

Defending the POLO CUP



W. S. Buckmaster (Captain British Team)

When the All-American team of polo players invaded England and, to the consternation of the staid and stolid Britishers, won the Hurlingham trophy from the crack Hurlingham team, composed of the cracks of England, Ireland, Scotland and India, they set a pace which is taxing the skill and progress of their successors to maintain. Practically the same Americans composed the team which successfully withstood the English invasion last year when the efforts of the men from across the seas to lift the cup proved futile. In June, still another team will fight it out and, imbued with a do or die spirit, they valiantly announce they intend to pry loose the cup now held by the Meadowbrook team and triumphantly bear it back to the British Isles.

In the same breath it may be added that a score of men prominently identified with polo and the hunting field in this country are working desperately to round out and perfect a team to meet the invaders which, if the word and predictions of experts carry any weight, will fairly ride the Englishmen off their mounts and with their trusty mallets shoot a sufficient number of goals to carry the day and keep on this side of the water the beautiful trophy they value so highly. But to do this it is estimated—and this is said to be conservative in the extreme—they will have spent upwards of a million dollars when the cost of procuring suitable mounts and other incidentals are considered. He it remembered only eight men are to take part in this match—four Americans and four Englishmen—yet there will be blanketed and held on the sidelines while the game is in progress remounts, or additional ponies, that represent in cost a king's ransom. When the Americans first won the trophy all England was stunned. The English sporting writers summed up the situation in their usual logical

way and attributed the defeat of the Hurlingham cracks to luck. They went to no end of pains to convince their credulous readers that the Americans were clumsy and awkward and that they did not know the first principles of polo. Furthermore these same fair minded and frank critics went on to show what miserable bits of horseflesh constituted the mounts of the Americans likening them to the ill bred and scrawny mustangs of the plains and added that it was brute strength and not skill-aided and abetted by no end of luck of course—that had won the day for the despised Yankees.

When the team England sent over here to "lift" the cup also failed these same writers apologized by saying the Britishers had held the Americans too cheaply for profiting by what they had learned from their English cousins they had picked up some rudiments of polo and further backed by their countless millions they had scoured England to procure ponies that compared very favorably with the second rate mounts of Great Britain. The mistake had been, all England maintained, that the team which invaded America was composed for the most part of men from far off India as the real crackcracks of England were at that time in India accompanying the king and queen on their visit to that empire and presiding over the Durbar held in their honor.

But this year all is changed. The Duke of Westminster a thorough sportsman has set his heart upon lifting the cup. To this end he has opened his purse and given his commissioners carte blanche to buy the very best polo ponies in the world and furthermore not to confine themselves to a few. He has vowed that the sure-footed, fleet and agile little animals exported to America shall be the best this country ever saw and that no matter how many accidents might

occur on the field of play the second, third, fourth, fifth or even the sixth remount shall be just as good as the first. He reserves the right to pick the team that is to represent England. He is financing the whole affair, paying the expenses of the entire team and its substitutes, but he does want the privilege of designating who shall compose it. The men here to play for England include Captain George Belleville, W. S. Buckmaster (captain in all likelihood), Captain Leslie Chespe, F. M. Fraake, Captain R. G. Ritson and Lord Woodhouse. It is confidently believed that Belleville, Buckmaster, Chespe and Fraake will compose the team. The duke is a rattling good polo player himself and many are urging him to take part in the games, but he insists that as much as he would like to play he intends to see that the very best team that can be recruited from the entire British empire is to take the field against the Americans. If England wins all credit is due the duke, for his expenditure, it is said, has already totalled several hundred thousand dollars.

But while the Duke of Westminster was opening wide his purse don't think for a minute that patrons of polo in this country were either idle or niggardly in their outlay to put forward a team every bit as strong and well mounted as that of the invaders. Harry Payne Whitney who played on the successful defending team let it be understood that money was no object when it came to the question of acquiring polo ponies just as good, if not a little better, than those Westminster was purchasing. His trainers and purchasing agents were picking up many magnificent specimens of this type of horseflesh right under the noses of their English cousins and in some instances where the duke's agents had thought they had as good as bought the same pony.



D. Milburn



America's Successful Team of Defenders

Mr. George J. Gould, another polo enthusiast, was spending like sun and the Phipps boys, Devereaux Milburn and Harry Payne Whitney. The team to play this year has not been chosen yet, because there is such a wealth of splendid material to select from. The candidates, however, and those from whom the first team will be chosen, include Harry Payne Whitney, the two Waterbury brothers, Devereaux Milburn, Malcolm Stevenson, Rine La Montague, Foxhall Keene, one of the greatest poloists the world ever saw; H. L. Agassiz, Joshua Crane, Charles Carroll Ramsey, J. S. Phipps, H. C. Phipps, L. E. Stoddard and H. W. Harrison.

While Mr. Gould and Mr. Whitney have upwards of a hundred ponies between them there is not a player in this aggregation but that has a string of his own and quite naturally each has his favorite. The total outlay in purchasing, schooling and maintaining these polo mounts high into the thousands and when it was said that it will cost a million dollars to defend the cup this is not regarded in the least as an exaggeration. It is said by those who have the match in charge that in all probability the makeup of the American team will not be announced until the eleventh hour. There is not a man in the list of the candidates who is not a crack player and with the possible exception



H. P. Whitney



L. Waterbury

of Foxhall Keene, all have been playing at their top speed of late. Mr. Keene has been in the game so many years that some hazard the opinion he is going back, but those who play with him each day indignantly deny this. It is possible and in fact probable that he will give way to a younger man inasmuch as he has achieved more than his share of glory on the polo field. It was his magnificent game which in reality made it possible for the American team to bring the cup to America and since then he has spent a fortune in buying and breeding ponies and liberally contributing to the advancement of the sport in this country.

While hundreds of enthusiasts of the game here have journeyed to the fields where the Americans are at practice, the Englishmen have been far more secretive in their preparatory work of tuning up. Their practice has been conducted behind closed gates and about the only line the Americans have been able to get on their play is what crops out in the course of polo discussions in the drawing rooms of London or in the English country houses, where Americans are members of the house parties. Of course this gossip is only retailed through the medium of letters to friends on this side of the Atlantic.

Of course Buckmaster is recognized as one of the greatest players the world ever saw. He plays with all the dash and daring of a Keene and possesses the strength and accuracy of a Larry Waterbury. In many respects Fraake is the equal of Buckmaster and it is said they play better together than any two men in the United Kingdom. Fraake is a pupil and protege of Buckmaster and took up the team in 1902 when America was so ignominiously defeated and again was a member of the team which America in turn vanquished.

Captain Belleville has been a member of the Canterbury team for a number of years and is a past master at the game. He is said to be the best back in all England and many credit him with being the best horseman in his majesty's service. While not as brilliant in his style of play as Buckmaster or Fraake, yet at times he makes some astounding plays.

Captain Chespe played on the British team of 1911 and while he has the reputation of being able to make longer drives of the ball than any player in the world yet it is feared he will not round into his best form in time for the international match because of a case of smallpox he contracted while in Delhi. He has entirely recovered from the malady with the exception of the almost superhuman strength he was said to possess. Americans assert that Devereaux Milburn can drive a ball just as far as Chespe and they are willing to back their judgment with substantial wagers.

Ritson is a close student of the game and a magnificent player. Some regard him as the equal of Buckmaster. He underwent a serious operation last summer and has been slow in regaining his strength. He plays with more scientific application and more finesse than any man in England. All fair minded sportsmen want to see Ritson in the game for his manner of handling his mallet and his pony are little short of marvelous.

Lord Woodhouse most likely will be one of the substitutes and he too is a fine player. He played in his first international match in 1909 and developed a bad case of rickets, but it is said he has become more seasoned now and can stand the pace.

But no matter who wins it will be a magnificent contest and the thousands who will clamor for admission and pay fabulous prices for advantageous seats will witness a struggle between two teams that will represent the very best in their respective countries. The loser will have no excuse to offer. Each will know that it has met a foe worthy of its steel, and may the best team win.

A MUNICIPAL PARADE.

New York, May 17.—Twelve thousand city employees turned out today to give New York an object lesson in municipal government. The parade was a street parade six miles long, made up of men and vehicles from 19 city departments. The police and fire departments in the past have paraded annually, but today's procession was the first in which all the various municipal departments united.

STANDS COLLAPSE AT WHITE SOX BALL PARK

TEMPORARY BLEACHERS, BUILT FOR CHANCE DAY CROWD, FALL TO GROUND.

Chicago, May 17.—Six sections of temporary seats occupied by 100 men and women collapsed before the opening of the game between New York and Chicago American league teams at the Frank Chance day celebration today. The stands extended from the front of the grandstand to the ground and were not high. Miss Minnie Cummings, who fell to the pit occupied by the visiting players, was the most seriously injured.

There were more than 35,000 paid admissions to the game, a record for all but world's series contests. This was the statement by President Charles Comiskey of the Chicago club, who declared that there were probably a thousand persons additional who came to pay tribute to Chance, former leader of the Chicago Nationals.

Automobile Parade.

The game, which was won by Chicago, 6 to 3, was preceded by an automobile parade, two miles in length, in which Governor E. F. Dunne and Mayor Carter Harrison participated. In the meantime a display of daylight fireworks at the park entertained the early comers, many of whom crowded into the grounds before 12 o'clock.

Chance was wildly cheered when he walked on the field at 2 o'clock. He was accompanied by "Red" Galleghan for years a fixture in the National league park as bat boy during Chance's regime on the west side.

Governor Dunne presented Chance with a huge floral horseshoe. Troops of acrobats, contortionists and tumblers, a hundred or more, vied with a troupe of trained dogs and monkeys in entertaining the crowds before the beginning of the game. The ball players were so much interested in the trained animals that they forgot to practice, and went into the game without the customary warming up.

Three hundred policemen added to the number of unpaid admissions. There was no semblance of disorder among the crowds.

Tonight the players of both clubs were entertained at dinner at the stockyards.

New Coach and Good Dates for University's Athletes

Montana Will Have Athletic Coach Next Year and Splendid Schedules Are Planned for Football, Basketball and Track Teams—Last Year a Good One

Save for the ball game that is to be played with the Aggies next Saturday the varsity has ended its athletic season. The year which has passed has been by all odds the most successful in the history of the university. Two state championships were won and the other was lost by the narrowest of margins. Now plans are being made for next year, and if they go through all past records will be eclipsed. An athletic coach who can take the burden of this work from the shoulders of Physical Director W. H. H. Austaine will be selected during the next month and when he comes here he will find arrangements for football, basketball and track seasons almost complete. Schedules are now being prepared for seasons that will be better than those of last year, which, as a brief review will show, were the most notable in the history of the university.

A Successful Year.

Last year, by winning two games from the Farmers, the varsity established secure claim to the state championship. Early in the season the Grizzlies won from the Aggies, 7 to 0 in a game in Bozeman. Later in the season the varsity won on Montana field by a score of 39 to 3.

In addition to these state games the varsity played four battles on foreign soil, with teams considered far better than Montana, and established a splendid record. The varsity lost to the Utah Aggies, 17 to 0 and the week later played the Utah varsity, 19 to 3 in the most exciting game ever seen in Salt Lake. Later in the season a Thanksgiving day game to Willamette, 39 to 9.

The varsity was beaten in most of the important games, but the defeats were really victories because of the fact that they gave Montana a better standing in the northwest. The university will have no trouble in securing football dates in the future.

The Aggies won the basketball championship, but they had to play three games to do it. Until last year basketball had been neglected at the university and the Farmers had won

every game played with Montana. Last winter the varsity won, 19 to 16, in a home game, lost in Bozeman and then lost again in a championship game in Helena.

The track season brought another championship. After losing to Idaho in a closely contested meet the varsity defeated the Aggies, 71 to 55.

Next Year.

Helped by the prestige won last year the university managers and committees are planning an athletic season which shall be even more successful. The necessity of securing volunteer coaches, a difficult and unsatisfactory task at the best, will have been removed next year. The university faculty is even now looking for a man who will be able to take charge of a few classes and to coach the athletic teams. No selection has been made, but a number of first-class men are in line for the position.

The football season is going to be the best ever, unless Manager Sheedy's plans fall through. The two-year contract with the Utah Aggies, signed last summer, will be fulfilled next fall and the Mormon Farmers will play here. Mr. Sheedy also expects to bring the Utah varsity here and a home game with Idaho has almost been secured. Trips will probably be taken to Spokane, where Gonzaga college will be played, and to Pullman, the home of Washington State college. A Thanksgiving day game has been offered by Whitman college of Walla Walla. Whitman is one of the big schools of the northwest conference. The offer has not yet been accepted.

As the records of the last few seasons will show, Montana has outgrown the Aggies. Next fall only one game will be played with the Farmers. The Aggies want two games and no contract has been signed. The university wants to sign a two-year contract with the first game in Missoula. Secretary A. J. Brettenstein of the state fair has asked the teams to play in Helena. The university is willing, but the college, it is rumored, will refuse. Anyhow, the Aggies will take one game or none at all.

No arrangements have been made

UNION LEAGUE

| Club | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|-------------|-----|------|------|
| Helena | 10 | 4 | .714 |
| Great Falls | 10 | 6 | .625 |
| Salt Lake | 10 | 7 | .588 |
| Butte | 7 | 8 | .467 |
| Ogden | 5 | 11 | .313 |
| MISSOULA | 4 | 10 | .286 |

for a basketball schedule, but Physical Director Austaine wants to send the team out of the state for games next winter. Washington State will probably be asked for a game.

The track team will go to Idaho next year and the athletic committee of the A. S. U. is anxious also to secure some big home meet.

Good schedules will be lined out, though, and with a good coach, Montana may hope for new victories next year.

BOURGEOIS SHUTS OUT WHITTIER BALL TEAM

Yesterday afternoon the boys of the Central school increased their lead in the race for the public school championship, by beating the Whittier school team, 10 to 0. The game was exciting, despite the lopsided condition of the score, and was full of thrills. Wardle, in left field for the Central school, played a pretty game and Shay, right fielder for the same team, pulled off a big league stunt when he jumped up into the air and brought down a hard drive. Bourgeois, pitching for the Central school, held his opponents to only three hits. Bourgeois is a remarkable pitcher for a youngster and looked like a future Walter Johnson yesterday. He was given splendid support. The teams lined up as follows: Central—Purle, catcher; Bourgeois, pitcher; Barry, shortstop; Stinger, first base; Stowe, second base; Stewart, third base; Wardle, left field; B. Stowe, center field; Shay, right field; Whittier—Brooks, first base; R. McLain, second base; Williams and Baker, third base; Miller, shortstop; Lundy, left field; B. Baker, center field; D. McLain, right field; Stewart, catcher; Anderson and Williams, pitchers.

For several months a Norwegian company has been successfully extracting copper from crude ore by an electrolytic process invented by an engineer in that country.

Idaho's Athletes Beaten by Washington State Team

Phillips Is Only First-Place Winner for Moscow, Taking Three Events and Breaking Two Records—Princeton Wins Dual From Columbia.

Moscow, Idaho, May 17.—Washington State college won the dual track meet from the University of Idaho today by a score of 85 1-2 to 39 1-2. The day was cold and rain fell. "Back" Phillips of Idaho broke the collegiate record for the javelin throw by making 182 feet 6 inches. It is also a new northwest conference record. Phillips also broke the Idaho record in the discus hand by throwing 114 feet 10 inches.

One-mile run—Schultz (W. S. C.), first; Downing (Idaho), second; Hanson (W. S. C.), third. Time, 4 minutes 47 seconds.

440-yard dash—Dietz (W. S. C.), first; Casad (W. S. C.), second; McDonald (W. S. C.), third. Time, 54 seconds.

High jump—Powell and Hall (W. S. C.), tied for first; Scott (Idaho) and Coe (W. S. C.) tied for second. Height, 5 feet 6 inches.

Shot-put—Phillips (Idaho), first; Love (W. S. C.), second; Anderson (W. S. C.), third. Distance, 38 feet 6 1-2 inches.

120-yard hurdles—Powell (W. S. C.), first; Amkorn (Idaho), second; McCroskey (W. S. C.), disqualified. Time, 18 1-5 seconds.

100-yard dash—Cooke (W. S. C.), first; Morrison (Idaho), second; O'Brien (W. S. C.), third. Time, 19 3-5 seconds.

Discus hurl—Phillips (W. S. C.), first; Love (W. S. C.), second; Anderson (W. S. C.), third. Distance, 114 feet 10 inches.

After the event Phillips again threw for 120 feet 11 1-2 inches. The record for Idaho is 109 feet.

Two-mile run—Williams (W. S. C.), first; Hanson (W. S. C.), second; Lewis (W. S. C.), third. Time, 10 minutes 29 seconds.

Broad jump—Powell (W. S. C.), first; Morrison (Idaho), second; Coe (W. S. C.), third. Distance, 29 feet 3 inches.

880-yard run—Schultz (W. S. C.), first; Dietz (Idaho), second; Amkorn (Idaho), third. Time, 2 minutes 9 4-5 seconds.

Javelin throw—Phillips (Idaho), first; Dietz (W. S. C.), second; Cooke (W. S. C.), third. Distance, 182 feet 6 inches.

220-yard hurdles—McCroskey (W. S. C.), first; Backman (W. S. C.), second; Amkorn (Idaho), third. Time, 2 minutes 4 1-2 seconds.

220-yard dash—Cooke (W. S. C.),

first; Morrison (Idaho), second; Dietz (W. S. C.), third. Time, 24 3-5 seconds. Relay race—Not run.

Missouri, 62; Kansas, 47. Lawrence, Kan., May 17.—The University of Missouri defeated the University of Kansas in their annual dual track and field meet here this afternoon, 62 to 47.

Missouri displayed unexpected strength in distance, and made a clean sweep in the field events.

Princeton Trims Columbia.

Princeton, N. J., May 17.—Princeton won the dual track meet with Columbia here today by the score of 79 1-2 to 37 2-3. The Tigers took first and second places in both the dashes, Harland beating out Thomas, his teammate, who is the intercollegiate champion for first place in both events. A chilling rain fell during the meet.

The Princeton record in the low hurdles, 25 1-2 seconds, was equaled by Brady of Columbia. The pole vault went to Plske of Princeton at 19 feet 6 inches, two feet less than his best.

Minnesota Is Easy.

Indianapolis, May 17.—The University of Nebraska athletes won with comparative ease from the University of Minnesota on field and track this afternoon, piling up a total of 76 points to Minnesota's 48. A slow track retarded the runners.

Michigan Wins Dual.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 17.—Michigan's track team today triumphed over Syracuse by the score of 80 to 42 in the annual outdoor track and field meet. The Wolverines scored 75 points in 13 scheduled events, and received an additional five points when the Orangemen forfeited the mile relay race.

Captain Huff featured the afternoon's performance by running the half mile in 53 seconds, lowering the old mark by one second.

Seward's mark of 9 4-5 in the 100-yard dash was not allowed to stand, because the wind was at the runner's back.

Iowa Wins Meet.

Iowa City, Iowa, May 17.—Iowa university defeated Drake today in the dual meet, losing only the 220-yard dash, the shot put and the discus throw. The score was 75 to 52.

FAVORED CRIMSON DEFEATED BY YALE

ELI SPRINGS SURPRISE IN DUAL MEET AND BEATS HARVARD 56 TO 48.

New Haven, Conn., May 17.—Yale sprang a surprise by defeating Harvard in the annual dual track meet on Yale field this afternoon, 56 to 48.

The Crimson had entered the meet a general favorite because of its well-balanced team, but the blue unexpectedly captured 14 of the possible 16 points in the 880-yard run and 220-yard hurdles, which virtually won the meet.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, three new records were made and two equaled. In the 880-yard run, G. E. Brown of Yale defeated Capar of Harvard in 1:54 3-5, breaking the record made by Adams of Yale in 1:59 of 1:57 4-5.

In the mile run, H. J. Norris of Yale made a whirlwind finish, passing two Harvard runners in 4 minutes 28 seconds. This clipped four-fifths of a second off the record made by Grant of Harvard in 1888 and equaled by Alcott of Yale in 1904.

In the hammer throw Gable of Harvard made a record of 182 feet 3 1-2 inches, the former record, 159 feet 10 inches, being made by Cooney of Yale in 1909.

The two records equaled were in the 440-yard run and 120-yard hurdles. In the former Baron of Harvard ran the distance in 49 seconds flat, the record made by Haigh of Harvard in 1903. In the latter, Jackson of Harvard equaled the record made by Fox of Harvard in 1893 of 15 1-5 seconds.

All the races were closely contested, and the crowd was kept on edge with excitement. Only one clean sweep was made, Harvard in the two-mile run taking all three places.

BOY SCOUTS SEE BRYAN.

Washington, May 17.—William J. Bryan halted diplomatic negotiations with Japan today long enough to welcome a local troop of Boy Scouts, who enthusiastically endorsed his "grape-juice banquet," who urged him to wage war on and dethrone "King Alcohol." The boys struck a responsive chord in the secretary of state and drew from him a speech on temperance and example.