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Six teams competed in the Netjets Pacific Coast Open 2024. With hope and determination, every player descended on the field to establish a legacy. Let's walk through some of the high-grade games that took place between 18 August and 1 September, which mentioned some of the peak moments from the tournament:

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Bracket I

ANTELOPE (5-0)	BENTLEY ESTATES (3-1)	LA KARINA (2-2)
Grant Palmer +1	Cable Magness +1	Brian Boyd 0
Leon Schwencke +4	Gonzalo Ferrari +6	Lucas Diaz Alberdi +6
Felipe 'Pipe' Vercellino +7	Geronimo Obregon +5	Santiago Torres +6
Lucas Escobar +4	Roberto Zedda Jr. +4	Carlos 'Carlitos' Gracida Jr. +4



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Bracket II

CARBENELLA POLO (2-3)

Ben Soleimani 0

Kristos 'Keko' Magrini +6

Ignacio 'Iñaki' Laprida +7

Miguel 'Miki' Novillo Astrada Jr. +2

KLENTNER RANCH (0-3)

Jake Klentner +2

Ignacio 'Nachi' Viana +6

Jesse Bray +7

Justin Klentner +1

MOKAROW FARMS (0-3)

Robert Stenzel +4

Jeff Hall +6

Facundo Obregon +6

Kevin Mokarow 0

After the initial bouts, matches advancing from number 8 and onwards in previous games are below. Bentley Estates and Antelope performed especially well. Let's see for ourselves how far they got in the do-or-die stages of the tournament.

MATCH 8

Bentley Estates vs Klentner Ranch

DATE: 25 AUGUST

Bentley Estates and Klentner Ranch battled against one another to pick up a desperate win in these stages. The game was pretty even to spectators' eyes, but gradually, Bentley Estates unfolded their hand and chipped in a couple of extra goals to claim the win over Klentner Ranch.

Winners:

Bentley Estates (11-9)



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MATCH 9

Antelope vs Carbenella Polo

This next game was played between Antelope and Carbenella Polo. Antelope were on a winning streak coming into this match, and Carbenella Polo almost upset them. Proceeding cautiously, both teams didn't want to overextend even a little bit. Towards the end, fortune favoured Antelope, and they were able to win by a one-point lead.

Winners:

Antelope (8-7)

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SEMI-FINAL 1

Antelope vs La Karina

DATE: 30 AUGUST

After giving teams their deserved rests, it was time for the semi-finals to kick in a gush of adrenaline through our veins. Antelope was again on the field to face La Karina, and both gave their all. The match was truly semi-final-worthy, where both teams could see the finish line and contested it till the very end. By the end of time, Antelope again had won by a single point, advancing to the finals.

Winners:

Antelope (12-11)

SEMI-FINAL 2

Carbenella Polo vs Bentley Estates

DATE: 31 AUGUST

A play decided the second finalist between Carbenella Polo and Bentley Estates. This game was as close as it can get. Carbenella Polo, showcasing great composure, strategies, and teamwork, bagged a position into the finals by staying a point ahead when the last bell rang.

Winners:

Carbenella Polo (9-8)

FINAL

Antelope vs Carbenella Polo

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER

The finals finally arrived, and we saw fortune favouring the bold Antelope and the team looking to avenge themselves, Carbenella Polo. As soon as the game started, Antelope showcased peak performance in both departments, defensive and offensive.

They proved it was not just luck that brought them this far, and they scored more than a dozen goals to make everyone in their surroundings fall in love with them.

Winners:

Antelope (14-8)



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Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
25 August 2024	League	Bentley Estates	11	Klentner Ranch	9
25 August 2024	League	Antelope	8	Carbenella Polo	7
30 August 2024	Semi-Final	Antelope	12	La Karina	11
31 August 2024	Semi-Final	Carbenella Polo	9	Bentley Estates	8
1 September 2024	Final	Antelope	14	Carbenella Polo	8

POLO EVENTS

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THIS WEEK

1 EASTERN CHALLENGE

Date: 24 August - 7 September
Location: Beverly Polo Club, USA
GOAL LEVEL: 12-16

Winner:
**Salamander (13) vs
Beverly Polo (10)**



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2 PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Date: 26 August - 7 September
Location: Guards Polo Club
GOAL LEVEL: 9-11

Winner:
**Kusnacht Practice (8.5) vs
Tchogan (9)**



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3 COPA SAN ENRIQUE DE GUARDIARO

Date: 5-8 September
Location: Ayala Polo Club,
Sotogrande, Spain
GOAL LEVEL:

Winner:
**Agadir Polo (4.5) vs
Maass Polo Team (4)**



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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

1 CHINKARA CUP

Date: 9-15 September
Location: Cavalry Polo Ground, Jaipur
GOAL LEVEL: 5-6



2 TROPHEE DU CAPITAINE DES JEUX

Date: 6-15 September
Location: Chantilly Polo Club
GOAL LEVEL: 4



3 THE SIDEBOTTOM CUP

Date: 6 - 15 September
Location: Beaufort Polo Club
GOAL LEVEL: 4-6



4 AUTUMN NATIONS TROPHY

Date: 28 August - 15 September
Location: Guards Polo Club
GOAL LEVEL: 11-12





LIGHTS, CAMERA, LIDO: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VENICE FILM FESTIVAL 2024

This year's edition was a glittering affair, with a mix of high-profile Hollywood projects and auteur-driven smaller films capturing attention.

The 2024 Venice Film Festival, held at Lido di Venezia, one of the most renowned events on the world film calendar, featured an exciting blend of cinematic craftsmanship and critical discussion. As usual, the festival drew a slew of top directors, actresses, and producers vying for the prized Golden Lion and other awards. This year's edition was no exception, with a mix of high-profile Hollywood projects and auteur-driven smaller films capturing attention.

HIGHLIGHTS AND STANDOUT FILMS

One of the standout moments of the festival was *The Brutalist*, a historical drama directed by Brady Corbet featuring Adrien Brody. The film quickly captured the attention of audiences and critics alike, establishing itself as a frontrunner thanks to its compelling narrative and striking visual design about architectural ambition and human tragedies. Brody's nuanced performance further solidified the film's status as a festival favourite, elevating it beyond standard historical drama into a deeply resonant cinematic experience.

On the flipside, *The Wolfs*, featuring Hollywood titans Brad Pitt and George Clooney, did not perform as well. Despite its A-list ensemble and the significant anticipation around its release, the picture received lacklustre reviews from

critics. While Pitt and Clooney's chemistry is normally reliable, it appeared to be absent in this production, leaving festival attendees disappointed.

Angelina Jolie made her return to the screen at the Venice Film Festival with her role in *Maria*, a film that garnered mixed responses. While some complimented Jolie's emotionally devoted and multifaceted performance, others believed the film's plot was lacking. However, her unmistakable star power kept the picture in the limelight throughout the festival, ensuring that it remained one of the most talked-about entrants despite its mixed reviews.

On the contrary, Nicole Kidman's per-

formance in Halina Reijn's *Babygirl*, was well received by both critics and audiences. In an industry that struggles to convey the intricacies and complexity of the sexuality of older women, *Babygirl* presents a compelling story with Kidman's magnetic presence on screen shining through.

Perhaps the most daring shift this year was the resurgence of eroticism in cinema, with films that explored sensuality and desire through sophisticated and creative lenses. Unlike past incarnations of this genre of films, which relied on shock value, these new entrants explored intimacy with delicacy and depth, spurring crucial discussions about the changing representation of



CULTURE



AWARDS AND WINNERS

The prestigious Golden Lion Award, the highest honour bestowed at the Venice Film Festival, was awarded to *The Room Next Door* by two-time Academy Award Winner Pedro Almodóvar. Other notable winners included:

- Silver Lion for Best Director: Brady Corbet, *"The Brutalist"*
- Grand Jury Prize: *"Vermiglio,"* Maura Delpero
- Special Jury Prize: *"April,"* Dea Kulumbegashvili
- Best Screenplay: Murilo Hauser, Heitor Lorega, *"I'm Still Here"*
- Volpi Cup for Best Actress: Nicole Kidman, *"Babygirl"*
- Volpi Cup for Best Actor: Vincent Lindon, *"The Quiet Son"*
- Marcello Mastroianni Award for Best Young Actor: Paul Kircher, *"And Their Children After Them"*



PARALYMPICS 2024: A LEAP FORWARD FOR EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

The Games showcased remarkable athleticism, resilience, and innovation across various sports.

The 2024 Paralympic Games featured diverse athleticism, resilience, and innovation across a variety of sports. Equestrian events stood out, showcasing the unique bond between rider and horse—a partnership built on trust, skill, and mutual respect. This year's equestrian competitions were particularly remarkable, enhanced by new technological advancements that improved both the training and competition phases for para-equestrian athletes.



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Innovation in Para-Equestrian Sports

From adaptable saddles made for certain disabilities to smart sensors implanted in riding equipment, technology has become essential for allowing more athletes to participate at the top levels. The Paralympic Games witnessed a rise in the use of AI-driven training tools. These tools assisted riders and coaches in fine-tuning moves using accurate data on horses' posture, balance, and gait. Furthermore, developments in prosthetic limbs and assistance technologies have levelled the playing field, allowing para-equestrians to compete more confidently.

Para-equestrian sports need more than physical talent; they also require a strong relationship with the horse, fine motor control, and mental attention. This delicate



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coordination was eloquently demonstrated in Paris, as riders overcame physical limitations to perform sophisticated routines that left viewers in awe of their delicacy and control.

India's Impressive Performance

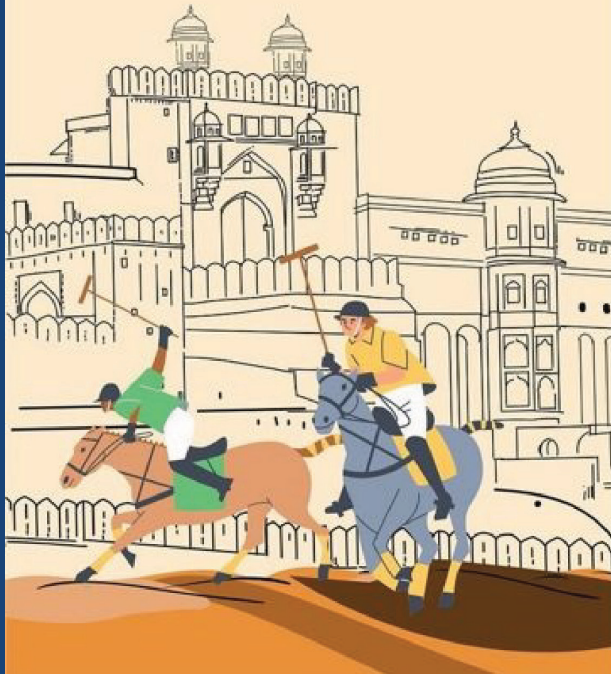
India's presence at the Paralympics 2024 was marked by remarkable achievements across various sports, symbolising the nation's growing commit-

ment to para-athletes. The impressive performances in athletics, swimming, badminton, and beyond reflect the incredible talent within India and the strides made in fostering inclusivity and opportunity for athletes with disabilities. While the equestrian events didn't see participants from India this year, it offers an exciting frontier of possibility. The country's rich equestrian tradition and growing support for para-athletics present a unique opportunity to develop this sport further.

By developing dedicated training centres, providing scholarships, and enhancing access to adaptive equipment, India can empower para-athletes to excel. Corporate sponsorships and collaborations with international federations can further strengthen this effort, while increased media coverage and inspiring stories of para-equestrian success will encourage more participation.

JAIPUR POLO SEASON

02 SEPTEMBER TO 27 OCTOBER 2024



TOURNAMENTS

Chinkara Polo Championship (61 Cavalry) (6 Goals)
9-15 September

Bm Birla Cup (6 Goals)
16 -22 September

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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