

THE 3RD HABAB BANK UK HERITAGE CUP

by Graham Dennis

The tournament was played as a weekend fixture with four teams participating in a four nations cup at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The teams were the British Army Officers, the Highbury Finance Helvetica Team, the HABIB Pakistani Invitational side and the U.S. team from Washington D.C.

The HABIB Heritage Cup was won by Highbury Finance beating the Pakistani side 8.5 to 6 goals. The best player award at the presentation was given to Thomas Hunt whose mare Gata also won the Best Playing Pony award. The Swiss team of Gilles Leraillie, Marcel Gesner, Bert Poekes and Thomas Hunt played in national colours with red shirts provided by T.M.Lewin.

The British Army Officers held up well against a very strong U.S. team. The Americans were led by Juan Salinas Bentley as captain, Doug Barnes, Michael Smith Liss, and Roy Perry de-

feated the hosting Army team. The British officer cadets who substituted an extra player comprised Messrs Holtrum, Hopkinson, Morley and Kuku with 2Lt Nicolas Wills from the Coldstream Guards. All played in support of the charity Help For Heroes.

The presentation was conducted by the Commandant of the Royal Military Academy Major General Rutherford Jones who presented the prizes

with the Pakistani envoy Wajid Shamsul Hasan and the CEO of HABIB Bank U.K. Mr Naumar Dar.

A large party of the Bank's guests enjoyed a wonderful day of polo. Among them were Aamir Raja, Malik Asif Yar Tiwana and Agah Murtaza Ali.

The day had been made possible by the hard work and dedication of Barbara Zingg the Polo Manager at Sandhurst who has created the idea of Heri-

Habib Heritage Cup

The British Army Officers		-5
1	OCdt Morley / Hopkinson	-2
2	OCdt Richard Holtum	-1
3	Maj Cameron Humphries/Lt Kuku	0
4	Lt Nicholas Wills	-2

Highbury Finance Helvetica		-1
1	Marcel Gesner	-1
2	Bert Poekes	0
3	Thomas Hunt	-1
4	Gilles Leraillie	1

Habib Bank UK		7
1	Muhamad Saquib Khakawni	2
2	Capt Shaukhat Malik	2
3	Col Talha Saeed	1
4	Khan Agha Murtaza Ali	2

United States of America		4
1	Rory Perry	0
2	Michael Smith Liss	0
3	Doug Barnes	2
4	Juan Salinas-Bentley	2

Marcel Gesner receiving the Habib Heritage Cup



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Above and Below: Action from the game between Highbury Finance Helvetica and The British Army Officers

age Polo both as a recreation of the traditions of polo from a bygone age as well as a modern brand. The prizes for the competition came from the Heritage range that Barbara has built up.

Silver trophies were awarded to the Swiss players while the runners up received framed antique prints provided by Blacklocks Bookshop. The Americans received Whiskey glasses on special wooden stands made for the occasion. Finally, the polo balls given to the officers were made from wood by Andy Burgess.

Perhaps the most memorable sight was the marvellous Bedouin tent created by Seamless Events. Other sponsors on the day were Penny Hill Park and Spa, Castle Forbes Perfumers and clothing manufacturers T.M.Lewin, Ashkats and Partners, Patey Hats and D.H.Hewett without whom the event could not have been possible.

