

**Ladies Heritage Cup, 28-29 June 2008
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Polo Club**

Erstwhile polo makes mark in 21st century

Performing in old English dress, four ladies teams brought polo history back to life at RMAS to compete in the Ladies Heritage Cup. The idea of Heritage Polo, founded by polo manager Barbara Zingg, was to revive polo played in the 1900s and to celebrate and respect the legends of the past, reviving the British traditions in full, even in terms of fashion and art.

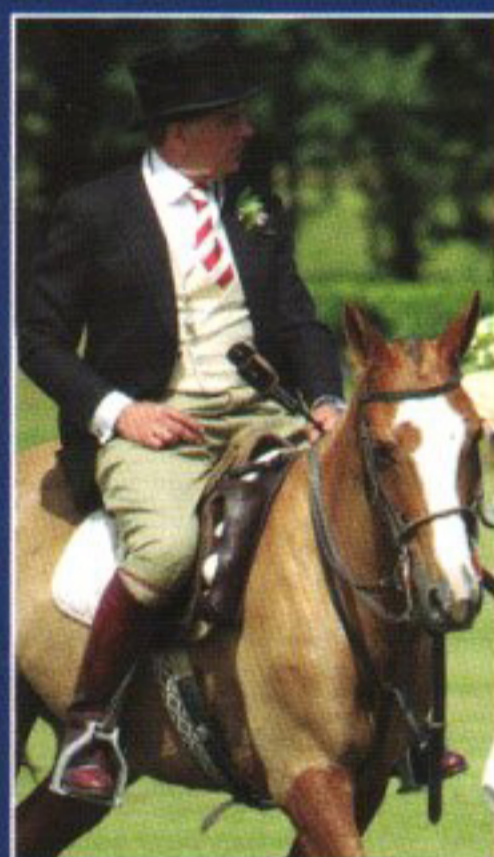
Before taking to the ground, the ladies were made up to look glamorous, fashionable and sportive. They were then captured through a sepia lens in a photographic shoot located around the Academy. The Ladies Army Polo team and Amazons of Brazil made it to the final on the Sunday, with the Amazons narrowly coming out on top by half a goal, 7-6½. Prizes were a' plenty at the presentations, with all sorts of goodies for everyone, such as the first Belle Époque hand painted polo stick, awarded to the most promising lady player, Janet Johnston.



Rosie Ross goes on the attack as Heloise Lorentzen looks back



Magnet, the best playing pony of Rosie Ross, received a fresh flower head collar as a prize



Col Geoffrey Godbold, umpiring in a top hat



The winning Amazons team, with Christina Eastwood and umpire Andy Burgess



The Ladies Army team relax with their most loyal fans before the game



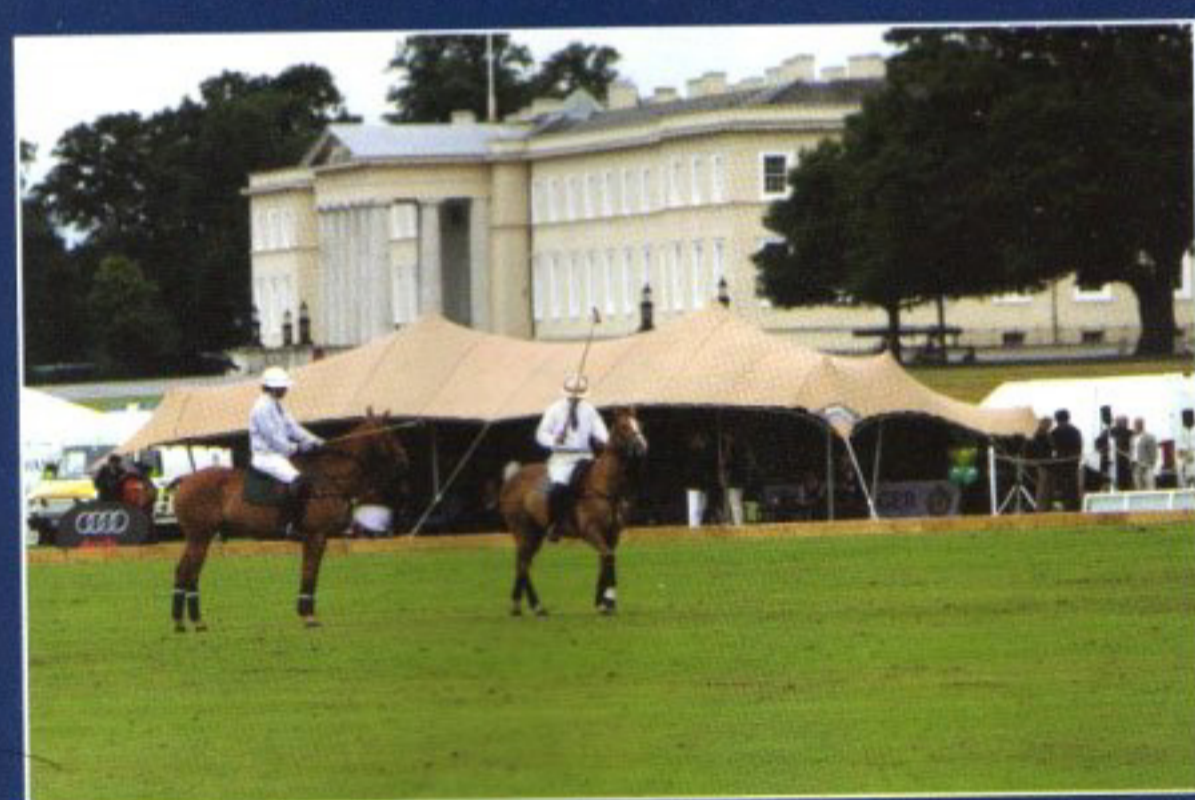
Left: Andy Burgess, of Southwest Polo, and Lt Johnston



Above: A demonstration from the Side Saddle Association



Two of the teams pose with the umpires and representatives of the sponsors (l-r sitting): Keith Dickenson; Castle Forbes's Mr & Mrs French; Pru Craig, of Penny Hill Park Hotel & Spa; and Style Exchange's Marc Collen



Seamless Events entertained their guests in a traditional Bedouin tent on the sidelines, against the backdrop of Sandhurst's old college



Tom Hunt, recipient of the most valuable player award, with one of his mounts from the final, best playing pony, Gata



Piper William Cooper cuts a striking figure in the foreground, as the HABIB Pakistani team line up behind him



Tom Hunt charges to goal, as he tries to get the best of Col Talha Saeed

**The HABIB Heritage Cup, 2-3 August 2008
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Swish Swiss scoop the spoils

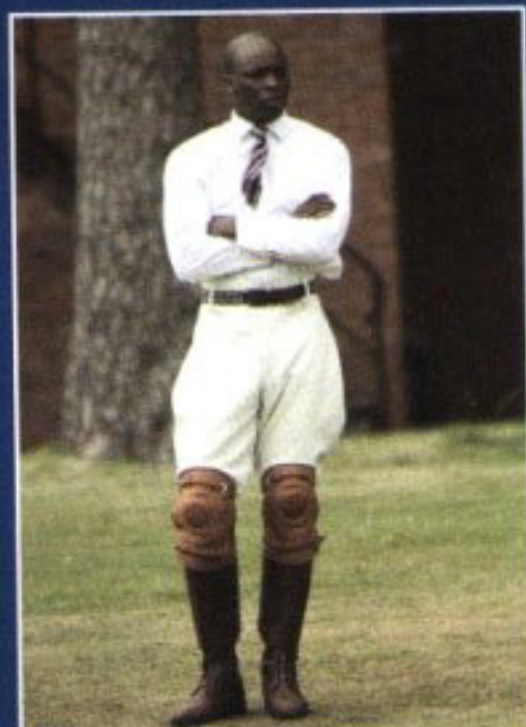
Following the Ladies Heritage Cup, four all-male teams competed for the third HABIB Heritage Cup, a yearly historic match on 'The Round Ground'. Having returned in 2006 after 121 years in the wilderness, polo made a comeback as the Academy reopened the Sandhurst Polo Club, originally closed in 1885.

This year, once again, all teams donned 1885 dress, including the traditional lollipop breeches, to play in what developed into a contest of four nations. In the final, the Swiss Highbury Finance Helvetica team surprised both players and spectators, producing a great battle against the Pakistani invitational team, whom many expected would be too strong for them. Thomas Hunt and his pony Gata, playing for the Swiss team, showed some impressive teamwork as they helped push their team to victory, 8-6½. Playing for third and fourth place was the British Army Officers against a very strong United States of America team, who beat the hosts to take third prize.

Sandhurst's Major General Rutherford-Jones, Pakistani envoy, Wajid Shamsul Hasan, and Naumar Dar, of Habib Bank UK, were on hand to present the relevant prizes.



Left: La Martina's Becky Simpson, official sponsor of RMAS Polo, receiving two frames for HQ Buenos Aires



Above: Lt Kuku looks on in heritage breeches and a Help for Heroes tie



The British Army Polo Team, smartly dressed and ready for battle