

ENGLISH POLO TEAM WINS

Americans Beaten in Deciding Game for International Cup.

SCORE WAS 7 GOALS TO 1

Splendid Plays by Keene, but the Defense of the Losers Was Weak—
Muddy Field at Hurlingham.

LONDON, June 21.—England won the third and decisive polo game to-day at Hurlingham in the series of international competitions for the American Cup and the trophy, which has been in possession of the English poloists since 1886, will remain in this country, probably for a number of years to come. The game to-day was won by 7 goals to 1. In the three games the Americans won one, the first, and the other two were taken by the home players.

The game to-day was in every way a finer exhibition of polo than either of its predecessors. The ground, though soft and rather dead, was better than might have been expected. Both teams meant to do their best, and the pace was fast throughout. There was not much apparent superiority in the English ponies, yet they were rather faster and, perhaps, handier; but it is only fair to attribute the English victory chiefly to two things—first, George Miller's good captaining and Buckmaster's grand game. Miller led his team beautifully, and Cecil and Patteson Nickalls obeyed each word. There was not so much actual team play in the case of the Englishmen. It was rather an exhibition of discipline and subordination.

Then Buckmaster was never in a hurry, never flurried, and never disturbed. He always dropped on the ball at exactly the right moment. His backhanders were true and clean, and when, now and again, he came up into the game, his long shots were splendidly true in their direction.

AMERICAN TEAM'S WORK.

The American team played well together. Keene was brilliant, and never in his life played a finer game.

It is curious to note that on the whole the Americans failed in that which was their strong point—their defense. They attacked oftener than when they won the first game, but the English defense was too good. No team could have played a finer uphill game than did the Americans, and there was not nearly so much advantage to the English team as the score suggests.

The greatest interest was taken in the game, and the club grounds have seldom seen such an assemblage. Among the Americans present were Whitelaw Reid, United States Special Ambassador to the coronation of King Edward, and Mrs. Reid and Miss Reid; Joseph H. Choate, United States Ambassador, and Mrs. Choate; John R. Carter, Second Secretary of the United States Embassy, and Mrs. Carter; Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis, Michael H. De Young of San Francisco, Mrs. De Young, and Miss De Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hay.

The teams lined up as follows:

Americans—J. M. Waterbury, Jr., R. L. Agassiz, Foxhall Keene, and Lawrence Waterbury.
English—Cecil Nickalls, Patteson Nickalls, George Miller, and Walter H. Buckmaster.

The weather grew threatening twenty minutes before play commenced and rain began to fall in a soft drizzle, causing a mushroom field of umbrellas to sprout up around the ground.

At the opening of the game the English attacks were repulsed by Keene, but Miller finally scored. England again attacked and was repulsed, when Waterbury scored for the Americans, and although there was lively play after that the period ended with honors even.

At the start of the second period the teams circled around and then stretched away for the American goal. Buckmaster soon made a long shot, after brilliant riding, and made a goal. At the change of end Buckmaster was once more in form. There was a most exciting clash and a splendid run. Miller picked the ball out from under the boards, and hit two strokes, when Nickalls, who was in the right place, put it through and scored the third goal. Then, with a fine hit from the very middle, Buckmaster made the fourth goal for England, with a very long and rather lucky shot.

ENGLAND'S FIFTH GOAL.

The third period began with some fast galloping. First the Americans, whose team playing was good, pressed, and then the English team came racing on until one of them missed, and, without giving a chance, the Americans swept down and all but scored. It was difficult to see how they missed, but the English goal was saved as by a hair's breadth. Then the play was slower, but at last, almost inch by inch, the ball was forced down to the American goal and the fifth goal was hit for England. The American team was then pressing. Keene was playing a brilliant game, and there was some splendid passing from him to J. M. Waterbury. It was just a chance that no score fell to the Americans, but the ball, bumping on rough ground, rolled off to one side just as Agassiz made a try to score. At half time the score stood 5 to 1 in favor of England.

The fourth period began with a sharp attack on the Americans' goal, testing to the utmost the coolness and readiness of their defense. Four separate times Miller and Nickalls shot at the posts from a distance of not ten yards, and each time they were foiled by L. Waterbury. Then the Americans came away. "I have got it," shouted Miller, when Keene hit the ball out from under his very stick. In riding off, Nickalls hit a splendid shot right to centre and across the ground. Then Buckmaster hit right through his men, and Miller, for once catching Waterbury off his guard, scored the sixth goal for England. But after the change of goals the American team began to press and J. M. Waterbury had bad luck. He made a beautiful shot which only the dead ground prevented from scoring. The period ended with the score at 6 to 1 in favor of England.

The fifth period opened slowly, but quickened when Keene shot out for a run, on a long-tailed bay. Three times he got the ball, and then Miller hit hard and strong, and the ball flew right back. Waterbury tried to meet it out on the now rough turf. This was a dangerous game for a moment, and it looked like a goal for England, and then the four Americans started on one of their remarkable gallops, each man following the other, hitting the ball or passing it on, and these tactics succeeded, for the challengers fairly rushed the ball to the English goal and held it there. Yet they could not quite score. Buckmaster, always cool and quiet, was waiting his time, and each time saved the ball. There was no score, but the Americans had the best of a fast-galloping period.

In the sixth and final period Keene, on his brown pony, made a splendid run, racing out with the ball and playing a great game. This was a very fast period. The Americans were still attacking and running down. Keene and Waterbury were riding fast and hitting harder than the Englishmen. J. M. Waterbury took the ball along the boards with three very fine near side strokes in succession, and nearly scored, but Miller just saved it, and at the same time hitting the ball away, raced down toward the goal. The ball was stopped by Waterbury and he passed to Keene, and very prettily the ball was carried along by the band stand, recovering all the ground that had been lost, and then back, and George Miller scored the seventh goal for England with a fine shot on the stroke of time. The victorious English team was acclaimed by the huge crowd which witnessed the game.

Lord Roberts presided at the dinner which the Hurlingham Club gave to the American polo team at Prince's restaurant to-night. All the members of the English team and many representative English polo players were present, but Agassiz and Lawrence Waterbury were the only members of the American team in attendance, as Keene and J. M. Waterbury, Jr., left for Paris by an evening train, both having entered for the Paris-Vienna motor car race.

Lord Roberts, in proposing the toast.

"The American Team," paid the highest compliment to the visitors. He said they had done a most sportsmanlike thing in coming to England to contest for the cup, and that when he saw the first game of the three he thought it was all over so far as retaining the cup was concerned. The Americans, he said, were quicker and better in every point of the game, and played together in a manner which, in polo, as in other things, is essential to success. The Englishmen had learned a lesson from the Americans, and but for the postponements and changes which the visitors had to make, the result might have been different. One thing at least, he declared, had been demonstrated, and that was that an Anglo-American team would be invincible the world over, and he hoped this applied to other things besides polo.

Mr. Agassiz, who responded for the Americans, alluded to the kindness and consideration with which he and his colleagues had been received by the English polo players, and said the Americans were encouraged to try again.

George Miller also spoke, paying a warm tribute to the absolute fairness and keenness with which the Americans played the game. He said it was a remarkable fact that, while the visitors were not familiar with the English rules, not a single time in the entire series had a point been given against them by the umpire, and he expressed the hope that the Americans would come again.

New York Yacht Club Charters Boat.

The Regatta Committee of the New York Yacht Club has chartered the William Fletcher for members wishing to witness the competition for the Glen Cove Cups on Tuesday. The tickets have been limited to 100. To reach the boat it is necessary to take the 9:02 train to New Rochelle and the trolley from the station to the steamboat wharf. The Fletcher will stop at the same wharf after the race.