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India's Olympic Odyssey: Medals, Mettle, and the Million-Dollar Question

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THE ONLY ONE CUP

(4 Goal Tournament)

Following a successful and refreshing commencement to the Bangalore Polo Season, The Only One Cup was organised with great zeal among spectators.

Featuring four enthusiastic teams divided among two pools, they fought for this prestigious title, providing the audience with loads of memories to take back from the event. Let's take a quick look at the teams and those memories igniting the light of Polo:

MATCH 1

Arty Polo Team vs Chennai Polo

DATE: 12 AUGUST

The tournament kicked off in style, with the first game being held between Arty Polo Team and Chennai Polo. This opening game lit the atmosphere as both teams scored the second-highest number of goals in a single match of the event. However, in between these goal feasts, Arty Polo Team was able to chip in a couple of extra goals to stay ahead when the timer ran out of time.

Winners:

ARTY POLO TEAM (9-7)

MATCH 2

61st Cavalry vs ASC

DATE: 13 AUGUST

The second game featured the teams of 61st Cavalry and ASC. This was a rather one-sided game where, in spite of giving ASC an advantage before the game, 61st Cavalry easily out-maneuvered them, scoring exactly double the number of points as scored by their opponents.

Winners:

61ST CAVALRY (7-3.5)



Participating Teams

POOL A

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Another

Lt Col Prithvi Singh Rathore 0

Lt Col Yatinder Kumar 0

Hurr Ali 2

61ST CAVALRY

Maj. Mrityunjay Singh 0

Capt IN (AP) Singh 1

Lt. Col Vishal Chauhan 1

Dhruvpal Godara 2

POOL B

ARTY (SALVO)

Hav. Irfan 0

Lt. Col. Narendra Kumar 0

Lt. Col. RK Gautam 0

Lt. Col. Ashish Samantaray 0

CHENNAI

Wasim Akram 0

Shanka Poondi -1

Junaid Nahri +1

Maj. Raunik Sharma -1

EXHIBITION MATCHES:

MATCH 1

**Hyderabad Team vs
Ultimate Army**

DATE: 15 AUGUST

Erupting a fire of patriotism within, polo played his part. Holding a sense of deep tribute, players got on the field to enjoy the national festival. The Hyderabad team fortified their defences and scored on every small opportunity they encountered, helping them win the first game held on this auspicious occasion.

Winners:
Hyderabad Team (5-3)

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MATCH 2

**The Ultimate Team vs
Hindustan Univ-Chennai**

DATE: 15 AUGUST

The following game was played between the Ultimate Team and Chennai. This was a rather close game where the former team started with an advantage. However, this alone was not enough, and they had to score a few extra goals to be ahead of the Chennai team by the end of time.

Winners:
The Ultimate Team (5.5-4)



SEMI-FINAL 1

ASC Polo vs Arty (Salvo) Polo Team

DATE: 16 AUGUST

After celebrating the previous day, it was time for the first semi-final game to be held between ASC Polo and Arty Team. ASC Polo started off pretty strong and followed up with the momentum, scoring consecutive goals to cruise through into the finals with a convincing victory.

Winners:
ASC Polo (9-5.5)

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FINAL

61st Cavalry vs ASC Polo

DATE: 18 AUGUST

The highly anticipated final, amidst highly anticipated weather, was played this past Sunday. Amidst all the drizzling, 61st Cavalry lit fire among spectators by scoring more than half a dozen goals in this atmosphere. They were able to win against the determined team of ASC Polo, and grab the title for the second time in a row.

Winners:

61st Cavalry (8-5.5)

SEMI-FINAL 2

61st Cavalry vs Chennai

DATE: 17 AUGUST

The second finalist was determined by a play between the teams of 61st Cavalry and Chennai. Answering the call from the first finalists, 61st Cavalry adopted an aggressive style of gameplay to score more than a dozen goals, registering the win by an even greater margin.

Winners:

61st Cavalry (13-5.5)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
12 August	League	Arty	9	Chennai	7
13 August	League	61 Cavalry	7	ASC	3.5
15 August	Exhibition Match (Independence Day Cup)	Hyderabad Team	5	Ultimate Army	3
15 August	Exhibition Match (Independence Day Cup)	Ultimate Team	5.5	Chennai	4
16 August	Semi-Final	ASC	9	Arty Team	5.5
17 August	Semi-Final	61 Cavalry	13	Chennai	5.5
18 August	Final	61 Cavalry	8	ASC	5.5



TERRALPA SILVER CUP

(20-22 Goal Tournament)

Featuring peak modern polo, the Terralpa Silver Cup was held among the finest teams from all around the world to fight for glory and stand a chance to grab bragging rights amidst several high-goal teams.

The Silver Cup was organised at three different levels of handicaps, among which this 22-goal event was the highest, offering the best entertainment. The tournament featured seven teams and fourteen matches, among which the following were the most crucial and anticipated ones:



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SEMI-FINAL 1 **Park Place vs BP Polo** **DATE: 8 AUGUST**

After encountering many prior challenges, the tournament finally entered its most crucial knockout stages, the semis. Park Place and BP Polo were the first two teams to compete after a one-day break in the event. Both teams fought with all their strength, but Park Place could handle pressure better, which helped them develop and defend a one-point lead in the last round.

Winners:
PARK PLACE (12-11)

Participating Teams

ATL

Bartolome Castagnola Jr. 10

Santiago Tanoira 5

Pablo Llorente 6

Gonzalo Entrecanales 0

CALATAGAN

Facundo Pieres 10

Santiago Laborde 6

Antonio Heguy 6

Martin Romualdez 0

DUBAI

Juan Martin Nero 9

Camilo Castagnola 10

Rashid Albwardy 2

Stanislaus Darritchon 0

KAZAK

Nicolas Pieres 8

Francisco Elizalde 8

Sébastien Aguetant 0

Beltran Laulhe 5

**THE TWO MOONS
DOLPHIN**

Adolfo Cambiaso 9

Mia Cambiaso 2

Pascual Sainz de
Vicuña 5

Juan Zubiaurre 6

MB POLO

Adolfo "Poroto" Cambiaso Jr. 9

Pablo MacDonough 9

HRH Prince Mateen
Bolkiah 0

Rufino Lauhé 4

SAINT MESME

Marcos Araya 6

Robert Ström 4

Clement Zavaleta 5

Carlos Maria Ulloa 7



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**MATCH 2
Dubai vs ATL**

DATE: 14 AUGUST

The second semi-final game was between Dubai and ATL. Both teams were quite even; however, the Dubai team scored a couple of extra goals to stay ahead of the opponents when the game approached its end. This helped them secure the second spot in one of the tournament's final games.

**Winners:
DUBAI (10-8)**

**MATCH 1
Calatagan vs Sainte Mesme**

DATE: 13 AUGUST

After hard-fought qualifier rounds, the first semi-final game approached with a face-off between Calatagan and Sainte Mesme. It was a pretty high-scoring contest, with 21 goals in all. Calatagan scored a dozen goals, outperforming Sainte Mesme, and claimed their spot in the finals.

**Winners:
CALATAGAN (12-9)**



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SPAIN POLO SEASON



MATCH 3

MB Polo vs The Two Moons Dolphin

DATE: 14 AUGUST

The last semi-final game featured the competent teams of MB Polo and The Two Moons Dolphin. This was probably the event's most intense, closest, and highest-scoring game. The outcome of this game was determined by a single point where MB Polo came out on top, holding their nerves in the most crucial parts of the match.

Winners:

MB Polo (12-11)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
13 August	Semi-Final	Calatagan	12	Sainte Mesme	9
14 August	Semi-Final	Dubai	10	ATL	8
14 August	Semi-Final	MB Polo	12	The Two Moons Dolphin	11
16 August	Final	Calatagan	8	Kazzak	6
17 August	Final	Dubai	11	MB Polo	9

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FINAL

MATCH 1

Calatagan vs Kazak

DATE: 16 AUGUST

After a deserving one-day break, Calatagan and Kazak were on the field for the first final game. The game looked pretty, even though any of the two teams could have grabbed the win. However, the Calatagan team showed exceptional skills and teamwork to win this nerve-racking first game of the day.

Winners:

Calatagan (8-6)



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MATCH 2

Dubai vs MB Polo

DATE: 17 AUGUST

The second and concluding game of the tournament was scheduled between Dubai and MB Polo. Both teams performed extraordinarily well, going back and forth and scoring goals one after another. After the initial chukker rounds, Dubai picked up pace and scored a couple of extra points to be ahead of the game when the final bell of the tournament rang.

Winners:

Dubai (11-9)



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SPAIN VS ARGENTINA LA MARTINA TEST MATCH

Date: 18 August

Location: Ayala Polo Club,
Sotogrande, Spain

Winner: ARGENTINA (14-8)

In a surprising turn of events, the test match, which saw heavyweights from the Spanish Team with players who won the last World Polo Championship, ended in defeat at the hands of promising young players from Argentina. Their exceptional skills proved to be decisive in this battle, and the Argentine side got a comfortable 14-8 win.

POLO EVENTS

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PREVIOUS WEEK



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COPA DE PLATA TERRALPA

Date: 30 July - 16 August

Location: Ayala Polo Club, Sotogrande, Spain

GOAL LEVEL: 12-14

Winner:
Amanara (13) vs
John Smith (6)



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DUKE OF WELLINGTON TROPHY

Date: 30 July - 18 August
Location: Guards Polo Club, England
GOAL LEVEL: 12

Winner:
The Mirror (8.5) vs
Ainsley Saddlery (6)

THIS WEEK



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COUPE D'OR (DEAUVILLE GOLD CUP)

Date: 13 - 25 August

Location: Polo De Deauville, France

GOAL LEVEL: 16-20



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GYAN JYOTI POLO CUP

Date: 19 - 25 August

Location: ASC Centre and College, Bangalore

GOAL LEVEL: 4



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HUBLLOT POLO GOLD CUP GSTAAD

Date: 22 - 25 August

Location: Polo Club Gstaad, Switzerland

GOAL LEVEL: 14



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RHEIN POLO SUMMER CUP

Date: 23-25 August

Location: Rhein Polo Club, Germany

GOAL LEVEL:



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SOTOGRADE GOLD CUP MEDIUM GOAL

Date: 5 - 26 August

Location: Santa Maria Polo Club, Spain

GOAL LEVEL: 12-14



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BRECKNOCK CUP

Date: 10 - 26 Aug

Location: Cowdray Park Polo Club, England

GOAL LEVEL: 8

UPCOMING EVENTS



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GUARDS LADIES CHARITY POLO TOURNAMENT

Date: 28 - 31 August

Location: Guards Polo Club, UK

GOAL LEVEL: 16

INDIA'S OLYMPIC ODYSSEY: MEDALS, METTLE, AND THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION

With India failing to secure enough medals in the Paris Olympics, how should a country with so much talent make its mark on the world stage?

The Olympics: A platform where dreams are formed, legends ascend to prominence, and countries compete for honour. India's tryst with its Olympic destiny beckoned yet again as the torch was lit at the Paris 2024 Olympics. In 1900, India established a mark in Olympic history with two silver medals and became the first Asian



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nation to secure an Olympic medal. However, over the years, as the medals are tallied and the Olympic high wears off, we are once again reminded of the stark reality that India, a nation of over a billion people, continues to flirt with Olympic glory without quite embracing it fully. This begs the question: What will it take for India to turn its occasional glimpses of brilliance into a sustained medal-winning phenomenon?

THE PARIS POST-MORTEM: A MIRROR REFLECTING HOPE AND UNCERTAINTY

Paris was both spectacular and unsettling for Indian sports fans. On the one hand, we applauded individual



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brilliance, watching with anticipation as our athletes engraved their names in history. Our boxers challenged the greatest in the world, our wrestlers faced off against giants, and our hockey teams brought back memories of a bygone era. However, regardless of these outstanding performances, India's medal entourage still remains modest in comparison to the country's vast size and potential.

So, where are we falling short? Why is a country like India that is so rich in

culture and history, repeatedly finding herself on the skirting around the fringes of Olympic greatness?

THE TALENT POOL

India needs to tackle sports development holistically in order to change this. Consider it a corporate strategy: finding high-potential markets (sports, in this case), investing in them, and working steadily to promote growth. We should concentrate on a few sports where we can realistically com-



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pete at the highest level and where we have demonstrated promise rather than dispersing our resources thinly over many disciplines. This does not mean that we should give up on winning medals in other sports; rather, it means that we should focus on our areas of strength and grow from there.

INFRASTRUCTURE: LOOKING PAST BRICK AND MORTAR

The next obvious step is to establish centres of excellence that support a high-performance culture in addition to offering cutting-edge training. These centres ought to be dispersed throughout the nation to give athletes from various areas access to elite coaching, dietary advice, and sports science assistance. Furthermore, collaborations with global authorities and athletic associations can guarantee that our players are exposed to the most recent training protocols and competitive benchmarks.

FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

Success in sports requires investment, and while government support has increased, the private sector is still vital to realising India's full potential.



Businesses should see supporting sports as a strategic investment with substantial returns, such as boosted brand recognition and national pride, rather than just as a way to give back to the community. To ensure that athletes are well-supported and able to perform to the best of their abilities, funding must be distributed carefully, concentrating on high-impact areas like athlete welfare, mental health, injury management, and career transition programs.

CULTIVATING A SPORTS CULTURE

Starting at the grassroots level, we can cultivate a culture that values hard work, resiliency, and perseverance in order to produce psychologically tough athletes who are prepared to compete against the best in the world. Sports integration into the classroom is a crucial way for schools and universities to foster this mentality and develop students' physical and mental toughness.



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