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NOTES

SUMMARY

- *Polo (Sagol Kangjei)* originated in Manipur during the reign of ‘*King Kangba*’ in Manipur.
- ‘*Cheitharol Kumbaba*’ has many interesting accounts of the game.
- *Polo* is in the *Guinness book of Records (1992)*.
- It was a very handy tool for making friendship.
- The earliest club was *Cachar Club* founded in **1859** in *Assam*.
- The oldest club still in existence is the *Calcutta Polo Club (1862)*.
- The game was taken to *England* from *India* in **1869** by **10th Hussars** at *Aldershot*.
- In olden days, there were no goal posts and number of players was variable and there was hardly any rule.
- During the reign of ‘*King Khagemba*’, the number was standardized to seven (7).
- It starts with the throwing up of the ball (*Kangdrum*) in the air with the cry “*Hantre*” by an official known as ‘*Hantre Hunba*’.
- The horse or *pony* became a weapon of war and an instrument for the expansion of the kingdom.
