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Around the World

With the Wessex Cup

NEW YORK — This year, the Wessex Cup will celebrate ACD’s international connections. Seven of the contestants are named for seven people from seven continents.

Now, it is true that many of these names can actually be connected to more than one continent, and if we tied all those threads together we’d probably get Pangea. But that is not the concept in play here, if you catch our continental drift. Each person has been assigned to a place with which they were associated in ACD’s writing about them, and so the world is divided thusly:

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Garnet [#2, in red]

vs.

Shackleton [#3, in white]

vs.

Ranjitsinhji [#4, in green]

vs.

Monash [#5, in orange]

vs.

Victoria [#6, in purple]

vs.

Kipling [#7, in black]

vs.

Reader [#8, in white]

vs.

Unfortunate Pony [#1, in blue]



Champion

Owners and trainers: Unfortunate Pony (Curtis Armstrong and Ashley Polasek), Garnet (Karen Ellery and Carla Coupe), Shackleton (Carla Coupe and Karen Ellery), Ranjitsinhji (PJ Sullivan), Monash (Matt Hall), Victoria (Victoria Wood), Kipling (Ira Brad Matetsky), Reader (Julius Spada and Bruce Harris).

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Henry Highland **Garnet** was an American-born abolitionist, minister, educator, orator, and diplomat. His final life achievement was his time as U.S. Ambassador to Liberia, Africa. (*Memories and Adventures*)

Ernest **Shackleton** was an Irish explorer who led three British expeditions to Antarctica. ("Mr. Shackleton in London")

Kumar Sri Sir **Ranjitsinhji** Vibhaji II was an Indian cricketer and Maharaja of Nawanagar (present day Jamnagar), making him a fine choice for Asia. ("Complimentary and Farewell Dinner to H.H. Ranjitsinhji Maharaja Jam Sahib of Navanagar")

John **Monash** was a was a civil engineer and military commander in Australia. (*Memories and Adventures, Wanderings of a Spiritualist*)

Victoria. This gracious lady's influence spanned many continents, but we will keep her in her home turf of Europe.

Kipling is for Caroline and Rudyard Kipling. They represent North America because ACD stayed with them in Vermont in 1894. (*Memories and Adventures*)

Reader. ACD wrote of a Miss Reader who was a medium for a circle sitting in



Uruguay. We can assume that she was comfortable on more than one plane of existence, but for our purposes she will serve as the representative for South America. (*The Edge of the Unknown*)

The eighth contestant is a special case with no particular continental association. Many of you will be familiar with Unfortunate Pony's perennial attempts at the Cup. This valiant steed has taught us that hope is not only the thing with feathers, but also the thing with strong haunches and a glossy mane. Could this be UP's year?

The Running of the Wessex Cup

This cosmopolitan equestrian competition will take place next Thursday, January 8, when the ACD Society hosts the fourth annual Wessex Cup in Otto Penzler's The Mysterious Bookshop at 58 Warren Street, in New York City.

The running of the Wessex Cup will take place immediately after the Society's Doylean Honors awards ceremony, which is scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m. sharp.

To learn more about Doylean Honors or the Wessex Cup, please visit the ACD Society's website: <https://acdsociety.com/>.

