

The English and American Polo Teams Ready to Clash

By TOMMY CLARK.

THIS year will mark the greatest season of polo playing ever held in America. This is due mainly to the fact that for the first time in twenty-three years the International Challenge cup, the greatest of all polo trophies, will be defended by an American team. The play for it will be held on native soil, and citizens of the United States may have a chance to see the contest without a trip across the ocean. The games are scheduled to be played at Meadowbrook club grounds, Westbury, N. Y., May 31, June 3 and 7.

Since 1886, when the American cup was won by an English team at Newport, R. I., the matches have been played in England, but the victory of Harry Payne Whitney and his team last year brought the cup back to this country.

Both the English and American teams have done most of their preliminary practice at Lakewood, N. J., where, on account of its sandy soil and mild climate, the polo season usually commences. There, on the Gould estate, are two splendid fields, and thus the international teams have been enabled to practice without interfering with each other in the least. Every facility has been given the Englishmen to get into form.

A number of our best polo players, who, however, are not likely to figure in the international matches, were staying at Lakewood, and they formed scratch teams from day to day so that the visiting team would not lack for opponents. In the same way teams were made up in order to give the Meadowbrook players practice.

American Team Same as 1909.

The American team which will defend the cup this year is made up of the men who won it in 1909 at Hurlingham, England. They are Lawrence Waterbury (No. 1), J. M. Waterbury, Jr. (No. 2), Harry Payne Whitney (No. 3) and D. Milburn (back). The substitutes are Louis Stoddard, Malcolm Stevenson and R. J. Collier.

The members of the English team are Captain F. W. Barrett, Captain Leslie Cheape, Lieutenant E. W. E. Palmes, Captain H. H. Wilson, Lieutenant A. N. Edwards and Captain Hardress Lloyd.

It will be seen by this lineup that the contest will be fought out between officers of the British army and citizens of the United States. In the contests in Hurlingham in 1909, when the Americans won, the British team was made up of three civilians and one soldier.

It remains to be seen whether the present lineup will be more effective than the old one. The fact that the men who will compose the team were

head man in the polo field than Larry Waterbury. He is a strong and aggressive rider, with fine command of the mallet. His great strength enables him to drive the ball many yards. Moute is a fine backstop for brother Larry. His support of Larry's play is very effective. He has enabled his brother to win many a goal by good checks on the attacks made by the opposing team.

Whitney, the captain of the team, by his advice and suggestions during the



MILBURN. Photos by American Press Association.

TWO OF AMERICA'S GREATEST PLAYERS.

periods of play has helped his mates to victory on many occasions.

Milburn the Greatest Back.

In D. Milburn lies the Gibraltar of the American team's strength. He is the greatest back ever seen on a polo team. Every polo player concedes this, even the expert Britishers. Time and again the men from across the big pond have said that Milburn has no equal playing that particular position. Milburn is a big man, weighing when in condition close to 200 pounds. He is tremendously strong and a dashing, reckless rider. As back is the principal position of the game it can readily be realized that Milburn's presence on the team is a valuable asset to the American team.

The British challengers never have played as a team—some of them never had seen one another play before they met at Lakewood some weeks ago—and they are playing strange ponies, at least all but Captain J. Hardress Lloyd and Captain H. H. Wilson. So it seems as if they will have to be decidedly superior individual players in order to win the cup. Perhaps they are such crackjacks that they can do it. But a whole lot of folks in this country are from Missouri.

These are points in which the American cup defenders have the advantage in the impending international games. They have played together as a team for three or four years, and money has not been spared to comb the world for the best ponies for them. Their team work and their mounts are believed to approach perfection.

The conditions of the international matches are as follows: The best of three matches to be played on the ground and under the rules of the country for the time being holders of the cup. Teams selected respectively by the Hurlingham polo committee and (since 1901) by the Polo Association of America.

Instituted 1886 for an American international challenge cup presented by the Westchester Polo club of Newport, R. I.

Polo Fascinating Game.

Few people understand the game of polo. It is the fastest and probably the costliest when an international series is on tap. Polo is played on horseback with long handled mallets, which are from fifty to sixty-six inches in length, and a ball about four inches in diameter, painted white, of willow wood. The ball is not played with the end of the mallet.

If you ever stood close to the rails at a race track when a field of horses came racing past and disappeared in a cloud of dust in the twinkling of an eye and if you ever have played hockey on the ice or have watched a first class game of lacrosse, then just conjure up a mirage of hockey played on race horses and you will have a pretty fair idea of the terrific speed, the breathless excitement and the thrilling dangers of a twentieth century game of international polo that is being "played for blood," or, more politely speaking, for "the cup."

The official height of the ponies is fourteen and three-quarter hands, and the game is played in eight periods of seven and one-half minutes each. The size of a polo field is 900 feet long and its breadth 450 feet. Ponies are changed with each period.

Cubs Have Classy Clubhouse.

The Chicago Cubs claim the classiest clubhouse in the big leagues. It contains a piano, writing desks, phonograph, well stocked bookcases and some other frills, in addition to modern plumbing in the baths.

WHY THE CLEVELAND CLUB FAILS TO WIN.

Hughie Jennings explains the mystery of the Cleveland club's failure to win more games with such heavy artillery as the team has to support the pitchers. Hughie the observant says:

"Cleveland doesn't know how to score runs when it gets the chance. It wastes opportunities, and its attack, for all its big caliber guns, is seldom concentrated and never timed with any forethought." If a schemer of the Jennings sort had hold of the club it would make runs.

JAKE DAUBERT A WONDER.

Brooklyn's First Baseman Threatens to Usurp Throne of Hal Chase.

Jake Daubert, the young first baseman of the Brooklyn Nationals, threatens to dethrone Hal Chase as the king of first sackers. While American league supporters are loath to class Daubert as the equal of Chase, there are thousands of fans in the National circuit that consider the Brooklyn boy as good as the Yankee star. Some have gone further and have proclaimed Daubert the king of guardians of the initial station. One of Daubert's heartiest supporters is Charley Doolin, the peppery manager of the Phillies. In Charley's estimation Chase never compared with Daubert, "and," adds the fiery topped leader, "Jake has not yet attained his top form."

From the viewpoint of many, Daubert is a harder and more dependable hitter in a pinch than youthful Hal; also Daubert can throw with more accuracy to second or third base. As a graceful fielder the Daubert adherents concede that point to Chase; but, they insist, Daubert can go as high



JAKE DAUBERT, BROOKLYN'S CLEVER FIRST BASEMAN. Photo by American Press Association.

for a throw and reach out as far from the base as Chase ever did. As to which has the faster thinking ability is a mooted question.

This is Daubert's second year in fast company, and he is learning in every game. Without question Daubert is one of the most promising first basemen that ever jimmied his way into the major leagues, and if he continues to improve at the rate that he has shown since he donned a Dodger uniform the time is not far away when the fans will do homage to him as the greatest first baseman that ever wore spikies.

LARNER VERSUS GOULDING.

Greatest Walkers in World to Compete in Toronto.

G. E. Lerner, the great English walker and holder of several world's records, will compete against George Goulding, the Canadian champion, in Toronto the second week of June.

Lerner won the walking championship at the Olympic games in London in 1908, with Goulding in third place. The latter, however, has improved wonderfully and seems destined to take the measure of any one he meets in a heel and toe event.

The Canadian A. A. U. recently passed a rule putting the ban on special events, so that the coming race will have to be an open one, with but two stars as the possible contenders.

CURRENT SPORT TOPICS

Fifteen players of the Germantown Cricket club of Philadelphia will be sent abroad to play against the English cricketers in June. Dr. J. Norman Henry will lead the team.

More than \$2,000 in prize money will be distributed at the annual regatta of the Interlake Power Boat Association at Put-In-Bay in July. The races will continue for three days.

More than 300 athletes, representing nineteen colleges, have been entered in the annual western conference meet which will be held in Minneapolis in June. Notre Dame is the favorite for the point trophy.

NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

Justice White's Dilemma.

"It is not too much to say that with the possible exception of Justice Harlan, the new chief justice is the most human figure on the bench. This reference to the veteran Kentucky jurist recalls a story about both of them," says Isaac F. Marcossion in Munsey's "Mr. White and Mr. Harlan are great tobacco chewers, and they chew steadily through the sessions of court. One day Mr. White forgot his plug, but he did not discover the fact until he had settled back comfortably to listen to



JUSTICE WHITE CALLED A PAGE.

the argument in a very important case. A look of real pain came over his face. Then he wrote a message on a sheet of paper, called a page and asked him to take it to Mr. Harlan.

"This performance greatly interested the lawyers. They nudged one another, as if to say that Mr. White had been impressed by some telling point in the argument and was imparting it to his colleague. As a matter of fact, what he had written was this: 'Have forgotten my plug. Please send me some tobacco.'"

"Mr. Harlan read the note, took out his tobacco, cut off a generous piece and sent it back by the page. Mr. White seemed much relieved, for a beneficent smile overspread his massive countenance, and once more he settled down to the case."

Profitable.

Diggs—I understand that you encourage your son to practice on the cornet? Griggs—Yes. He's only been playing two months, but today I bought the house next door to me for half its value.—Tit-Bits.

A Variation.

Oh, let's reform this busy earth. Let us toil on for all we're worth. But let us now and then be gay. Admitting some things are O. K.—Washington Star.

An Exploded Theory.

Meeker—This paper says that mud baths will cure rheumatism. Seeker—Nonsense! I've run for office three or four times, and it didn't do me a bit of good.—Chicago News.

"Encore" Piece to Speak.

I stood on the bridge at midnight— It was dark as dark could be— When a man from the country came And tied his horse to me.—Pathfinder.

Of Course.

Blobbs—Wigwag says he always greets misfortune with a smile. Siobbs—Yes, especially if it happens to be some other fellow's misfortune.—Philadelphia Record.

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