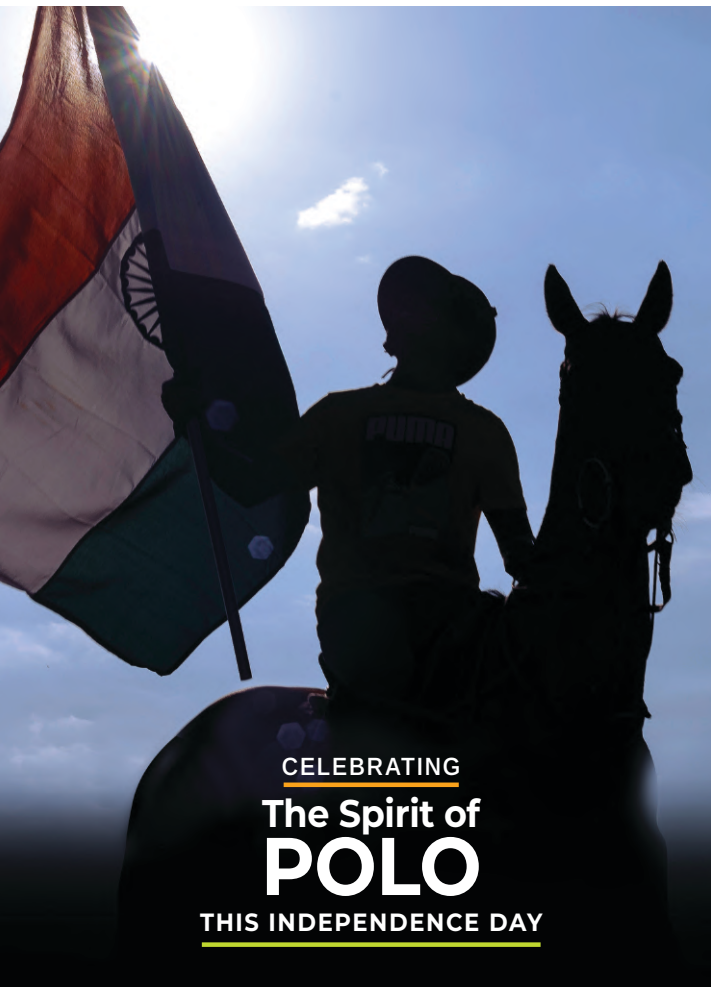


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# LA POLO

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# WADIYAR POLO CUP

(2 Goal Tournament)

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**A** week-long tournament with four teams blending new and experienced players took place in Bangalore. Indian polo fans were mesmerised by seven matches in this event, including the finals.



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## MATCH 1

### Armd Corp Team vs Indian Navy Team

DATE: 7 AUGUST

The tournament was underway with a high-intensity scoring game between the Army Corp Team and the Indian Navy Team. The former team kicked off their tournament in style, scoring consecutive goals to reach 11 goals, which was enough to defeat the opposing team.

#### Winners:

**ARMED CORP TEAM ( 11-3.5 )**

## MATCH 2

### ASC vs Arty (Salvo)

DATE: 8 AUGUST

The second game was played between the ASC and Arty teams. The game was completely one-sided, as ASC conceded no extra goals, keeping them ahead from the first round until the last one.

#### Winners:

**ASC ( 10-3.5 )**

## Participating Teams

### POOL A

#### NAVY

SHIVPAL SINGH-2

CDR AK PANCHAL 0

HURR ALI +2

CAPT. (IN) AP SINGH +1

#### ARMED

DHRUVPAL GODARA +2

LD VIJAY-1

MAJ MRITUNJAY SINGH 0

LT COL VISHAL CHAUHAN +1

### POOL B

#### ASC

MAI. RAGHAV RAI SINGH +1

MAJ KARAMAT ALI KHAN 0

LT. COL. PRITHVI SINGH RATHORE

SALIM AZMI +1

#### ARTY (SALVO)

HAV IRFAN O

LT. COL, NARENDER O

LT. COL. GAUTAM O

LT. COL. ASHISH SAMANTARAY O

**INDIAN POLO SEASON**

**SUB-FINAL 1**

**Armd Corp Team vs Arty**

DATE: 9 AUGUST

The semis were held following the two league games, and Armd Corp Team and Arty were the first to face one another. Armd Corps completed the entire game, scoring 18 goals, the highest total scored by any team in the entire tournament in a single game.

**Winners:**

**ARMD CORP TEAM ( 18-1.5 )**



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**FINAL**

**Armd Corp Team vs Indian Navy Team**

DATE: 11 AUGUST

The final game between the Arms Corps Team and the Indian Navy Team finally arrived, with both teams at the top of their games. The teams tried their best to top off one another to win the title, but destiny had other plans. Both teams scored an equal number of points by the last chukker.

**Winners:**

**Both teams were shared winners (9-9)**

**SEMI-FINAL 2**

**Indian Navy Team vs ASC**

DATE: 4 AUGUST

The second semi-final game was between the Indian Navy Team and ASC. The Indian Navy played with a cautious defensive approach, guarding their goals pretty well and sneaking goals whenever they found the opportunity. This helped them cruise through victory by a margin of 5 points.

**Winners:**

**Indian Navy Team ( 8-3 )**

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
7 August 2024	League	Armd Corp Team	11	Indian Navy Team	3.5
8 August 2024	League	ASC	10	Arty	3.5
9 August 2024	Semi-Final	Armd Corp Team	18	Arty	1.5
9 August 2024	Semi-Final	Indian Navy Team	8	ASC	3
11 August 2024	Final	Armd Corp Team	9	Indian Navy	9



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# TALACREST PRINCE OF WALES'S CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

(20 Goal Tournament)

**An intriguing high-stakes tournament was held at the prestigious Guards Polo Club, featuring the best of modern polo.**

A high-goal tournament featuring the finest players took up their mallets to battle for glory and establish superiority. This tournament was held during the first two weeks of August and recently concluded last Sunday. The key moments from the tournament were:



Image Credit: @samuhaburchill

## 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

### BIN DRAI POLO

Mohammed Bin Draï 2  
Kian Hall 3  
Lucas Criado Jnr 6  
Tomas Panelo 9

### PARK PLACE

Andrey Borodin 0  
Leon Donoso 3  
Hilario Ulloa 10  
Benjamin Panelo 7

### BP POLO

Joevy Beh 3  
Garvy Beh 4  
Louis Hine 5  
Alfredo Bigatti 7

**OJO CALIENTE**

Ana Escobedo 0

Matt Perry 6

Facundo Sola 8

John Paul Clarkin 6

**LIMITLESS**

Ramzy El-Ashkar 1

Santos Merlos 6

Agustin Merlos 7

Juan Cruz Merlos 6

**SHORELINE**

Alfredo Capella 8

Guillermo Terrera 7

Ed Banner Eve 5

Tunde Karim 0



Image Credit: @samuclnchurhill

**SEMI-FINAL 2  
Bin Drai Polo vs  
Shoreline**

More excitement was in store for spectators as Bin Drai Polo went up against Shoreline in the second semi-final game. It was another high-scoring feast, with the same scores as the previous game. Bin Drai Polo were in the seat of victory as they performed exceptionally well, controlling the little aspects of the game at crucial moments.

**Winners:  
BIN DRAI POLO ( 12-11 )**

**SUB-FINAL 1**

**Ojo Caliente vs Limitless**

DATE: 10 AUGUST

Next up in the event were sub-final games; the first match-up was between Ojo Caliente and Limitless. Fighting for pride, both teams had a close game. Limitless kept up with the opposition for most of the game but couldn't cross the winning line and lost, falling short of just one point.

**Winners:  
OJO CALIENTE ( 8-7 )**



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## BRITISH POLO SEASON

### SEMI-FINAL 2

### BP Polo vs Shoreline

DATE: 11 AUGUST

The next sub-final game was held on the next day between BP Polo and Shoreline. Both teams proceeded with the game with extreme caution, but BP Polo was extraordinary in this game. Gradually, they were able to defend and score simultaneously throughout the game, which helped them win with a comfortable 3-point margin.

#### Winners:

**BP POLO ( 8-5 )**



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Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
8 August 2024	Semi-Final	Park Place	12	BP Polo	11
8 August 2024	Semi-Final	Bin Draï Polo	12	Shoreline	11
10 August 2024	Sub-Final	Ojo Caliente	8	Limitless	7
11 August 2024	Sub-Final	BP Polo	8	Shoreline	5
11 August 2024	Final	Bin Draï Polo	12	Park Place	9



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### FINAL

### Bin Draï Polo vs Park Place

DATE: 11 AUGUST

After days of phenomenal action, Bin Draï Polo and Park Place filled the most deserving spots in the tournament. After clinching close wins by one point, both teams entered the final stage prepared to fight with every last breath. Bin Draï Polo were on top of their game that day, showed great teamwork to keep the opposition at bay, and scored just more than a couple of points for a highly anticipated win.

#### Winners:

**BIN DRAÏ POLO ( 12-9 )**



POLO EVENTS

**PARIS GAMES POLO  
CHALLENGE 2024**

Date: 7 August  
Location: Polo Club du  
Domaine Chantilly  
GOAL LEVEL: 14-15  
Winner: USA (10-7)

IN CELEBRATION OF THE PARIS OLYMPICS, WHICH ENDED ON 11 AUGUST, THIS SPECIAL MATCH WAS HOSTED BY THE FRENCH POLO TEAM AT THE POLO CLUB DU DOMAINE CHANTILLY THIS MARKED THE CELEBRATION OF FRANCE HOSTING THE OLYMPICS EXACTLY A HUNDRED YEARS BACK IN 1924 WHEN FRANCE LOST TO THE US 15-1. THE USA HELD THEIR WINNING STREAK AND PLAYED SOME SUPERB POLO WITH SOME POWERFUL SHOTS.

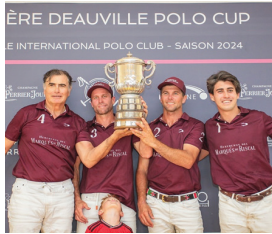
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## POLO EVENTS

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### PREVIOUS WEEK



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### 1 COUPE D'ARGENT

Date: 5-11 August  
Location: Deauville Polo Club  
GOAL LEVEL: 16  
Winner:  
Marques De Riscal vs  
Barriere (9-7)

### 2 TROPHEE TENTE D'OR APOSE

Date: 3-11 August  
Location: Brittany Polo Club  
GOAL LEVEL: 5-8  
Winner:  
Tecamac-Apose vs  
El Chaco (7.5-7)



Image Credit: Brittany Polo Club

### THIS WEEK



Polo De Deauville

### 1 DUKE OF WELLINGTON TROPHY

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



Polo De Deauville

### 2 DEAUVILLE SILVER CUP

Date: 5 - 17 August  
Location: Polo De Deauville, France  
GOAL LEVEL: 18 - 22 GOALS



### 3 THE ONLY ONE CUP

Date: 12 - 18 August  
Location: ASC Centre and College,  
Bangalore  
GOAL LEVEL: 4

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 SOTOGRADE GOLD CUP MEDIUM GOAL

Date: 5 - 26 August  
Location: Santa Maria Polo Club, Spain  
GOAL LEVEL: 12-14 goals



Image Credit: Polo 9

### 2 BRECKNOCK CUP

Date: 10 - 26 Aug  
Location: Cowdray Park Polo Club, England  
GOAL LEVEL: 8



Cowdray Park Polo Club

# CLIMATE CHANGE & EQUESTRIAN SPORTS



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Extreme weather changes have impacted equine sports in a big way. Apart from bringing in uncertainty at sporting events, climate change also impacts equine health.

**A**S the global mean temperature threatens to rise with each passing year, the pattern of hosting various equestrian events shifts more and more. The alterations caused by climate change are reshaping events in profound ways.

## COMPETITION SCHEDULES GO HAYWIRE

One of the most immediate and forced changes recently has been the delay in hosting regional championships. In simple terms, due to the adverse heat effects, events are delayed. Warmer winters and prolonged summers are a few threats that organisers must bear in mind to prevent spectators from having a hard time.

For instance, championships originally hosted during spring or autumn are now pushed for early summer or late fall for more comfortable weather conditions. Some organisers have become more flexible in including reserve days to accommodate unwanted rainy days.

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## HEAT STRESS

Some matches inevitably have to be held during hot summer days. As the temperature rises, the risk of heat strokes in riders and horses increases. This can lead to serious health issues, including dehydration or organ failure, in some cases.

Combating this could be a serious issue, as it can cause longer breaks during nail-biting matches, disrupting the flow of the game. However, implementing strict protocols to monitor the health of all is the safest route to take. Cooling stations, adequate break time, and the availability of cool water are some ways to avoid casualties during the game.



## ALTERED TRAINING PATTERNS

Equines have specific climatic conditions vis-a-vis strengthening, and skill development. Trainers factor in unexpected heat waves, droughts, and even storms in some parts of the world while training their horses.

### **TOPOGRAPHY CHANGES**

Excessive rainfall and extreme weather conditions cause arenas to become inaccessible for days. While waterlogged areas keep riders away, severe drought conditions and rising temperatures may cause cracks on the ground, which can prove disastrous for an equine's leg and hooves.



### **HEALTH IMPACT**

Extreme weather impacts our ecosystem negatively. Warmer temperatures can spread diseases like Lyme disease and equine infectious anaemia, transmitted through insects that thrive in warm climates. Due to these adverse changes, grasslands can give rise to poor-quality forage, leading to nutritional deficiencies.

Living sustainably is a choice we all can make to carve out a better future for horses and ourselves.

## SETTING NEW BENCHMARKS IN LUXURY TRAVEL

This is the year for high-end SUVs and electric vehicles with advanced tech and loaded with features, making for smooth and luxurious ride on the roads.

**I**n 2024, another wave of luxury SUVs and electric vehicles is touted to sweep across cities, taking the auto world to the next level with technological ad-

vancement, sustainability and comfort at its finest. These cars will redefine travelling in style by opening a window into the future of high-end transport.

### DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION OF LUXURY SUVs

For quite a long time, the expression "luxury SUV" has brought to mind images of social status and comfort driving. However, the 2024 models raise the bar even higher. The \$79,050 2024 Mercedes-Benz EQE SUV sets the tone for this segment with its spacious midsize luxury SUV, next-generation interior, and an estimated electric range of 307 miles.

Another model in the lineup is the 2024 Lexus RX 450h+ Plug-In Hybrid, which fuses luxury and efficiency by design. This car provides 37 miles in pure electric mode, using a 2.5-litre PHEV system coupled with 304 HP combined output.



LUXURY

**LEADING THE CHARGE IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Electric vehicles are no longer niche; they are increasingly being touted as cornerstones of luxury travel. When performance, technology, and practicality are considered, the 2024 Tesla Model Y remains at the forefront of this sector.

Newcomers are making big waves, too, including

the Polestar 4. Focusing on aerodynamics and interior comfort, this SUV can reach 0-100 km/h in just 3.8 seconds thanks to a pair of potent motors that produce 544 horsepower combined. The Polestar 4 disrupts what we usually see in luxury and performance within the EV segment.



**PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The sustainability trend for luxurious vehicles is well seen in models like the 2024 VinFast VF6 and VF7. These cars hit dealer floors in early 2024, hosting multiple powertrains and features that blur the lines of luxury and environmental consciousness. The VF 6 Eco

gets up to 248 miles of range, while the more potent drivetrain in the VF 7 Plus includes all-wheel drive and 268 miles of range.

The 2024 BMW i5 joins the lineup of models pairing BMW's luxury stamp with



## LUXURY

electric efficiency. It will have single-motor eDrive40 and dual-motor all-wheel-drive M60 models, with a maximum range of 295 miles. Its high-tech interior exudes innovation, as BMWs are equipped with a 12.3-inch driver information display and a 14.9-inch infotainment system, satisfying tech-savvy buyers looking to own a premium, eco-friendly vehicle.



## **TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS**

Luxury SUVs and EVs are integrating advanced technology to increase the quality of travel. The 2024 Audi Q8 e-tron boasts improved range and efficiency, with a fine-tuned interior focused on comfort and connectivity. With a base model price of \$75,595, this vehicle will have an estimated range of 285 miles—practical yet luxurious for long driving distances. The Genesis Electrified G80 blends luxury and

cutting-edge technology within its interiors. It has a 14.5-inch infotainment screen for those who prefer large displays, corresponding to a powertrain fuelled by two motors and producing 365 horsepower, respectively. As such, the vehicle goes for almost 300 miles on the range before refueling, demonstrating that luxury does not necessarily mean unsustainability in all aspects.





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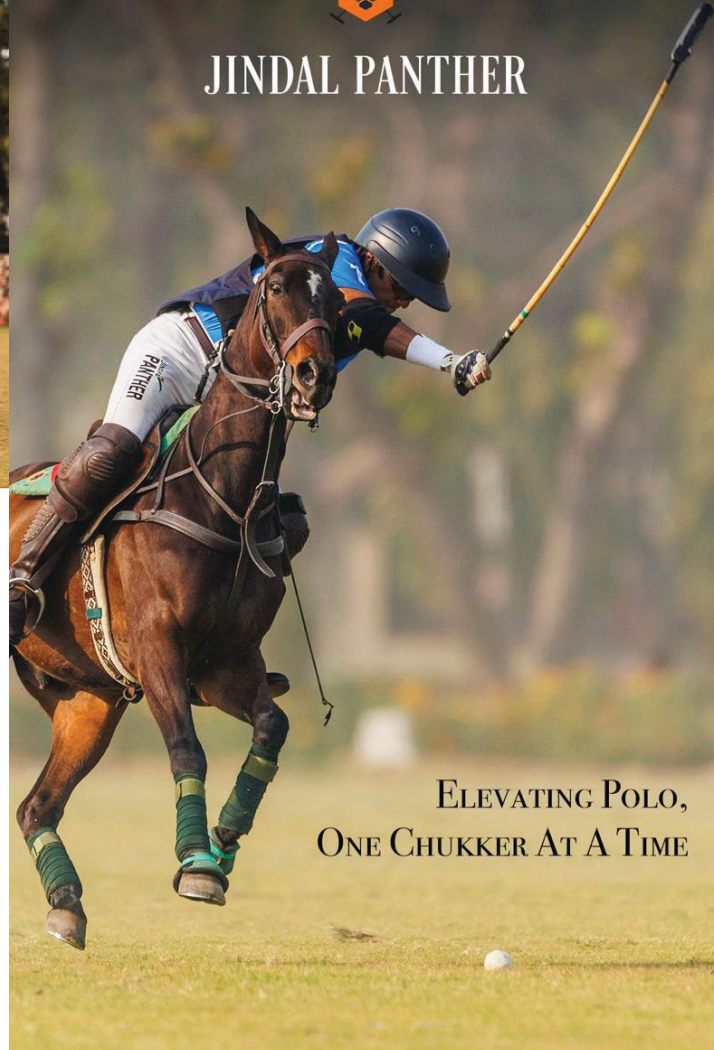
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