training. Steady play, at top speed all the time, on second-class ponies if necessary, under the guidance of a single captain, would have settled the players down to a tactical system, which they themselves would have understood and had a chance of carrying out in the matches. Reserves could also have been trained.

A team which has solidified its own tactical system can often impose its own game on opponents, who, though personally superior, have not been so soundly drilled. This should have been the original aim of our organizers and seems to have been the only chance of success against players whose aggregate handicap was 40 to the 30 of our representatives.

It may be said that all the above is speculative theory on the part of one who was not there. No doubt this is so, but though theory, or rather principle, is not the whole matter, practical success can only be obtained if it rests upon sound foundations. When failure is marked, the absence of sound principles of action, or, indeed, of any apparent principles at all, makes one furiously to think.

Since the above was written further details of the third match in America have been published in *The Times* of June 30. These tend to show, yet again, what was evident in the first cup match at Hurlingham three years ago, that the American game founded on accuracy can be thrown out of gear by extreme pace. All the more is it a pity that studied measures to develop this master weapon were not employed by our players in the very considerable time they had at their disposal for combined practice before the first match this year.

THE INTER-REGIMENTAL TOURNAMENT.

A Win for the 10th Hussars.

The calls of Army training necessitated the early rounds of this year's Inter-Regimental tournament, the fifty-fourth of the series, being played at Aldershot and Tidworth and, as a result, the competition was well underway by the time that London saw anything of it. There were no great surprises in the preliminary rounds, though many of the matches were close enough to show how evenly matched were the various regimental sides. The Bays, for instance, beat the 3rd Hussars by 10 goals to 9, and were then put out by the 9th Lancers by 9 goals to 7. The King's Dragoon Guards beat the 4/7th Dragoon Guards fairly easily by 8 goals to 4, but then met the 12th Lancers and went out to the tune of 10 goals to 4.

One of the best of the early matches was that played at Tidworth between the 9th Lancers and 10th Hussars, resulting in a win for the latter side. On handicap the 9th Lancers should have received a start of 6 goals, but they made light of the apparent discrepancy between the sides and took the lead within a minute of the start, with a grand goal by Capt. Montagu-Douglas-Scott. It was a ding-dong struggle all the way, most exciting to watch, and at no time was either side more than one goal ahead. The Lancers were unlucky when Capt. Prior-Palmer broke his stick when taking a penalty, the ball stopping only an inch or so the wrong side of the line. It was one of the most thrilling matches seen at Tidworth for many a long day.

Third Round Ties.

The two third-round ties played at Hurlingham were between the 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars and the Royal Horse Guards, and the Life Guards and the 13/18th Royal Hussars. In the first of these the Royal Horse Guards were decisively beaten by 10 goals to none, a result which was hardly unexpected. On handicap terms the Royal Horse Guards would have been in receipt of a start of $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals, but in addition to this they were at a distinct disadvantage in the matter of ponies, a fact which was accentuated by the match being played on a fast and bumpy ground where the handiness of a pony counted for more than usual. The 15/19th had an added advantage in the experience of the game they have acquired in India, where they played a lot of polo, and as a result were always on top.

ROYAL HORSE GUARDS: Mr. I. A. Henderson, No. 1; Mr. P. S. Morris-Keating, No. 2; Mr. E. C. F. Nutting, No. 3; Major H. Abel Smith, back.

15/19TH THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS: Mr. I. S. Balmain, No. 1; Capt. A. R. A. Dorrien Smith, No. 2; Major W. R. N. Hinde, No. 3; Major T. J. Arnott, back.

The other third-round tie brought one of the big surprises of the tournament, the Life Guards beating the 13/18th Royal Hussars by 10 goals to 4. As the Life Guards were 7 points the weaker side on handicap and should have been in receipt of a start of no less than $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals, the magnitude of their achievement can be estimated.

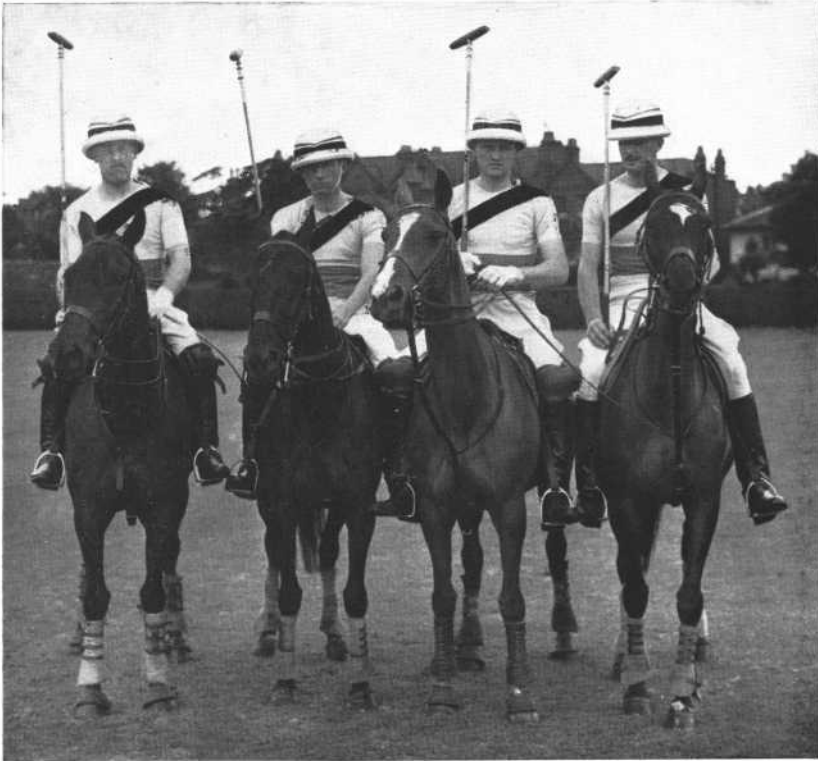


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THE TENTH WIN AGAIN.

The 10th Royal Hussars won the Inter-Regimental at Hurlingham, avenging their defeat at the hands of the 12th Royal Lancers last year at Tidworth. They won shortly after their return from India in 1937. Left to right: Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, No. 1; Capt. J. Malet, No. 2; Capt. D. Dawnay, No. 3; Capt. J. Archer-Shee, back.

It would hardly be fair to criticize the game played by the Hussars in face of the splendid performance of the Life Guards. Both Major Ferguson and Capt. Wignall were at the top of their form, as also was Mr. Lowther, for the Life Guards. Capt. Wignall and Mr. Lowther each hit four goals for the winners, while the other two were scored by Major Ferguson. For the Hussars Mr. Cordy-Simpson hit three goals and Capt. Butler the other.

The game proved to be the finest example of positional play that had been seen in London so far this season. Every player marked his opposite number and kept in his place throughout the match. Nobody was allowed to run loose at any stage of the game, and particularly noticeable was the fact that both defences were covering the opposing attack all the time.

THE LIFE GUARDS: Capt. F. E. B. Wignall, No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther, No. 2; Major A. H. Ferguson, No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers, back.

13/18TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Mr. J. R. Cordy-Simpson, No. 1; Mr. J. A. O. Walker, No. 2; Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 3; Capt. R. A. Critchley, back.

The Semi-Finals.

The first of the semi-final matches was between the 12th Royal Lancers and the 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars, and resulted in a win for the Lancers by the narrow margin of 8 goals to 7.

It was a fine match and one which gave as much pleasure to the spectators as to the players. There was really nothing to choose between the two sides, and the only reason that the Lancers won was because their ponies were just a little bit better than those of the Hussars.

12TH ROYAL LANCERS: Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Capt. W. G. Carr, No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 3; Capt. R. W. Hobson, back.

15/19TH THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS: Capt. A. D. Taylor, No. 1; Capt. A. R. A. Dorrien Smith, No. 2; Major W. R. N. Hinde, No. 3; Major T. J. Arnott, back.

The second semi-final was a more one-sided affair, for the Life Guards were no match for the 10th Royal Hussars, and were beaten decisively by 13 goals to 2. They had done remarkably well to reach the semi-final, for their most ardent supporters hardly expected them to get so far in the tournament.

THE LIFE GUARDS: Capt. F. E. B. Wignall, No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther, No. 2; Major A. H. Ferguson, No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers, back.

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, No. 1; Mr. J. W. Malet, No. 2; Capt. D. Dawnay, No. 3; Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee, back.

The Final.

There was a big crowd at Hurlingham for the final match in the tournament, in which the 10th Royal Hussars beat the 12th Lancers after a remarkably even match by 10 goals to 6. Up to the last chukker there was nothing in it and then, for some unaccountable reason, the defence of the Lancers went all to pieces, giving the Hussars a golden opportunity, which they seized with both hands. H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester presented the cup to the winners after the match, and it must

have given her considerable pleasure to have handed it over to the Duke's old regiment.

The fine team work of the Lancers at first made one think that they would prove the winners, but gradually it became evident that in Capt. Dawnay and Capt. Archer-Shee the Hussars possessed a No. 3 and back who were not only capable of breaking up the Lancers' attack, but also able to launch a telling counter-attack, and after Capt. Hobson had taken the ball up the length of the field to give his side an early lead the Lancers were forced back on the defensive. Then came a series of attacks by the Hussars, who, with admirable determination, kept the ball moving through the middle of the game. The Lancers did well to get out of a dangerous position when Mr. Malet made a splendid hit-up, and Capt. Dawnay was a little unlucky to pull a back-handed centre from Mr. Malet inches wide of the goal.

Half-way through the second chukker, however, Capt. Hobson picked up the ball in mid-field and, while Mr. Malet and Capt. Macmullen rode off the challenge, took the ball through beautifully to equalize. The Hussars were penalized for crossing and, although Capt. Hobson sliced his hit from forty yards, an infringement by the Hussars gave him a second chance, and this time he made no mistake. Some splendid combined play between Capt. Dawnay and Capt. Macmullen swung the game towards the 12th's goal, but Capt. Dawnay, with just too much cut of the ball, missed the goal by the narrowest of margins. A moment later a magnificent hit-up by Capt. Archer-Shee gave him the chance he wanted. Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter began to play like a man inspired and, following up his own hit-up, he drove the ball hard through. With the help of Capt. Kidston and Capt. Carr, who rode off the opposition, he again went up the middle of the ground to give his side a lead of two goals. But the Hussars spotted the danger and their hold on Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter tightened.

Mr. Malet got a goal back with a fine lofted shot from a penalty hit, and not long afterwards Capt. Archer-Shee hit a weak clearance firmly and successfully. At the end of a long and beautifully controlled ride Capt. Kidston restored the Lancers' lead for the third and last time. Again Capt. Archer-Shee drove a loose ball through and, with the shot of the match, taken from the boards, Capt. Dawnay gave the Hussars the lead, a lead which he quickly increased with a magnificent back-hander. An eighth goal by Mr. Malet brought the hopes of the Lancers to an abrupt end, even if Capt. Hobson, in the closing minutes, drove the ball through from a thirty-yard hit.

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, No. 1; Mr. J. Malet, No. 2; Capt. D. Dawnay, No. 3; Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee, back.

12TH ROYAL LANCERS: Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Capt. W. G. Carr, No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 3; Capt. R. W. Hobson, back.

SUBALTERN'S' GOLD CUP.

Victory of the Queen's Bays

First Round.

The 4/7th Royal Dragoon Guards beat the 12th Royal Lancers by 10 goals to 1 in the first round of the Subalterns' Gold Cup tournament at the Aldershot Command Club.

4/7TH ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS: Mr. S. R. Jenkins, No. 1; Mr. M. Bell, No. 2; Mr. G. A. Cunard, No. 3; Mr. W. P. Riley, back.

12TH ROYAL LANCERS: Mr. W. A. Morris, No. 1; Mr. J. E. Wormald, No. 2; Mr. R. M. Kennard, No. 3; Mr. M. S. Barker, back.

Second Round.

The Bays beat the 9th Lancers, both having drawn byes into the second round.

The 13/18th Royal Hussars beat the Royal Horse Guards by six goals to two in a second round tie of the Subalterns' Gold Challenge Cup tournament, played on the Barnes ground at Ranelagh.

13/18TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Mr. D. B. Wormald, No. 1; Sir Delaval Cotter, No. 2; Mr. J. A. O. Walker, No. 3; Mr. M. W. H. Bell, back.

ROYAL HORSE GUARDS: Mr. I. A. Henderson, No. 1; Mr. P. S. Morris-Keating, No. 2; Mr. E. C. F. Nutting, No. 3; Mr. M. E. Dillon, back.

The Life Guards beat the 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars by 15 goals to three in a second-round tie of the tournament for the Subalterns' Gold Cup, played at Ranelagh.

THE LIFE GUARDS: Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh, No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther, No. 2; Lord Lewes, No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers, back.

15/19TH THE KING'S ROYAL HUSSARS: Mr. F. E. Allhusen, No. 1; Mr. K. R. Watt, No. 2; Mr. I. S. Balmain, No. 3; Mr. M. S. Balmain, back.

The King's Dragoon Guards beat the 4/7th Dragoon Guards by five goals to four in the second round of the Subalterns' Gold Cup tournament at the Aldershot Command Club.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS: Lord Clifton, No. 1; Mr. M. R. Arkwright, No. 2; Mr. H. C. Selby, No. 3; Mr. J. A. M. Phillips, back.

4/7TH ROYAL DRAGOON GUARDS: Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins, No. 1; Mr. T. M. Bell, No. 2; Mr. G. A. Cunard, No. 3; Mr. W. P. Riley, back.

Semi-Final Ties.

The Queen's Bays beat the Life Guards in the first of the semi-final ties on the Barnes ground at Ranelagh by 5 goals to 3.

THE QUEEN'S BAYS: Mr. G. H. Rich, No. 1; Mr. J. de G. Tatham-Warter, No. 2; Mr. H. W. Hibbert, No. 3; Mr. D. M. Patchett, back.

THE LIFE GUARDS: Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh, No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther, No. 2; Lord Lewes, No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers, back.

The 1st King's Dragoon Guards beat the 13/18th Royal Hussars in the second of the semi-final ties on the Barnes ground at Ranelagh by eight goals to one.

1ST KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS: Mr. A. C. S. Delmege, No. 1; Mr. M. R. Arkwright, No. 2; Mr. H. C. Selby, No. 3; Mr. J. A. M. Phillips, back.

13/18TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Mr. D. B. Wormald, No. 1; Sir Delaval Cotter, No. 2; Mr. J. A. O. Walker, No. 3; Mr. M. W. H. Bell, back.

The Final.

The final match between The Queen's Bays and the 1st King's Dragoon Guards was played at Hurlingham after the Champion Cup final. At the end of the final chukker the score stood at 6-6, and so extra time was necessary. The Bays got the next goal, and with it the cup, but there can be no doubt that the K.D.G.s, who on handicap were the weaker side by five goals, won as much glory for themselves as did the Bays.

It was the superior team play of the K.D.G.s that enabled them to hold their stronger opponents, and, indeed, to build up an early lead of two goals.

In the first chukker Mr. Arkwright, who, with Mr. Selby, formed the backbone of the K.D.G.s attack, drove the ball up to Mr. Phillips. Mr. Hibbert, who was perhaps the most accomplished player on the field, made a strong challenge, but Mr. Phillips stuck to his line with an admirable determination, and the K.D.G.s took the lead, which Mr. Arkwright quickly increased from a hit-up by Mr. Delmege.

Suddenly, however, The Bays found something like their true form, and, during the third and fourth chukkers the K.D.G.s were in grave danger of being overwhelmed.

The Bays were then perhaps inclined to take things a little too easily and lost their hold on the game so completely, that in the final chukker the K.D.G.s scored three goals.

THE QUEEN'S BAYS: Mr. G. H. Rich, No. 1; Mr. J. de G. Tatham-Warter, No. 2; Mr. H. W. Hibbert, No. 3; Mr. D. M. Patchett, back.

1ST KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS: Mr. A. C. S. Delmege, No. 1; Mr. M. R. Arkwright, No. 2; Mr. H. C. Selby, No. 3; Mr. J. A. M. Phillips, back.

CHAMPION CUP.

The Jaguars Win At Last.

The accounts of the London tournaments in this issue are mostly based on the reports that have appeared in *The Times*.

The Jaguars in their third successive appearance in the final round of the Champion Cup at last achieved their ambition when they beat the Ghosts (of the Cavalry *bien entendu*) in the final round at Hurlingham by 6 goals to 5. The Jaguars have, since their appearance on the polo horizon, made it their business to organize their affairs with a commendable thoroughness, and their success was well deserved. Even though their generalissimo of the past two seasons, Mr. Balding, was away on the affairs of his country in America, it is very largely due to his work in the last two seasons that the Jaguars are the well-mounted, well-drilled team that they are to-day.

First Round Ties.

The first round tie between the Optimists and Adsdean produced polo of a high class. At the end of a hard game Adsdean, who gained a lead for the first time in the final chukker, scraped home by 8 goals to 7.

OPTIMISTS: Mr. W. L. Horbury, No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, No. 2; Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller, No. 3; and the Maharaja of Jaipur, back.

ADSDEAN: Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 1; Major P. W. Dollar, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; and Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.

The Ghosts beat the Juggernauts much as they pleased by 8 goals to 1. The fact that the Juggernauts were hustled from the beginning to the end of the game was largely the cause of their failure.

JUGGERNAUTS: Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Capt. R. W. Hobson, No. 2; Major G. H. Fanshawe, No. 3; and Brig.-Gen. E. D. Fanshawe, back.

THE GHOSTS: Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 1; Capt. M. J. Lindsay, No. 2; Major W. R. N. Hinde, No. 3; and the Hon. J. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, back.

The match between the Jaguars and Edmundsbury, which completed the first round, resulted in a victory for the Jaguars. Edmundsbury gave their redoubtable opponents a hard run for their money and won by 8 goals to 6.

Had a shot by Capt. G. H. Critchley in the final chukker, which struck the post, glanced through the goal instead of outside it, Edmundsbury might well have won the game. The

Jaguars certainly increased their lead after that incident, but if only Edmundsbury had got that goal the moral effect would have been tremendous.

JAGUARS: Mr. N. Dugdale, No. 1; Hon. W. K. Rous, No. 2; Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; and Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 3; and Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.



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THE CHAMPION CUP.

The Jaguars at their third successive appearance in the final at Hurlingham at last achieved their heart's desire, but only two of the original team took part. Left to right: Capt. H. P. Guinness, back; the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; the Hon. W. K. Rous, No. 2; Capt. N. Dugdale, No. 1. They beat the Ghosts (of the Cavalry, suitably decorated with a representation of a horse's skeleton) in the final round.

The Semi-Finals.

The Ghosts beat Adsdean in the first semi-final tie after an exciting game by 5 goals to 4. The comparatively low scoring tells its own story of the game, fought out by two sides who had defence uppermost in their minds. Both sides steadfastly kept to their formation, with the result that the members of whichever side happened to be attacking found themselves thoroughly marked by their opposite numbers. There were no penalty awards more serious than a sixty-yard hit.

In the first chukker Mr. Robinson, mounted on a handy and very fast pony, of which he made the best possible use, was positively brilliant, and it was entirely due to him that Adsdean gained an early lead of two goals. From a hit-up by Lord Louis Mountbatten, he gathered a bumping ball beautifully, and took it up to score a grand goal. He then figured prominently in support of his side's defence, and, having foiled a promising attack led by Major Hinde, he picked up a loose ball and scored a second goal from some seventy yards out. Then the Ghosts gradually came into their own. Capt. Lindsay picked up a weak hit-out by Lord Louis Mountbatten, and even if he was ridden off at the critical moment, he at least managed to push the ball into the centre for Capt. Butler to tap it through.

Capt. Lindsay now seemed to be playing the part for the Ghosts which Mr. Robinson had played for Adsdean in the first chukker, and, following a long run, he made the scores level. The third chukker was largely a question of stalemate with the Ghosts, if anything, having just the better of the play. Twice in quick succession Major Hinde sent Capt. Butler away clear of the field, and, in view of the excellence of Capt. Butler's approach play, his shooting on these occasions was a little disappointing. In the fourth chukker a massed attack by Adsdean put them ahead again, and it was only a matter of passing interest that it was Major Dollar who made the final shot. A clever piece of play by Major Hinde, which enabled him to take the ball away from Lord Louis Mountbatten, and a good shot evened matters up again, but, from a centre by Major Dollar, Mr. Robinson then scored a goal, which gave Adsdean the lead for the third and last time.

The Ghosts's equalizing goal was the result of another massed attack, and, finally, a fine piece of combined play between Capt. Lindsay and Major Hinde ended in Capt. Butler hitting the winning goal.

THE GHOSTS: Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 1; Capt. M. J. Lindsay, No. 2; Major W. R. N. Hinde, No. 3; and the Hon. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, back.

ADSDEAN: Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 1; Major P. W. Dollar, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; and Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.

The second semi-final tie between the Jaguars and Someries House was perhaps the most exciting struggle seen in London this season. It was won by the Jaguars by 5 goals to 4, but, if it is possible, the game was even closer than the score would suggest.

If ever a man won a game of polo for his side, that man yesterday was Capt. Guinness. At the start there was a strange uncertainty about his hitting and, as the Jaguars as a whole depend to an enormous extent on Capt. Guinness's hitting, this naturally had a depressing effect on the general play of his side. In fact, at the end of the second chukker, it seemed that Someries House, who were leading by two goals, would run out easy winners. Then, however, Capt. Guinness proceeded to play himself

into form, and, having done that, he set himself out with equal determination to pull his side together. The Jaguars responded nobly to his lead and, before long they were playing like the team they always have been. Still, even then their troubles were not over, for with victory almost in view, Someries House clung on desperately to the initiative. But although they made the Jaguars fight all the way, the aggressiveness of Capt. Guinness and Mr. Rous and the magnificent supporting play of Mr. Hamilton-Russell eventually broke down their resistance.

JAGUARS: Capt. N. Dugdale, No. 1; Mr. W. K. Rous, No. 2; The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; and Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

SOMERIES HOUSE: Col. Sir H. Wernher, No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, No. 3; and Capt. D. Dawnay, back.

A Close Final.

A memorable tournament was concluded recently at Hurlingham when the Jaguars beat the Ghosts by 6 goals to 5. A cup, presented by Mrs. E. D. Miller, for the best pony played in the tournament was won by Mr. W. K. Rous's chesnut Argentine mare Peperina.

Some idea of the intense keenness with which this tournament has been fought out can be gained from the fact that no fewer than four of the six games played were won by a single goal, while, in yet another match, only two goals separated the two sides.

The Ghosts, with two essentially aggressive forwards in Capt. Butler and Capt. Lindsay and with a sound constructive No. 3 in Major Hinde, naturally made their plans with attack as their guiding principle. The strength of the Jaguars, on the other hand, lay in their defence, and with Capt. Guinness and Mr. Hamilton-Russell playing at the top of their form, it was a defence which was every bit as aggressive as was the attack of the Ghosts.

For the first two chukkers, during which the Ghosts gained a valuable lead of two goals, the Jaguars gave the impression that they were merely biding their time until they had found the measure of their opponents. Having done this, they embarked on a definite plan of campaign. Mr. Hamilton-Russell set himself out to shadow the Ghosts's No. 1, and he carried out his duties with such a tenacity of purpose that Capt. Butler soon found his scope limited. This, of course, left Capt. Guinness more or less with a free hand to construct his side's attack, and, with the help of Mr. Rous who fitted perfectly into his scheme of things, Capt. Guinness eventually succeeded in forcing the Ghosts back on the defensive.

JAGUARS: Capt. N. Dugdale, No. 1; Mr. W. K. Rous, No. 2; The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; and Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

THE GHOSTS: Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 1; Capt. M. J. Lindsay, No. 2; Major W. R. N. Hinde, No. 3; and Mr. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, back.

CICERO CUP.

Victory of Primrose Hill.

Primrose Hill, receiving a goal and a half, beat Norton Bavant by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 6 in the first round of the Cicero Cup low handicap at Hurlingham.

PRIMROSE HILL (6): Capt. G. J. Kidston (3), No. 1; Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), No. 2; Mr. J. E. G. Wormald (0), No. 3; and Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

NORTON BAVANT (8): Col. Lord Barnby (2), No. 1; Mr. J. L. Wills (0), No. 2; Mr. W. H. Whitbread (3), No. 3; and Mr. J. G. Morrison (3), back.

The Red Jackets, receiving half a goal, beat the Rovers by $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5 in the first semi-final tie. At half-time the Red Jackets were in front by $4\frac{1}{2}$ —1, and they never lost the lead throughout the game.

RED JACKETS (5): Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh (1), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Lord Lewes (1), No. 3; and Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

ROVERS (6): Mr. D. B. Wormald (1), No. 1; Sir D. Cotter (2), No. 2; Mr. J. R. Cordy-Simpson (3), No. 3; and Mr. B. H. Black (0), back.

Primrose Hill, with the aid of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals start, beat the Jaguars "B" team in the second of the semi-final ties on the No. 2 ground.

PRIMROSE HILL (6): Capt. G. J. Kidston (3), No. 1; Mr. J. E. G. Wormald (0), No. 2; Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), No. 3; and Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

JAGUARS "B" (9): Mr. J. Astor (1), No. 1; Mr. E. C. F. Nutting (1), No. 2; Mr. K. Rous (5), No. 3; and Mr. J. A. O. Walker (2), back.

Final.

Primrose Hill, conceding half a goal, beat the Red Jackets by 9 goals to $6\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie. The result was in doubt up to the last chukker, in which Primrose Hill scored twice without reply.

PRIMROSE HILL (6): Mr. J. E. G. Wormald (0), No. 1; Capt. G. J. Kidston (3), No. 2; Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), No. 3; and Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

RED JACKETS (5): Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh (1), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Lord Lewes (1), No. 3; and Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

THE INDIAN PRINCES' SHIELD.

The World beat India in the match for the Indian Princes' Challenge Shield at Hurlingham, after extra time, by 7 goals to 6. Queen Mary presented the cup, and there was a large attendance at the Indian Empire and Eastern Garden Party. The game was entirely suitable to the occasion: plenty of hard galloping, very little in it all the way, and a tie almost on the final bell with a goal made by the Maharaja of Jaipur for Raj Kumar Prithi Singh.

Once again the fallacy of waiting for a miss was made evident in the Indian team, for Butler was nearly always a little behind his place. Otherwise there might have been a different tale to tell. Hamilton-Russell has been showing admirable form in London, and he certainly looked the best player on the ground, even though Guinness was playing back behind him. There did not seem to be much hard galloping up and down the middle, and for most of the game the pace suffered from the uncertainty of the ground, which is inevitable at this time of the season. On handicap India should have given three goals to the World, but on the play it did not look like it. The Maharaja of Jaipur and Raj Kumar Prithi Singh are mainly mounted by Mr. Horbury, and that means very well, with several ex-International ponies available, but it is not quite the same as playing their own, and neither was quite value for his handicap. Also it seemed rather a mistake to play Dawnay at back instead of Jaipur, who is definitely a back, and always was. If Prithi Singh had gone up to No. 1 it might have worked, but as it was it was not a success.

The teams were:

THE WORLD (25): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 2; the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), back.

INDIA (29): Capt. W. F. Butler (6), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), back.

Owing to pressure on our columns in this issue, the report of the Tyro Cup played at the Hurlingham Club is unavoidably held over until the August number.

THE CORONATION CUP. Someries House Win.

In the first semi-final tie of the Coronation Cup at Ranelagh the Giant Pandas beat the Optimists by 7 goals to 6. It was a good, hard, galloping game. Actually the Optimists were unlucky to lose, for, except for the score board, they had won the match on the run of the play. They are certainly not a fortunate team. For the first half the Pandas were rather disorganized and let their opponents get away far too often. The Optimists got a lead of 4-1, but that lead might well have been three goals bigger. However, some chances went a-begging and gradually the Pandas crept up till they drew level at the start of the last chukker. Then the Optimists fouled twice, and the first of these, which resulted in a sixty-yard hit, gave the Pandas the winning goal.

For the Optimists both Raj Kumar Prithi Singh and the Maharaja of Kashmir were playing the sort of polo one expects of them, and if the short passing, tapping game favoured in India was not perhaps suited to the needs of their No. 1, who would be more effective if he were given long passes to ride after on his fast ponies, it was certainly a pleasure to watch them. Mr. Rous was going extremely well and if the Hon. Hamilton-Russell were less prominent than usual, he got through a lot of work. The Old Ground after a heavy season was playing amazingly well and, all things considered, the ball bumped very little. The truer the ground the faster and the better is the polo, and yesterday's game was one of the best of the season.

GIANT PANDAS (21): Capt. N. Dugdale (3), No. 1; Mr. W. K. Rous (5), No. 2; Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), back.

OPTIMISTS (24): Mr. W. L. Horbury (2), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; Major P. W. Dollar (5), No. 3; Capt. the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), back.

Accident to Sir Harold Wernher.

The second semi-final tie had a most unfortunate termination. Early in the third chukker Sir Harold Wernher's pony fell when turning and his rider sustained a dislocated shoulder. At the time Someries House were leading the 10th Royal Hussars, winners of the Inter-Regimental Cup, by 3 goals to none.

It was at least questionable whether the game should not have been stopped after the second chukker, for the rain had made the surface slippery on top, though the ground itself was still hard. A constant driving rain with a chill wind were not conducive either to the best polo or the enjoyment of the players and the spectators. After the accident play was stopped in the

hope that the weather would improve, but no improvement came. In order to help out the Ranelagh Club the Tenth most sportingly decided to scratch, leaving Someries House to meet the Giant Pandas in the final to-morrow. It was pleasant to see again a regimental team in the Coronation Cup. Someries House had undoubtedly some advantage in ponies, but Mr. Lakin, just home from America and without any of his ponies, was playing some of Sir Harold Wernher's, which, though of splendid quality, were to him strangers. Actually he seemed to be going very well and was hitting the ball a long way and with considerable accuracy.

SOMERIES HOUSE (21): Col. Sir Harold Wernher (3), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Mr. J. Lakin (7), back.

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS (19): Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen (5), No. 1; Capt. J. W. Malet (4), No. 2; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), No. 3; Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee (4), back.

The Final.

Somerics House beat the Giant Pandas in the final of the King's Coronation Cup tournament by 6 goals to 3. Mr. J. P. Robinson, playing some of Sir Harold Wernher's best ponies, took the place at No. 1 of the Someries House captain.

The polo never reached the standard expected in this class of match. To some extent the ground was responsible for this. The surface was on the soft side owing to the recent rain and, in consequence, it cut up rather badly and the ball was bumping a lot towards the end of the game.

In the first chukker, too, the ponies were slipping rather badly. The Giant Pandas were allowed a good start in the first two chukkers. It was, indeed, anybody's game until the end of the fourth chukker, when the ultimate winners took the lead for the first time at 4 goals to 3.

After this Someries House had much the better of the game. Mr. Rous hit two of the Pandas' goals and Mr. Hamilton-Russell the other. For Someries House Mr. Robinson scored three times, Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter and Capt. Prior-Palmer once each, and the sixth goal was awarded with a No. 1 penalty.

GIANT PANDAS: Capt. N. Dugdale, the Hon. W. K. Rous, the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, and Capt. H. C. Walford (back).

SOMERIES HOUSE: Mr. J. P. Robinson, Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, and Mr. J. Lakin (back).



RANELAGH OPEN CUP.

A Victory for the Giant Pandas.

The first tie in the tournament for the Ranelagh Open Cup was between Adsdean and the Juggernauts, and resulted in a win for the former after a very close match by 7 goals to 6. The scores were level at the end of the final chukker and extra time was played.

It was due largely to the fine play of Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten that Adsdean were able to force a victory, and it was fitting that he should play a large part in the scoring of the final goal, Capt. H. G. Morrison scoring from a fine hit-up of his. Lord Louis Mountbatten gave a fine display of accuracy and length on a ground that was hard and bumpy, making things very difficult for the players, and his sense of position and anticipation was acute. Capt. Morrison also played a fine game at No. 3, giving his back plenty of support and also keeping the attack well on the move.

The Juggernauts took a long time to settle down and, in the first half of the match, their No. 1 and No. 2 were too frequently concerned with helping the defence instead of concentrating on attack. This seemed a rather needless waste of energy, for both Major Harrison and Capt. Hobson were admirably safe. The result of these tactics was that the Juggernauts were four goals down at half-time, but a fine recovery, in which Mr. Traill played a notable part, levelled the scores before the end.

The Juggernauts, right at the start of extra time, looked as though they might pull the match out of the fire, for they launched a fierce attack, and Capt. Morrison did well to save a hard shot from Capt. Hobson. After that, Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten started an Adsdean attack, from which Capt. Morrison, riding very fast, scored the winning goal.

ADSDEAN: The Hon. M. R. Samuel, No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.

JUGGERNAUTS: Mr. G. J. Kidston, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson, No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison, back.

The Semi-Finals.

The first semi-final tie was between Someries House and the Giant Pandas who, by the introduction of Capt. H. P. Guinness and the Hon. Keith Rous, in place of Major Graham and Mr. David, had apparently outgrown their original combination of the Pandas. Certainly, from their showing in this match, they

fully deserved the addition of the prefix, for they set and maintained a devastating pace throughout, and won convincingly by 9 goals to 4.

The match was played in almost tropical heat, which was very trying both for players and ponies. Capt. Guinness, who was unquestionably the mainspring of the Giant Pandas, played a really fine game, his length and pace being uncanny, as also was his control of a ball which bumped disconcertingly. The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell was remarkably accurate at No. 3, while the Hon. Keith Rous was in his most militant mood. On their showing in this match, the Giant Pandas look like being the outstanding side of the season.

Somerles House started well and had their full share of the game for the first two chukkers, but after that the strength of the opposition became rather too much for them. Capt. Guinness was largely responsible for the downfall of Somerles House, throwing them out of their stride by the length of his hitting, and the dash and combination of the Giant Pandas as a whole did the rest.

GIANT PANDAS: Mr. N. Dugdale, No. 1; The Hon. Keith Rous, No. 2; The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

SOMERLES HOUSE: Sir Harold Wernher, No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay, back.

Adsdean beat the Optimists in the second semi-final tie by 7 goals to 5 in as pleasant a match as one could wish to see. The weather was perfect, the heat of the sun being tempered by a cool breeze; and the game was close and interesting.

The Optimists, on handicap, were the stronger side, and at the start of the match it looked as though they might well win, for Raj Kumar Prithi Singh was obviously in his best form and playing the kind of polo that might bring about the collapse of the strongest defence. It was obvious, if Adsdean were to have any chance, that they would have to adopt a different policy from the normal plan of campaign on the polo field, and they did so by detailing the Hon. M. R. Samuel, their No. 1, to shadow Prithi Singh. He did his job thoroughly and, although it meant that Adsdean pretty well lost the services of their No. 1, it also meant that Prithi Singh was largely blotted out of the game, and as he is an 8-goal player and Samuel's handicap is 2, the balance was obviously well in favour of Adsdean, especially as Prithi Singh was right at the top of his form. Luckily for Adsdean, H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur was rather uncertain of himself, which enabled Capt. Morrison and Mr. Robinson to press home their attacks, even in the absence of their No. 1, while Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten once again played a brilliant game at back.

It was interesting to watch the way these tactics worked out and to see the speed with which Adsdean settled down to pull the game round when they had curbed the activities of Prithi

Singh. The Optimists began by getting a lead of 5—2, but after that, with the spearhead of their attack more or less out of action through the attentions of Mr. Samuel, they lost their cohesion, and Adsdean not only cleared off their arrears, but also scored two more goals to put themselves safely in the final.

ADSDEAN: The Hon. M. R. Samuel, No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.

OPTIMISTS: Capt. W. L. Horbury, No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, No. 2; H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur, No. 3; Capt. P. W. Dollar, back.

The Final.

The Giant Pandas, who on handicap would have allowed Adsdean a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, were much expected to win the Open Cup, but few of the many spectators at Ranelagh to watch the final thought that they would do so as easily as was the case. They won very comfortably by 10 goals to 4, and the margin of their victory was due to their dash and brilliance and not to any weakness on the part of Adsdean.

Once again Capt. Guinness was in great form and, being finely covered by the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, was able to take a big part in getting his attack on the move. The combination of the Hon. Keith Rous and Mr. N. Dugdale was another reason for the great superiority of the Giant Pandas, for they played together beautifully and soon had the Adsdean defence in a tangle. Mr. Rous scored five goals for his side and played excellently throughout.

Somehow Adsdean never seemed able to get going, though, in any case, they could not do very much against the speed and accuracy of their opponents. Capt. Morrison was inclined to play too far up, rather as an additional No. 1, and this upset the understanding he had set up with Mr. Robinson in the middle of the game. It may have been due to a hope that this would keep Capt. Guinness quiet, but if this was so it failed in its intent.

GIANT PANDAS: Mr. N. Dugdale, No. 1; The Hon. Keith Rous, No. 2; The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

ADSDEAN: The Hon. M. R. Samuel, No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.



RANELAGH HANDICAP CUP.

Victory at Edmundsbury.

First Round Ties.

The first match was contested by the Optimists and Someries House. This proved to be a well-contested game, for Someries House were given a start of $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals by the Optimists and won by that margin, the final score being $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals to five.

SOMERIES HOUSE (20): Col. Sir Harold Wernher (3), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), back.

OPTIMISTS (25): Mr. W. L. Horbury (2), No. 1; Capt. W. F. Butler (6), No. 2; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 3; the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), back.

The Pandas beat Parsonage Farm by $12\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 6. Major Fanshawe was rather off-colour and the fractional goal start was hardly necessary.

THE PANDAS: Mr. A. David (2); Capt. M. J. Lindsay (5); the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (6); and Capt N. Dugdale (5).

PARSONAGE FARM: Mr. K. J. Price (2); Maj. G. H. Fanshawe (5); Capt. H. P. Guinness (8); and Capt. J. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3).

Edmundsbury beat Lavington, who gave them half a goal start, by $13\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2.

Going off in fine style, with everyone hitting hard and with good direction, they laid the foundation of their victory in the first chukker, in which Mr. Traill scored twice and Capt R. O. Critchley also put the ball through for them in the course of four minutes. Lavington were soundly outplayed, Mr. Vernon Miller alone doing anything to really help them, and one of his two goals, their only scoring in the match, was the most spectacular thing of the afternoon.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay; Mr. J. B. Traill; Capt. R. O. Critchley; Capt. G. H. Critchley.

LAVINGTON: Mr. H. S. Backhouse; Mr. A. M. Budgett; Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller; Maj. J. F. Harrison.

Adsdean received a bye.

Semi-Final Round.

Edmundsbury, receiving three goals, had an easy victory in the first of the semi-final ties when they beat Adsdean by 11 goals to five.

EDMUNDSBURY (14): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (3), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

ADSDEAN (18): The Hon. Marcus Samuel (2), No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten (5), back.

Somerles House beat the Pandas, to whom they conceded $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, by 9 goals to $7\frac{1}{2}$ in the second semi-final of the Handicap Cup tournament at Ranelagh. It was a good, hard game, and the winners deserved their success.

Somerles House overwhelmed their opponents at the outset and scored three times in the first period, but from that point it was always a very close and interesting struggle.

SOMERLES HOUSE: Col. Sir Harold Wernher, Maj. W. R. N. Hinde, Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, Capt. D. Dawnay.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David, Capt. M. J. Lindsay, the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, Capt. N. Dugdale.

Final.

Edmundsbury had a good win in the final tie after a level-scoring game. Their handicap allowance of $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals from Somerles House gave them the victory by $10\frac{1}{2}$ goals to six. A feature of the match was the fine play of Mr. J. B. Traill, who hit five of the winners' goals, and showed that his recent handicap promotion was well deserved.

EDMUNDSBURY (14): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (3), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

SOMERLES HOUSE (20): Col. Sir H. Wernher (3), No. 1; Maj. W. R. N. Hinde (6), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), back.

KIT-CAT CUP.

The Pandas Win.

Edmundsbury beat Norton Bavant by 8 goals to 3 in the opening tie of the medium handicap tournament for the Kit-Cat Cup at Ranelagh. Norton Bavant held their own for three chukkers, the score being two goals all at half-time, but after this Edmundsbury had considerably the better of the play.

EDMUNDSBURY (11): Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney (1), No. 1; Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; and Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), back.

NORTON BAVANT (11): Col. Lord Barnby (2), No. 1; Mr. R. W. Hall (3), No. 2; Mr. W. H. Whitbread (3), No. 3; and Mr. J. G. Morrison (3), back.

The Jaguars "A," conceding $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, easily beat Lavington by 12 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$ in the first round. There were many fouls

in the course of the game, six goals being scored from penalties awarded.

JAGUARS "A" (13): Mr. J. A. O. Walker (2), No. 1; Mr. C. J. Donada (2), No. 2; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), No. 3; and Mr. D. B. Wormald (1), back.

LAVINGTON (8): Major S. C. Deed, No. 1; Mr. G. T. W. Brigg (2), No. 2; Mr. R. A. Budgett (2), No. 3; and Mr. H. S. Backhouse (3), back.

In the semi-final round Edge Hill, conceding three goals, beat Edmundsbury by 7 goals to 4.

Edmundsbury started the scoring early in the second chukker, Pulteney putting through a good hit up by Critchley. But this proved to be their only earned goal.

EDGE HILL (15): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson (5), No. 3; and Mr. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

EDMUNDSBURY (11): Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney (1), No. 1; Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; and Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), back.

The Pandas, receiving half a goal, beat the Jaguars "A" by 11½ goals to 6 in the second semi-final tie.

PANDAS (13): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Mr. K. J. Price (2), No. 2; Mr. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), No. 3; and Capt. N. Dugdale (3), back.

JAGUARS "A" (14): Mr. C. J. Donada (2), No. 1; Mr. A. S. Gaselee (3), No. 2; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), No. 3; and Mr. D. B. Wormald (1), back.

The Final.

The Pandas won the Kit-Cat Cup when, in the final tie, they beat Edge Hill, who conceded a goal and a half, by 10½ goals to 7, after a good hard game.

It was an even game in the first half. After Mr. Traill had hit two goals, one of them with a forty yards penalty, a foul by Mr. Samuel in front of his own goal gave Mr. Hamilton-Russell an unmissable chance. The opening period ended with Mr. Price scoring with a fine long shot. Capt. Hobson was very much in evidence in the next chukker, and he hit three good goals. The Pandas got them back in the third period, in which Mr. David hit two goals and Mr. Hamilton-Russell also scored. After Capt. Hobson had found the goal early in the fourth chukker, the Pandas scored four times. The feature of the last period was a brilliant goal by Mr. Robinson, hit with a long back-hander at an acute angle.

PANDAS (13): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Mr. K. J. Price (2), No. 2; Mr. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), No. 3; and Capt. N. Dugdale (3), back.

EDGE HILL (15): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson (5), No. 3; and Mr. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

THE LAWSON CUP.

There was a good entry for the Medium Handicap tournament for the Lawson Cup, played at Roehampton, and as a result of the preliminary ties Edmundsbury, The Pandas, The Gladiators and Lavington reached the semi-final round.

In the first semi-final match The Gladiators, conceding a start of $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat Lavington by 8 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$. There was an unfortunate accident in the second chukker when Capt. R. A. Budgett was in collision with two other players and all three were brought down, but luckily there were no serious injuries and, after a short rest, the game was continued. Lavington started well and held their own in the first chukker, but after that The Gladiators had rather the better of the match and took the lead in the fourth chukker, going on to win comfortably.

GLADIATORS: Major J. H. Hirsch, No. 1; Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh, No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson, No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison, back.

LAVINGTON: Mr. C. J. Donada, No. 1; Mr. A. M. Budgett, No. 2; Mr. R. A. Budgett, No. 3; Major S. C. Deed, back.

The second semi-final was won by Edmundsbury after a match which had rather an unfortunate ending. The Pandas received a start of a goal and a half, and during the fifth chukker, when Edmundsbury were leading by 7 goals to $2\frac{1}{2}$, Mr. Hamilton-Russell had a fall which prevented him from continuing. As a result the Pandas scratched and Edmundsbury entered the final.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David, No. 1; Mr. R. Heathcoat-Amory, No. 2; The Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; Mr. N. Dugdale, back.

The Final.

Edmundsbury gained an unexpectedly easy victory in the final round, beating The Gladiators by 8 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ after giving them a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals. They had the better of the game from the start and had taken the lead by the end of the second chukker, while the score was $6-2\frac{1}{2}$ in their favour by the time the fourth chukker had been played. Capt. Barclay was in great form for Edmundsbury and scored five of their goals, Capt. R. O. Critchley hitting two of the remainder and Mr. Traill the other. Capt. Hobson scored two goals for The Gladiators and Mr. Gerard-Leigh one. After the match Lady Bradford presented the cup to the winners.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

GLADIATORS: Major J. H. Hirsch, No. 1; Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh, No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson, No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison, back.

THE YOUNG CUP.

Pandas "A" Successful.

In a first-round tie of the Young Cup at Roehampton, Edge Hill beat the Wanderers by 9 goals to 2. Both sides totalled eight points, the limit allowed by the conditions, but Edge Hill were far the stronger, and had as much of the game as the scoring indicates. The Wanderers' side included Charles ("Buddy") Rogers, of American film fame.

EDGE HILL: Mr. H. E. Tauchert, Mr. J. P. Robinson, the Hon. M. R. Samuel, the Hon. P. M. Samuel.

WANDERERS: Mr. L. H. Starey, Mr. C. Rogers, Capt. E. O. Crosfield, Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The Pandas, conceding a goal and a half, beat the Snow Men by 8 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

PANDAS (8): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Capt. N. Dugdale (3), No. 2; Major P. Magor (3), No. 3; and Mr. B. H. Black (0), back.

SNOW MEN (6): Mr. R. Gee (0), No. 1; Mr. T. Hilder (1), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; and Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

The Semi-Finals.

The Pandas beat the Nomads by 7 goals to 4; and Edge Hill, conceding half a goal, beat Lavington by 11 goals to $7\frac{1}{2}$ in the semi-final round.

PANDAS (8): Mr. K. J. Price (2), No. 1; Mr. B. H. Black (0), No. 2; Mr. J. B. Traill (3), No. 3; and Mr. P. Magor (3), back.

NOMADS (8): Mr. C. J. Donada (2), No. 1; Mr. R. W. Hall (3), No. 2; Mr. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), No. 3; and Mr. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

EDGE HILL (8): Mr. H. E. Tauchert (0), No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 2; the Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 3; and the Hon. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

LAVINGTON (7): Mr. A. Grisar (2), No. 1; Mr. A. M. Budgett (2), No. 2; Mr. R. A. Budgett (2), No. 3; and Major S. C. Deed (1), back

Final.

After playing extra time the Pandas "A" team won the Young Cup low handicap tournament, beating Edge Hill in the final by 7 goals to 6. Each rated at eight points, they were as evenly matched as their handicaps made them out to be. Edge Hill started the scoring, but the Pandas kept on their heels so closely that in every chukker the scores were equal, but in the extra chukker the Pandas got the necessary goal to win.

EDGE HILL: Mr. H. E. Tauchert, Mr. J. P. Robinson, the Hon. M. R. Samuel, the Hon. P. M. Samuel (back).

PANDAS "A": Mr. A. David, Capt. N. Dugdale, Mr. B. H. Black, Major P. Magor (back).

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Jaguars Victorious.

First Round.

In the first round Someries House beat Edmundsbury by six goals to five. Edmundsbury led at half-time by 5-3, Someries House drew level in the fourth chukker, and a fine goal hit by Capt. Prior-Palmer in the fifth period of a well-contested game gave them the victory.

SOMERIES HOUSE: Col. Sir H. Wernher, No. 1; Mr. K. J. Price, No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay, back.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

The Pandas had an easy victory over the Optimists, winning by nine goals to four. The game was not so one-sided as the score would suggest, for in addition to the goals scored, the Optimists hit over their opponents back line 15 times as against once by the Pandas. Another interesting fact about the game was that the ball was only hit over the boards half-a-dozen times. There were only four fouls during the course of the match.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David, No. 1; Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 2; Mr. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; Capt. N. Dugdale, back.

OPTIMISTS: Mr. W. L. Horbury, No. 1; Mr. R. A. Budgett, No. 2; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, No. 3; Capt. J. C. Vernon-Miller, back.

There was an even greater winning margin in the other tie, when the Jaguars beat the Leopards by 12 goals to five. It was only in the first and fourth chukkers that the losers were able to hold their own, and here they hit goal for goal with their opponents.

JAGUARS: Mr. E. C. F. Nutting, No. 1; Capt. J. W. Malet, No. 2; The Hon. W. K. Rous, No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

LEOPARDS: Capt. F. E. B. Wignall, No. 1; Capt. G. J. Kidston, No. 2; the Maharaja of Jaipur, No. 3; Capt. J. M. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, back.

The Semi-Finals.

Adsdean beat Someries House by seven goals to three. Someries House had much the better of the play in the first half of the game, for although they led by the margin of a single goal (3—2), they had in addition 11 shots to their opponents two. There was, however, a complete reversal of form in the second half of the game, for here Adsdean hit five goals without any reply, and eight further shots which went wide, as against two by Someries House.

ADSDEAN: Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 1; The Hon. M. R. Samuel, No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison, No. 3; Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N., back.

SOMERIES HOUSE: Sir H. Wernher, No. 1; Mr. K. J. Price, No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer, No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay, back.

The Jaguars beat the Pandas by five goals to four. Rain fell during the first half of the game and made accurate hitting by either side an impossibility. The Jaguars, however, had by far the better of the play during the third and fourth chukkers and should have won by a much bigger margin.

JAGUARS: Mr. E. C. F. Nutting, No. 1; Capt. J. W. Malet, No. 2; the Hon. W. K. Rous, No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness, back.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David, No. 1; Capt. W. F. Butler, No. 2; the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell, No. 3; Capt. N. Dugdale, back.

The junior championship, which is the nearest approach to the Meadow Brook 20-goal tournament in England, was won by the Jaguars, who beat Adsdean in the final round by 8 goals to 1 in a rather one-sided game.

The teams were equal on handicap on this year's limit of 18 goals, but they were not equal in pony power. The Jaguars had some of the best of last year's Jaguars string for the service of Mr. Rous and Capt. Guinness; Mr. Malet had his own useful thick-set little handy ponies, and Mr. Nutting has some useful ones, notably Flying Thought, a small light-weight bay by Vencedor. For Adsdean, Capt. Morrison, that "strong, persevering man," had, for once, a day of little success, although as usual he got through an enormous amount of work. Lord Louis Mountbatten had recently spent his time between building a ship at Newcastle and flying visits to London for polo, and he was for him a trifle slow on the ball. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Samuel did not make the only possible use of their light, fast ponies against such a well-mounted side as the Jaguars by

alternately going up at full speed in the hope of a pass, by which means one or other might several times have got free.

Mr. Malet, who played as a substitute at No. 1 for the Tenth when they won the Inter-Regimental in 1937, has become a very useful back. He is a good games-player, and in an unfamiliar position played as to the manner born. To be sure he had Capt. Guinness in front of him, and in eighteen-goal polo that means a lot, but he certainly played very well.

JAGUARS (18): Mr. E. C. F. Nutting (2), No. 1; Mr. W. K. Rous (5), No. 2; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), No. 3; Mr. J. W. Malet (3), back.

ADSDEAN (18): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Hon. M. R. Samuel (3), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

THE SHAW CUP.

Victory of Edge Hill.

There was an exciting finish to the final of the Shaw Cup (medium handicap), when an extra chukker had to be played before Edge Hill, who had a start of three goals under handicap, beat Edmundsbury by 8 goals to 7.

It was a curious game as regards the scoring, for Edmundsbury hit all their goals in the first and fourth chukkers, in neither of which was Edge Hill able to score at all. Edmundsbury had five goals to their credit in the opening chukker, but by half-time Edge Hill were on level terms again at five goals all, while at the fifth change of ponies the score stood at seven goals all. Robinson was in great form for the winners and hit four of their goals, the other coming from Hall. For Edmundsbury Mr. R. O. Critchley hit three goals and Barclay and Traill two each. Had Edmundsbury been more accurate with their shots at goal they would have won easily.

EDGE HILL: Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 1; Mr. M. Samuel, No. 2; Mr. R. W. Hall, No. 3; and Mr. P. Samuel, back.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill, No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 3; and Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.



ROEHAMPTON CUP.

Success for Pandas.

The high handicap tournament for the Roehampton Challenge Cup ended at Roehampton in the success of the Pandas. In the final tie, receiving $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, they beat the 10th Royal Hussars by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4, after a very hard-fought game.

The Pandas totalled 12 points, but under the conditions of a high handicap event they could not claim to total less than 14 points, and so instead of $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals start they only got $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals from the Hussars, whose handicap aggregate was 19 points.

Rain fell during the early part of the game, a strong wind was blowing, and a bumping ball made accurate hitting difficult. Soon after the start, for a foul by the Hussars near their opponents' goal, the Pandas got a sixty yards penalty, but Montagu-Douglas-Scott, who took the shot, failed to score. Then, with a good back-hander, Malet hit a goal for the Hussars. At the end of the chukker the Pandas were awarded a forty yards penalty, and with one of the Hussars riding out too soon to intercept the shot, the Pandas were awarded a goal. After Dawnay had scored for the Hussars in the next period, and Macmullen in the third chukker, the Pandas were leading at half-time by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3.

The Pandas had the better of the next two periods, but without score. Early in the last chukker, after a run by David, Price hit a goal for the Pandas, and then, from a grand centre by Montagu-Douglas-Scott, David back-handed another goal. The scoring ended with a fine long goal by Dawnay for the Hussars.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David, Mr. K. J. Price, Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, and Major J. F. Harrison (back).

10TH ROYAL HUSSARS: Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen, Capt. J. W. Malet, Capt. D. Dawnay and Capt. J. P. Archer-Shee (back).

HARGREAVES CUP.

Roehampton beat the Optimists in the invitation match for the Frank Hargreaves Cup at Roehampton by six goals to four after a very close and often exciting match. The occasion was the eleventh annual Empire garden party, which, allowing for the rather uncertain weather, was well attended. Lady Dawson of Penn presented the cup to the Hon. M. R. Samuel at the end of the game.

Roehampton totalled 21 goals against the 23 of the Optimists, but they had as their back Capt. H. P. Guinness, who this season

has been the outstanding player in London during a brief leave from the arid wastes of Palestine, and it struck me, writes the polo correspondent of *The Times*, with all respect to the Maharaja of Jaipur and Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, that his form was just a class ahead of anyone else playing. Certainly he was altogether too much for Horbury, admirably though the latter is mounted. In fact, I think we should have been delighted to see the Optimists win, for they have had a lean season and have had not all the luck in the world.

Roehampton were rather the better together (three of them have played regularly), whereas the Optimists were deprived of the services of Capt. W. F. Butler owing to a bereavement. Maj. Peter Dollar took his place at short notice. That perhaps rather disturbed their team work.

ROEHAMPTON (21): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5); No. 1; Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. H. P. Guinness (8), back.

OPTIMISTS (23): Mr. W. L. Horbury (2), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; Maj. P. W. Dollar (5), No. 3; the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), back.

Umpires: Maj. M. Cox and Col. S. V. Kennedy.

Referee: General Sir Beauvoir de Lisle.



Country Tournaments.

Forthcoming Fixtures.

- July 17-22.—Aldershot Command (K.D.G. Cup).
 July 17-22.—Penshurst.
 July 17-22.—Rhinefield.
 July 17-22.—Tidworth (Royal Artillery Harriers' Cup).
 July 24-29.—Beaufort (Summer).
 July 24-29.—Kirtlington Park.
 July 24-29.—Mid-Essex.
 July 24-29.—Tidworth (American Tournament).
 July 25-29.—Taunton Vale (Empire Cup).
 July 25-29.—Cowdray Park (American Tournament).
 July 31-August 5.—Osmaston.
 July 31-August 5.—Stoke d'Abernon (Senior Challenge Cup).
 July 31-August 5.—Tidworth (Cholderton Cup).
 July 31-August 7.—Rugby (Open Tournament).
 August 7-12.—Cheltenham.
 August 7-12 (or earlier).—Aldershot Command (3rd King's Own Hussars' Cup).
 August 8-12.—Taunton Vale (Houldsworth Cup).
 August 8-12.—Toulston.
 August 14-Sept. 16.—West Somerset. Aug. 14-19, Quintin Dick Cup, 8 goals, and Junior Cup, 16 goals and under. Aug. 21-26, Visitors' Cup; President's Cup, 12 goals; Open Cup. Aug. 28-Sept. 2, Coronation Cup, 16 goals; Diana Cup, 8 goals. Sept. 4-9, Friar Cup, 16 goals and under; Nel-Sim Cup, 4 goals. Sept. 11-16, Junior Championship Cup, 16 goals and under.
 August 14-19.—Rhinefield.
 August 21-26.—Rugby (Montaigu Cup).
 August 25.—Taunton Vale (Liddell Cup).
 September 4-9.—Rugby (Junior Tournament).

Fleet Novices' Cup.

Southleigh, conceding a goal and a half, beat Willems by 7 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the semi-final round of the Fleet Novices' tournament at the Fleet Club in Hampshire. The teams were:—

SOUTHLEIGH (6): Mr. J. Wragg (0), No. 1; Sir D. White (0), No. 2; Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe (3), No. 3; and Capt. C. E. R. Duff (3), back.

WILLEMS (3): Major L. E. Misa (1), No. 1; Mr. G. A. Cunard (1), No. 2; Mr. W. P. Riley (1), No. 3; and Mr. J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (0), back.

The Royal Artillery, conceding half a goal, beat the Drags by 7 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$ in the second semi-final tie. The teams were:—

ROYAL ARTILLERY (5): Major W. F. D. McNeece (0), No. 1; Major E. G. Waller (1), No. 2; Lieut.-Col. W. D. Morgan (2), No. 3; and Capt. J. H. B. Evatt (2), back.

DRAGS (4): Mr. T. M. Ball (0), No. 1; Major H. R. C. Frink (1), No. 2; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), No. 3; and Mr. N. R. M. Jenkins (0), back.

The Royal Artillery, receiving half a goal, beat Southleigh by $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2 in the final tie. The teams were:—

ROYAL ARTILLERY (5): Major J. F. D. McNeece (0), No. 1; Major E. G. Waller (1), No. 2; Mr. G. Cunard (2), No. 3; and Capt. J. H. B. Evatt (2), back.

SOUTHLEIGH (6): Mr. J. Wragg (0), No. 1; Mr. R. Kennard (0), No. 2; Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe (3), No. 3; and Capt. C. E. R. Duff (3), back.

East Anglian Cup.

In the semi-final round of the East Anglian Cup tournament, played on the Mid-Essex Polo Club's ground at Ingatestone, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards beat Abbeygate by 5 goals to 1, and Delamas conceded half a goal start to the Black Crows and won by 4 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

5TH ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS: Mr. A. Maude, No. 1; Mr. C. H. Blacker, No. 2; Capt. C. P. D. Legard, No. 3; and Lieut.-Col. E. S. D. Martin, back.

ABBEYGATE: Mr. D. Rogers, No. 1; Major M. Murphy, No. 2; Capt. R. Conant, No. 3; and Lieut.-Col. A. Soames, back.

DELAMAS: Mr. R. H. Russell, No. 1; Mr. F. Buckenham, No. 2; Mr. J. D'Oyle Sheppard, No. 3; and Mr. J. R. Russell, back.

BLACK CROWS: Mr. P. Barrow, No. 1; Major R. Darley, No. 2; Major J. F. Adye, No. 3; and Capt. N. W. Metcalfe, back.

Delamas, receiving $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4 in the final tie.

DELAMAS (2): Mr. R. H. Russell (0), No. 1; Mr. F. H. Buckenham (0), No. 2; Mr. G. D'O. Sheppard (2), No. 3; and Mr. J. R. Russell (0), back.

5TH ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS (5): Mr. A. Maude (0), No. 1; Mr. C. H. Blacker (1), No. 2; Capt. C. P. D. Legard (3), No. 3; and Lieut.-Col. E. S. D. Martin (1), back.

The Portman Cup.

Beaufort, conceding $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat Oake by 9 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; and Taunton Vale, conceding two goals, beat West Gloucester by 8 goals to 2 in the semi-final round of the Taunton Vale Club's tournament at Orchard Portman, near Taunton.

Oake beat Corfe by 5 goals to 2 in the first round of the Taunton Vale tournament for the Portman Cup.



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CORFE (1): Sir A. Bridgett (o), No. 1; Mr. J. Barron (o), No. 2; Mr. G. H. Small (1), No. 3; and Sir W. Stampe (o), back.

BEAUFORT (7): Capt. E. G. Kennedy (2), No. 1; Capt. W. S. Fielding-Johnson (2), No. 2; Major W. N. Powell (3), No. 3; and Mr. J. Harper (o), back.

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TAUNTON VALE (4): Major R. P. Power (1), No. 1; Capt. J. B. Glencross (1), No. 2; Lieut.-Col. J. C. Pringle (1), No. 3; and Mr. E. W. Tyler (1), back.

WEST GLOUCESTER (o): Mr. K. G. Bergin (o), No. 1; Mr. F. D. Armstrong (o), No. 2; Mr. H. R. Pyper (o), No. 3; and Mr. W. A. Greenslade (o), back.

Beaufort, conceding a goal and a half, beat Taunton Vale by 8 goals to 2½ in the final tie.

BEAUFORT (7): Capt. E. G. D. Kennedy (2), No. 1; Capt. W. S. Fielding-Johnson (2), No. 2; Major W. N. Powell (3), No. 3; and Mr. J. Harper (o), back.

TAUNTON VALE (4): Major R. P. Power (1), No. 1; Capt. J. B. Glencross (1), No. 2; Lieut.-Col. J. C. Pringle (1), No. 3; and Mr. E. W. Tyler (1), back.

The Franklin Cup.

Colliepriest, conceding a goal, beat Corfe by 4 goals to 2 in the final tie of the Taunton Vale Club's tournament for the Franklin Cup.

The teams (with their local handicaps) were:—

COLLIEPRIEST (16): Mr. G. H. Small (3), No. 1; Mr. A. D. Goodliffe (4), No. 2; Major L. A. Jones-Mortimer (4), No. 3; and Lieut.-Col. J. C. Pringle (5), back.

CORFE (15): Sir A. Rodger (3), No. 1; Capt. J. B. Glencross (4), No. 2; Major R. P. Power (4), No. 3; and Mr. E. W. Tyler (4), back.

Colchester.

Having disposed of the favourites—Colchester—Mid-Essex won the 3rd Carabiniers' Cup very comfortably in the final of the Colchester polo tournament at the Middlewick ground. Throughout they showed more dash than did Abbeygate, their opponents, their hitting was stronger and more accurate, and their fine understanding was a big factor in their sweeping victory by 11 goals to 3.

MID-ESSEX: Mr. S. Beale, Mr. W. Beale, Mr. D. Sheppard, and Capt. Adye.

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ABBEYGATE: Mr. C. Chevalier, Mr. P. Barrow, Mr. D. Rogers, and Capt. Metcalfe.

In a subsidiary tournament Colchester beat Suffolk 5—1.

Toulston.

Annually the Toulston Polo Club set aside one day's play for the West Riding Nursing Association. On this occasion the North Staffordshire team were in opposition to Toulston. Toulston, who were conceding $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, won by 9 goals to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

TOULSTON: Mr. H. H. Robinson, No. 1; Mr. J. F. Holdsworth, No. 2; Mr. W. Riley-Smith, No. 3; Mr. W. S. Griffiths, back.

STAFFORDSHIRE: Mr. D. Wright, No. 1; Mr. H. A. Ramsden, No. 2; Mr. D. J. L. Wyatt, No. 3; Mr. R. W. Sherwin, back.

The Toulston Club received a visit from the Mid-Cheshire team, who unfortunately had to take the field without their captain, Mr. P. Moseley, who had been taken ill. His place was filled by Mr. R. Midwood. Although they received a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals in a six-chukker game, the visitors were beaten 7— $4\frac{1}{2}$.

TOULSTON: Mr. H. H. Robinson, No. 1; Mr. J. F. Holdsworth, No. 2; Mr. W. Riley-Smith, No. 3; Mr. W. S. Griffiths, back.

MID-CHESHIRE: Mr. N. Hardy, No. 1; Mr. M. Moseley, No. 2; Mr. F. Spiegelberg, No. 3; Mr. R. Midwood, back.

Junior County Cup.

Two important and interesting games were played at Toulston. The initial games in the Northern Divisional novices' tournament were played on the same ground recently, when Toulston "A" beat Holderness by 7 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$, and Toulston "C," with a handicap allowance, beat Toulston "B" by a score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ —1. The two winning teams met in the final, and Toulston's premier team also met Mid-Cheshire in the first round of the Junior County Cup, the winners then having to take part in further stages of the competition in London.

In the game between Toulston and Mid-Cheshire the teams were:—

TOULSTON: Mr. H. H. Robinson, No. 1; Mr. J. F. Holdsworth, No. 2; Mr. W. Riley-Smith, No. 3; Mr. W. S. Griffiths, back.

CHESHIRE: Mr. N. Hardy, No. 1; Capt. W. Filmer-Sankey, No. 2; Mr. F. Spiegelberg, No. 3; Mr. M. Moseley, back.

The home side had to allow a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals.

Toulston "A" and Toulston "C," the finalists for the Novices' tournament, fielded the following teams:—

"A": Mr. T. Budden, No. 1; Mr. J. Gilpin, No. 2; Mr. O. Tudor, No. 3; Mr. P. Wood, back.

"C": Mr. I. Nickols, No. 1; Mr. E. G. Atkinson, No. 2; Mr. J. Heber Percy, No. 3; Mr. F. Fairfax, back.

The "C" team had a start of half a goal.

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Mid-Cheshire.

Mid-Cheshire Polo Club, in spite of sending a team to North Staffordshire, fielded a strong side at the Little Budworth ground in a four-chukker match against the Army. The latter were represented by Capt. W. Filmer-Sankey, Capt. R. S. G. Perry, Capt. J. Midwood, and Major D. French-Blake. Mid-Cheshire players were Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. M. Moseley, Mr. F. E. F. Spiegelberg, and Mr. R. Midwood.

Mid-Cheshire received $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals, but were beaten by 4 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

The "A" team of the 15/19th Hussars (Yorkshire) won a grand final by 7 goals to 5 after conceding two goals start to North Staffordshire in the Mid-Cheshire Polo Club's open tournament for the Demetriadi Cup at Budworth Common. The defenders of the cup, Agden, who were first winners of it last year, were beaten earlier in the competition, but they won the subsidiary tournament, beating the Hussars' "B" team 5—2 after receiving two goals start.

The cup match produced the finest polo seen on the ground this season and attracted the best attendance.

15/19TH HUSSARS: Mr. T. D. Wilson, No. 1; Capt. Dorrien Smith, No. 2; Capt. A. D. Taylor, No. 3; Mr. K. Watt, back.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE: Mr. T. Swire, No. 1; Mr. K. Crampton, No. 2; Mr. T. Boulton, No. 3; Mr. D. Wright, back.

The Hussars "B" team, after conceding two goals start, were beaten 5—2 by Agden, a Mid-Cheshire side which last year won the Demetriadi Cup, in the final of the subsidiary tournament.

AGDEN: Mrs. S. M. Moseley, No. 1; Mr. M. G. Moseley, No. 2; Sir John Barlow, No. 3; Mr. D. P. G. Moseley, back.

15/19TH HUSSARS: Mr. K. Watt, No. 1; Mr. I. Balmain, No. 2; Major T. J. Arnott, No. 3; Mr. M. Balmain, back.

West Somerset.

West Somerset did well to finish their match against Exeter to within half a goal of the visitors. Exeter are a strong side, and in the early stages gave proof of the excellence of their team work and ability in all phases of the game, but in the later chukkers West Somerset did much better and, practically speaking, gave measure for measure. From start to finish the match was an interesting one, providing several strong gallops which a fair-sized crowd greeted enthusiastically.

WEST SOMERSET: Mr. E. Collier, Mr. R. Leversha, Mr. R. W. Over, and Gen. Sir Edward Fagan (with whom Capt. E. E. Anson alternated at back).

EXETER: Mr. T. A. G. Mort, Mr. H. R. Nicholson, Capt. C. D. K. Burnaby, and Major H. H. Merton (back).

Exeter conceded a goal and a half start to their opponents.

West Somerset "B" team beat West Somerset "A" by 9 goals to 2 in a match for the Shaw Cup on Dunster Castle Lawns, Minehead.

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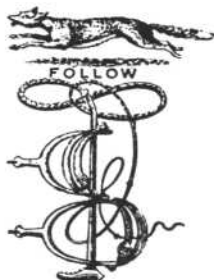
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The winners owed their success chiefly to their back, Over, who played an outstanding game in attack, scoring three goals, as well as in defence. Mr. D. Barron, of the Taunton Vale Club, scored four of the winners' goals. Capt. Anson and Maj.-Gen. Fagan were prominent for the losers.

WEST SOMERSET "B": Mr. P. J. Barron, Mr. R. Leversha, Mr. D. Barron, Mr. R. V. Over.

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Penshurst.

Thoroughly entertaining polo was provided at Penshurst, when Birchetts and Bucksteed were opposed to each other in the Drummond Cup competition. Bucksteed, who received $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals on handicap, won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5 after a match which could not have been bettered for closeness of scoring.

BIRCHETTS (7): Mr. R. M. Cardwell (0), No. 1; Mr. F. W. Scott (2), No. 2; Mr. G. E. V. Keighley (4), No. 3; Sir George Jessel (1), back.

BUCKSTEED (5): Major G. P. Richardson (0), No. 1; Capt. A. C. Hughes (1), No. 2; Capt. B. B. Woodd (3), No. 3; Comte de Zogheb (1).

An inter-county match was played on the Penshurst Polo Club's ground near Tonbridge, Kent, between teams representing Hampshire and Kent. Hampshire conceded a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals and won an interesting game by 6 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

HAMPSHIRE (10): Mr. E. G. Walker (1), No. 1; Mr. C. J. Donada (2), No. 2; Mr. W. G. Lowther (5), No. 3; and Mr. J. H. B. Evatt (2), back.

KENT (8): Mr. G. R. Couper (0), No. 1; Capt. R. A. H. Plunkett (4), No. 2; Capt. B. B. Woodd (3), No. 3; and Sir G. Jessel (1), back.

Northumberland.

Northumberland has now a mixed polo club, formed by members of adjacent hunts. The club has a regulation sized field at Bolam, fully equipped with pavilion and accommodation for ponies and grooms.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eustace Smith and Miss Jean Smith have worked especially hard in completing the ground. A polo ball is to be held in their home, Rothley Crag, on August 4.

Among others taking part in recent games were Major and Mrs. Richard Straker, Major Hornby, Capt. A. S. C. Browne, M.F.H., Mr. Houston Boswell, Miss Annette Usher, M.F.H., and Major Black.

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CONCERNING MOTORS.

By H. Thornton Rutter.

With some two-and-a-half million motor-vehicles in use, it seems difficult to realize by the crowded state of some roads that in actual fact there are not quite six per cent of motors in use by the population of the United Kingdom. Six motors per 100 persons does not seem many compared with a car shared by every five or six persons in the U.S.A., but there also they get fierce jams on some highways developing into a procession as our roads get on holidays and week-ends. Some folk wonder whether the increase in the horse-power tax in England will lessen the number of private cars, but I should very much doubt it. When you are restricted in your means the car is one of the last things families start economizing on by doing entirely without it.

Paris seems to have given more road space for motor carriages by banning horse-drawn vehicles, heavy lorries and hand-carts from the central area. This covers a space bounded by the Place de la Concorde, the Rue du Faubourg Montmartre and the Quai des Tuileries, besides certain streets in which traffic is normally heavy, such as the Rue de Passy and the Boulevard Saint-Germain.

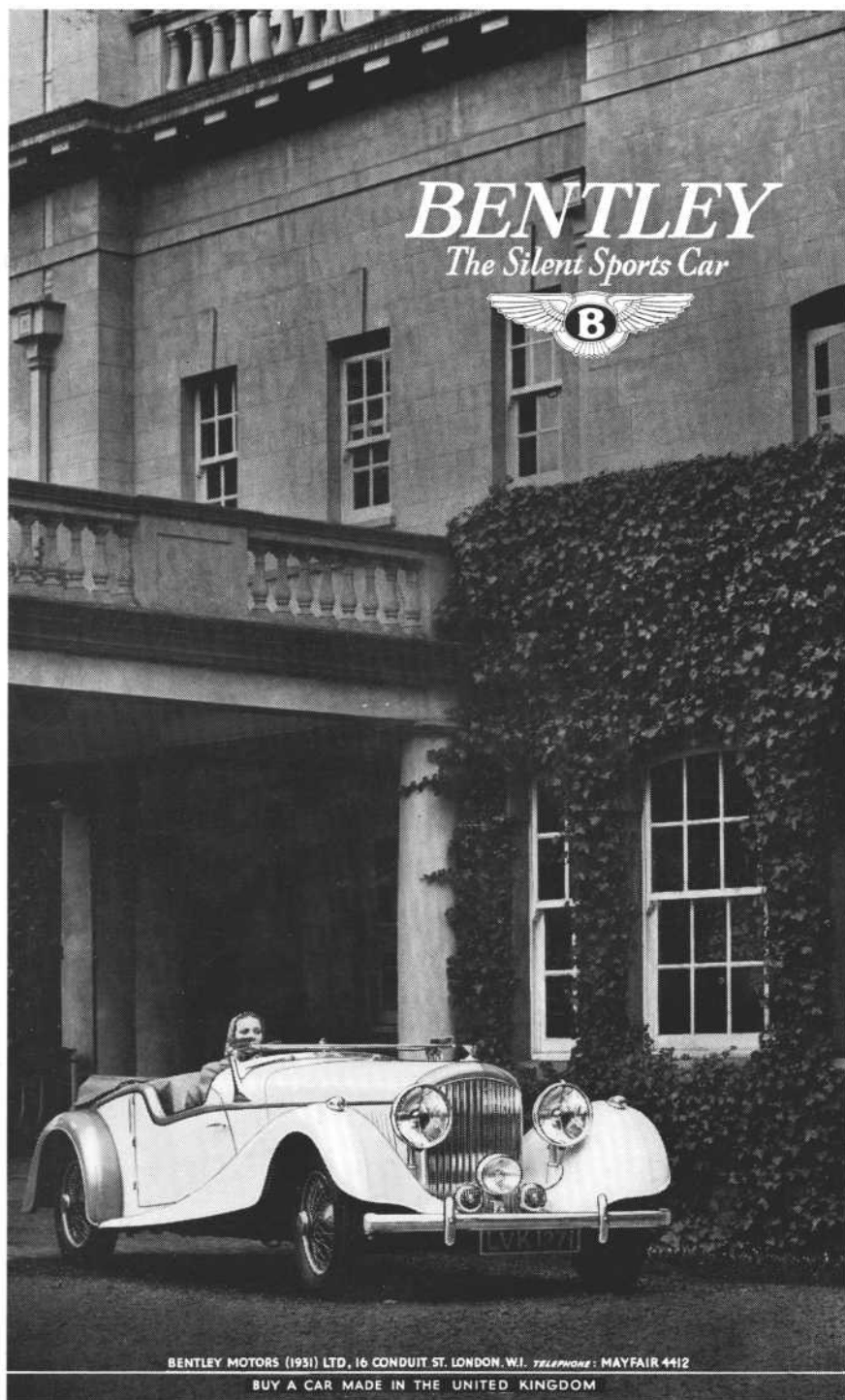
London does ban horse-drawn vehicles during certain hours in a few streets, such as Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street, but there has been no general area clearance. Perhaps the example of Paris may be followed.

According to the motor trade, the Government should tax the £40,000,000 poured into the football pools who have registered their companies in several small islands surrounding our own, thereby receiving their profits and escaping our taxation system. If they did this they might reduce the horse-power tax to its former rate of £1 per h.p. instead of the proposed 25s. starting on January 1, 1940.

Most motorists would wish that the Government could see its way to reduce the horse-power tax on all private cars which are three years or more old. It would free the market better for their sale and exchange deals, because it is no use disguising the fact that half the cars licensed to use our roads at present do not exceed 12 h.p., and their owners are the people whom the tax hurts most when they want to exchange their old car to buy a new one. Which reminds me that the 10 h.p. Wolseley drop-head coupé was introduced as a new model at the Scottish motor rally when it won the chief prize of its class for the excellence of its coachwork and equipment. Its nice lines are modelled

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It is rather disappointing that the Technical Committee appointed to consider cures for short-wave radio interference cannot find a universal and simple remedy. Consequently we must do all we can ourselves not to be a nuisance or interfere with television and short-wave radio. Naturally, motorists do not wish to bother other folk, so we screen our sparking plugs and distributor and other electrical equipment, using suppressors recommended by first-class garage owners. Now also the motor track is becoming part of our military machine, they will have to learn more about wireless as, like the Tank Corps, they must be able to know enough of its technicalities to look after sending, as well as receiving sets.

That also reminds me that you need to be a very handy fellow if you want to run a tank, as it is so dark inside that you have to have the instruments strapped to you whether it be a stock of a machine gun or the ear-pieces of the wireless.

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That also brings me to the notice issued by the Royal Automobile Club that they had taken up the matter of the insurance of cars with the tariff companies and the underwriters of the R.A.C. car policies at Lloyd's in reference to whether cars were properly covered if their owners used them for A.R.P. work.

A very satisfactory reply was received stating that these companies agreed that where social, domestic and pleasure use is allowed under the insurance policy, use of a car for A.R.P. training may be regarded under that heading, and the public authority concerned may be indemnified without additional premium. But every motorist must notify his or her insurance company of their intention to use the vehicle for that work and give the name of the public authority under whose service they are using it, therefore it is important to write to your insurance company in any case so as to be sure that you are properly covered, as the insurance company send you a slip to attach to the policy covering A.R.P. work.

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Lord Nuffield has given the millionth car made at the Morris Works at Cowley, Oxford, to Guy's Hospital Appeal for Funds Committee. They have a competition for this 14 h.p. 6 cylinder overhead valved engined Morris saloon. You buy a ticket for one shilling and then have the right to take part in the competition, which consists of placing in their correct order of importance fourteen given points of the car.

The correct order has already been settled and placed in a sealed envelope with the committee, and the first ticket drawn correctly giving the order wins the car. Tickets were available at all Morris agents and dealers, as well as at Guy's Hospital, the competition closing on July 13.

The Standard Company also gave their forty-thousandth car built this year—a "Flying 8 h.p."—to the Warwickshire Hospital for another first prize in a competition. You can get tickets for this at any Standard car dealer's showroom, or from the Coventry Hospital Carnival Committee, which has Councillor A. R. Grindley, J.P., as its chairman. Perhaps if you sent him your cash he might pick you out a lucky number. He will send you an entry form to fill up.

If you hunt in the Leighton Buzzard country you may have heard that the Chairman of the Stony Stratford (Bucks) magistrates bemoaned that "they never bring any money here" when he asked a motorist in Court if he had any money with which to pay his £3 10s. fine and costs, and received the reply, "Not a penny."

Possibly the offender read in a popular motoring journal recently that if motorists took any money into Court the magistrates are very careful that you do not bring it away again. Also in the neighbouring village of Hockliffe the police force has now been doubled. It is now two constables instead of only one. So you stand a double chance now of meeting the law.

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About this time of year several accidents happen because people are thoughtless in opening the offside door of their car without looking beforehand to see if the way is clear and no vehicle is overtaking or approaching the car. Cyclists are frequently the victims of this careless door-opening. I raise the question here because I have seen people pull up quickly, open

the door and jump out to dash across the road and have several squeaks of a bad accident, almost hitting cyclists, cars and lorries. Moreover, the C.T.C. in one of their reports stated that 10 per cent of their accidents to cycling members were caused by this careless door-opening. Whether that report is accurate or not it does confirm that people are foolish without meaning to be discourteous, but just act in a hurry without the necessary forethought for others as well as for themselves. Similarly, pedestrians should not cross at Belisha sign posts where traffic lights are working, but are constantly asking motorists to make a hurried halt because they will attempt to use such Belisha crossings when the green light permits the traffic to go across such paths. The correct procedure is for the foot passenger on the pavement to wait until the red light halts the traffic and gives him or her the right of way.

Unfortunately, pedestrians do not have any organization that will take the trouble to educate them how to behave properly when using the King's highways. It is the poor motorist who is always being harangued and given instructions in heaps of "do's" and "don'ts."

Many correspondents ask me whether one should always stop for pedestrians where a Belisha crossing is placed in conjunction with traffic lights. And I always reply that they must for the safety of the pedestrian, but if they can find the opportunity to tell the offender that he or she is liable for prosecution for "causing danger on the highway" by using the crossing when the lights are really against the pedestrian but are correct for the motorist to proceed.

And that is the true legal position, but it is an expensive hobby prosecuting people because they endanger their life and perhaps yours by crossing such places at the wrong moment.

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Mr. M. H. Fenn, who represents the Daimler and Lanchester interests in India, tells me that there they are inclined to smile at the constant grumbling and complaints at home on the unsuitable state of the roads. His business takes him round India in a car, so his experience is practical. Roads north of Delhi are always kept in good condition, but over the rest of the country the roads are for the most part atrocious and so narrow that it is necessary when passing other vehicles to steer the car into the side, which is usually inches thick in dust, covering bad ruts.

The main road from Bombay to Calcutta, for instance, is like this all the way for 1,550 miles, and one cannot travel faster than 30 to 40 m.p.h. on account of its surface, as it is not the traffic which slows you up. But my readers who know India are familiar with the bullock carts, for which you must nearly stop, as you cannot be sure which side they are going to pull over when you do meet them. But Mr. Fenn's worst experience was meeting a rogue elephant. Then the only thing to do is to abandon the car and bolt on foot, leaving the elephant to wreck the car if he feels that way inclined.



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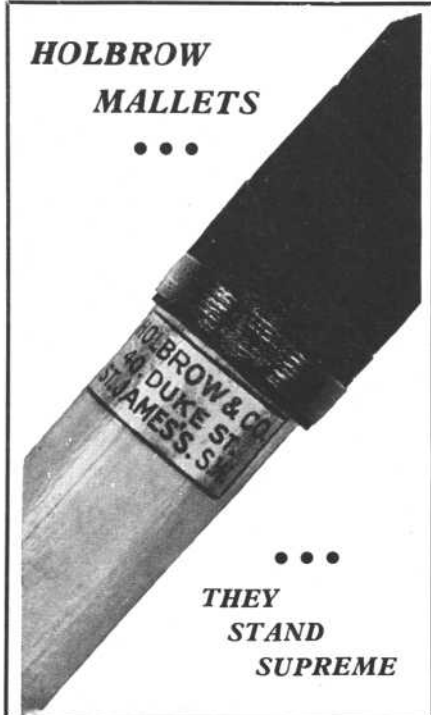


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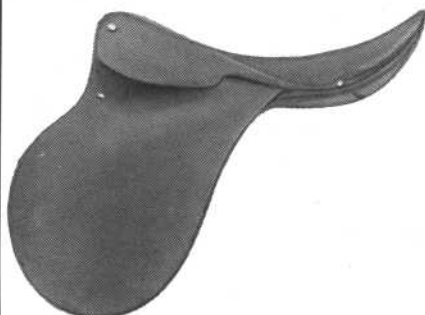


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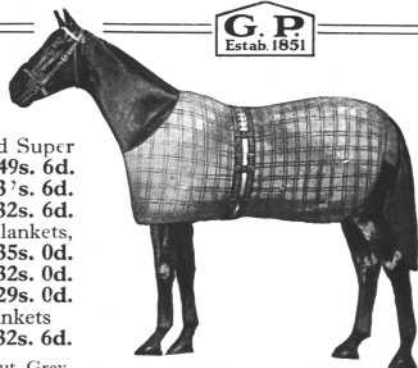
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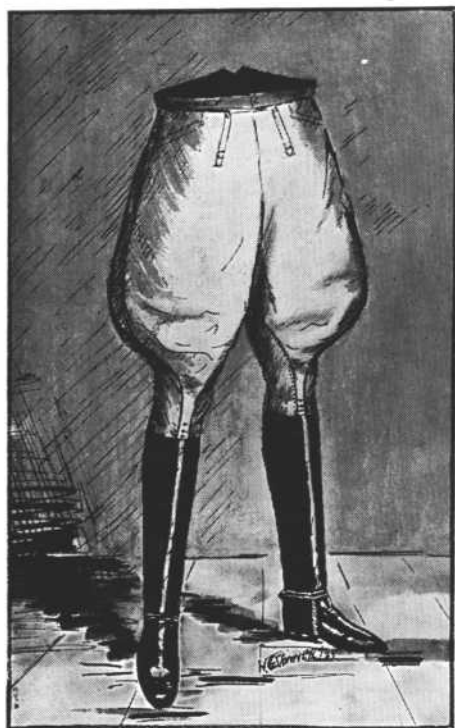
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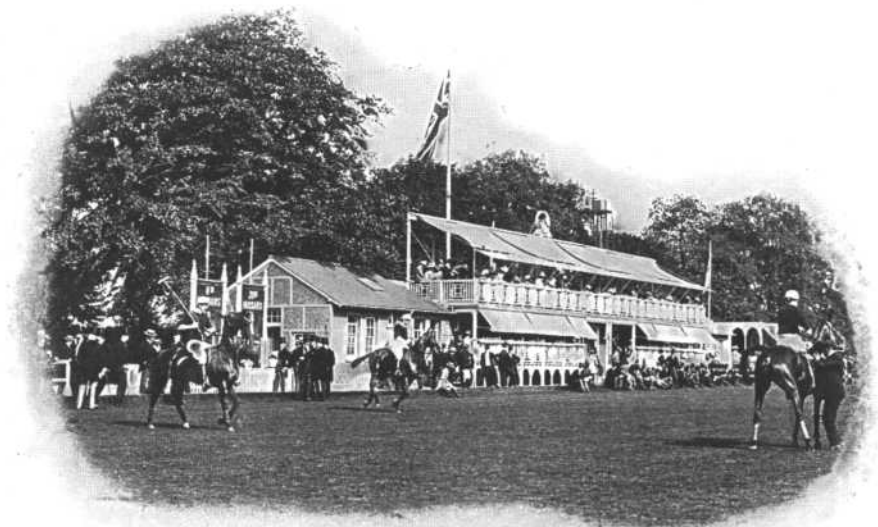
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CURRENT TOPICS.



Westchester Cup Finance.

The financial result of the Westchester Cup series was made public last month, and broadly speaking the details given in the last issue of POLO MONTHLY is correct. The receipts for the gate falling to the share of Hurlingham was a mere £3,000, as against the estimated sum of £15,000. The sale of the ponies brought some £6,000 (as against the £15,000 expected), and that makes a mere £9,000 to set off against the £33,000 spent on the venture. The Hurlingham Polo Association's Fund of £12,000 has, of course, been consumed and there remains some £10,000 to be found by the guarantors. This is the first financial failure that has ever happened in this series and we expect it to be the last. It may even be the last of the whole series. No doubt many of the guarantors can well afford to pay up the 70 per cent of their commitment, but nobody cares to fork out a large sum of money for nothing much to show. To the smaller guarantors, however, this will be felt more keenly, especially the guarantees made by the various regimental polo funds, which nowadays are seldom overburdened with ready money. A total loss of £24,000, which is in round figures what it comes to, is a crushing blow. Future challenges may be made—it is indeed hoped that the Americans will come over in 1942—if we can find the means to “put on” the series—and by then we may have a young team available to beat them and so revive the series. But it certainly is not likely that Hurlingham will undertake

another venture for many years. If, however, any private enthusiast cares to undertake it they will, no doubt, give them their blessing and every help that they can.

Imported Ponies.

There is a growing agitation for the imposition of a duty on imported ponies in order to encourage the production of English polo ponies. A subsidy to the breeder would not, we feel, fulfil the purpose because, since the removal of the height standard, most of our ponies come from the racing studs in any case. Were not a definite hardship incurred by British players, especially in the country, it might be well to leave the matter alone, but on every side we hear of more and more players giving up, because whereas in time past they were enabled to keep in the game by making and developing young ponies, a lengthy proceeding, and finally selling them at reasonable profit, they now find that they cannot compete with the ready-made import, which can be produced, even allowing for freightage, cheaper than it is possible to produce the home-made article.

International Mounting.

One hears considerable criticism (now it is all over) of the action of the Hurlingham Polo Association two years ago, when they decided to form a nucleus of an international string of ponies, by buying a quantity of Argentines rather than making thorough search through the stables of England. That criticism is hardly fair, because nobody can deny that this step was taken with excellent motives and with the sole view of providing the best mounting that could be obtained for the team with regard to the individual requirements of the probable team. That most of that draft failed to survive the test was hardly the fault of those that ordered their collection. It is in any case doubtful whether another challenge will be made for a good many years, for this year's trip has been simply disastrous from the financial point of view. But on future occasions (if any there be) it is safe to say that no preparations will be made on a scale resembling that of 1939.

The Army and Polo.

One of the chief arguments in favour of mechanizing the Cavalry was that, temperamentally and by training, the cavalryman was apt to be more at home in a fast-moving battle and also more apt to possess the necessary dash and "drive." The argument works both ways. If these attributes are so desirable (and who can deny it?) surely it is of the utmost importance to keep the "Cavalry spirit" alive. To achieve this is there any better school than polo? Not so long ago it was acknowledged on every hand that there was no better training for the young officer than polo in that it develops initiative and quick thinking. In spite of this, however, the young soldier year by year finds it harder and harder to get the opportunity to play



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AN INCIDENT AT QUETTA.

Rissaldar-Major Raghbir Singh, of the Royal Deccan Horse "A," who lost to their "B" team in the subsidiary final of the Quetta Low Handicap tournament, collides with a goal post, but somehow managed to get the ball through.

polo; every kind of stumbling block appears to be put in his way. Heaven knows the financial aspect is difficult enough, but this, by one means and another, can be overcome to some extent. But a little encouragement rather than the reverse seems due from the powers that be. In any case there is no doubt whatever that in the event of war we should find ourselves in great jeopardy by the lack of cavalry. Surely at least we might keep alive the spirit against that need?

Care of Grounds.

One hears frequently the statement (a true one) that it is very largely due to the indifferent quality of our grounds that the standard of British polo is not so high as we should like to see it. It seems to be the general belief that the spring is early enough to begin to get our grounds in order for the coming season. That is a fallacy. In fact, it is the work done in the autumn—in fact it should be begun the moment the final whistle of the season is heard—is the most important of all. Each season takes a heavy toll of our grounds, and if they are left to the fallow through the winter months, that season of rest and recovery, there is apt to be too much to do in too short a space of time. In the next issue of POLO MONTHLY we hope to publish an authoritative article by an admitted expert showing what work can be carried out most advantageously at that time of the year. This, we are sure, will be of great interest to those whose business it is to care for the grounds on which we get our pleasure.

The Umpiring of the Game.

During the past London season a determined effort was made to improve the standard of umpiring, and the appointment of a chief umpire was an admirable step. No one would deny that umpiring is an enormously difficult task and that, so far, there is still room for improvement. The criticism that the letter rather than the spirit of the law is apt to be overdone may have had (at the beginning of the season) some reason, but the fault lies more with the players than with the umpires, and it was noticeable that towards the end of the season there were fewer and fewer stoppages of play through infringements. This seems to justify the severeness shown by the umpires during the early weeks. It is to be hoped that more and more efficient umpires will be available for the country clubs as time goes on. It is, incidentally, a fact that the harder and faster the polo the fewer infringements occur.

Cup of the Americas.

The projected challenge for the Cup of the Americas by a U.S. team led by Mr. Charles Wrightsman has, we believe, come to nothing. Apparently the arrangements had not been concluded satisfactorily, so that the winter months will lack a most interesting feature. After their victory over us this summer one would naturally imagine that the Americans would be looking

for new worlds to conquer, and certainly the intended team, Mr. Pedley, Mr. Cecil Smith and the two Guests, would have had a reasonable chance of recovering the cup which they lost three years ago. The Argentines, however, play much the same type of game, and that they are mounted as well as their prospective adversaries, or better, goes without saying. On their own soil they would also have had a certain advantage. Perhaps something will be done about this most interesting international contest next year. No doubt the U.S. Polo Association has suffered financially to some extent from the recent internationals, so that it is probable that an early challenge could only be undertaken by private enterprise.

The 20-Goal Tournament.

The result of the 20-Goal tournament recently concluded at Meadow Brook was a personal triumph for Mr. Tommy Hitchcock, who, with his young Sands Point team, with Mr. J. P. Grace, jun. (5), Mr. W. H. Chisholm (1), and Mr. A. L. Corey, jun. (4)—the two last-named being members of the victorious Yale team of this year—beat the much fancied Texas team led by Mr. Charles Wrightsman, with Mr. Cecil Smith and two very useful young players from the Lone Star State, Mr. W. M. Dritt and Mr. H. Evinger, by 11 goals to 5 in the play-off. Texas were undefeated in the Meadow League and Sands Point in the Brook League. Texas scored in their five matches 62 goals and had 25 scored against them. Sands Point scored 41 against 25, so it was evident that they were a harder row to hoe. Two of their matches they won very narrowly, beating the League of Nations (J. B. Armstrong, R. Skene, H. H. Hughes and R. Loewenstein) by 9—8 and Bostwick Field (H. H. Webb, G. H. Bostwick, D. W. Bostwick and J. C. Rathborne) by 9—7.

British Players' Progress.

The Hurlingham team (Lieut. Stoddard, the Duke of Roxburghe, Mr. Ivor Balding, Mr. G. Balding) won two games and lost three. In the Meadow League Akunsti, consisting of the four brothers Gerry, a splendidly mounted team, lost only to Texas, and in the Brook League East Williston (G. H. Dempsey, J. P. Mills, J. K. Secor and W. Post) lost only to Sands Point. The Hurricanes, containing two British players, lost two games against Texas and Akunsti, the latter by only one goal. This team consisted of S. Sanford, T. Q. Preece, J. B. Balding and Capt. H. Anson, who was very well in at a handicap of 1.

Introduction to Pace.

In the meanwhile the 12 goals and 20 goals championships are in progress, and both of these produce invariably most interesting polo, perhaps the best of the season in America. What is so particularly noticeable is the invariable great pace at which all ties are played and the enormous length obtained by almost every player. The experience, of course, that is gained by the

young entry in such an affair is of enormous value, especially when they have the privilege of playing on the same side as, for instance, Tommy Hitchcock, Cecil Smith and the other leading players. It seems always the object to develop top pace in the young player from the start, whereas with us a promising performer is condemned to a dreary series of low-handicap tournaments, played anyhow, with (sad to relate) all too often senior and experienced players, who should know better, using the occasion to make or exhibit young ponies. That does not tend to improvement. As has been urged before, a great need in English polo, and especially London polo, is the ruthless elimination of redundant and uninteresting tournaments so that each successive tournament that is held is really worth the winning.

Kashmir's Challenge.

The Maharaja of Jaipur and Raj Kumar Prithi Singh, who were members of the Optimists' team, have returned to India after a season which, if not very successful, must have given them much enjoyment. Both have collected some very useful ponies during this visit, which will no doubt be seen in the cold weather tournaments in India this winter. From all accounts Jaipur will have to sustain a strenuous challenge from Kashmir, and the Maharaja of Kashmir has augmented his string by considerable buyings from the British International string. In addition to Figurita, Roseta, Flechilla and Gold Leaf, he has brought Brujola from the Nawab of Bhopal, Loyalist, that good-looking son of Silverdale Loyalty, and several others. Brujola, incidentally, fetched the top price of the British ponies, being knocked down for 5,500 dollars.

Successful Cowdray Week.

The exodus from London which synchronizes with Goodwood Week signalizes the end of the polo season, as generally accepted. Actually from that moment polo seems to become more enjoyable and perhaps more interesting. Polo, in any case, is a game that ought to be played in the country. Owing to the absence of Lord Cowdray it had been feared that Cowdray Week might not take place this year, but fortunately it was possible to arrange a tournament, and this has been a great success, though there was not quite the same atmosphere about the meeting that usually prevails. There was all through the week quite a good attendance of spectators, and it is to be hoped that the local hospital will benefit from their entry money.

Major Harrison's Accident.

One serious accident, which might well have been very much worse, marred the play on the Friday in the tie of the American tournament that, in fact, decided the issue. Major Harrison, whose Knaves won the American tournament, had a nasty fall in the second chukker against Adsdean and broke a collar bone. That will put him out of polo for the rest of the season, and

it is to be feared that this was the last public appearance of the Knaves. Last month Sir Harold Wernher received an injury at Ranelagh. His Someries House team, too, will cease to exist next year. Major Harrison was recently brought down to 4, which has not seemed really justified by his form towards the end of the season. He is one of the hardest backs to "get through" who has played in London for several years. He is magnificently mounted, and many good No. 1's have expressed their amazement at the pace of his big weight-carrying ponies.

Value of American Experience.

Mr. Bob Skene from all accounts continues to be in excellent form over in America. By the end of this year he will, we imagine, be raised to 8 goals or even further, and after this great experience he should be well worth it. If some public-spirited benefactor would contrive to give a season in America to the Traill brothers, Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter and Capt. J. H. Hamilton-Russell, to mention some obvious cases, we might have some worthy material for a future international team. In any case this would have a good effect on English polo, which at the moment stands in need of it.

Someries House Ponies.

The sale of Sir Harold Wernher's ponies at Tattersall's was, all things considered, fairly successful in this year of poor prices. He has retained a sufficiency of top-class ponies for his own personal use and of his son, and one must hope that 1939 will not mark the final extinction of Someries House, which has always played good and cheerful polo, and has had some success this year. Mr. Thomasson, who is perhaps the best horse-master in England, has recovered well from his operation and now looks as fit, or fitter, than ever.

The best prices were 320 guineas for Mandalay, a brown gelding; 300 guineas for Escarcha, a chesnut mare; 150 guineas for Gaucho, a bay gelding; 100 guineas for Riverola, another bay gelding; and 90 guineas for Empress, a black-brown mare.

Lieut.-Col. D. G. F. Darley accepted a bid of 270 guineas for Lady Jess, an eight-year-old brown mare (by Melleray—Queen Frederick) who has been played in the principal London tournaments this season by Capt. H. P. Guinness.

Polo on the Continent.

The usual season at Le Touquet has just been concluded and, despite rather unfavourable conditions, there has been plenty of entertainment, though the standard of play was not very high. Next on the roster comes Deauville, which is always well supported by British players, and there follows Antwerp, where there will be teams from France, Hungary, Egypt and elsewhere. These tournaments as well as affording a valuable amenity to holiday resorts serve to spread the light abroad. There seems to be an increased keenness in this variety of equestrian sport among

nations who for many years have been noted as horsemen and horsemasters, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that in future years they will produce some great teams. So far, however, the Continental athlete is apt to excel at single-handed games, as opposed to team games.

Dunster Tournaments.

Polo has continued steadily at Dunster under the new arrangement, and during the coming month there will be the usual gathering of polo players for the holiday season. No information is available at present as to the composition of the various teams, but it is likely that there will be no falling off in numbers. According to present arrangements, the high spot of the season should be the week ending August 26, with the Open Cup, the President's Cup and the Visitors' Cup to be played for. The season ends on September 16.

The Game in Ireland.

Ballymore won the first competition of the season at the All-Ireland Polo Club by defeating Wagtails in the final of the Novices' Cup at the Nine Acres, Phœnix Park.

The teams were:

BALLYMORE: Capt. Spencer Freeman, Mr. D. McGillicuddy, Mr. J. Martin, Mr. A. L. Moore.

WAGTAILS: Mr. C. J. MacAuley, Mr. Leo Martin, Mr. G. V. Malcomson, Major T. W. Kirkwood.

Collinstown defeated Ashtown in the Phœnix Park by 5—3. Ashtown, who at the close of the third chukker were five goals in arrears, staged a great recovery in the closing period, and fully deserved their three goals. Mr. P. McCann scored the only goal in a fast opening session, and Mr. W. Magee in the second chukker put his side two up. In the third period Mr. P. McCann, Mr. A. L. Moore and Major Kirkwood hit goals for Collinstown. Mr. G. V. Malcomson (2) and Mr. H. Tyrrell reduced arrears for Ashtown in the final chukker.

The teams were:

COLLINSTOWN: Mr. W. Magee, Mr. A. L. Moore, Mr. P. McCann, Major T. W. Kirkwood.

ASHTOWN: Mr. H. Tyrrell, Mr. G. V. Malcomson, Mr. J. Martin, Mr. W. Tyrrell.

The Late Duke of Peñaranda.

Queen Victoria Eugénie of Spain was represented by the Count de Mora at a solemn requiem Mass for the Duke of Peñaranda, who was murdered by the mob in Madrid during the revolution, which was celebrated at St. James's, Spanish Place, on July 13. Father Alfonse de Zulueta was the Celebrant.

Among those present were:—

The Spanish Ambassador, the Belgian Ambassador, the Brazilian Ambassador and Dona Gin Régis de Oliveira, Señor Marchesi (Secretary, Spanish Embassy), the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marchioness of

Cholmondeley (also representing the Marquess of Cholmondeley), the Earl of Kimberley, Mrs. David Gubbay, the Duchess of Sutherland, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Buckmaster, Mrs. Louis Jackson, Lady William Nevill, Commander and Mrs. L. R. Venn (also representing Mrs. Herbert Hollings and Dame Ethel Smyth), Lieut.-Col. C. C. Lister (polo manager, Roehampton Club), Lieut.-Col. R. C. Gannon (representing Hurlingham Club).

The Marquésa de Portago, Col. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Vivian-Smith, Mr. E. F. Everson, the Duchess of Santona, the Duchess of Hajar, Col. and Mrs. Ogilby, Don Pedro de Zulueta, Col. G. Ritson, Count and Countess O'Brien, Father Devas, Mr. James Patterson, Col. E. G. Atkinson, the Countess de Torre Diaz, Miss Castellenos, the Marquis Villavieja, Brig. E. Fanshawe.



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THE LATE DUKE OF PENARANDA.

Mr. Paul Merry del Val, Capt. Desmond Miller, the Marquis Pallavicini, Mr. J. Miquelarena, Mr. T. M. Sanchez Ventura, Mr. J. M. del Rey, Mr. Olascoaza, Mr. Pablo Merry del Val, Mr. Juan Mata, Mr. José Brugada, Mr. J. Marquerie, Major F. W. Barrett, Mr. J. F. Villaverde, Miss Villaverde, Miss E. Horley, Miss A. de Zulueta, Miss D. de Zulueta, Princess Blücher, Mr. J. Tappenden, Mr. S. T. Hinton, Mr. H. A. K. Boyd.

The Duke and Duchess of Algeciras, Miss Webjornsen, Mrs. Spencer Bull, Mrs. Arthur Mundy, Mr. Gabriel Gonzales, Mrs. E. D. Miller, Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, the Rev. J. C. Furniss (representing Beaumont College, Old Windsor), Major E. W. Palmes, General Sir Beauvoir de Lisle, Mrs. Lumsden, senior, of Clova, Lieut.-Col. Humphry Snow (representing the Committee of the International Sportsmen's Club), Mrs. Humphry Snow, Miss O'Neill, and Mrs. A. J. Searle.

The Earl of Denbigh was unable to be present because of ill-health.

The "Stance" at Polo.

A Lesson from Meadow Brook.

It is quite conceivable that by this time every polo player is heartily sick of the words "Westchester Cup," but the excuse for bringing it into this article is that recent events at Meadow Brook have made it clearer than ever that one of the chief causes for our constant failure, perhaps the chief of all, is that no English player has nowadays the skill to hit the ball as hard or as straight as do the Americans. That cannot be attributed to lack of power for we, physically, are in no sense the inferiors of our cherished enemies. Even if the international series for that singularly ugly (but coveted) trophy came to an end last month perhaps for all time it would still be worth while if we could improve our striking to within reasonable distance of our recent opponents.

Going back to first causes it will be admitted that the young American from the age of 12 or thereabouts is taught and practised in the essentials of the game as none of us are. By the time they get into real polo, after an apprenticeship on bicycles, graduating to slow chukkers on experienced ponies, they know at least what they are trying to do and can devote themselves to the game wholeheartedly.

Consider the case of the young Englishman also just beginning: he goes into slow polo with little idea of what it is all about and has to pick up what he knows in the hard school of trial and error to the objurgations of more experienced performers behind him (for our practice is always to put him up at No. 1, perhaps the most important position in the team) and what he learns he learns with twice as much labour and sadness as does his remote relation on the other side of the Atlantic.

What is not generally conceded in England is that horsemanship in polo, though connected closely enough with the elements of riding as taught, is an art apart. Polo is a ball game and nothing else, though it is often mistaken for an equestrian exercise, and until that is fully realized by those whose delight it is to train the young player we shall continue to see faulty expositions of how the ball is struck till the end of time.

Polo is a ball game and that means briefly that the same principles of striking the ball at rackets, for instance, obtain at polo. No ball game can be played sitting down—try sitting in an arm chair and see what force you can put into a blow of any sort—yet our players almost without exception seem to essay this impossible feat on the polo ground. You hit the ball in rackets, tennis, golf, cricket, even ping-pong and billiards on your feet. So you do, or should, in polo.

The Americans all ride shorter than we do, though this does not in the least make them drop their weight further back. On the contrary they keep their weight inches further forward than we do. The result is that they are in the striking position, or



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A PERFECT POSITION.

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Stance and balance admirable. The left shoulder pointed directly to the intended flight of the ball. The support of the head of the striking implement is excellent and the arc of the swing is the greatest the player can compass. Note also the position of the head. "Keep your head down" is just as essential in polo as it is in golf. Observe also that the player has given himself plenty of time to complete the stroke. This is Mr. R. Skene riding his good mare Persil (who unfortunately went lame before the internationals) in a practice game at Sands Point. Mr. Skene has improved his hitting out of all knowledge by constant practice since he went to America.



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ON HIS FEET.

Mr. Eric Tyrrell Martin, whose form was consistently excellent in America, demonstrates the virtue of being on one's feet during a practice match at Mitchel Field.

rather ready to assume it, at infinitely less effort than we are. The striking position is, incontrovertibly, on the feet, balanced and with the weight well forward; that is standing in the irons and with every line of the body eloquent of the "Forward Impulse," advocated by Capt. Piero Santini in other fields of equestrian endeavour in his book of that name. "Impulse" and "drive" are nearly synonymous in any case.

"Face the Side-wall."

Another point constantly drummed into the ears of the young rackets player is "Face the side-wall"; in other words, never, never turn the full chest to the front wall in the stroke. But very, very few polo players turn the body sufficiently to get their chest full to the "side-wall." The reason is that they are sitting, not standing. As an elementary proof: Sit in a chair and turn the body to right and left, noting the arc covered by either shoulder. Then stand up with the feet apart

and do the same thing. The arc covered in both directions will be about half as great again as when sitting.

Much of the trouble with us is that a great number of polo players are not otherwise expert ball-games players and their conception of polo is, primarily, riding and then hitting the ball. That, to use an Americanism, does not seem to "make sense." You must ride, of course, and the better horseman you are the better you are likely to play, but once a game gets going at top pace (as they play all their games in America) you simply have not time to "look pretty." You have only to look at instantaneous photographs of your friends in a game, men whom you know to be good horsemen, and see the fantastic attitudes which from time to time they adopt. One would definitely prefer to see the young player falling off repeatedly owing to too much "impulse" and the exaggeration of body turn than to see him riding "copybook" all through a game with the consequent restriction of his swing and "drive."

A very experienced player and teacher of the game asserts that with his pupils he insists that in all off-side shots they shall rest the bridle hand on their pony's withers or neck, simply to ensure that the proper hitting position be adopted by means of this "adventitious aid."

There is a further development of this matter, and if the idious name "Westchester Cup" creeps in again that is no fault of ours. England ought to have won the first match at Meadow Brook and, even as they went they would, we believe, have done so if Mr. Balding, whose play and captaincy was otherwise excellent, had been able to take the penalty shots. There were twelve direct penalties, to say nothing of two "safeties." He did miss one thirty yards and one forty yards, but that is not relevant to this discussion. What is it that not once did he loft the ball at the other sixty yards free hits. It will be well understood that here we are discussing polo of the highest quality.

In order to score from a "sixty" you must be able to loft the ball and keep it straight. The Americans can, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Cecil Smith, Mr. Iglehart and the brothers Guest, almost consistently. Even the lesser lights can do it on occasion, notably Mr. "Pete" Bostwick. Why is it that we cannot, consistently at least. Can it be the old story of the faulty "stance"? We are emphatically of the opinion that it is.

The One Sure Way.

When you are shooting at goal for a penalty 4 or a "safety" the goal is more or less packed. To steer the ball along the ground, or just above it, through a forest of ponies' legs, their bodies, the mallets of the players and their bodies as well demands as much good luck as good judgment. The only sure way is up in the air. Of all our international team only Mr. Bob Skene could take these shots with any certainty. If only he had been told off to take the free hits in the first match! We should, probably, have gone into the second half with a lead of three or four goals and the Americans, shaken as they were, might well have been "our meat."

Mr. Skene acquired the art by the only means that any art can be acquired; that is by hard work and constant practice. He is by no means perfect yet, but he is on the way to be. The English at present take the free hits awarded to them as a gift of the gods, and take them all too casually. Consider on the other hand Mr. Hitchcock, who is the greatest player of modern times. Before each international match he was to be seen assiduously practising free hits on the Cochran Field behind the west stands. If it was worth his while to do so was it not others?

A week or two before the recent matches at Meadow Brook a portent appeared on the practice ground adjoining the Belmont Field; a pair of goal posts erected in the *middle* of the ground. The lesson was clear to those who had eyes to read it.

J. B.

The Skene Saddle.

Reference was made in Current Topics in June to the type of polo saddle used by Mr. R. Skene, which differs considerably from the usual English type. This saddle, made in Australia, was the result of experience and was devised by Mr. Curtis Skene, himself a very fine player some years ago and, in fact, by no means a back number yet, as witness his performances at Calcutta last winter. It is a significant fact that Mr. "Bob" Skene



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has improved his hitting art out of all recognition since the trip to the United States. The illustration elsewhere in this number shows an absolutely perfect position in striking an offside fore-hander, and the subject is Mr. Skene, junior.

The saddle has a short, but ample seat with a notably high cantle. This helps to keep the point of balance considerably farther forward than is the case in the normal English saddle. The flap is cut rather straight and is furnished with a small kneeroll, which if it may be regarded with pious horror by a hunting man, does most certainly make things more comfortable for the polo player. As is remarked elsewhere, polo is not an equestrian exercise, but a game, and a very difficult game, which demands the player's entire attention or at least all that he can spare.

REVISIONS OF HANDICAP.

A Verdict on the Season.

The final revisions of the handicaps came as the verdict of competent observers on what has been seen in London in the brief weeks of the season. To put up a young player to his full value, or perhaps a shade higher, is no doubt a great encouragement, but it is apt to cramp his style in obtaining a place in a team for the handicap tournaments in which a "good" 1 is often more valuable than rubies. All the same, polo is not all pot hunting (to use an offensive term), and there is no doubt that in these lean times everything should be done to encourage the young and promising player. In this respect it might help to prohibit such people from playing casual low-handicap tournaments, the ties in which too often degenerate into mere pony games, which are of very little use to anyone. Regimental polo is a different affair, for the regiment must obviously have the first call on its members for any purpose, but one wonders how many really promising performers have failed to come to their full powers because they had to hold together weak teams instead of going forward to the limit of their capacity by playing constantly better class polo.

Of the players seen in London this season Mr. Hamilton-Russell has been one of the best—many consider the best—apart from Capt. Guinness. He has gone up to 6, deservedly, and Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter remains at that mark. He is an experienced player capable of brilliance, but he is hardly worth more as yet. Mr. Hamilton-Russell, an untiring and rather unobtrusive player, has come on enormously in constructive capacity, and may one day reach the highest class if he can develop real length according to the American standard.

Mr. Jack Traill has gone up two points since May, and is now rated at 5. Here is a possible international. What he needs is an apprenticeship in really fast polo in a good team on good ponies. He has arrived at a point where second-rate, slow polo might be definitely detrimental to his game. Another much-improved player is Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, who has gone up from 3 to 5. Capt. N. Dugdale, of the Pandas, goes up to 4 from 3, and Capt. J. C. Vernon Miller has received deserved promotion to 5 goals. Capt. B. B. N. Woodd, of the 14th Hussars, also has had a good season and is now rated at 4. So, too, has Mr. H. W. Hibbert, of the Bays. Finally, Mr. Archie David has been granted a deserved distinction by being put up from 2 to 3. He is most beautifully mounted, goes well, and has improved his shooting at goal out of all knowledge.

A light-weight No. 1, mounted as he is, is a valuable asset to any team.

One had expected that both the Critchley brothers would have gone up to 5, for Edmundsbury owe much of their success this season to their admirable combined play, but Capt. R. O. Critchley is, perhaps, a shade the better of the two, and is, too, just a little better mounted than his brother.

At a meeting of the Hurlingham Polo Association Handicapping Committee held at The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, London, S.W.6, on Friday, July 21, 1939, alterations to handicaps of players in London and the country were considered and passed, to take effect on and from Monday, July 24, 1939, as follows:—

Ansdell, Capt. R. C., Lond., 0—1; Arkwright, M. R. K.D.G., 1—2; Beale, G. R., Mid-Esx., 0—1; Beddington, Lt.-Col. W. R., Bays, 2—1; Bell, T. M., 4 D.G., 0—1; Bertram, Capt. R., 3 H., 2—3; Bethell, B. W. Glos., 1—2; Bethell, H. S., W. Glos., 1—0; Butler, Capt. P. J., Pens., 5—4; Carr, Capt. W. G., 12 L., 4—3; Clarke, Capt. C. M., 3 H., 0—1; Cordy-Simpson, J. R., 13 H., 3—2; Critchley, Capt. R. O., Lond., 4—5; Crocker, Capt. M. H., Mid-Essex, 0—1; Crosfield, Capt. E. O., Lond., 1—0; Cunard, G. A., 4 D.G., 1—2; David, A., Lond., 2—3; Delmege, A. C. S., K.D.G., 0—1; Dugdale, Capt. N., Lond., 3—4; Fanshawe, Brig. E. D., Lond., 6—5; Fanshawe, Major G. H., Bays, 5—4; Frink, Major H. R. C., 4 D.G., 1—2; Grisar, Alfred, Lond., 2—1; Grubb, P. de C., 3 H., 0—1; Hamilton-Russell, Hon. John, Lond., 5—6; Hardy, N., Mid-Ches., 0—1; Harper, J., Beauf., 0—1; Harrison, Major J. F., London, 5—4; Hibbert, H. W., Bays., 3—4; Hurdall, Brig. F. B., Tid., 4—3; Jenkins, S. R. M., 4 D.G., 0—1; Kennard, R. M., 12 L., 0—1; Lindsay, Capt. P., Kirtl. Pk., 1—0; Lockhart, Capt. W. A. J., 3 H., 1—2; Lowther, G. H., L. Gds., 1—2; Lowther, W. G., 8 H., 5—4; McCreery, Col. R. L., 12 L., 6—5; Meyrick, G. D., 9 L., 0—1; Mitchell, Capt. F. N., 15 H., 1—0; Montagu-Douglas-Scott, Capt. J. H., 9 L., 3—5; Moon, Capt. E. H. G., 15 H., 3—2; Morgan, Col. W. D., R.A., 2—1; Morley, M. F., 10 H., 2—1; Morris, W. A., 12 L., 1—0; Morrison, J. G., Lond., 3—2; Moulton-Barrett, Capt. R. A., 4 D.G., 3—2; Over, R. W., W. Som., 0—2; Pitman, Capt. J., 3 H., 0—1; Price, K. J., 9 L., 2—3; Pulteney, W. K. C., 9 L., 1—2; Radford, Capt. W. B., K.D.G., 0—1; Russell, R. H., Mid-Esx., 0—1; Selby, H. C., K.D.G., 1—2; Smith, Major H. Abel, R.H.G., 3—2; Summers, J. D., L. Gds., 1—2; Traill, Jack B., Lond., 4—5; Tudor, Major O. F. M., 3 H., 3—2; Vernon Miller, Capt. J. C., Egypt, 4—5; Walker, J. A. O., Lond., 1—2; Wignall, Capt. F. E. B., L. Gds., 2—3; Woodd, Capt. B. B. N., 14 H., 3—4; Wright, G. T., 15 H., 1—0.

ADDITIONS.

Anson, Capt. E., W. Som., 1; Astley-Rushton, J. F., 7 H., 0; Atkinson, Col. E. G., Toul., 3; Beckwith-Smith, P. M., Fleet, 0; Beg. Mahomed Ali (Ind.), Lond., 1; Black, B. H., Lond., 0;

Boyer, Major E., Lond., 2; Bradford, Sq. Ldr. R. L., R.A.F., 1; Campbell, Capt. Ian Stoke, 2; Cayzer, M. A. R., Fleet, 0; Cox, Capt. D., W. Som., 0; Cripps, Hon. L. H., Mid-Ches., 0; Crookshank, G. H. V., 3 H., 0; Dillon, Capt. Hon. M. E., R.H.G., 0; Dodgson, C. W., Som., 0; Duncan, Lt.-Col. W. E., R.H.A., 1; Duncanson, J. P., R.B., 0; Duncanson, Capt. R., 60 R., 1; Errington, Viscount, Fleet, 0; Fairfax, F., Toul., 0; Filmer-Sankey, W., Mid-Ches., 2; Fitz George-Parker, T. B., Fleet, 0; French-Blake, Major D., Mid-Ches., 1; Gidlow-Jackson, Major R. M., Loyals, 0; Goodliffe, A. D., Taunt. V., 0; Gordon, C. G. M., Fleet, 0; Gore, Major A. C., R.B., 1; Greenwood, J. R., 9 L., 1; Greenwood, Y. R., Lond., 0; Gregson, Capt. J. H., W. Som., 0; Heber-Percy, J., R.A.F., 1; Hoskyns, Lt.-Col. C. B. A., R.B., 2; Jones, Dr. T., Mid-Ches., 0; Leversha, R., W. Som., 1; MacDermot, M., W. Som., 0; MacKean, G. B., Fleet, 0; Marshall, C., W. Som., 0; Miller-Mundy, P., Kirtl. Pk., 1; Morley, A., Stoke, 0; Myers, Capt. E. C. W., W. Som., 1; Parr, C. H., Stoke, 1; Peacock, C. R., Fleet, 0; Roberts, A. L., Lond., 0; Rodger, Sir A., Taunt. V., 0; Sykes, Capt. A. P., 60 R., 1; Turner, Major V. B., R.B., 0; Warde-Aldam, D. J., Fleet, 0; Whitworth, V., Fleet, 0; Wilson, H. W., W. Som., 1; Wright, Capt. H. B. M., R.H.A., 1.



THE ASHTON CUP.

Victory of Adsdean.

First Round.

Edmundsbury, conceding a start of half a goal, beat Cowdray Park in a first round tie by $11\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2. Cowdray's two goals were scored after the issue had been decided, in the last chukker of the game, but the score was not quite a fair reflection of the run of the game, though there was no doubt that Edmundsbury were infinitely the better balanced team. In fact, had it not been for a really fine defensive performance by Major Harrison there is no saying how many goals would have been scored by Edmundsbury. He was very sure, made several brilliant saves, and got a lot of length on his hitting.

For Edmundsbury the brothers Critchley were in excellent form. They are beautifully mounted on perfectly schooled, fast ponies. Though they are not long, they are both very quick on the ball, and their hitting was most accurate, even though the ball was bumping a good deal, which is inevitable at the end of the season on our overworked grounds. The Critchleys covered each other admirably. John Traill is one of our most promising young players. His need now is to get into really fast polo on good ponies to develop his pace. Edmundsbury totalled 15 goals, and on their showing they were well in at that handicap.

The game was too one-sided, as it turned out, to be exciting, but there was plenty of hard riding, especially in the middle of the game, and there was singularly little "whistle."

EDMUNDSBURY (15): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

COWDRAY PARK (16): Mr. J. A. O. Walker (2), No. 1; Lord Cowdray (4), No. 2; the Hon. W. K. Rous (5), No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison (5), back.

Umpires: Major M. Cox and Major A. G. S. Alexander.

Semi-Final Ties.

Adsdean beat the Optimists, with Mr. A. David deputizing for Mr. Horbury, in the semi-final round. The Optimists conceded a start of six goals as handicap, and, thanks to an incredible chukker—the fifth—they had drawn level. At the end of the sixth they were level again. Finally, after three minutes of extra time, Morrison, who, as ever, got through a vast deal of hard work, scored the winning goal.

The ground was really hard and fast, so the pace naturally was good; provided the ball will travel, it does not vastly matter if

it does bump a little, and it was a good game to watch. The Optimists have, this season, had much to blunt their optimism, for time after time they have lost by the odd goal. When Jaipur and Prithi Singh really get going they are, of course, a terrific combination, but, well mounted though they are, Horbury's ponies are not schooled according to Indian custom, and Jaipur and Prithi Singh are perhaps less formidable than when playing their own ponies. That does not imply that those ponies are not of absolutely top class, for most of them are, and they are, moreover, excellently schooled. There was plenty to admire. David, on his very fast, well-bred little ponies, went extremely well when the ball came up to him, but it did not invariably do so. For Adsdean Morrison was again the mainstay of the team. In front they lacked perhaps a little of the pace of their opponents. Lord Louis Mountbatten was for the most part very safe; he has a very good eye and a natural genius for the game. The fact that Adsdean could come again and win after losing all their start said much for their ability to play as a team.

The Adsdean ponies were, as I thought, not quite the equals of their opponents in the fifth chukker. Certainly nothing was equal to the bay English thoroughbred played by Prithi Singh. First, David made a good run on Poppet and left the ball for Jaipur to put in. Very soon Prithi Singh got another, a normal shot at goal. The next three he scored were anything but normal. The first of them was three near-side taps and a cut in under his pony's neck on the near-side at a very acute angle. Next he banged in another from the other side of his pony, and finally produced an utterly impossible shot, taking a pass in from David on the half-volley on the near-side and sending it high through the goalposts at an angle of about 15 degrees. That was an amazing *tour de force*.

ADSDEAN (18): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; the Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

THE OPTIMISTS (26): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; Capt. the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), No. 3; Capt. H. C. Walford (7), back.

Umpires: Major A. G. S. Alexander and Capt. C. W. Hesketh.

Edmundsbury had an easy victory in the other semi-final tie, beating Someries House by $9\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3, after receiving a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals under handicap.

Someries House pressed from the throw-in and had four ineffective shots. There followed three penalties, all of which were cleared, before R. O. Critchley opened the scoring for Edmundsbury. There was no score in either the second or third periods, but in the former there occurred an amusing incident. Someries House went away with the ball, but one of the umpires inadvertently dropped another ball from his saddle, and R. O. Critchley went away to score in spite of the whistle. Naturally, this

goal was disallowed, and the half-time score thus remained at $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals to none in favour of Edmundsbury.

Edmundsbury had all the play in the fourth chukker, scoring four goals without reply, two of these coming from Traill and the other two from Barclay. In the fifth chukker Someries House got a couple of goals back without reply. Early in the final chukker Barclay made the score $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2. Then Dawnay replied with a back-hander from a centre by Prior-Palmer, and finally Barclay picked up a loose ball and scored with a near-side shot.

EDMUNDSBURY (15): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

SOMERIES HOUSE (18): Sir H. A. Wernher (1), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), back.

Final.

Adsdean beat Edmundsbury, to whom they conceded a start of $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, by 7 goals to $6\frac{1}{2}$ in the final, the winning goal being hit by Robinson almost on the stroke of the final bell. It was a very hard and often fast game, and it ended with a chukker full of incident and excitement. It was really an occasion when it seemed a shame that one side had to lose.

Edmundsbury are a well-mounted team who play well together, and they have had much well-deserved success this season. It seemed that they would have a slight pull in pony power, but Adsdean went very well indeed, especially Capt. Morrison. Lord Louis Mountbatten, a most correct back and a very sure and strong hitter, was at his best. There was a good attendance in the members' stand and a very good one on the public side, whose enthusiasm and "rooting" towards the end of the game recalled Meadowbrook or Bostwick Field and seemed to give the lie to the oft-repeated statement that the public do not care for polo. Two of Adsdean's goals came from Penalties 2 and 3, the second being a 30 yards hit in the last chukker, which just tipped the beam in their favour when they looked like losing. Adsdean just deserved to win, for they had a shade more of the attacking and did not have all the luck in the world in the matter of hitting ponies when promising runs were beginning.

ADSDEAN (18): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; the Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

EDMUNDSBURY (15): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

Umpires: Major A. G. S. Alexander and Capt. C. W. Hesketh.

THE VILLAVIEJA CUP.

Success of the Juniors.

The match for the Villavieja Cup was quite a good game to watch, and was probably better to play. The ground had been watered—no doubt a necessity—and it seemed to cut up rather and the ball was apt to bump. The Juniors, whose aggregate age must not exceed 100 years, beat their venerable opponents (who are supposed to total at least 200 years between them) by 8 goals to 3. The cup was presented by Queen Victoria Eugenia of Spain. Truth compels the statement that at least two of the Seniors appeared to be very well preserved. The sides were almost equal on handicap, the Seniors having the advantage by one goal, being 21 against the 20 of their opponents.

The Juniors all through the game looked likely to win. Their young No. 1 kept well up in the game and scored two good goals, which ought to encourage him, and if J. B. Traill, on unfamiliar and rather too big ponies for the most part, was not as good as he is apt to be, Hamilton-Russell again played a very fine game. He plays essentially for his side, and so his virtues are apt sometimes to be obscured in favour of more spectacular performers, but all through this season he has played great polo. He can size up a situation very quickly, plays with his head, and is, moreover, a good polo horseman. The Maharaja of Jaipur was getting a lot of length on his hitting, and, incidentally, it is noteworthy that he and Raj Kumar Prithi Singh always hit to a member of their teams, the first principle of match-play, and with some set purpose. We see as a rule too much aimless hitting in English polo. The Seniors had a fair proportion of the game, and Capt. Horsbrugh-Porter, excellently mounted on his and Sir Harold Wernher's ponies, played a good game. Incidentally, Rancherita, that very good chesnut mare of Sir Harold's, is by The Panther, who was expected to win the Derby some years ago. Major Harrison was again a rock of defence, and came through the game twice to score goals. Prithi Singh for once was rather off colour.

JUNIORS (20): Sir H. A. Wernher (1), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), No. 3; Capt. the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), back.

SENIORS (21): Col. Lord Barnby (2), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison (5), back.

Umpires: Major A. G. S. Alexander and Capt. C. W. Hesketh.

SOCIAL CLUBS' CUP.

Cavalry Club "A" Win.

The Cavalry Club "A," which was almost identical with Edmundsbury, conceded Buck's Club $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals in their Social Clubs' Cup semi-final tie at Hurlingham, and beat them by 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ after a hard game on the No. 2 ground. Considering the conditions, it was quite a good game, but the ground very naturally cut up rather a lot after persistent rain, and there was a good deal of missing because of a bumping ball. When they did get going, however, they went a good gallop and there was plenty of fun. The wonder was that the ground was fit to play, for although Hurlingham had missed a good deal of the rain that circled London all day, there were two considerable showers just before the game was begun which slightly delayed the start. The No. 2 ground, thanks to assiduous attention during the winter months, has improved enormously, and it will not be long before it is the equal of the No. 1; indeed, it may become the better of the two. It is wonderful how it absorbs wet and still plays safe. There was no slipping.

The Cavalry deserved to win, but they did lose a vast number of chances early in the game. Indeed, they were led $3\frac{1}{2}$ —3 at the end of the fourth chukker, and Buck's made a determined effort to get the lead in the last chukker, when led by 5 — $4\frac{1}{2}$, and were barely frustrated. The heroes of the contest were the back division of Bucks', Majors Harrison and Magor, who played a most valiant defensive game which gave their side breathing space early in the game to collect themselves and to hold their opponents for the rest of the time.

CAVALRY CLUB "A" (14): Capt. J. J. Kidston (3), No. 1; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 2; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), back.

BUCK'S CLUB (12): Capt. F. E. B. Wignell (3), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Major P. Magor (3), No. 3; Major J. F. Harrison (5), back.

In the remaining semi-final tie the Cavalry Club "C" scratched to the Bath Club, which enabled the tournament to be finished at the appointed time, rain having, for once, prevented any play at Hurlingham on the Thursday and Friday.

The 1939 London polo season was brought to a conclusion with the final of the Social Clubs' Cup tournament, played on the No. 2 ground. It was anything but ideal polo weather. The ground cut up badly, making accurate hitting impossible. This affected the better side more than it did the weaker team, for they had at least twenty shots which should have been goals, as against about half a dozen by their lower handicapped opponents. The two teams to meet were the Cavalry Club "A" and the

Bath Club, the former side, who conceded $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals start, winning by 8 goals to $7\frac{1}{2}$. Kidston hit four of the winners' goals, R. O. Critchley three, and G. H. Critchley the other. Whitbread and Morrison each scored twice for the Bath Club.

CAVALRY CLUB "A": Capt. J. G. Kidston, No. 1; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 2; Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

BATH CLUB: Col. Lord Barnby, No. 1; Mr. W. H. Whitbread, No. 2; Major S. C. Deed, No. 3; Mr. J. G. Morrison, back.

THE TYRO CUP.

Another Win for Edmundsbury.

The Red Jackets beat Lavington by 7 goals to 5 in the first semi-final tie of Tyro Cup Medium Handicap tournament at Hurlingham. The Red Jackets deserved their win, for they had the better of the game, although it was level up till the end of the fourth chukker, when the score was 4 goals all.

RED JACKETS (9): Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Major A. H. Ferguson (3), No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

LAVINGTON (6): Sir D. Cotter (2), No. 1; Mr. H. S. Backhouse (3), No. 2; Major S. C. Deed (1), No. 3; Mr. J. G. Morrison (3), back.

Edmundsbury, conceding $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat the Jaguars "A" by 13 goals to $9\frac{1}{2}$ in the second semi-final tie.

The teams were:—

EDMUNDSBURY (15): Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), back.

JAGUARS "A" (9): Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh (1), No. 1; Mr. J. A. O. Walker (2), No. 2; Mr. K. Rous (5), No. 3; Mr. D. B. Wormald (1), back.

Edmundsbury, conceding the Red Jackets $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals start, romped home in the final tie with a win by 16 goals to $6\frac{1}{2}$. The Red Jackets struck a bad patch at the start, and were never able to recover or make anything like a fight of it.

EDMUNDSBURY: Capt. A. H. Barclay, Mr. J. B. Traill, Capt. R. O. Critchley, Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

RED JACKETS: Capt. F. E. B. Wignall, Mr. C. H. Lowther, Major A. H. Ferguson, Mr. J. D. Summers, back.

MILITARY HANDICAP. CUP.

Territorial Army's Success.

The Territorial Army "A" team conceded $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals start on handicap to the Life Guards in the first of the semi-final ties of the Military Handicap Challenge Cup tournament at Roehampton, and won decisively by 10 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

The Territorials took the lead at 5 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ before the second change of ponies. Their first goal was scored by Lakin with a 30 yards free-hit soon after the start. M. R. Samuel followed it with two goals before the first bell. In the second chukker, after P. M. Samuel and Wignall had scored for their respective sides, Lakin obtained the lead for the Territorials with a penalty shot. The next two chukkers went entirely in favour of the Territorials, for they hit five goals without any reply (Lakin two, Carr two, and M. Samuel). In the last chukker, however, the Territorials eased up, and the only goal recorded came from Lowther with a nice near-side shot, after Ferguson had failed with a 40 yards free-hit.

TERRITORIAL ARMY "A" (14): The Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 1; Major W. G. Carr (4), No. 2; Mr. J. Lakin (7), No. 3; the Hon. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

LIFE GUARDS (9): Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Major A. H. Ferguson (3), No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

The 9th Queen's Royal Lancers had an easy victory over the Territorial Army in the second of the semi-final ties, for, with the aid of three goals start on handicap, they won by 7 goals to 2. The 9th Lancers will now meet the Territorial Army "A" side in the final.

9TH QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS (9): Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney (1), No. 1; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 2; Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), No. 3; Mr. Y. R. Greenwood (0), back.

TERRITORIAL ARMY (13): Capt. G. J. Kidston (3), No. 1; Lord Cowdray (4), No. 2; Major W. H. Whitbread (3), No. 3; Mr. J. G. Morrison (3), back.

The Final.

The Territorial Army "A" team won the Military Handicap Challenge Cup tournament at Roehampton when in the final tie, after conceding three goals on handicap, they beat the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers by 6 goals to 5.

In the first half of the game the 9th Lancers held their own, and at the end of the fourth chukker still had their start intact at 4—1. But after this Lakin, working tremendously hard, hit three goals and made it 4—4. Then, after M. R. Samuel had put the Territorial Army ahead, Montagu-Douglas-Scott again levelled the scores just before the bell. In an extra period, after Lakin had narrowly missed with a long shot, a penalty hit for a foul gave the Territorials the victory.

TERRITORIAL ARMY "A" (13): The Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 1; Capt. N. Dugdale (3), No. 2; Mr. J. Lakin (7), No. 3; the Hon. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

9TH QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS (9): Mr. W. K. C. Pulteney (1), No. 1; Mr. J. R. Greenwood (0), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), back.

ROEHAMPTON HANDICAP.

Baby Pandas Upsides.

In the first round of the Roehampton Handicap tournament Edge Hill conceded half a goal start to the Wallabies and won by 8 goals to 4½. The losers, however, were only outplayed in two chukkers—the second and fifth—where they had five goals hit against them without being able to reply. Robinson was in great form for the winners, hitting six of their goals, their other two coming from Samuel.

In the other tie Kirklands beat Kirtlington by 6 goals to 1.

EDGE HILL (8): Mr. H. E. Tauchert (0), No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 2; Mr. A. Grisar (2), No. 3; the Hon. P. M. Samuel (1), back.

WALLABIES (7): Sir H. A. Wernher (1), No. 1; Col. Lord Barnby (2), No. 2; Mr. J. G. Morrison (3), No. 3; Major S. C. Deed (1), back.

KIRKLANDS (9): Mr. B. H. Black (0), No. 1; Mr. K. J. Price (2), No. 2; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 3; Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), back.

KIRTLINGTON (9): Major E. Boyer (2), No. 1; Mr. A. M. Budgett (2), No. 2; Mr. R. A. Budgett (2), No. 3; Mr. A. S. Gaselee (3), back.

The Baby Pandas won the first semi-final tie when they beat Edge Hill, after a remarkably even game, by 9 goals to 8. At half-time the Baby Pandas were leading by 4—3, and at the beginning of the sixth chukker by 7—6. After seven goals all, and then eight goals all had been recorded, David hit the decisive goal in the last minute of play.

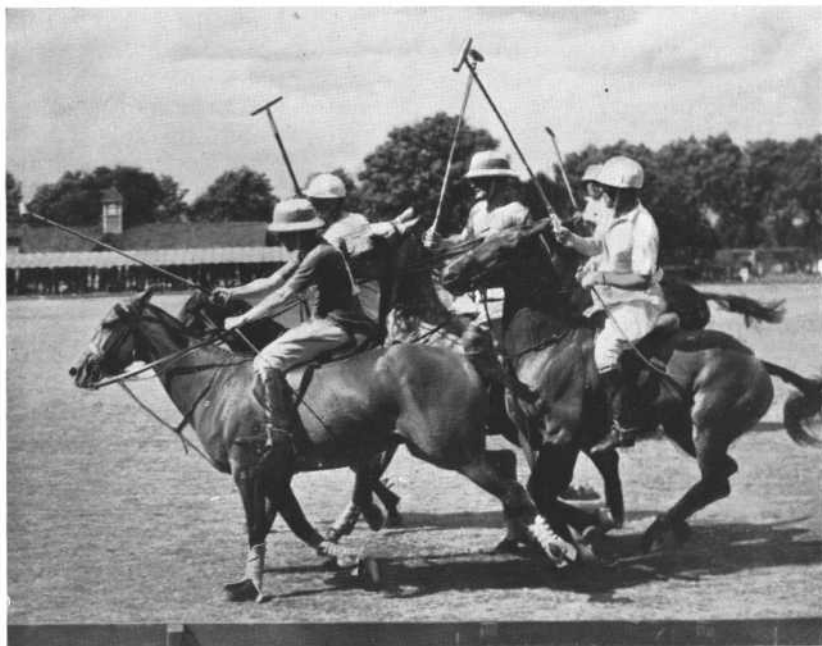


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MILITARY HANDICAP.

Some hard riding in the final of the Roehampton Military Handicap, one of the concluding events of the London season. The Territorial Army "A" beat the 12th Lancers.

BABY PANDAS (8): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Capt. N. Dugdale (3), No. 2; Major P. Magor (3), No. 3; Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

EDGE HILL (8): Mr. H. E. Tauchert (0), No. 1; Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 2; the Hon. P. M. Samuel (1), No. 3; Mr. A. Grisar (2), back.

Kirklands qualified to meet the Baby Pandas in the final by beating the Red Jackets, to whom they gave half a goal, by 7 goals to 4½.

KIRKLANDS (9): Mr. B. H. Black (0), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Major P. Magor (3), No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

RED JACKETS (8): Mr. W. H. Gerard-Leigh (1), No. 1; Mr. G. H. Lowther (1), No. 2; Major A. H. Ferguson (3), No. 3; Capt. F. E. B. Wignall (3), back.

Final.

The Baby Pandas beat Kirklands in the final by 8½ goals to 6, after receiving half a goal start. This tournament is for a challenge cup presented by the officers of "M" Battery, R.H.A.

It was certainly not polo weather, the sky being overcast and there were showers of rain towards the end. Dugdale hit three

goals for the winners; David and Ansdell two each; and Magor the other. Traill scored three times for Kirklands; Montagu-Douglas-Scott twice; and Summers hit their other goal.

After two minutes' play Ansdell opened the scoring with a long shot for the Pandas, this being the only goal hit before the change of ponies. The same player added another early in the second period from a hit-up by Dugdale, and then the latter scored the Pandas' third point. Summers got Kirklands' first goal soon afterwards, but before the bell Dugdale made the score $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 1. Summers had a nasty fall at the start of the third period, but resumed after a short interval. Magor got away soon afterwards and scored for the Pandas. Then Traill made Kirklands' second goal with a very good near-side shot. Dugdale, however, broke away from the throw-in and, beating Traill on the ball, scored. There was only a single goal recorded in the fourth chukker, this coming from a centre by Dugdale to David.

The game took a complete turn in the fifth period, for Kirklands had all the play and hit three goals without reply. First Traill got through; then Montagu-Douglas-Scott scored with a 60 yards free-hit awarded for a cross by Dugdale on Traill; and finally the same player put through a 40 yards penalty shot.

Kirklands continued to press in the last chukker, and after two shots Traill scored their sixth goal with a back-hander. Just before the end David scored again for the Pandas following a good run, and they thus won by a clear couple of goals.

BABY PANDAS (8): Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Capt. N. Dugdale (3), No. 2; Major P. Magor (3), No. 3; Capt. R. C. Ansdell (0), back.

KIRKLANDS (9): Mr. B. H. Black (0), No. 1; Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 2; Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (3), No. 3; Mr. J. D. Summers (2), back.

THE BHOPAL CUP.

Somerles House beat Roehampton.

There was a good game of polo at Roehampton, when Somerles House won the Bhopal Cup from Roehampton by 7 goals to 6, the deciding goal being scored by W. K. Rous just before the bell sounded.

Somerles House, without their leader, pressed Rous into their service to take his place at No. 1. Roehampton were without Horbury, who was nursing a bad foot, John Traill taking his place. There was nothing very remarkable in the first half of the game except for the accurate meeting and hitting the ball on a rather worn ground. The last half, however, was really good, lots of pace, long hitting, and hard riding, and was by common consent the best game seen in London this season.

Rous is definitely a No. 1, though now he can play well anywhere, and once he had got the idea fixed that he was playing No. 1 he played a great game to finish his season. In the first half he was going a little wild and often out of his place. He had a memorable fourth chukker, with the assistance of his exceptionally fast Golden Sun. Roehampton would probably have had a better chance had Raj Kumar Prithi Singh played in his rightful position at No. 1 and the Maharaja of Jaipur at back, instead of them playing together in the middle of the game. Traill is a No. 2, and, though he did many good things, he was too far back in the game at No. 1 for the most part. Capt. Walford, too, would have done better at No. 3. On handicap Roehampton ought to have conceded five goals, but on form they had not a greater advantage than two goals at the outside.

SOMERIES HOUSE (22): The Hon. W. K. Rous (5), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (5), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (6), No. 3; Capt. D. Dawnay (6), back.

ROEHAMPTON (28): Mr. J. B. Traill (4), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; the Maharaja of Jaipur (9), No. 3; Capt. H. C. Walford (7), back.

Umpires: Major M. Cox and Col. S. V. Kennedy.
Referee: Lieut.-Col. C. D. Miller.



THE GOODWOOD CUPS.

The bowl on the left is the Steward's Cup; in the centre with the horse handles is the Goodwood Cup; and on the right the Chesterfield Cup.

All these pieces are in silver gilt, and were supplied by The Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Co. Ltd., of 112 Regent Street, London, W.1.

THE BLUEJACKETS' CUP.

Victory for the Pandas.

Edmundsbury beat Adsdean in the only semi-final tie in the Bluejackets' Cup (medium handicap) at Ranelagh, by 10 goals to 7, the Optimists having scratched.

It was but a pale shadow of the previous Saturday's set-to in the Ashton Cup at Hurlingham, and, although Adsdean managed to keep within striking distance for four chukkers, Edmundsbury romped away from them in the last two chukkers, scoring 5 goals against 2, the last of which was scored just on time. On handicap Adsdean were 5 goals the stronger team. Edmundsbury are a side that play remarkably well together. They are exceptionally well mounted, and the covering of the Critchley brothers and their understanding of each other's play make them most formidable. Edmundsbury had a new No. 1 in the person of Mr. J. P. Robinson, who for this occasion changed his shirt (though not his helmet) and appeared in the brown and yellow spotted colours against his one-time team-mates. Adsdean had in his place Raj Kumar Prithi Singh. This necessitated a fresh line-up. For Edmundsbury, Captain Barclay dropped behind to back, the Critchleys came up one place each, and Robinson played at his accustomed place at No. 1, where he played very well.

EDMUNDSBURY (16): Mr. J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; Capt. R. O. Critchley (4), No. 2; Capt. G. H. Critchley (4), No. 3; Capt. A. H. Barclay (3), back.

ADSDEAN (21): Mr. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 1; Raj Kumar Prithi Singh (8), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

The Pandas beat Edmundsbury in the final tie on the Barnes ground by 5 goals to 4. The game was as evenly contested as the result would suggest, for the scores were level three times—at two goals all, 3—3 and 4—4. Mr. David was in great form for the winners and hit their first 4 goals, the other coming from Dugdale. Mr. Robinson and Mr. R. O. Critchley shared the scoring for Edmundsbury, each hitting two goals. It was anybody's game right up to the final bell, for it was two minutes from the end that Capt. Dugdale hit what proved to be the winning goal for the Pandas.

PANDAS: Mr. A. David (2), No. 1; Capt. N. Dugdale (5), No. 2; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 3; Major J. M. Graham (4), back.

EDMUNDSBURY: Mr. J. P. Robinson, No. 1; Capt. R. O. Critchley, No. 2; Capt. A. H. Barclay, No. 3; Capt. G. H. Critchley, back.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CUP.

The Royal Navy beat the Royal Air Force in the annual match for the Duke of York's Cup on the Old Ground at Ranelagh by 4 goals to 3, but so far from running away with the match, as had been thought probable, the R.A.F. had as much of the game as their opponents, and for the first half of the game were, in fact, holding the initiative for most of the time.

The Navy were perhaps rather the better together, which was not surprising, for just now the R.A.F. are busy expanding and have little time for anything else. Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin, however, was in grand form—he generally is on this occasion—and his side very nearly pulled it off. His Argentine ponies, if not precisely Internationals, are very easy and handy and have a useful turn of speed.

For the Navy there was, of course, Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is a host in himself, and Capt. C. E. Lambe, who was badly missed last year, returned to the arena. He has played no polo for two years and had not even a practice game, declining one on the previous day on the ground that he would be so stiff on the morrow that he would be quite unable even to ride, let alone play polo. Actually he went remarkably well, and once he got warmed up showed much of the form he had three years ago when the Navy reached the final of the Inter-Regimental tournament. Their No. 1, Sub-Lieutenant Lord Milford Haven, showed plenty of drive and keenness, but occasionally he was apt to ignore the commands of his captain and uncle and try to do too much on his own, but he has come on a lot and has a good idea of position and stickwork.

It was quite a good game to watch, with everybody going for all he was worth, and if the ball was perhaps a little too much round the sides to accord with the strictest canons of polo, the players went a good gallop all through, and the game ended with every chance of a tie till the final bell sounded. The Navy for the most part were playing Adsdean ponies.

The Duchess of Gloucester presented the cup to Lord Louis Mountbatten.

ROYAL NAVY: Sub-Lieut. Lord Milford Haven, No. 1; Comdr. H. W. Williams, No. 2; Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten, No. 3; Capt. C. E. Lambe, back.

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Air Vice-Marshal the Duke of Gloucester, No. 1; Flying Officer J. W. W. Hurndall, No. 2; Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, No. 3; Squadron-Leader R. L. Bradford, back.

COUNTY CUP.

A Poor Entry.

A disappointing County Cup tournament, with not a single team from either the Midland or the South-Western Divisions competing, ended at Ranelagh in the success of an Aldershot Command (S.E. Division) team. Conceding half a goal, they beat Mid-Cheshire (Northern Division) by 6 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie.

On the run of the game Mid-Cheshire ought to have won. They were leading in the fourth chukker by $4\frac{1}{2}$ —2, and it was three subsequent fouls, each of which cost them a goal, that lost them the game. When the last period was begun Mid-Cheshire were still ahead at $4\frac{1}{2}$ —4. Then a goal by Bell deprived them of the lead, and nearing the end a penalty at very close range gave Aldershot a certain goal.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND (7): Mr. T. M. Bell (0), No. 1; Mr. G. A. Cunard (1), No. 2; Mr. C. H. S. Dixon (3), No. 3; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), back.

MID-CHESHIRE (6): Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey (2), No. 1; Mr. M. G. Moseley (2), No. 2; Mr. N. Hardy (0), No. 3; Mr. D. P. G. Moseley (2), back.

Junior County Cup.

Aldershot (South-Eastern Division), conceding half a goal, beat Mid-Cheshire (Northern Division) by 6 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie of the Junior County Cup tournament at Ranelagh.

ALDERSHOT (7): Mr. T. M. Bell (0), No. 1; Mr. G. A. Cunard (1), No. 2; Mr. C. H. S. Dixon (3), No. 3; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), back.

MID-CHESHIRE (6): Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey (2), No. 1; Mr. M. G. Moseley (2), No. 2; Mr. N. Hardy (0), No. 3; Mr. D. P. G. Moseley (2), back.

LADIES' POLO.

The Clanbrassil Cup.

The Ladies' Polo Association celebrated their emancipation by holding their championship for the Clanbrassil Cup at Hurlingham, and the final tie was played on the No. 1 ground (in itself a compliment), when Rugby beat Barton Abbey by 6 goals to 3. There is no doubt that ladies' polo has come to stay, which is



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CLANBRASSIL CUP WINNERS.

The Rugby team: Miss P. Lacey, Miss F. Balding, Miss J. Forwood,
Miss B. Balding.

a very good thing for the country clubs. What is more, this

women's polo does a lot to keep up the game in the country clubs, where they are going through lean times. The suggestion made in [redacted] that "the ladies should re [redacted] nating the old standard, 1 [redacted] ed if they insist) not more than [redacted] 45 yards. Standardize a lighter and perhaps a slightly smaller ball, say $3\frac{3}{4}$ ounces, and then they can use lighter sticks which they can control. The result would be an increase of pace, which is denied at present by lack of length, and infinitely greater enjoyment of the game all round" was obviously constructive advice, but it is possible that it might be taken amiss, and it seems unlikely that it will be taken in any case. Possibly ladies' polo would benefit if it were.

RUGBY (13): Miss P. Pacey (1), No. 1; Miss F. Balding (3), No. 2; Miss J. Forwood (4), No. 3; Miss B. Balding (5), back.

BARTON ABBEY (10): Miss D'Arcy de Frece (1), No. 1; Mrs. P. Fleming (3), No. 2; Miss D. Balding (2), No. 3; Mrs. J. Bott (4), back.

UMPIRES: Major A. G. S. Alexander and Capt. C. W. Hesketh.

Early Rounds.

Five teams entered, and Highfield and Barton Abbey qualified for the only semi-final tie, Rugby going through to the final.

The opening tie on the No. 1 ground, between Highfield and the Racing Cheetahs, was delayed by rain. Highfield had the game well in hand from the start, and won by 5 goals to 1.

HIGHFIELD: The Hon. Daphne Pearson, No. 1; Mrs. Moseley, No. 2; the Hon. Mrs. Gurdon, No. 3; the Hon. Mrs. Murray, back.

RACING CHEETAHS: Mrs. Wintringham, No. 1; Miss D. Bell, No. 2; Miss H. Campbell, No. 3; Miss K. Tatham-Warter, back.

Much better polo was seen in the second game, which was played on the No. 2 ground between Rugby and Fontmell Magna, and Rugby just managed to win an exciting match by 4 goals to 3 after a full extra chukker had been played.

RUGBY: Miss P. Pacey, No. 1; Miss F. Balding, No. 2; Miss J. Forwood, No. 3; Miss B. Balding, back.

FONTMELL MAGNA: Miss E. Kelly, No. 1; Miss P. Denison-Pender, No. 2; Miss P. Kelly, No. 3; Miss R. Gifford, back.

Barton Abbey beat Highfield by 4 goals to 3 in the semi-final round. The tie, which was limited to four chukkers, was played on the club's second ground. Highfield scored the first three goals and were leading by 3—1 at half-time. Barton Abbey played up well after this, and after drawing level in the last chukker Mrs. Bott hit the winning goal just before the final bell.

BARTON ABBEY: Miss D'Arcy de Frece, No. 1; Mrs. P. Fleming, No. 2; Miss D. Balding, No. 3; Mrs. J. Bott, back.

Country



Cowdray Week.

The first and one of the most enjoyable of the country tournaments was held at Cowdray Park during Goodwood Week. Owing to the absence of Lord Cowdray it had been feared that there would be no polo on those beautiful lawns, but he had given permission for the use of the grounds and the enthusiastic work of a hastily-formed committee under Lord Louis Mountbatten did the rest, ably abetted by the "permanent staff." The Lawns Ground was in use all through the week, the weather being too wet for the River Ground, and the fact that it stood up admirably to sixty chukkers in the week, with intermittent rain falling almost every day or night, speaks volumes for the admirable upkeep of that lovely turf.

Five good teams varying from 19 goals to 12 goals were collected and an American tournament was played which kept the interest for the players alive even after the prize had been won and lost. The winners were the Knaves, whose leader, Major Jack Harrison, unfortunately had a nasty fall in the second chukker of the decisive match against Adsdean. The result was a collar bone broken, and all things considered, it was a happy issue, for the accident looked very much worse than that. Neither Major Harrison nor Lord Louis Mountbatten are likely to be playing regular polo henceforward. The former has had a long innings, and though he has been put back in the handicap, his recent doings hardly seemed to warrant it. The latter will be going to sea very shortly for two or three years, and on his return it is unlikely that he will have even as little time for polo as he has had in the last two years. The passing of Adsdean is very sad, but some of its elements, as Edge Hill, will, it is to be hoped, continue the carefree spirit of the Adsdean team. The appended draw sheet with results shows the result of the tournament.

	Adsdean.	Four Winds.	Friar Park.	B'way.	Knaves.
Adsdean ...	—	5	7½	8	5½
Four Winds	6½	—	9½	9	3½
Friar Park	4	9	—	10	4
Broadway	8½	6	8½	—	7½
Knaves ...	8	7	4½	12	—

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Knaves	0
Four Winds	...	1
Friar Park	...	3
Adsdean	...	3
Broadway	...	3

The week began with a match between Adsdean and the Four Winds, including Capt. Malet, of the 10th, who filled the gap in the ranks of the 9th Lancers made by the accident to Mr. Price. Adsdean gave a start of $1\frac{1}{2}$ goals, and after missing what seemed innumerable chances in the first chukker got up and led their opponents in the fifth chukker, only to be beaten by $6\frac{1}{2}$ —5.

FOUR WINDS (14): W. K. C. Pulteney (1), No. 1; Capt. J. W. Malet (3), No. 2; Capt. G. E. Prior-Palmer (5), No. 3; Capt. J. H. Montagu-Douglas-Scott (5), back.

ADSDEAN (18): J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; The Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

Adsdean in Form.

On the second day Adsdean, receiving half a goal, beat Friar Park by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4 and played in doing so one of the finest games they have produced this year. Capt. Morrison, who is believed to intend to give up polo at the end of the year, was at his best. There was never a harder worker, and Adsdean owed their good win very largely to him.

ADSDEAN (18): J. P. Robinson (5), No. 1; The Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), No. 2; Capt. H. G. Morrison (6), No. 3; Capt. the Lord Louis Mountbatten, R.N. (5), back.

FRIAR PARK (19): A. David (3), No. 1; Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), No. 2; Capt. M. N. E. Macmullen (5), No. 3; Capt. R. W. Hobson (5), back.

The Knaves beat Broadway, to whom they conceded $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals, by 12 goals to $7\frac{1}{2}$.

BROADWAY (12): Major L. E. Misa (1), Major M. J. Lindsay (5), Capt. C. E. R. Duff (3), Capt. J. G. G. Cooper (3).

KNAVES (18): G. Lowther (2), Major P. W. Dollar (5), J. Lakin (7), Major J. F. Harrison (4).

There was again some interesting polo on the third day, and the first game between Friar Park and the Knaves produced some really good play, the issue hanging in the balance right up to the end. Friar Park conceded half a goal on handicap, and were, in the end, beaten by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 4. Friar Park had a number of chances in the first two chukkers of which they failed to take advantage, and in the fourth chukker the Knaves put on two goals to get in front.

The game started rather stickily, but in the last four chukkers they all began to go a really good gallop, and it was a good game to watch as it must have been to play. The Lawns ground, which naturally had played very slow on the first day, improved visibly, and the going was perfect—which the ponies seemed to appreciate.

The second game was not so good, and the Four Winds had always the measure of Broadway, to whom they gave a start of three goals, winning by 9—6. The ground was cutting up a

little, which inevitably slowed the pace. The Four Winds wiped off the start in the first three chukkers.

On the Thursday there were two promising games arranged, but neither quite fulfilled its promise. In the first Friar Park conceded $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to Broadway and in the end beat them by $10-8\frac{1}{2}$, but they left it rather late and were led $8\frac{1}{2}-6$ at the end of the fourth chukker.

In the second match the Knaves gave the Four Winds a goal and a half start and beat them $7-3\frac{1}{2}$. These were both hitherto unbeaten teams. The game was strenuous and fairly fast, but the Four Winds never got going, in spite of the admirable efforts of Prior-Palmer. The third chukker put any thought of success for the Four Winds out of the question, for the Knaves put on three goals without reply to lead $6-2\frac{1}{2}$.

The Knaves early got the inside turn of the Four Winds and never let them settle down. The score, however, suggests that the game was far more one-sided than in fact it was. Whenever the Four Winds got going they were up against the sure and solid defence of Harrison, and in the middle of the game Lakin began to play some great polo.

Deciding Tie.

The only tie played on the Friday was an important one between the Knaves and Adsdean, which, in fact, decided the whole tournament, but the game was disappointing, the Knaves winning by 8 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$ after leading $8-1\frac{1}{2}$ at the end of the fifth chukker. Moreover, it was marred by a nasty accident to Major Harrison in the second chukker, which resulted, fortunately, in no worse than a broken collar bone, though it was one of the ugliest looking falls. With their captain *hors de combat* the Knaves pressed Capt. Hobson, of Friar Park, into their service, and accordingly Adsdean received half a goal start. It was their only score for a long time. Adsdean were very disappointing. They never showed a semblance of the excellent form they produced on the Tuesday, and early in the game the breaks were definitely against them. What influenced the result enormously was what looked, and was afterwards acknowledged to be, a flagrant cross by a Knave early in the second chukker, which went undetected just when a forty yards' penalty might have got Adsdean going. This was followed immediately by another foul by Adsdean which produced penalty 2, from which the Knaves got a lead of 3-0. Lakin was playing a great game and the Cowdray ponies he was playing were full of good polo and keenness after a rest from their labours in America.

With the tournament decided on the previous day there was less interest in the remaining ties played on the Saturday in which Broadway at last gained a victory at the expense of Adsdean, from whom they received $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals start, winning by $8\frac{1}{2}-8$ after a very hard but rather sticky game. In the other match there was more pace, but the ground after persistent rain and hard work was cutting up badly and there was a lot of missing. It was obviously a day for taking a chance and hitting

for goal whenever in range, but Friar Park against the Four Winds were apt still to try to dribble and lost many chances. They looked like pulling it off when they ran from 4—8½ to 7—8½ in the fourth and fifth chukkers, but they were led again before the bell at 9½—7, and though they got two more goals in the last chukker, they could not obtain the winning goal before the final bell sounded.

Rugby Week.

Victory of Optimists.

The weather, which, though far from summery, did not affect the London season to any great extent, spoiled the Rugby Week, which concluded on August Bank Holiday. From the Wednesday till the Monday no play was possible, and even for the last day the going was terribly deep. There was a weak entry for the Open Cup, which resolved itself into a match between Mr. H. L. Horbury's Optimists and Edgehill. This was won by the Optimists by 10 goals to 4 in a game which never produced polo of a very high standard, owing very largely to the heavy going and the cutting up of the ground. On the other hand, no ground that was not of superb turf could have been played on in such conditions. Mr. Horbury had a poor season in London, but this success, we hope, will be some consolation. His team was mounted almost exclusively on his own ponies, a very fine string, containing several ex-internationals. Mr. John Lakin played No. 3 for the winning team and showed excellent form. Here, we believe, is a future captain for an international team, and it is devoutly to be hoped that he will be able to continue his polo regularly and develop the "class" that he undoubtedly possesses. Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter, too, played a great game at No. 2, and these two were altogether too much for the opposition. The teams in this match were:—

OPTIMISTS: Mr. H. L. Horbury (2), Capt. A. M. Horsbrugh-Porter (6), Mr. J. Lakin (7), Capt. H. C. Walford (7).

EDGEHILL: Mr. J. Robinson (5), the Hon. M. R. Samuel (2), Capt. the Hon. J. Hamilton-Russell (6), Capt. R. W. Hobson (5).

Major M. Cox, the chief umpire, and Capt. J. Vernon Miller were the umpires.

It is pleasant to record that there was a large attendance of spectators.

The Junior Cup.

The first tie between Spanners Horse and Edgehill ended in a surprising victory for the first-named by 7—4. The teams started on level terms, but Spanners Horse played remarkably well both at the beginning and the end of the game. For

Edgehill Mr. J. P. Robinson was in good form and hit four goals, and the scorers for Spanners Horse were Capt. Hobson (3) and Messrs. Kennard and Forwood two each.

EDGEHILL: Mr. W. Pulteney, the Hon. M. R. Samuel, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. J. D. Summers (back).

SPANNERS HORSE: Mr. M. Barber, Mr. R. Kennard, Capt. R. W. Hobson, Mr. E. B. Forwood (back).

Optimists received half a goal start in their match with Spring Hill, but were outplayed from the beginning and were beaten by 10 goals to $5\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. W. D. Frost (4) and Mr. W. C. Drage (3) were the chief scorers for Spring Hill, and Capt. Hugh Walford and Mr. H. Freeborn each put through twice for Optimists.

OPTIMISTS: Mr. H. Freeborn, Mr. W. L. Horbury, Capt. H. C. Walford, Capt. R. Ansdell (back).

SPRING HILL: Mr. D. Frost, Capt. Heathcote Amory, Capt. the Hon. J. Hamilton Russell, Mr. C. Drage (back).

Edgehill, receiving $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals start, beat the Optimists by $8\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5 in the final.

OPTIMISTS: Mr. W. L. Horbury, Mr. H. Freeborn, Capt. H. C. Walford, Capt. R. Ansdell (back).

EDGEHILL: Mr. W. Pulteney, Mr. J. P. Robinson, the Hon. M. R. Samuel, Mr. J. D. Summers (back).

The Phillips Cup.

The Crofters, conceding a goal, beat Bosworth by 3 goals to 2 in the final tie of the Phillips Challenge Cup tournament at the Stoke d'Abernon Club, Cobham.

THE CROFTERS (7): Mr. H. S. Gaselee (0), No. 1; Mr. W. H. Whitbread (3), No. 2; Mr. A. J. Gaselee (3), No. 3; Mr. M. D. Blair (1), back.

BOSWORTH (5): Lord Milford Haven (0), No. 1; Mr. I. Campbell (1), No. 2; Mr. W. D. Morgan (2), No. 3; Mr. R. W. Parr (2), back.

3rd Hussars Cup.

The King's Dragoon Guards "C," conceding a goal and a half, beat Night Lights by 9 goals to $2\frac{1}{2}$; Willems beat Brewin Boys by 5 goals to 4; and Drags, receiving half a goal, beat King's Dragoon Guards "B" by $4\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 3 in the first round of the Aldershot Command Club's tournament for the 3rd King's Own Hussars Cup.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS "C" (3): Mr. R. B. Collie (0), No. 1; Capt. W. B. Radford (0), No. 2; Major D. McCorquodale (2), No. 3; Mr. H. C. Selby (1), back.

NIGHT LIGHTS (1): Mr. E. C. Mann (0), No. 1; Mr. M. S. Barker (0), No. 2; Mr. W. A. Morris (1), No. 3; Mr. N. M. R. Speke (0), back.

WILLEMS (5): Major L. E. Misa (1), No. 1; Major H. R. C. Frink (1), No. 2; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), No. 3; Mr. J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (0), back.

BREWING BOYS (5): Mr. R. B. Redhead (0), No. 1; Mr. R. M. Kennard (0), No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson (5), No. 3; Mr. J. E. G. Wormald (0), back.

DRAGS (2): Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins (0), No. 1; Mr. T. M. Bell (0), No. 2; Mr. G. A. Cunard (1), No. 3; Mr. J. A. M. Phillips (1), back.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS " B " (3): Mr. A. C. S. Delmege (0), No. 1; Capt. K. E. Savill (2), No. 2; Mr. M. R. Arkwright (1), No. 3; Mr. H. J. Rydon (0), back.

The King's Dragoon Guards " A," conceding $3\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat Night Lights by 9 goals to $3\frac{1}{2}$; and the Royal Artillery, receiving a goal and a half, beat Fleet by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 2.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS " A " (6): Lord Clifton (0), No. 1, Lieut.-Col. J. G. E. Tiarks (1), No. 2; Capt. M. J. Lindsay (5), No. 3; Capt. J. F. H. Weaver (0), back.

NIGHT LIGHTS (1): Mr. E. C. Mann (0), No. 1; Mr. M. S. Barker (0), No. 2; Mr. W. A. Morris (1), No. 3; Mr. N. M. R. Speke (0), back.

ROYAL ARTILLERY (3): Sir Dymoke White (1), No. 1; Major E. G. Waller (0), No. 2; Capt. J. H. B. Evatt (2), No. 3; Major D. N. McNeece (0), back.

FLEET (5): Capt. E. H. Goulburn (1), No. 1; Mr. W. Withycombe (1), No. 2; Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe (3), No. 3; Mr. T. Llewellyn-Palmer (0), back.

Fleet, conceding a goal, beat the King's Dragoon Guards " B " by 5 goals to 4; and Willems, receiving half a goal, beat the King's Dragoon Guards " A " by $5\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5.

FLEET (5): Capt. E. H. Goulburn (1), No. 1; Mr. W. Withycombe (1), No. 2; Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe (3), No. 3; Mr. T. Llewellyn-Palmer (0), back.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS " B " (3): Mr. A. C. S. Delmege (0), No. 1; Capt. K. E. Savill (2), No. 2; Mr. M. R. Arkwright (1), No. 3; Mr. H. J. Rydon (0), back.

WILLEMS (5): Major L. E. Misa (1), No. 1; Major H. R. C. Frink (1), No. 2; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), No. 3; Mr. J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (0), back.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS " A " (6): Lord Clifton (0), No. 1; Lieut.-Col. J. G. E. Tiarks (1), No. 2; Capt. M. J. Lindsay (5), No. 3; Capt. J. F. H. Weaver (0), back.

Brewin Boys, receiving half a goal, beat the King's Dragoon Guards " A " by $6\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5; Willems, conceding two goals, beat Night Lights by 7 goals to 4; and Drags, receiving a goal and a half, beat Fleet by $7\frac{1}{2}$ goals to 5.

BREWING BOYS (5): Mr. R. B. Redhead (o), No. 1; Mr. R. M. Kennard (o), No. 2; Capt. R. W. Hobson (5), No. 3; Mr. J. E. G. Wormald (o), back.

KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS "A" (6): Lord Clifton (o), No. 1; Lieut.-Col. J. E. G. Tiarks (1), No. 2; Capt. M. J. Lindsay (5), No. 3; Capt. J. F. H. Weaver (o), back.

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NIGHT LIGHTS (1): Mr. E. C. Mann (o), No. 1; Mr. M. S. Barker (o), No. 2; Mr. W. A. Morris (1), No. 3; Mr. N. M. R. Speke (o), back.

DRAGS (2): Mr. S. R. M. Jenkins (o), No. 1; Mr. T. M. Bell (o), No. 2; Mr. G. A. Cunard (1), No. 3; Mr. J. A. M. Phillips (1), back.

FLEET (5): Capt. E. H. Goulburn (1), No. 1; Mr. W. Withycombe (1), No. 2; Mr. J. T. G. Withycombe (3), No. 3; Mr. T. Llewellyn-Palmer (o), back.

The Drags, receiving a goal and a half, beat Willems by 6½ goals to 1 in the final tie.

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WILLEMS (5): Major L. E. Misa (1), No. 1; Major H. B. C. Frink (1), No. 2; Capt. T. G. G. Cooper (3), No. 3; Mr. J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (o), back.

West Somerset Win Exeter Cup.

West Somerset won the Exeter Challenge Cup by defeating Exeter by 5½ goals to 3 in a hard-fought game, arranged by the West Somerset Club, on Dunster Castle Lawns.

Exeter, a four-points team, conceded 1½ goals to the West Somerset two-points team, and led at the end of the first chukker by 3 goals to 1½, West Somerset not having scored. The fact that neither team scored in the second and third periods reflected the even nature of the struggle during this period of the game. In the fourth chukker two goals by West Somerset gave them a lead of 1½ goals, the score being 4½—3 in their favour, and their fifth goal was registered by Capt. Anson in the last chukker.

WEST SOMERSET: Capt. E. E. Anson, Mr. R. Leversha, Mr. R. W. Over, Major-Gen. Sir Edward Fagan.

EXETER: Mr. T. A. G. Mort, Mr. H. R. Nicholson, Capt. C. D. K. Burnaby, Major H. H. Merton.

The cup was presented to the winning team by Lady Fagan, wife of Major-Gen. Sir Edward Fagan.

West Somerset defeated Ilminster in a game on the West Somerset Club ground. The first three chukkers were fairly even, but West Somerset was superior in the last two.

WEST SOMERSET: Mr. E. Collier, Mr. R. Leversham, Capt. A. A. Anson, Mr. R. W. Over.

ILMINSTER: Capt. A. Cox, Capt. J. P. Gregson, Capt. C. D. K. Burnaby, Mr. F. Smyth-Osbourne.

In a good game on Dunster Castle Lawns West Somerset beat Blackmore Vale by 6 goals to 5. Blackmore Vale, who received a goal start, led by 3 goals to 2 at the end of the second chukker, but thereafter the position was reversed, West Somerset leading by a single goal for the remainder of an exciting game. Collier (3), Leversha (2), and Over scored for the winners, and Blackmore Vale's goals were scored by Burnaby (3) and Marshall.

WEST SOMERSET: Mr. E. Collier, Mr. C. Dodgson, Mr. R. Leversha, Mr. R. W. Over.

BLACKMORE VALE: Capt. Cox, Mr. F. M. Hall, Mr. C. Marshall, Capt. C. D. K. Burnaby.

Kirtlington Cups.

Kirtlington won the Visitors' Cup at Kirtlington Park, beating the Crusaders (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) by 9—4 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the Barton Abbey Cup final Stockwood beat Barton Abbey (received 1) by 7—2, and in the Rousham Cup final the Blue Birds defeated the Red Coats (received $1\frac{1}{2}$) by 8—1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

KIRTLINGTON: Nagogo Katsina, Mr. R. A. Budgett, Mr. A. M. Budgett, Mr. J. D. Summers.

CRUSADERS: Mr. J. Bailey, Major S. C. Deed, Capt. R. W. Pilkington, Capt. G. Jordan.

STOCKWOOD: The Hon. Mrs. Gurdon, the Hon. Mrs. Murray, Capt. G. H. Webber, Major H. C. Ross-Skinner.

BARTON ABBEY: Mrs. P. Fleming, the Hon. H. B. Hermon-Hodge, Mr. N. Patterson, Major P. Fleming.

BLUE BIRDS: Mr. A. W. Mosselmans, Capt. J. E. S. Chamerlayne, Mr. J. de Tatham-Warter, Capt. R. W. Pilkington.

RED COATS: Miss Rigden, Mr. J. R. Greenwood, Mr. J. Bletsoe, Mr. R. Black.

In the annual match for the Kirtlington Cup at the Kirtlington Park Club, near Bicester, Kirtlington Park beat Blue Birds (received $2\frac{1}{2}$) by 7—3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

KIRTLINGTON PARK: Mr. R. A. Budgett, Mr. A. M. Budgett, Major S. C. Deed, Mr. J. D. Summers.

BLUE BIRDS: Mr. A. W. Mosselmans, Mr. J. R. Greenwood, Mr. J. de G. Tatham-Warter, Capt. R. W. Pilkington.

Taunton Empire Cup.

Oakfield, totalling 12 goals, won the American Handicap tournament for the Taunton Empire Cup at the Taunton Vale Club, Orchard Portman, near Taunton. Curland, totalling 11 goals, were the runners-up.

OAKFIELD (2): Mr. G. R. Couper (o), No. 1; Capt. J. B. Glencross (1), No. 2; Capt. R. D. Bolton (1), No. 3; Sir A. Rodger (o), back.

CURLAND (o): Mr. A. D. Goodliffe (o), No. 1; Mr. D. Barron (o), No. 2; Sir W. Stampe (o), No. 3; Major L. A. Jones-Mortimer (o), back.

Penshurst Tournament.

The American tournament organized by the Penshurst Polo Club concluded with a final encounter between Birchett's and Penshurst, which was won by the latter by 4 goals to 3 after extra time.

After the first two rounds Birchett's had scored 17 goals, Penshurst $9\frac{1}{2}$ and Oxford University 6, but owing to military training Oxford were forced to withdraw, and so Birchett's and Penshurst, starting all square, fought it out.

Penshurst played rather more together than they had earlier in the week. Capt. P. J. Butler, their No. 3, was in great form, and they just managed to snatch victory from the formidable Birchett's side.

PENSHURST: Mr. R. M. Cardwell (o), No. 1; Mr. D. B. Wormald (1), No. 2; Capt. P. J. Butler (5), No. 3; Sir Geo. Jessell (1), back.

BIRCHETT'S: Major C. P. Richardson (o), No. 1; Mr. W. W. H. Bell (1), No. 2; Mr. C. E. V. Keighley (4), No. 3; Mr. F. W. Scott (2), back.

Mid-Cheshire's Good Start.

One of the most striking features of sport in the North Country this summer has been the instant response to the effort to popularize polo. Mid-Cheshire Polo Club, successor to the old Manchester club, which opened a ground at Budworth Common, between Northwich and Tarporley, in May, have had excellent attendances, even on the most unpromising Saturdays. Polo will be all the more successful if an effort is made by those connected with passenger-carrying transport to secure a service of buses to the polo ground, as it is over three miles from a railway station. The admission fee for spectators is the most modest charge made at any polo field in the country—sixpence—and the attendances at Budworth Common of spectators who are motorists justify the hope that the sport will soon acquire, through the medium of buses, a firm hold on those of the general public who do not possess cars of their own.

Next season the club will most likely have a practice pitch in addition to the match ground, and fortunately there is ample room for all the extra accommodation in this respect the club is ever likely to need when this development takes place.

In the club's recent open tournament forty-five chukkers, each of eight minutes' actual playing time, were played on the ground, and it was no worse for it.

Agden beat Dalefords by 4—3 in the last match of the season.

AGDEN: Mr. J. N. Clegg, Mr. M. G. Moseley, Mr. D. P. G. Moseley, Mr. B. W. Heaton.

DALEFORDS: Mr. N. Hardy, Sir John Barlow, Mr. F. Spiegelberg, Mr. R. Midwood.

The Roark Cup.

The Pilgrims, conceding $2\frac{1}{2}$ goals, beat Bampton Grange by 9 goals to $4\frac{1}{2}$ in the final tie of the Cheltenham Club's tournament for the Roark Challenge Cup at Prestbury Park.

PILGRIMS (10): Capt. W. S. Fielding-Johnson (2), No. 1; Mr. S. J. Barton (4), No. 2; Major N. Powell (3), No. 3; Mr. A. Grisar (1), back.

BAMPTON GRANGE (7): Mr. J. Hood (0), No. 1; Capt. E. G. D. Kennedy (2), No. 2; Mr. G. E. V. Keighley (4), No. 3; Mr. F. E. Adams (1), back.

Forthcoming Fixtures.

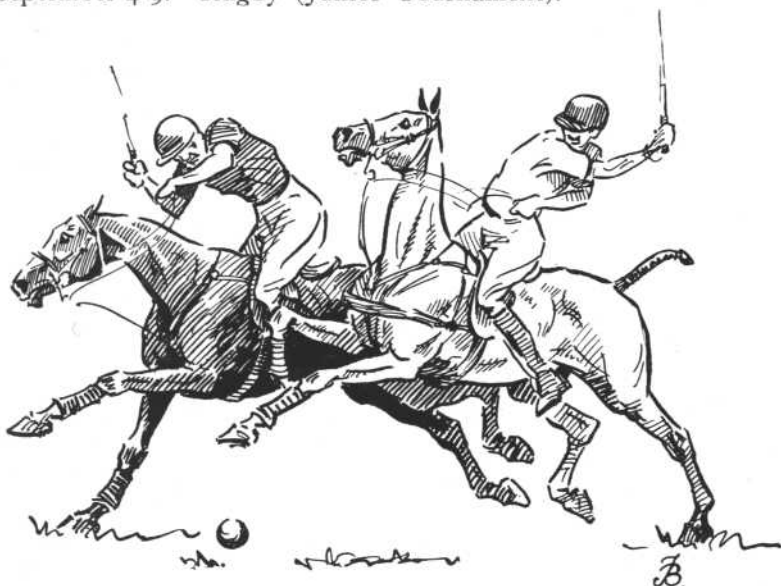
August 14-Sept. 16.—West Somerset. Aug. 14-19, Quintin Dick Cup, 8 goals, and Junior Cup, 16 goals and under. Aug. 21-26, Visitors' Cup; President's Cup, 12 goals; Open Cup. Aug. 28-Sept. 2, Coronation Cup, 16 goals; Diana Cup, 8 goals. Sept. 4-9, Friar Cup, 16 goals and under; Nel-Sim Cup, 4 goals. Sept. 11-16, Junior Championship Cup, 16 goals and under.

August 14-19.—Rhinefield.

August 21-26.—Rugby (Montaigu Cup).

August 25.—Taunton Vale (Liddell Cup).

September 4-9.—Rugby (Junior Tournament).



THE SEASON AT LE TOUQUET.

Great Possibilities.

Of all the Continental resorts favoured by the holiday-making English, Le Touquet is perhaps the most essentially English, which may or may not be an advantage. Like other places where "tired business men" take their leisure, Le Touquet has felt the depression (which incidentally seems a good deal deeper than in England) and the weather has not been too kind. The polo season, rather shorter than usual this year, has naturally suffered and the number of teams engaged shrank to no more than five. On the other hand, the standard of polo was a trifle higher than last year.

Polo at Le Touquet has enormous possibilities, for there is ample accommodation for ponies and there are three grounds, only one of which is boarded. The trouble at the moment is that the upkeep of the grounds has been unsatisfactory, owing to lack of expert advice, and they still cut up very badly, even in dry weather. This is due very largely to the nature of the soil, which is sandy. It has now, we believe, been decided to call in advice and to take the matter seriously in hand. The quality of the turf is as good as good can be and has definitely improved since last year. Probably the putting-down of sheep on them this autumn would serve to toughen the surface, and later an application of lead arsenate (having first removed the sheep!) would fine down and clean the turf where it is most needed. The amenities of this charming playground are, of course, enhanced by the attraction of polo and, especially on Sundays, a large concourse of spectators of all nations gathers to see the fun.

For the past two years the players were drawn chiefly from the Army, but this year training and general intensification of military activities resulted in only one soldier team taking part in the tournaments. As against that, however, there was a Belgian team, Les Griffons, who were by far the best. They were mounted very well on home-bred thoroughbreds, many of whom having distinguished themselves on the racecourse, and they showed much better combination than the others. They had, too, J. B. Traill playing for them at No. 3, and this young player certainly was outstanding. Whether this type of polo is likely to do him any good is another matter, but after a hard season in London, where he has come on wonderfully, he no doubt was in need of a little relaxation. Mr. Henry Good has some very nice-looking ponies—all Belgians—and he got through a lot of work at No. 2. The Vicomte G. de Jonghe, also well-mounted on light-weight ponies, went very well at No. 1,

and if he could improve his style of hitting (he has an excellent eye) might become very useful. M. R. Janssen, their back, is an improving player. Their total handicap of 8 is about right, but it appeared that the French were a shade over-handicapped. There will be some revisions at the end of the season, so it is understood.

The French Teams.

Of the two French teams Roubaix were the most successful. They consisted of A. Gallant (1), Capt. A. Brau (3), T. Rasson (4), and M. Détrouyat (1). They, too, were well horsed with French thoroughbred, English and Argentine ponies. Rasson has recovered from the broken wrist which put him out of the game last year. Capt. Brau, a very correct horseman, is a useful No. 2, and Gallant has improved since last year. Détrouyat, an air-ace of wartime, has some good horses, notably Perla Negra, a brown mare, who played for Roberto Cavanagh in London last year. They won a very hard game against the Dragon Flies for the Prix de la Canche by 8—7½, giving a start of 3½ goals.

The Dragon Flies consisted of M. Maude (0), a young player of the Inniskillings in his first season, Capt. C. P. Legard (2), that exceptional all-rounder, Capt. C. E. R. Duff (3), and Lieut.-Col. E. Martin (1), also of the Inniskillings. For the most part the Dragon Flies were outponied, but Maude has bought two good ponies from the Someries House sale, Gaucho and Riverola, and has clearly possibilities, not the least of which is an unbounded enthusiasm.

The other French team (though with an English player among them) was disappointing. They are the Cheveau-légers, led by Henri Couturié, and probably the best mounted of all. Their total handicap was 11, with Couturié at 6 and R. Balding at 3. Somehow they never seemed able to combine, and they received a very severe hammering from the Belgians, who had a start of 2½ goals in the Coupe de Touquet. Their besetting sin was to bunch expectantly round their leader, and they were all too often hopelessly out of position when they had a chance to get going. All the same, this team, with their excellent ponies and potentially great drive, should improve.

The Guépards, an Egyptian team led by His Excellency Tahir Pasha, had some very likely ponies, among whom were Lady Barbara, a fast brown mare by Silverdale Cheerio out of Lady Helen; Canlegit, another quick one by Legatee out of Canto (by Thrush); and Edna, another brown mare by Craig an Eran out of Dulcibella, who was by Gay Crusader, a distinguished ancestry. Their line-up was Tahir Pasha, Mohtar Bey, Capt. J. S. Collings (in the intervals of umpiring and managing the polo) and D. Little. This again was a promising outfit, but had little success.

The Rousham Park team, led by A. Mosselmans, had the two Budgett brothers and P. Eyzaguirre, a Chilean. They beat Roubaix in a rather sticky game in the final of the Prix des Hotels by 9½ goals to 6, receiving a start of 2½. Alan Budgett played

a very useful game, and both he and his brothers have plenty of length. Recently they have bought some fast ponies off the track at Northolt and, if they have not come on to any vast extent this season, they clearly have good polo in them if it can be brought out by playing good polo in good company. One virtue they have is considerable length in which most English players are notably deficient.

At the time of going to press there are several tournaments yet to be decided (the great thing in holiday polo is to have plenty of cups available for the winning), but in our next issue we hope to publish the complete results of the season.

A Lovely Setting.

This year the old Noeux-Vincent ground was rediscovered—it was made before the war, and during hostilities was used by British officers, but has since laid fallow—and this is an enormous asset to polo activities. For one thing it saves the other grounds from over-work. In the future one imagines this will become the No. 1 ground, for it is beautifully situated in the heart of the forest with a steep hill overlooking it which must appeal as a viewpoint to the not too furiously polo-minded. Moreover, it is sheltered from the sea wind that blows constantly and makes the marshes of the Canche a trifle bleak and unencouraging in any but blazing summer weather. Naturally this ground needs much work before it can become really good—only three months ago the ground itself was supporting gorse bushes and scrub which had grown up since the war years, but it was already playing quite reasonably well. Given intensive husbandry, the old turf of good quality will soon recover and a certain amount of draining will improve the centre, which is apt to be soggy after much rain. It was noticeable that the matches at Noeux-Vincent attracted far greater crowds of spectators than those by the Canche.

The Continental summer season is apt to be congested with so much to be fitted in in so short a time. The casino authorities, or rather the authority, since M. Aboudaram obtained control of the Casino de la Forêt, do much to help polo players to support the season, but it must be remembered that it costs a good deal to bring ponies over from England—for instance, to ship a pony from Tidworth costs £10—and that is a serious drawback for the soldier player. It might in future be worth while to support the whole cost, on the understanding that adequate teams should be sent. They do so at Deauville and Antwerp.





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A VIEW OF THE PERTH GROUND, WEST AUSTRALIA.

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A Revival of Polo in West Australia.

During the past year or so polo in this State has experienced a revival following the depression period, but a return to its pristine glory will not be accomplished until there has been a return of good seasons to the pastoral country and payable prices for the primary producers, for, to the pastoralists more than anyone else, the game owes its establishment and encouragement over many years. Formerly the game flourished at Fremantle, Geraldton, Narrogin, Northam and Kalgoorlie as well, but at the moment activity is restricted to two country centres (Broomehill and Mingenew) and Perth.

Associated with Fremantle in the early days were Mr. Cairns Candy and Capt. Neill Haig, of the Inniskilling Dragoons, the latter a relative of the Field Marshal. Quite considerable interest, however, has been shown of late in various centres where troops of the 10th Light Horse are stationed. Military authorities have been encouraging regimental polo, and matches have been played between the Perth Polo Club and the 10th Light Horse during the past two seasons. It is hoped that these games will stimulate further interest in the actual playing of polo.

Perth Polo Club.

This club was established about 1895 and flourished until 1908-9. Through the energies of Messrs. N. L. A. D'Arcy and James Noonan after the war in the early twenties, the game was again revived in the Metropolitan area, and eventually, through the help and generosity of a number of players and supporters, mostly engaged in pastoral pursuits, a ground was secured at South Perth, and these gentlemen, known as Polo and Sports Ground Ltd., have since allowed the club the use

of the ground at quite a nominal cost. The ground, a sandy one by virtue of the general nature of the soil in the environment of Perth, is situated three miles from the city on the southern bank of the Swan river—an ideal location.

During the past few seasons the club has had an active membership list of approximately 16 and the non-playing members' list this year rose to 150. Probably nowhere in the world is the cost to the individual so small—that is in a Metropolitan club—for the annual playing fee is £3 3s., plus a ball fee of £2 2s., and for non-players £1 1s. only. The president of the club is Mr. A. L. B. Lefroy, a former outstanding player and now a staunch and generous supporter and an untiring umpire.

The captain during the past two seasons has been Mr. W. G. Bennett, an untiring worker in all aspects of the club's activities and one who has been as much responsible as anyone for the recent revival and encouragement of and help to new members.

The club honorary secretary and treasurer is Mr. W. A. Carcary, who has carried out his onerous duties with satisfaction over many years, latterly assisted by Mr. D. J. Chipper, one of the new players. To complete the club administration a committee of eight operates, including Mr. S. Grimwood, another great friend over many years, and Messrs. J. W. Noonan, R. J. Paxton and J. A. Maitland.

The club held its opening day on Saturday, January 21, when a match was played between the Perth Club and members representing the W.A. Hunt Club for the Joyner Cup (presented for annual competition by Mr. A. E. Joyner, Master of the West Australian Hunt Club). This was an exceedingly exciting and interesting game to players and spectators, as the Hunt Club team—E. G. Donoghue (1), W. G. Bennett (2), J. A. Maitland (captain) (3), A. D. Gaukroger (4)—started the last chukker two goals behind and won by one goal after an extra chukker had been played. A gymkhana followed, and at the conclusion the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, presented the trophies.

During the remainder of the season the members were divided into three graded teams—Perth, Hurlingham and Ranelagh, and competed over a series of Saturdays, on handicap, for a trophy presented by Mr. A. L. B. Lefroy. The ultimate winners were Perth by the narrow margin of two points from Hurlingham.

Broomehill Club.

This club was founded some twenty years ago and is situated about 200 miles south of Perth and of late has had a list of ten to a dozen playing members, who have retained the State championship and the Charles Cup for the past ten years under the guidance and assistance of their president, Mr. G. L. Hardie, that doyen of the polo world to-day in this State. What the Ashtons are in New South Wales and the Murrays were in South Australia, so are the Hardies in Western Australia. Messrs. Archie and Arthur Hardie (sons of the President, himself a great



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player of the past) are the two leading players in the State. Also associated with the club is Major Gilbert Lewis, who for a number of years was stationed in India in the Central India Horse and played polo there off a six handicap. Mention of the club conjures up the names of many giants of the past—Richardsons, Hardies, Houses, Louden, Crossley and others. Members practise once a fortnight, and are noted for their clean hitting, hard riding and unimpeachable sportsmanship.



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BROOMEHILL.

A. M. Atkinson, Arthur Hardie, Archie Hardie, W. E. Rischbieth.

During the past season, early in March, nine Perth players journeyed to Broomehill to compete in their annual week-end tournament and gymkhana. The final was won by Broomehill "B"—A. M. Atkinson (1), A. R. Hardie (2), G. House (3), R. L. Lewis (4)—conceding nine goals against Perth "A"—A. S. Brown (1), W. G. Bennett (captain) (2), J. A. Maitland (3), R. J. Paxton (4)—10 goals to 9.

Irwin Club.

This club, due to extremely adverse seasonal conditions, has functioned intermittently over the past few years, but was one of the earliest established in the State and holds an enviable record in our polo history. Situated about 250 miles north of Perth in the vicinity of Mingenew, practices when possible are

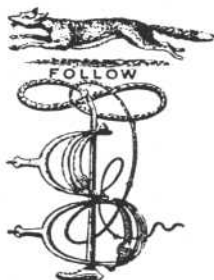
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held on the property of and under the guidance of their president, Mr. Irwin G. Burges, that great supporter and player and probably one of Australia's leading authorities on the science of the game. He has on two occasions represented the Australian Polo Council at Hurlingham, the last time being in 1938, and is therefore well known in polo circles in England. Staunch supporters and players are Mr. Nelson Pearse and his sons, and also the Readhead family, father and sons, who are successful breeders of ponies. The sons, Messrs. Harold and Charles Readhead, are amongst the leading players in the State.

Annual Tournament.

The annual Easter tournament was held this year on the Perth Club ground at Hurlingham, South Perth, between April 11 and 18, under almost ideal weather conditions. A team from the nearest eastern club—Adelaide (South Australia)—only some 1,500 miles away, came as visitors, the players and their horses making the 3,000-mile trip by boat. The previous visitors—ten years ago, during the centenary year—were also from South Australia, when the Adelaide and Clare clubs were represented. The Irwin team, comprising Messrs. I. C. Burges, H. and C. Readhead, and including Mr. A. L. B. Lefroy from Perth, returned the visit in 1934. The Adelaide team this year comprised Messrs. D. M. Reid (1), E. W. Hayward (captain), W. K. Bakewell (3), R. E. Porter (4). Mr. Hayward was a member of the club's "A" team in this tournament in March last, whilst the remainder played with their "B" team.

BROOMEHILL: Messrs. A. M. Atkinson (1), A. R. Hardie (2), R. A. Hardie (captain), W. E. Rischbieth (4).

IRWIN: Messrs. J. S. O'Halloran (1), C. Readhead (2), I. C. Burges (captain), H. Readhead (4).

PERTH "A": Messrs. W. G. Bennett (captain), J. W. Noonan (2), J. A. Maitland (3), R. J. Paxton (4). Mr. Maitland formerly played with the Clare and Adelaide Clubs in South Australia.

PERTH "B": Messrs. A. S. Brown (1), D. J. Chipper (2), St. A. Barrett-Lennard (captain), A. D. Gaukroger (4).

PERTH "C": Messrs. S. C. Harkness (1), W. H. Halliday (2), R. Jordison (3), K. P. O'Keefe (4).

In the Charles Cup (championship) semi-finals Adelaide defeated Mingenew 8 goals to 2, and Broomehill defeated Perth "A" 13 goals to 5. The final, played in conjunction with the final of the Gooch Cup (handicap), gave us some of the finest polo ever seen in this State. Throughout, the scores were even, and it was not until the last chukker that Broomehill forged ahead to win 7 goals to 4. Mr. Hayward played an outstanding game for Adelaide, with Mr. Porter very solid at back, whilst the Hardie brothers dominated the game for Broomehill.

For the Gooch Cup, Irwin defeated Perth "C" (conceded 8) 16 goals to 8, and Broomehill defeated Perth "B" (conceded

15) 21 goals to 15 in the preliminary round under wet conditions.

Adelaide (conceding 4 goals) beat Perth "A" 11 goals to 6 in a good game in which, however, Perth did not reveal anything like their true form. Broomehill (conceding 9 goals) by Broomehill, the Charles Cup final, Adelaide, conceded 4 goals by Broomehill, therefore won 8 goals to 7. The final of the beaten teams' competition for the Burges Cup resulted in a comfortable win for Perth "A," who conceded 7 goals to Perth "B," 15 goals to 8.

Mr. W. H. Halliday, of Perth "C," played in place of Mr. R. J. Paxton (injured) for Perth "A."

The Adelaide team on the final day met a combined Western Australian team, composed of Messrs. A. M. Atkinson, A. R. and R. A. Hardie, of Broomehill, and I. C. Burges (Irwin) and in a good game, but not of the standard of the Adelaide-Broomehill final, were defeated 12 goals to 5.

The Lieutenant-Governor witnessed the last day of play, presented the trophies and attended the ball in the evening.

The competition for the Australian Gold Cup is to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, in 1941, and it is hoped that a team from Western Australia, including the Hardies, will be able to compete, and it is also the intention of leading players from this State to endeavour to visit the Near East sometime next year.



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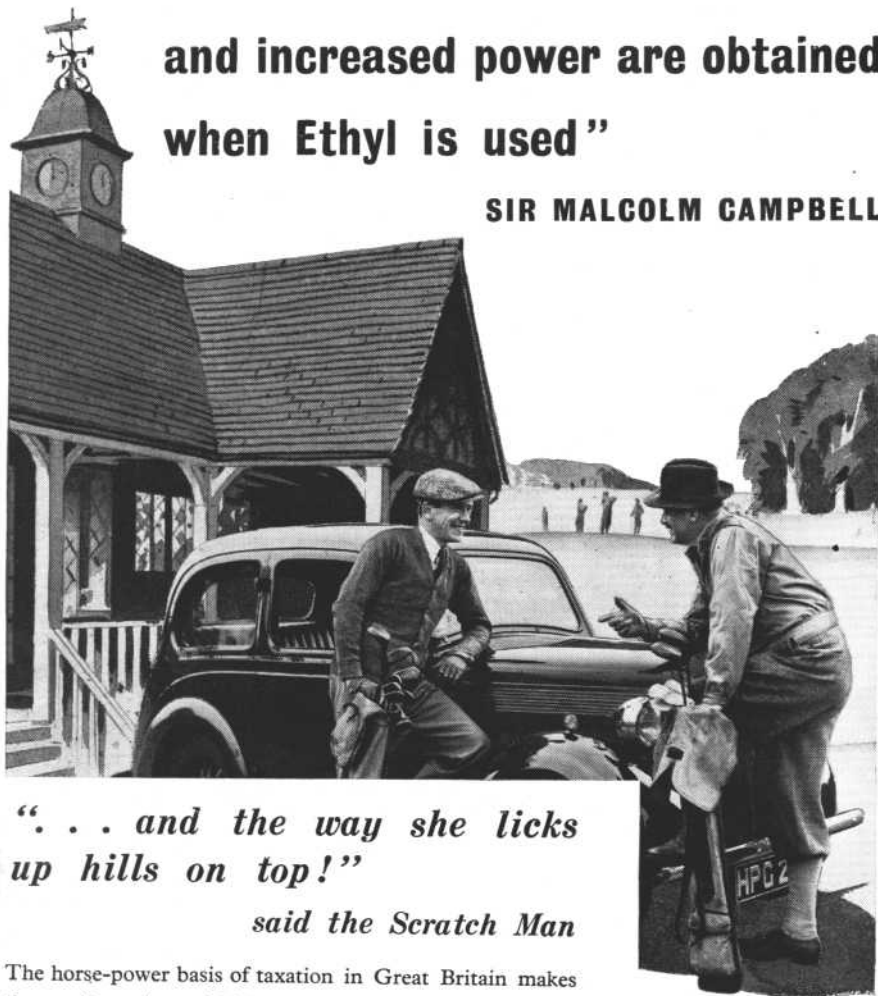
But being brought up in a world of motor transport is not enough. Safe behaviour on the roads is largely a matter of following rules, and of being able to appreciate what other road users are doing, and these are things that can only be understood really properly by those who are familiar with the technique of driving a car.

The best time for learning to drive—as in all other branches of education—is when you are young. As the report of the Alness Committee points out: “It is obvious that one of the most important remedial measures lies in the education of children. Their minds are more malleable and receptive than the mind of the adult. Young children should be so thoroughly grounded at home in good road behaviour that it becomes automatic on their part.” They add: “The conduct of all classes of adults who have been educated in road behaviour when young should gradually tend to make the whole population more “road-minded.” The committee hope that the attention of those in charge of preparatory and public schools will be directed towards the consideration of this important problem.”

Well, here is their chance. The Atco lawn mower people have recently brought out a miniature motor-car, powered by a tiny two-stroke engine, and with all the controls of the “grown-up” car, for teaching children how to drive. Naturally, it can only be used on private property, but it has such a narrow track that it can be driven on garden paths, and a complete test ground, with “streets,” a “roundabout,” “Belisha crossings” and “traffic signals,” can be constructed on a piece of ground the size of a tennis court. The children can take it in turns to be driver and pedestrian, learning the problems which confront

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This, I think, must be put down as the greatest contribution towards the problem of reducing road accidents that has been made for many years. I would like to see every single school in Great Britain equipped with one, because I believe that the children who are taught to drive on it will become better motorists when they grow up, and—what is even more important—better pedestrians, too.

But education of the young in road safety is all very well in its way, but it is only half the problem. It should not be allowed to take the place of road improvements. Unfortunately, recent remarks of the Minister of Transport give one the impression that if he can possibly find an excuse for not tackling the improvement of our highway system on a nation-wide scale he will. For instance, he attributed the imposition of speed limits on the German motor roads to an increase in accidents and "the interests of public safety," whereas, as everyone knows, this measure was dictated purely on the grounds of national economy of fuel.

At present the trunk road plans of the Minister of Transport consist of "diversions" varying from one-quarter of a mile to fifteen miles in length. Patchwork, in fact, instead of a bold plan of roads built like railways, for motor traffic only, linking the big cities of the land. Why, even France, with her wonderful system of straight *Routes Nationales*, is busily constructing a new motor road, the *Auto Route de l'Ouest*, which will connect Paris and Brittany. Roads like this are being constructed in most of the civilized countries in the world except Britain.

It is this inability to take the long view, this lack of foresight that is the most disturbing feature of our Ministry of Transport. When the Kingston By-Pass was built, a dozen or so years ago, it must have been obvious, from the growing registration statistics at the time, that as a single road it would be dangerous and soon become obsolete. Sure enough, the whole road has had to be torn up and made into a dual carriage-way, at great expense and inconvenience. And now the same thing is to be done to a section of the Cambridge Arterial Road. I wonder who is actually responsible for these mistakes. If a business man showed equal lack of foresight in planning a new factory he would soon be in liquidation. But with the public's money it is apparently a different matter.

Having got that off my chest, let me turn to more congenial subjects. There is that wonderful run of over 114 miles in one hour made by Capt. George Eyston with a $4\frac{1}{4}$ -litre Bentley saloon at Brooklands, for instance. This was the same car that put up some convincing figures on the German roads and at Montlhéry Track recently, but this was its best performance to date. The engine was turning over at about 3,800 r.p.m., I understand, which is little more than the average "Ten" does at 50 m.p.h. The only differences from the ordinary $4\frac{1}{4}$ -litre

Bentley chassis were a raised compression, a modified air-intake to the carburetter and a slightly higher gear ratio. In addition to the assistance it received from the extra power of the engine, the car was enabled to pull its higher top gear owing to the thorough streamlining of the body, which is a very beautiful piece of work. After he had finished his one-hour run at 114.6 m.p.h., George Eyston went out again in the car and did ten miles at over 115 m.p.h., during which he clocked the fastest lap of the day at 115.55 m.p.h. Taking into consideration the high speed at which the car was travelling throughout the test, the petrol consumption of eleven miles to the gallon can, I think, be regarded as exceptionally good. The fuel, incidentally, was ordinary B.P. Ethyl from the pump, and the oil was normal Castrol. The tyres, however, were Dunlop racing ones, in order to cope with the stresses of keeping up 115 m.p.h. for a whole hour. Needless to say, they gave no trouble at all. The Bentley people are so pleased with the performance of this car, which was specially modified to the requirements of Mr. N. S. Embiricos, its owner, that they are thinking of introducing it as a standard model later in the year.

I notice that the statement of the German economic journal, *Wirtschaftsdienst*, that "the Indian automobile market is still completely neglected by England" brought an instant and very proper reply from Mr. D. E. Gough, the Indian representative of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

"I must protest strongly against this statement," said Mr. Gough. "It is entirely incorrect, and one can only assume that the writer is completely ignorant of the actual situation. England is the leading supplier of motor-cars to India, the number of sales of English cars for several years now having been consistently more than those from Canada or U.S.A. Far from neglecting the Indian automobile market, no fewer than twenty-three British motor-vehicle manufacturers maintain factory representatives resident in India. No other country can boast of so many." The actual figures for the year 1938-9 are most convincing: United Kingdom, 5,117; U.S.A., 3,170; Germany, 1,253; Canada, 972; Italy, 232; other countries, 314. And, just to show this is not merely a flash in the pan, the Morris export people tell me that the orders for Morris cars placed by their Bombay agents so far this year show an increase of 138 per cent over the corresponding period last year. Moreover, India is not the only export market that is booming. Most of the big British manufacturers report excellent business all over the world, including the European countries. This was brought home to me recently when I was in Rheims for the French Grand Prix, where I saw several British cars with foreign registration numbers parked in the main boulevard. They were mostly of the sporting type—M.G.s, Rileys and S.S.—and they came from all over the place—Denmark, Holland, Germany, as well as parts of France.

Talking of S.S. cars reminds me that the latest products of this famous Coventry concern are even better than their

predecessors, which I should have thought impossible a year ago. The most spectacular improvement, I suppose, is the air-conditioning installation. This consists of a small radiator neatly recessed under the instrument panel and fed with hot water drawn from the engine. In cold weather clean air is warmed by this heater and circulated through the interior of the car by the action of a fan. In warm weather the heat is shut off and cool air circulated. The system also incorporates air ducts from the air-conditioning unit to the base of the wind-screen, over which warm air is forced, thus effectively preventing the formation of frost or mist.

Another sensible feature of the 1940 S.S. range is a new universally adjustable front seat, which can be raised, lowered and tilted, as well as moved backwards and forwards. This is something we have all been waiting for, because it is a safety measure as well as an aid to comfort. People on the short side, in particular, will be glad to be able to boost themselves up into a position where they can see the maximum possible amount of road ahead of them.

As for the range of S.S. cars available, this consists of three basic chassis— $3\frac{1}{2}$ -litre, $2\frac{1}{2}$ -litre and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre, carrying saloon or drop-head coupé bodies, while on the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -litre and $3\frac{1}{2}$ -litre chassis you can get the fascinating open two-seater "100" model. The interior trimming on all the cars, incidentally, has been slightly altered to make it even neater. At prices from £298 for the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -litre standard saloon to £465 for the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -litre drop-head coupé, the 1940 S.S. cars can only be described as extraordinarily fine value.

Another firm that has already announced its "programme," as it is called in the trade, is Riley. Here again there is no departure from the existing range of cars as a whole, which is confined to two chassis types of 12 and 16 h.p. But there is an interesting innovation in the certificate of guarantee of a fuel consumption of not less than thirty miles to the gallon which is now issued with every "12" saloon and drop-head touring saloon. The certificate is not just a scrap of paper, nor does it refer to a test made under freak conditions. It gives exact details of the quantity of fuel, the average speed at which the test was taken, the type of fuel used, the atmospheric temperature, and the road conditions. With another ten shillings per horse-power in taxation to pay next January, petrol consumption is going to play a big part in motorists' budgets in future, and the Riley guarantee is bound to have a strong appeal. So strong, in fact, that it would not surprise me to see it followed by other manufacturers.

