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With every new chapter in the rich heritage of Indian Polo, a novel generation of players rises to the challenge. Contributions from the Princely States, with players like Rao Raja Hanut Singh and H.H. Maharaja Sawai Man Singh 2nd of Jaipur, are well known. H.H. Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, Hurr Ali, Ashley Parekh, Sanya Suhag and Dhananjay Singh, among others, have received accolades for their performances and for representing the country on numerous occasions at a tender age. Now, a new generation of feisty players are seen on the polo arena.

One of the notable players this season is Vishwarupe Bajaj (-1) who has presented an extraordinary foray since his debut, with victories in the Maharaj Prem Singh Cup (2021), Maharaja Jagat Singh Memorial Cup (2021), Maharaja Prem Singh (2022),



Southern Command Cup (2022), and the RMRM Gold Vase Cup (2022). Commenting on his start, he states: "I was born in Bombay and living with my grandfather, I got into riding and polo. He taught me the basics of riding and the swing. Later on through great coaches like Samir Suhag and Chris Mackenzie, I got deeply interested in the sport." Tussling mallets with the great names in the Indian circuit and internationally, such as Juan Agustin Garcia Grossi, Juan Cruz Losada and Chris Mackenzie, has moulded him as a player. "Within the Indian fraternity,

I would idolize Pachó (H.H. Sawai Padmanabh Singh) but in the international circuit, I would have to mention Chris Mackenzie. Chris has been my coach and he pushes us to our fullest capacity," he states. "I love how he (Chris) never gives up even if the team is losing by 10 or 15 goals and puts in his best horses and while motivating us, tells us where we are going wrong; he gets the game even out of horses that aren't so great."

Another unmissable sight on the fields is the energetic Dino Dhankar (-2) who has been on an expedition since 2020. Recently, he won the RPC Cup (2021), Saptá Shakti Cup (2021), Rajmata Gayatri Devi Memorial Cup (2022) and the RPC Cup (2022). One of his specialties is his quick defence which he states was one of the reasons he got into the sport. "I was attracted to the enthusiasm and the speed. That, along with my passion for horses, have kept me hooked till now." Playing with the Achievers Polo Team during the Jaipur Season of 2021 and 2022, he has shared the pitch with myriad veterans, but he adores the 10-goal Argentinian titan, Facundo Pieres. "I learn from his speed, the tactics and his subtle moves," states Dino. His goals for the next few years revolve around improving his skills both as a polo player and equestrian as well as getting a higher handicap.

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Polo, unlike horse racing, allows cloned animals, and they have become increasingly popular since 2013 when Cambiaso first helped his team win a match riding a clone.

CLONING HORSES

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Polo needs complete synchronization between the horse and the player. In an interview with Haley Cohen (source: Vanity Fair), Adolfo Cambiasso talks of the idea to make his stallion immortal. Aiken Cura was an agile chestnut horse who supported him through many victories. Unable to face the stallion's demise, he took a bit of its blood (from the neck) and froze it in a Buenos Aires laboratory for some fateful day when he could reuse it. By 2015, he realized his dream with clones of Aiken Cura EO1 and others. At that point, he had 25

clones of his champion horse. At that time, there were about 300 cloned horses in the world.

Although this was a major movement within the equestrian world, it wasn't novel to the genetic and reproduction world, as in 1996 a sheep clone named Dolly was created.

After cloning Aiken, Cambiasso cloned his renowned champion pony Cuartetera and the first observation made was that they weren't exactly identical. The new clones did resemble the temperament and subtle personality of Cuartetera, which meant they mirrored its

majestic maneuverability and would make perfect companions. The company ViaGen uses state-of-the-art technology that produces cloned horses for stables around the world; they clone them through biopsy punches with a procedure that is so mild that the clone can be done the same day.

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Social media influencers are also more likely to impact followers' perception of the human-animal relationship as well as consumer behaviour, and can therefore affect the welfare of horses.

THE SOCIAL EQUINE

Social media plays an important role in increasing the reach of equestrian sporting around the world. It has helped in attracting potential equestrian enthusiasts and getting feedback on horse care and other expert tips.

Social media can connect us to friends and family as well as people we may never meet in person with whom we are still able to develop strong bonds. Being involved in the online world can lead to greater opportunities for support and a sense of community. Think about why you got into the sport in the first place: yes, it was likely because you love all things equine, but is it not made richer by sharing that love with like-minded souls?

Influencers have gained an important place in many equestrian clubs' social media promotions since they convey trust and confidence to those who follow them. Their use as promotion tools is widespread in numerous other sports fields. However, they are only beginning to be introduced in the equestrian sector. Nearly 80% of users who follow equestrian content profiles mainly follow informative ones, and 65.1% use them as a training and learning resource.



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Despite the sector being in a development phase, the use of influencers as a communication tool is highly recommended in the equestrian world.

For example, we could look at the impact of social media influencers on stable cultures in Sweden and Norway. The influencers mainly focus their communication on horse-related issues, and their love for horses creates the intimacy needed for launching other messages (perceived knowledge or advertisement).

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From Rolex's showcase at Watches & Wonders 2022, among the latest updates is the addition to Rolex's Oyster Perpetual series. Rolex watches are crafted to endure till the longest due to the skilled watchmaking. A few picks:

AIR-KING

Rolex's reputation is founded on its consistently outstanding product quality. The watches are durable, sturdy and trusted. The new-generation Oyster Perpetual Air-King features a redesigned case with a crown guard and straight sides. Equipped with calibre 3230, this new watch also has a refreshed dial and benefits from an optimised Chromalight display.



GMT-MASTER II

Rolex was one of the first to develop unique characteristics that made the watches suitable for daily use. The Oyster Perpetual GMT-Master II is unveiled in an original configuration comprising the winding crown on the left side of the case and the date aperture at 9 o'clock on the dial. It is also fitted with a Cerachrom bezel insert in green and black ceramic – a colour combination never before seen on this model.

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USPA Gold Cup 2022

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
14 March 2022	SD Farms(10) vs. Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream(11)
14 March 2022	La Indiana(10) vs. Coca-Cola(11)
15 March 2022	Dutta Corp/Show+(10) vs. CK Shack(7)
15 March 2022	La Fe(10) vs. Tamera(13)
16 March 2022	La Elina(14) vs. Cessna(9)
19 March 2022	La Elina(10) vs. Park Place(16)
20 March 2022	Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream(8) vs. Tamera(14)
20 March 2022	Pilot(13) vs. Dutta Corp/Show+(7)
21 March 2022	Coca-Cola(10) vs. Scone(12)
24 March 2022	Pilot(13) vs. Tamera(8)
24 March 2022	Scone(14) vs. Park Place(16)
28 March 2022	Pilot (11) vs. Park Place (10)

Out Of The Hat IV

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
31 March 2022	Krishna Polo (8) vs. Mustangs (7)
1 April 2022	Kanota Polo (8) vs. Hyderabad (6)
2 April 2022	RPC (6) vs. Hyderabad (3.5)
3 April 2022	RPC (8) vs. Kanota Polo (5.5)
3 April 2022	Mustangs (8) vs. APA (6.5)
4 April 2022	Krishna Polo (7) vs. APA (5.5)
5 April 2022	Krishna Polo (6) vs. RPC (5)



Maharaja Jiwaji Rao Scindia Gold Cup

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
15 March 2022	Aravali (6) vs. Sujan Indian Tigers(5)
16 March 2022	Jindal Panther (6) vs. Sahara Warriors(4)
16 March 2022	Sujan Indian Tigers (7) vs. YVJ (5)
17 March 2022	Aravali (6) vs. Sahara Warriors (5)
17 March 2022	YVJ (6) vs. Jindal Panther (5)
19 March 2022	YVJ (8) vs. Jindal Panther (5)
19 March 2022	Sahara Warriors (6) vs. Sujan Indian Tigers (5)
20 March 2022	Sahara Warriors declared default winners

U.S. Open Polo Championship

Continuing the Gauntlet of Polo trilogy, The CV Whitney Cup, The USPA Gold Cup is now the last leg, The U.S. Open Polo. The U.S. Open Polo Championship for the first time in 118 years featured 20 teams from across the country with nine 10-goal players across the teams. Here are the latest scores:

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
29 March 2022	La Fe (12) vs. Audi (8)
29 March 2022	Old Hickory Bourbon/ Airstream (11) vs. Dutta Corp/Show (9)
30 March 2022	G-String Polo Ponies (11) vs. Aspen Valley Polo (12)
30 March 2022	Tamera (8) vs. La Indiana (6)
30 March 2022	Grand Champions Polo Club (6) vs. Santa Rita Polo Farm (14)
31 March 2022	Polo Training Foundation (11) vs. Sol de Agosto (10)
31 March 2022	Scone (13) vs. La Elina (12)
1 April 2022	SD Farms (17) vs. CK Shack (9)
1 April 2022	Park Place (18) vs. Casablanca (5)
2 April 2022	Audi (13) vs. La Indiana (12)
2 April 2022	Cessna (6) vs. Pilot (12)
3 April 2022	Tamera (15) vs. La Fe (11)
4 April 2022	Scone (12) vs. Santa Rita Polo Farm (11)
4 April 2022	La Elina (15) vs. Grand Champions Polo Club (10)
4 April 2022	Park Place (14) vs. CK Shack (9)
5 April 2022	G-String Polo Ponies (14) vs. SD Farms (13)
5 April 2022	Aspen Valley Polo (12) vs. Casablanca (8)
6 April 2022	Cessna (11) vs. Old Hickory Bourbon/ Airstream (6)
7 April 2022	Pilot (11) vs. Polo Training Foundation (6)
7 April 2022	Sol de Agosto (11) vs. Dutta Corp/Show (9)



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Women's World Cup

For the first time in polo history under the Federation of International Polo, the Women's World Cup trophy will be contested by six teams: Argentina, Brazil, the United States, Ireland, Italy, and the United Kingdom from across the world between April 9-16. In 1987 under the presidency Don Marcos Oranga The 14-goal Men's World Cup organized by the Fédération Internationale de Polo (FIP) was held for the first time and now following this

legacy his son, Oranga Dolphin, leader of Argentine Polo Association (AAP) organized the first Women's World Cup. "During the week of the Women's Polo World Cup, the idea is for the Argentine stadium in Palermo to be a place for women. Several women who have been pioneers in their sport or activities, such as Gabriela Sabatini, Luciana Aymar and Paola Barreto, will be invited to the tournament and a gastronomic tour that will be led by Narda Lips and will present Waiter Ines De los Santos," he stated.

DLF Emporio Sawai Man Singh Gold Vase

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
22 March 2022	Kara Polo (5) vs. Jindal Panther (4)
23 March 2022	Sahara Warriors (5) vs. Kibb (4)
25 March 2022	Kara (7) vs. Kibba (5)
28 March 2022	Sahara Warriors (8) vs. Kara (3)

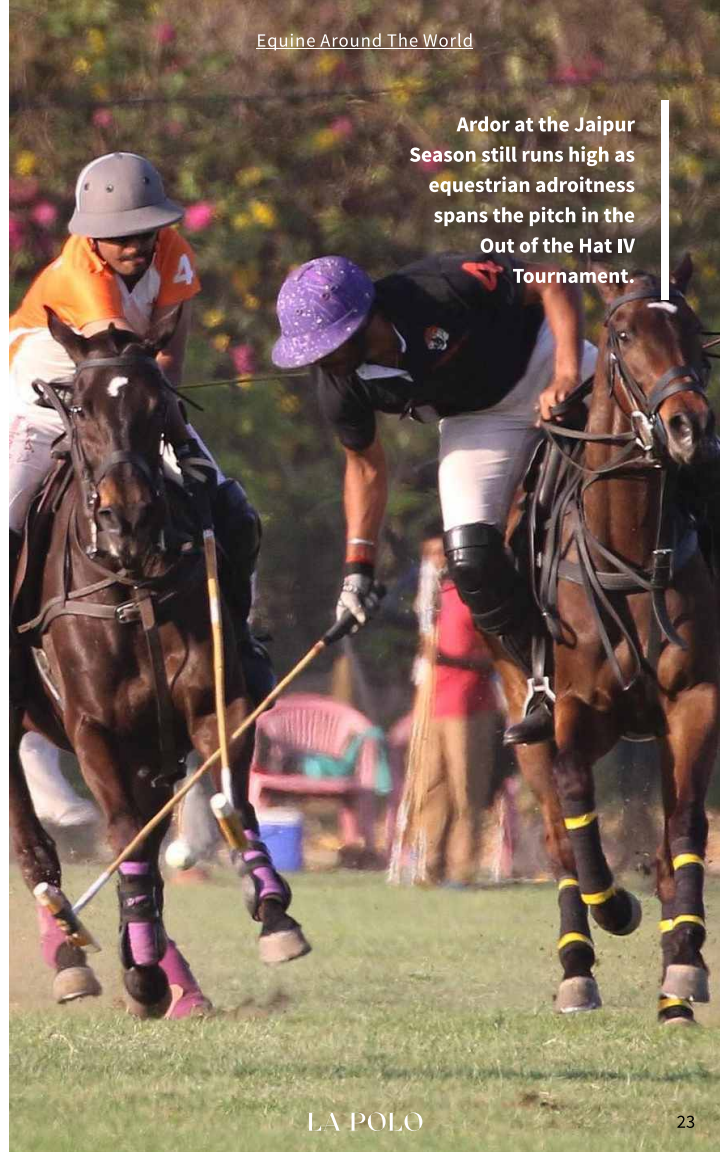
H.H. President of U.A.E. Polo Cup

The acclaimed tournament took place at the Ghantoot Racing and Polo Club between March 14 to 27.

DATE	TEAMS & SCORES
14 March 2022	Bin Draï (12) vs. Wolves Polo (8)
14 March 2022	Habtoor Polo (10) vs. Ghantoot Polo (4)
14 March 2022	UAE Polo (10) vs. Abu Dhabi Polo (9)
17 March 2022	Habtoor Polo (8) vs. Abu Dhabi Polo (6)
17 March 2022	UAE Polo (11) vs. Wolves Polo (7)
17 March 2022	Bin Draï (9) vs. Ghantoot Polo (4)
20 March 2022	UAE Polo (9) vs. Ghantoot Polo (8)
20 March 2022	Habtoor Polo (7) vs. Wolves Polo (9)
20 March 2022	Bin Draï (11) vs. Abu Dhabi Polo (7)
23 March 2022	Bin Draï (15) vs. Wolves Polo (11)
23 March 2022	UAE Polo (11) vs. Habtoor Polo (8)
27 March 2022	Ghantoot Polo (8) vs. Abu Dhabi Polo (9)
27 March 2022	UAE Polo (6) vs. Bin Draï (11)



Ardor at the Jaipur Season still runs high as equestrian adroitness spans the pitch in the Out of the Hat IV Tournament.



Moulid Sheikh About Gomsan returns to Egypt

The festival, known for displaying traditional horsemanship and equestrian skills, returned after two years, from March 26-28. The annual event takes place on the last 10 days of Shabaan (the month before Ramadan) and is a tradition passed on from generations. Alongside racing, the riders also dance with traditional music while on horseback. They also do tahtib, where they simulate a fight with wooden batons while on their horses or on the ground. Riders wear the traditional Upper Egyptian galabiyah during the event—a must-see for visitors and tourists to get in touch with modern Egypt and ancient cultures.



Image Source: Egypt Today Website

Pierre Le Goupil elected as designer for 2024 Olympics FEI Eventing Course

Le Goupil has been appointed as course designer for the Pan American Games in Santiago and the FEI European Championships in Haras du Pin, due to be held next year. "Taking part in the Olympic Games, somehow or other and whatever your role, can be seen as an absolute dream or the pinnacle in a career," Le Goupil said. "I feel honored to be appointed for the Paris Olympic Games as the eventing course designer to be held in the park of Versailles Palace." David O'Connor, chair of the FEI Eventing Committee, mentioned it was a full circle moment to appoint a Frenchman to carry out the task.



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26TH DUBAI WORLD CUP

The highly-awaited equestrian event in the Middle East took place on March 26. His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid bin Maktoum, Vice-President and Ruler of Dubai, was present on the occasion, along with other dignitaries. His Highness said: "This edition of the Dubai World Cup is a time to celebrate the UAE's distinguished position globally as a leading venue for hosting renowned equestrian championships." During the event, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, crowned Country Grammar of Zedan Racing Stables Inc, as the winner of the highly prestigious \$12 million Group 1 Dubai World Cup. The race saw some of the world's top performers.



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2022 SAUDI CUP

The prestigious Cup that played out from March 20th was recognized with a Guinness World Record of the largest prize fund for a single horse race, at \$20 million. The event featured 240 horses from 16 countries that competed for \$35.1 million. This event is known for bringing back the crème de la crème of Arabian horses. "Banat Al-Reeh" (daughters of the wind) is what the peninsula Arabs have traditionally referred their horses as. Introduced to the region at least 6,000 years ago, they have existed in parallel to the history of the Arab people and are presented at their best during these races.



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