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One of the most anticipated moments of the Jaipur Polo Season arrived when 7 professional Indian teams descended on the field with their equine partners and their sole weapons, mallets. In these battles of titans, who reigned supreme and who ran out of luck? Let's find out.



Participating Teams

POOL-A

BEDLA POLO

Zeeshan Ali Marchant -1

Rao Himmat Singh Bedla +1

Shamsheer Ali +3

Bauti Alberdi +3

ARMY GREEN

Maj Mrityunjay Singh Chouhan +0

Lt. Col RK Gautam +0

Lt. Col Prithvi Singh +0

Kuldeep Singh Rathore +2

MAYFAIR POLO

Anay Shah +0

Vishwarupe Bajaj +0

Siddhant Sharma +3

Simran Shergill +3

KANOTA POLO

Jayvir Singh Gohil +1/
Gonzalo Yanzon +4

Kr. Pratap Singh Kanota +0

Mr. Ranshay Purohit +1

Mr. Gaurav Sahgal +1

Pool-B

CHANDNA-KRISHNA POLO

Ashvini Sharma +0

Ashok Chandna +0

Dane Joshua +3

Samir Suhag +2

ARMY RED

Nk Ravinder Maang +1

Hurr Ali +2

Lt. Col Vishal Chouhan +1

DhruvPal Godara +2

JAIPUR

Mahendra Singh -2

Salim Azmi +1

Lance Watson +4

HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur +3



MATCH 1

Kanota Polo vs Army Green

DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER

The tournament began with an electrifying game between Kanota Polo and Army Green. The latter team had a 0.5 goal advantage, which almost pushed them over the finish line. Still, Kanota Polo had some other plans as they fought back hard to regain the lead in the last round and scored a couple of goals to barely stay ahead of the opposition as the final bell rang.

Winners:

Kanota Polo (6-5.5)

MATCH 2

Army Red vs Chandna-Krishna Polo

The second game between Army Red and Chandna-Krishna Polo was held the same day. Despite the latter team's advantage, Army Red managed to overcome the point advantage and went into full aggressive mode. This led to them scoring nine goals, which proved enough for the win.

Winners:

Army Red (9-6.5)

MATCH 3

Chandna-Krishna Polo vs Jaipur

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER

The second day was a double header with the first game between Chandna-Krishna Polo and Jaipur. The former team started with a point advantage, which they utilised fully when it came down to the final moments of the game. Jaipur fought back hard, but on this day it was not enough to overcome their opponents, and they lost by 1.5 points.

Winners:

Chandna-Krishna Polo (7.5-6)

MATCH 4

Bedla Polo vs Mayfair Polo

The second game was contested between Bedla Polo and Mayfair Polo. As the tournament progressed, so did the intensity of the matches. This game was a nail-biter, and both teams were equally favourites to win. However, fortune smiled upon Bedla Polo, and they clinched the win by just one point

Winners:

Bedla Polo (6-5)

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MATCH 5

Mayfair Polo vs Kanota Polo

DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER

The third day presented us with three action-packed matches. Mayfair Polo and Kanota Polo faced each other in the first one. The former team showcased their experience and teamwork as they planned on registering a dominating win over the opponents. They scored twice the number of goals and established a solid position in the tournament and came back strong after the previous game.

Winners:

Mayfair Polo (6-3)



MATCH 6

Bedla Polo vs Army Green

Bedla Polo and Army Green were up next. The game was dominated by Bedla Polo, as they not only overcame the point advantage given to Army Green pretty soon but also unleashed a flurry of goals on them to establish their presence at the tournament.

Winners:

Bedla Polo (9-5.5)



MATCH 7

Jaipur vs Army Red

The last game of the day and the league stages were held between Jaipur and Army Red. Both teams played it safely, but Jaipur controlled the flow of the game, and Army Red played right into their hands. As a result, they scored a couple of extra goals and stayed ahead when the final bell rang.

Winners:

Jaipur (5-3)

SEMI-FINAL 1

Jaipur vs Mayfair Polo

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER

The wait was over, and finally, the time came for Jaipur and Mayfair Polo to face one another for one of them to secure a spot in the finals. Jaipur continued their good form and were able to once again have a command over the game. Mayfair Polo tried their best to score some goals but could not break Jaipur's defences, which ultimately led to their defeat

Winners:

Jaipur (9-5)

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SEMI-FINAL 2

Bedla Polo vs Chandna-Krishna Polo

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER

The second spot in the finals was decided by a play between Bedla Polo and Chandna Krishna Polo. This game was a scoring fest, and almost 20 points were registered. Both teams were in for a fight and gave blows to one another by scoring alternately each round. In the final moments, Bedla Polo pulled off a highly anticipated win by scoring a couple of goals in the last chukker.

Winners:

Bedla Polo (11-8.5)

FINAL

Jaipur vs Bedla Polo

DATE: 22 SEPTEMBER

The best was saved for the finals in the match between Jaipur and Bedla Polo. Initially, Bedla Polo were on top of their game, scoring half a dozen goals by the end of the second round. Despite being a little late, Jaipur arrived at the party just in the nick of time and made up for the lost point by scoring four goals in the last two chukkers. The game eventually went into a tiebreaker, which was won by the side of Jaipur, and they were declared the crowned champions of the BM Birla Cup.

Winners:

Jaipur (9-8)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Goals</i>
17 September 2024	League	Kanota Polo	6	Army Green	5.5
17 September 2024	League	Army Red	9	Chandna-Krishna Polo	6.5
18 September 2024	League	Chandna-Krishna Polo	7.5	Jaipur	6
18 September 2024	League	Bedla Polo	6	Mayfair Polo	5
19 September 2024	League	Mayfair Polo	6	Kanota Polo	3
19 September 2024	League	Bedla Polo	9	Army Green	5.5
19 September 2024	League	Jaipur	5	Army Red	3
21 September 2024	Semi-Final	Jaipur	9	Mayfair Polo	5
21 September 2024	Semi-Final	Bedla Polo	11	Chandna-Krishna Polo	8.5
22 September 2024	Final	Jaipur	9	Bedla Polo	8

24th OPEN DE FRANCE BARNES

(8 Goal Tournament)

The French countryside was abuzz with polo fervour as a dozen competent teams, and skilled players turned their dreams into reality at the Chantilly Polo Club this past week.

Spectators got the chance to observe high-goal teams go up against each other and battle with every drop of adrenaline left in their bodies till, eventually, time gave out. With 40 matches in store, this tournament entertained enthusiasts for almost all three weeks of September. Let's review some of the most crucial matches of this tournament, along with the participating teams given below.





SEMI-FINAL 1

La Fija Sandbox vs Kazak

DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER

After over two weeks of battles, La Fija Sandbox and Kazak were the first to enter the semifinals. The game, first thought to be a close battle, was a comfortable win. The former team was on a goal spree the entire game and controlled the ball pretty well, resulting in a three-point lead victory.

Winners:

La Fija Sandbox (10-7)

SEMI-FINAL 2

Mungo vs Jolly Roger

The second semi-final game was played between Mungo and Jolly Roger. Jolly Roger had shown great promise this year, but Mungo pulled out their 'A' game and went on to end the opposition's campaign. Completely dominating almost all rounds, Mungo scored almost twice the number of goals and announced a commanding arrival into the finals.

Winners:

MUNGO (12-7)

FINAL (TROPHEE CONDE)

Octogone Polo Team vs Battistoni

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER

It was an intense game where both teams wanted to sign off their campaign with a win and tried their best to achieve the same. Octogone Polo performed a little better under pressure and chipped in a couple of extra goals to secure this title and the win.

Winners:

OCTOGONE POLO TEAM (9-7)



FRENCH POLO SEASON

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
15 September 2024	Quarter- Final	Jolly Roger	9	Sainte Mesme	8
15 September 2024	Quarter- Final	La Fija Sandbox	11	Eternal J	10
16 September 2024	Quarter- Final	Mungo	8	La Magdeleine	7
16 September 2024	Quarter-Final	Kazak	9	Clinova	7
20 September 2024	Semi-Final	La Fija Sandbox	10	Kazak	7
20 September 2024	Semi-Final	Mungo	12	Jolly Roger	7
21 September 2024	Final (Trophee Conde)	Octogone Polo Team	9	Battistoni	7
21 September 2024	Final (Trophee Conde)	Clinova	5	Eternal J	3
22 September 2024	Final	La Fija Sandbox	12	Mungo	10



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FINAL

La Fija Sandbox vs Mungo

DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER

FINAL (COPA CAREYES)

Clinova vs Eternal J

Another Copa Careyes game was held; unlike the curse game, both teams proceeded cautiously as the game advanced. As a result, only eight goals were scored in total, out of which Clinova had the upper hand and could defend and score on the minute opportunities they had.

Winners:
CLINOVA (5-3)

Both teams were exceptional throughout the tournament and did not disappoint their fans, even in this last game of the season. Goals were scored back and forth throughout the game, and no one could guess the winner until the end. However, in the last few moments of the game, La Fija Sandbox was able to develop a small lead and was on guard the entire time not to concede any extra goals, which led to their victory

Winners:
LA FIJA SANDBOX (12-10)

59th COPA THAI POLO

(25-31 Goal Tournament)

Featuring the epitome of polo, the 2024 Copa Thai Polo released euphoria into people who looked on at the action up close in the auspicious Abierto Del Jockey Club.

Six teams divided among two zones participated in this year's Copa Thai Polo to claim bragging rights as the finest among the greatest. A lot happened at the venue when teams with the highest handicaps faced each other, along with some really exciting and startling results. Here's a list of the preeminent teams and results from the tournament's latter stages.

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Zone-A

BLACK HOUND
Francisco Bensadon +7
Jesse Bray +6
Joaquin Pittaluga +8
Santiago Toccalino +7

LA ENSENADA
Ernesto Gutierrez +0
Juan Britos +9
Alfredo Bigatti +9
Juan Martin Zubia +9

DUBAI LA NATIVIDAD
Camilo Castagnola +10
Rashid Albwardy +2
Bartolome Castagnola +10
Facundo Pieres +10

Zone-B

LA HACHE PAX ASSISTANCE
Paco De Narvaez +6
Benjamin Panelo +7
Tomas Panelo +9
Hilario Ulloa +9

LA DOLFINA COLIBRÍ
Mia Cambiaso +2
Bautista Garcia +7
Bautista Bayugar +8
Alejo Taranco +8

SCONE
Lucas Monteverde +8
David Paradise 0
Adolfo Cambiaso Jr +10
Adolfo Cambiaso +10

After jubilant performances and pulling a win from the jaws of defeat, four teams advanced into the semi-final stages of the tournament. Here's what happened next:



SEMI-FINAL 1

Scone vs Black Hound

DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER

The first semi-final game was fought between Scone and Black Hound. Both teams reached this stage of the game after valiant performances and tried to continue their momentum. However, Scone was better accustomed to their teamwork and performed their hearts out on the field, scoring a dozen goals in response to the nine scored by Black Hound.

Winners:
SCONE (12-9)

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SEMI-FINAL2

La Hache vs Dubai La Natividad

An emotional roller coaster ride between La Hache and Dubai La Natividad determined the second finalist. This was by far the closest, nerve-wracking match in the event. Both teams' scores were levelled during the final moments of the game, and finally, La Hache landed the final blow by scoring a final goal before the end of time. Emotions befell upon the field as the victors moved a step closer to claiming the cup.

Winners:

LA HACHE (11-10)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
12 September 2024	League	Dubai La Natividad	15	Black Hound	14
13 September 2024	League	Scone	12	La Hache	9
15 September 2024	League	Scone	9	La Dolfina Colibrí	4
15 September 2024	League	Dubai La Natividad	18	La Ensenada	6
18 September 2024	Semi-Final	Scone	12	Black Hound	9
18 September 2024	Semi-Final	La Hache	11	Dubai La Natividad	10
21 September 2024	Final	La Hache	13	Scone	9



FINAL

La Hache vs Scone

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER

After a two-day break, La Hache and Scone took the field for one last ride in this coveted tournament. In the league stages, Scone had defeated La Hache once and was looking to do the same, while the latter was looking for revenge. La Hache, with a calm and collected composure, unleashed a fury of goals upon Scone, to which Scone tried to respond the best they could but was unable to do so with the clock ticking and running out of time.

Winners:

LA HACHE (13-9)

POLO EVENTS

Several international events made headlines across the globe with an abundance of action.

THIS WEEK

1 TROPHEE CASTEL

Date: 6 - 22 September
Location: Chantilly Polo Club, France
GOAL LEVEL: 7-8

Winner:
La Esperanza-Mendoza (4.5) vs
Octogone-Panarea (9)



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2 CHAMPIONNAT D'ILE DE FRANCE

Date: 7 - 22 September
Location: Polo De Paris, France
GOAL LEVEL: 8

Winner:
Epona (3) vs Red Falcon (6)



Image Credit: Polo De Paris

3 24 OPEN DE FRANCE BARNES

Date: 4-22 September
Location: Chantilly Polo Club, France
GOAL LEVEL: 16

Winner:
Mungo (12) vs
La Fija Sandbox (12)



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4 OPEN DE FRANCE FEMININ

Date: 17-22 September
Location: Chantilly Polo Club, France
GOAL LEVEL: 12-16

Winner:
Yves Delrome (9) vs
Augustinus Bader (7)



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5 59 ABIERTO JOCKEY CLUB COPA THAI POLO

Date: 10-21 September
Location: Jockey Club San Isidro, Argentina
GOAL LEVEL: 25-32

**La Hache Pax Assistance (13) vs
Scone (9)**

UPCOMING WEEK



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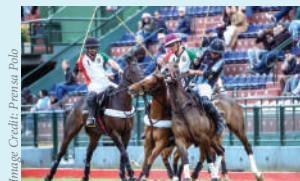


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1 FIP III LADIES EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: 28 September
Location: La Mimosa Polo Club, Milan, Italy
GOAL LEVEL: 10-12

2 NATIONAL ARENA CHAIRMAN'S CUP

Date: 29 June - 28 September
Location: Lakeside Polo Club, USA
GOAL LEVEL: 6-12

3 COMPIANTO ITALIANO DE POLO - US POLO ASSN

Date: 26 September - 6 October
Location: Roma Polo Club, Italy
GOAL LEVEL: 6

4 TORNEO METROPOLITANO ALTO

Date: 16 September - 6 October
Location: Asociacion Argentina De Polo, Argentina
GOAL LEVEL: 24

THE SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF LEADERSHIP

Amidst pounding hooves and windswept manes, a hidden herd of wild horses roams the untouched wilderness of the woodlands.



Unlike humans, their world speaks of a silent, unbreakable bond, following the dynamics that help them get through difficult times. This secret life of equines is an unseen aspect where true leadership and cooperation are maneuvered. In this article, we guide you through this wondrous world.

THE SILENT POWER

When it comes to survival, the herd places complete trust in the lead mare, or the stallion. Much like soldiers relying on their commander's guidance in battle, the woods are the horses' battlefield, and the mare is their leader. She navigates the group with experience, ensuring they find food, water, and shelter. Leadership here isn't about loud voices or aggression. Her authority is quiet and composed, built on trust, as the herd follows her instinctive, safe path for every critical decision. Outwardly, people often mistake the stallion as someone having the most critical job of keeping the herd from threats; instead, it is he who helps to avoid them in the first place. With all his decisions rarely put to question, it promises steady harmony within the group.

"A lead mare's power isn't in her stride but in her quiet wisdom, guiding her herd through the wild with trust, not force."

REGAL HORSES

THE 'PROTECTOR' STALLION

The stallion provides relief and protection to the herd, ready to shoulder any conflicts or harm that might occur during their 'jungle' cruise. His presence is important, providing a shield that keeps predators at bay. Also, the stallion's role describes a dominant figure among the group and a willingness to confront danger head-on.

It's vital for the stallion to not only take care of predators but also for rival stallions to wait for any opportunity to pounce upon their group and take control. On top of that, sometimes social conflicts arise between the mare and the foal; it is 'he' who reinforces the social bond in the herd.



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"A stallion's true strength lies not in his battle, but in the moment he stands alone, offering himself so his herd may run free."



HIERARCHY, CONFLICTS AND RESOLUTION

While the principal and teacher may be at the top of the hierarchy in a school, classmates often indulge in respective roles, distributing rank among themselves. Similarly, in the herd, certain mares and young horses strive hard to earn their place within the group. This is done by subtle body language, posturing, and sometimes minor confrontations. 'The big boy gets the candy first'; this social hierarchy determines who gets the best grazing spot, water source, or resting place. When the day finally arrives for the lead mare to take the back seat, another one deemed capable of the task takes her place..

Interestingly, the conflicts between members of the herd are short-lived as they are known to be incredibly social animals, and being cooperative is the only way to ensure their survival. To view this peaceful offering, you'll need to pay closer attention to the horse's body language, often conveyed through ear positioning, head tilts, or light nudges. 'Unity' amidst the wildness is primarily consequential because a fractured group becomes far more vulnerable to predators.

THE SOCIAL BONDS

Perhaps the most captivating part of the untamed horses is imagining how deep the connection of their social bonds penetrates. Talking about their social life, horses are not very different from us, homo sapiens. Their connections are evident, especially between mothers and their foals. Hence, from an early age, they are taught the intricacies of survival and the subtleties required to socially interact with one another.



A well-taught foal spins a web of information and relationships and spends his early days closely noticing the rules and learning about them solely by observing his mother and other members. Then, as he grows, he tries and executes his life lessons to develop his skills and be a better fit in the herd. In these early years, they need to recognize the quality best suited to them so they may transition smoothly and find their role in the next generation of dynamics.

UNITY: THE EVOLUTIONARY ADVANTAGE

In a dangerous world filled with deadly predators, how is it that these horses survive!? The answer is the powerful one-letter word 'Unity'. A well-organized and cohesive herd will always have much better chances of survival than scattered horses running off who are just squandering prey in the woods.

What makes this survival more fascinating is that their survival is not individually dependent on brute force or physical prowess alone. Still, instead, they have an evolution favouring social intelligence, cooperation, and the ability to lead and follow. The silent role of the lead mare, the dominant stallion, and the herd's intricate hierarchy present us with one of the most delicate balances between power, wisdom, and mutual respect.



The World of Silent Authority and Unseen Leadership

Horses teach us quite a lot, whether as our loyal companions on the field or through their leadership and pack qualities in the forests. Hence, it's easy to understand why humans and horses share such an intertwined history. What do you think?

A Gala of Glitz and Glam

Subtle celebrity street style characterised this edition of the Milan Fashion Week.

After signing off in New York and London, designers and their darlings were back in the Italian fashion capital of Milan. While Gigi Hadid and Vittoria Ceretti were back modelling for Versace, Irina Shayk dazzled during the Dolce & Gabbana show, offering an ode to musical maestro Madonna, who was in attendance. Kendall Jenner modelled for Bottega Veneta.

“While the freshest, most inspiring creations are being debuted on the runways, there is also plenty to see on the cobbled streets of the busy Italian city, where Hollywood and music industry personalities are interpreting the catwalk trends in their own creative ways,” noted Rosa Sanchez at Harper’s Bazaar.



FASHION



A BAPTISM BY FIRE FOR GUCCI

The past year has been difficult for the Italian luxury label. Recently reported figures showed that Gucci's sales had fallen by 20% year on year in the second quarter of 2024. The newly appointed creative director Sabato De Sarno had a tough job on his hands. And then, he managed to do the unthinkable.

Gucci's De Sarno-inspired 'casual grandeur' aesthetic ruled the runway at Milan Fashion Week this year. De Sarno also channelled the Tom Ford theme. For

instance, the designer showcased a pair of black and white maxidresses with side slits and gold metal details, offering a throwback to Tom Ford's 1990s Gucci era. The 1960s aesthetic of silk headscarves and oversized sunglasses "worn with popped-collar knits and short skirts" was also showcased on the runway. Backstage the designer said, "Casual grandeur was tailoring, lingerie, leather, 60s silhouettes ... and the moment the sun dives into the sea at the end of an August day".





ODE TO MADONNA

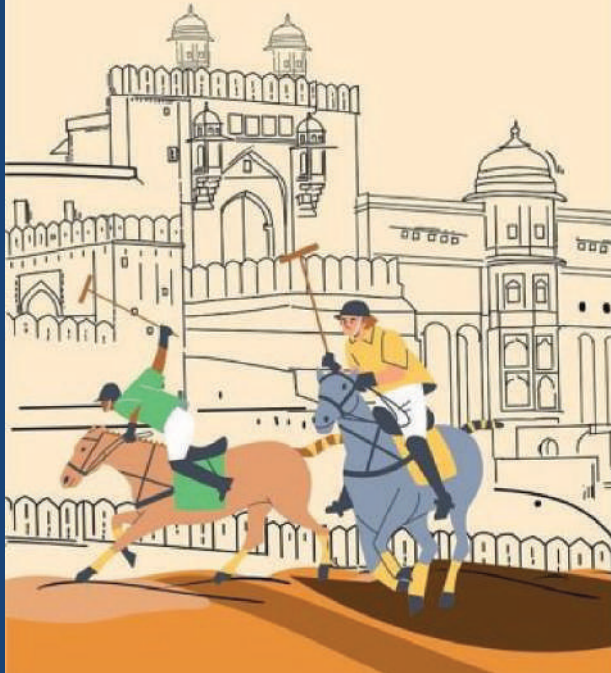
Dubbed “Italian Beauty”, the collection channelled the singer-songwriter’s 1990s aesthetics, inspired by her 1993 *The Girlie Show*. The tour had been to promote the launch of Madonna’s Erotica album and coffee table book, *Sex*. It became groundbreaking given it was the first instance where a major cultural icon embraced feminine sensuality with shame or stigma. The Dolce & Gabbana show was a reflection of that spirit. With bleach blond hair, cone bras paired with a pencil skirt, garters popping out from corsets—it was all the way 90s Madonna. After closing their show, the designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana walked down the runway to greet their guests of honour, Madonna. The singer-songwriter was heavenly in her black-gold long lace veil and gown.

CELEBRITIES AT THE SHOW

The Fendi show featured Shailene Woodley, Jade Thirlwall, and Marina Abramović, while Sarah Paulson, Amanda Peet, Carey Mulligan, and Simone Ashley were at the Prada show. Dakota Johnson, Jessica Chastain, and Nicola Coughlan were among the guests at Gucci. Taylor Hill, Amanda Lear and Valeria Bruni Tedeschi were at Elisabetta Franchi’s.

JAIPUR POLO SEASON

02 SEPTEMBER TO 27 OCTOBER 2024



TOURNAMENTS

Army Commander's Cup (61 Cavalry) (6 Goals)

23 - 29 September

Junior Jaipur Open (Under 21)

23 - 29 September

Sawai Man Guard Cup (6 Goals)

30 September - 6 October

Sternhagen Bhavnagar Polo Trophy (8 Goals)

7 - 13 October

Haldighati Cup (61 Cavalry) (2 Goals)

7 - 13 October

Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Polo Cup (8 Goals)

14 - 20 October

General Amar Singh Kanota Cup (6 Goals)

21 - 27 October

EXHIBITION MATCHES

International Junior Test Match

28 September

Mayo Polo Cup

5 October

Exhibition Polo Match

23 October

Mathuradas Mathur Exhibition Polo Cup

26 October

Ladies Polo Cup

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