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Nobility figures photographed at Roehampton Club

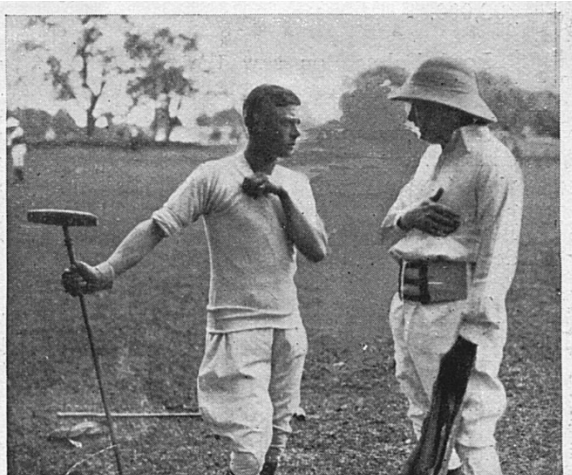
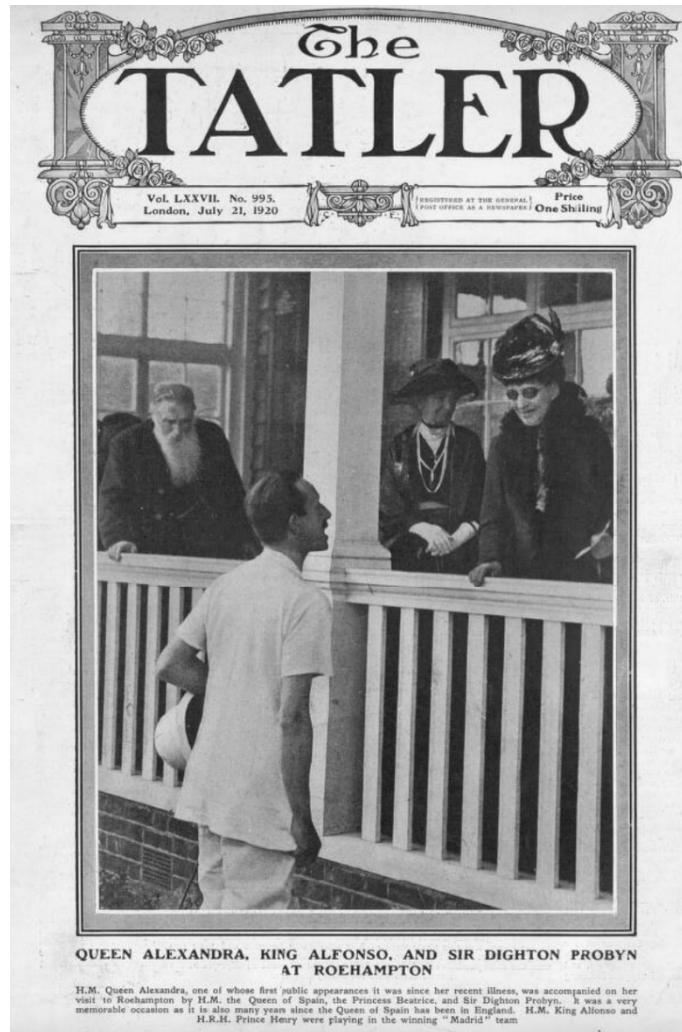
Her Majesty Queen Alexandra made her first public appearance at Roehampton Club following a short illness.

She was accompanied by His Majesty King Alfonso of Spain, Princess Beatrice and Sir Dighton Probyn.

The newspapers reported the event as a memorable occasion as it had been many years before the Queen of Spain had been in England.

The King had been playing Polo at Roehampton Club with His Royal Highness Prince Henry.

The Prince of Wales was photographed at Roehampton Club in 1921 talking to Roehampton Club Member Winston Churchill following a polo match.



ROEHAMPTON: THE PRINCE AND MR. CHURCHILL having a chat after play.

Roehampton Club Member Lord Wodehouse is seated on the ground next to him.

King Alfonso wearing a bowler hat attended the British Empire Garden Party at Roehampton Club in 1929.



ROYALTY—AND A SPILL—AT ROEHAMPTON



Lady Davina Lytton, whose engagement was recently announced to the Earl of Erne, seen on the right, with Mrs. Boles and a young visitor in the foreground



Lady Louis Mountbatten and her mother-in-law, Victoria, Marchioness of Milford Haven, at Roehampton, on their way to watch the polo



The King of Spain, who was a guest at Lady Louis Mountbatten's house, shows concern when Lord Louis was thrown, hurting his foot and sustaining slight concussion, whilst playing for the Bluejackets against the Crusaders. Fortunately, the injury to Lord Louis' ankle is not regarded as serious, though it will keep him out of the saddle for a time



Another snapshot of King Alfonso, himself a polo player of no mean order, at Roehampton last week

King Alfonso of Spain was a guest of Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten in June 1931.

They attended a polo match at Roehampton Club where Lord Mountbatten was thrown from his mount injuring his foot and sustaining a slight concussion.

Fortunately, the injury to Lord Mountbatten was not regarded as serious although it did stop him from playing the game for a time.

The event at Roehampton Club was also attended by Lady Mountbatten, her mother-in-law Victoria Marchioness of Milford Haven, Lady Davina Lytton and the Earl of Erne.



THE PRINCESSES GO TO A POLO MATCH—PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET WALKING TOWARDS THE STABLES DURING THEIR VISIT TO ROEHAMPTON: Their Royal Highnesses, together with the Duke of Edinburgh, saw Hurlingham beat the Argentine team, La Espadaña, by 6 goals to 3 in the second representative match for the Festival Cup. The trophy was presented to the winning team by Princess Elizabeth. At the end of the first half Hurlingham were leading by 3 goals to nil, in spite of the fact that the Argentinos had had the better of a rather sticky first chukka. After half-time the Argentine team came back at Hurlingham in the fourth and fifth chukkas, when they were only one goal behind, but in the last Balding settled the issue with two goals.

The Duchess of Peneranda was photographed in the *Sketch Newspaper* in 1931 attending a polo match at Roehampton involving her husband the Duke of Peneranda playing for the El Gordo team in the Roehampton Challenge Cup.

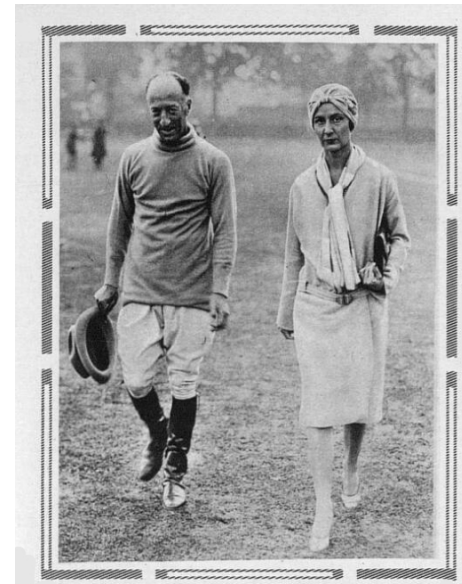
She was described as the Spanish Duchess famous for her 'chic and sunburn.'

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were photographed in the *Sphere* publication in 1951 walking towards the stables at Roehampton Club.

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HOW TO WEAR THE TIGHT-FITTING TURBAN OF TO-DAY: A "CLOSE-UP" OF THE DUCHESS OF PEÑARANDA.



THE CHIC OF SEVERE SIMPLICITY: THE DUCHESS OF PEÑARANDA AT ROEHAMPTON, WITH THE DUKE OF PEÑARANDA.