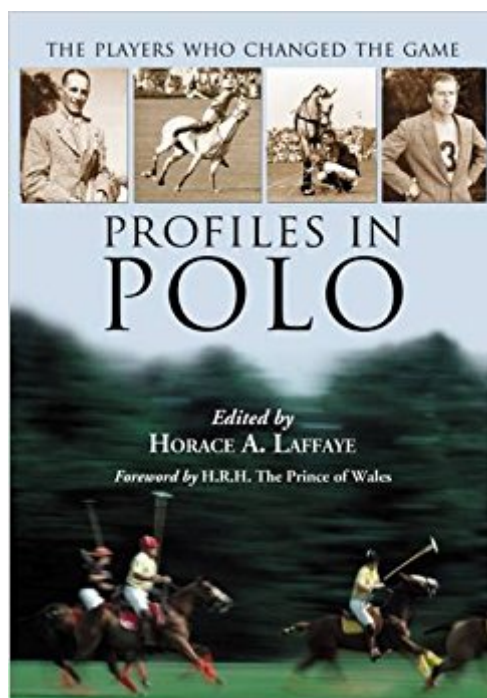


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Profiles In Polo: The Players Who Changed The Game



Synopsis

This book, with contributions from many of the world's leading polo journalists, profiles more than 30 of the most influential polo players from history. The players covered were selected for inclusion based on their overall impact on the game rather than their prowess on the field, although many covered are considered all-time greats. Each chapter covers an individual player, including early pioneers, those who played during the "golden era" (the years between World War I and World War II), superstars, game-changers, and great contemporaries. The book includes numerous photographs and a foreword by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

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"Excellent...another gem...a wonderful book...a must-have." --Polo Times
"Fact-filled...entertaining anecdotes." --American Reference Books Annual
"A must-read...fascinating." --The Morning Line

A polo player and surgeon, Horace A. Laffaye is on the board of directors of the Museum of Polo and is chairman of the Polo Hall of Fame Nominating Committee. His writings on the game include several books and many articles in magazines in North America, Argentina and England. He divides his time between Connecticut and Florida.

Horace Laffaye is to be commended for taking up Chris Ashton's suggestion to compile this book and for drawing together the energies of the leading polo writers from around the world who have

contributed profiles to it. Historical entries on the six identified pioneers of the Game of Kings set the context of the book very effectively, with Roger Chatterton-Newman's contribution on Francis Herbert a delight of depth and detail. Chris Ashton's tribute to Hanut Singh reminds the reader that "India was the very cradle of the game" and presents an entertaining picture of "the tiger" who played until the age of 72. The two great Australian players, Bob Skene and Sinclair Hill, are given the prominence they richly deserve, as are the American, Tommy Hitchcock Jr, and Juan Carlos Harriott Jr from Argentina but it is a pity that another Argentine player, Eduardo "Gordo" Moore, does not have an entry of his own. Most of the great players are here and so too are those who have ensured that the game continues to be played at the highest level today: Kerry Packer and Gonzalo Pieres, Marcos Uranga, John Oxley, Lord Cowdray, Michael Rattray and Claire Tomlinson, who could arguably be credited with the fact that many more women play polo today than ever before. As to its content, the book is excellent and should be in the library of every polo enthusiast. Its production, however, lets it down. It is not a cheap book but spelling mistakes (Bob Skene's name is printed as "Skeene" at the top of each page of his entry) and the poor quality of photographic reproduction (particularly the colour plates) diminish its overall quality.

Excellent book. Gives you a good perspective on how polo has changed over the last 100 plus years as well as details on key players and their on field accomplishments and strategies, Personally I learned quite a few new details about key players and their families who I have known over the years.

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