

Victory! 15 trophies in the 2009 UK polo season

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Apes Hill Club wins



Sir Charles Williams and his Apes Hill polo teams broke all records in the 2009 British polo season, bringing home no less than 15 trophies for the Barbados club.

Led by Luke Tomlinson, the Apes Hill team captured its first Queen's Cup victory with a score of 12-11 in its third year of competing. The nearly all-English line-up of Mark and Luke Tomlinson and Charlie Hanbury, along with Argentine Juan Gris Zavaleta, was sponsored by Sir Charles Williams and his Apes Hill Golf and Polo Club.

Apes Hill secured another big win at the inaugural Westbury Shield, the main match of the day and one that was played at a blistering pace. The Apes Hill team of Prince William, Prince Harry, Harald Link and Malcolm Borwick played a highly competitive and at times physical contest to defeat opponents Knowledge to Action.

Winning the Queen's Cup and the Westbury Shield might have been enough for an ordinary man, but not for Sir Charles. He entered teams for the high-, medium- and low-goal tournaments, securing another 13 more trophies for Apes Hill Club – an extraordinary success for a remarkable man.



Queen's Cup players
(left to right): Charlie Hanbury, Mark Tomlinson, HRH Queen Elizabeth II, Pat Doherty (CEO Harcourt Developments), Sir Charles Williams, Juan Gris Zavaleta, Luke Tomlinson

Westbury Shield players (left to right): Malcolm Borwick, HRH Prince William, HRH Prince Harry, Harald Link

Sir Charles (centre), teammates and supporters with 13 of the 15 trophies won by the Apes Hill teams this summer in England