

Polo - the king of games and the game of kings

Let other people play at other things-the King of Games is still the Game of Kings " - This sentence, extracted on a stone plate in the present Pakistan, the whole time is the motto for the polo players around the world.

Terms of playing polo at first glance, is simple: grass pitch measuring approximately 274 x 145 meters, with goals on both sides. Two teams of four players on horseback 4 has as its objective through Kiev stick the maximum number of goals your opponent. The match consists of 4, 6 or 8 chukkers lasting 7 and a half minutes each, and the breaks are used to exchange horses. To compensate for the opportunities the system was introduced in addition handicap from -2 to 10 for each player. The sum of handicaps handicap is a team player, and the competing teams should have similar handicaps. But this is only the beginning of knowledge of the game. To ensure the safety of horses goes, urgent phrases, powerful strokes clubs, balls of a weight and size of grapefruit, but the hardness of a wooden klock, fly at speeds up to 160 km / h in each direction, and track of players - the thick book, which assimilate players takes a minimum of 3 years. Polo, contrary to prevailing opinion of the British origin of this sport, come from regions of the Middle East and Central Asia. Already some 500 years before Christ present in areas of Iran, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, played in the polo, but there is evidence of the existence of a similar sport more than 3,000 years before Christ. Sport is one of the effective ways of training the local cavalry riding and is regarded as the oldest team sport discipline. British Army officers, while their troops in India in the nineteenth century, fascinated with this game, and after the imposition of appropriate rules for the game, spread this wonderful sport in the UK and around the world (and almost in the role was played by Winston Churchill - keen player in the organized military service in India). British Prince Charles and his two sons must play polo at the London and Buenos Aires - with success as amateurs. Currently leading the country in the world polo is Argentina. It was there at the turn of the nineteenth and early twentieth century, polo has a huge popularity, which continues to this day. With the ideal climate and a huge resource of horses, the development of polo was cheaper than in other countries, and now the Argentines have no equal. Beginners and advanced players from all over the world go to Buenos Aires in the winter, one of dozens of schools polo to work on his handicap.