

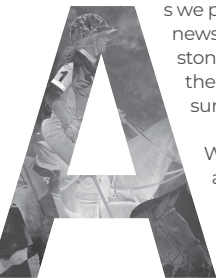
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300 Editions Strong:
*A Milestone
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As we proudly unveil the 300th edition of the LA POLO newsletter, this moment signifies more than a milestone — it reflects our enduring commitment to the sport, its culture, heritage, and the lifestyle that surrounds polo.

What began as a niche initiative has grown into a global voice for polo, heritage, and luxury. Each edition has captured the spirit of storytelling — tales of legacy, rising champions, breathtaking tournaments, and the timeless elegance that defines the game.

The journey has had its share of challenges, but our vision has remained steadfast: to make LA POLO the world's leading polo platform — one that honours tradition while embracing the evolving spirit of the sport.

As we move forward, our commitment deepens. We are expanding our horizons, strengthening international collaborations, and pushing boundaries to create a global network within the polo community. LA POLO is not just a brand anymore — it's a movement connecting polo lovers across continents.

To our readers, contributors, and the global polo community — thank you for being part of this remarkable journey.

Here's to the next 300!



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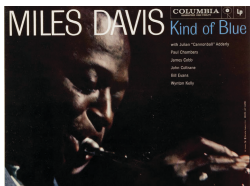


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THE JAIPUR TROPHY

The Guards Polo Club marked a significant milestone by hosting the first-ever Indian Polo Day, celebrated with great enthusiasm, on 19 July.

The Club opened its doors to both members and non-members, inviting all to indulge in a specially curated Indian-inspired menu. The day's highlight was a double-header of exhilarating polo action, including the much-anticipated relaunch of the prestigious Jaipur Trophy.



Jaipur Polo Team on the Queen's Ground copyright Sam Churchill 2025 (1)

Indian Polo Day was celebrated with euphoric energy, as spectators witnessed two thrilling matches. The first was the final of the Indian Polo Challenge Shield, an 18-goal tournament, where Ainsley Saddlery edged out White Crane Black with an 11-9 victory. The second match featured a spirited face-off between Team Jaipur and Guards Polo Club.

Jaipur Team with the Jaipur Trophy copyright Sam Churchill 2025



TEAM JAIPUR

HH Sawai Padmanabh Singh +3

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Abhimanyu Pathak +3

Daniel Otamendi+3

GUARDS POLO CLUB

Will Emerson +5

Kuldeep Singh Rathore +3

Dino Dhankhar 0

Vishwarupe Bajaj +1



FINAL GAME Team Jaipur vs Guards Polo Club

Date: 19 July

After a wait of more than a decade, the iconic Jaipur Trophy made its long-awaited return following the finals of the Indian Polo Challenge Shield. Last played in 1968, the trophy was revived with a thrilling match that lived up to its legacy. Team Jaipur came out strong, domi-

nating early with a flurry of goals that left their opponents reeling. Guards Polo Club mounted a late comeback, narrowing the gap in a tense finish—but time wasn't on their side. As the final bell rang, Team Jaipur emerged victorious, lifting the revived Jaipur Trophy at Guards Polo Club in 2025.

Winners: Team Jaipur (8-7)



INDIAN POLO CHALLENGE SHIELD

(18 Goal Tournament)

With plenty of excellence on display, the Guards Polo Club boastfully inaugurated the Indian Polo Challenge Shield, an 18-goal tournament celebrating the club's blissful relationship with India.

With 14 teams in contention, the event welcomed all squads at this level to participate. Across 30 thrilling matches, the tournament left spectators both ecstatic and stunned, as the intensity rose with each game. Here's a look at a few standout clashes that transformed the atmosphere—from deafening roars to pin-drop silence.

SEMI-FINAL 1

White Crane Black vs Limitless

Date: 17 July

The electrifying first semi-final between White Crane Black and Limitless was a clash that had fans on their feet. As the game neared its climax, tension gripped the arena. White Crane Black held their nerve, weathered the pressure, and found a breakthrough with a decisive extra-time goal to seal the win.

Winners:

White Crane Black (8-7)

SEMI-FINAL 2

AINSLEY SADDLERY VS SEGAVAS POLO TEAM

Date: 17 July

The second semi-final featured Ainsley Saddlery against Segavas Polo Team. The game surpassed the previous one in terms of goals scored. Ainsley Saddlery, in this one, had the better of Segavas Polo Team and had an extra point in the bank to walk away victorious in the high-pressure game.

Winners:

Ainsley Saddlery (9-8)



Ainsley Saddlery_s Tomas Willams copyright Sam Churchill 2025

SUB-SEMI-FINAL 1 FOUR QUARTERS BLACK VS JINDAL PANTHER

Date: 17 July

A sub semi-final saw the Indian team Jindal Panther take on the formidable Four Quarters Black. Jindal Panther stayed sharp throughout, but Four Quarters Black had all the right countermeasures. In a fiercely contested match, it was Four Quarters Black who emerged victorious, ending Jindal Panther's spirited run.

Winners:

Four Quarters Black (7-6)



SUB-FINAL FOUR QUARTERS BLACK VS EMLOR BLACK

Date: 19 July

The event concluded with a sub-final game between Four Quarters Black and Emlor Black, which was again decided by a margin of a single point. The former team were able to defend their goalposts a little better than the latter side. Four Quarters Black ended the 2025 version of the Indian Polo Challenge Shield with a slim win by a one-point margin.

Winners:

Four Quarters Black (8-7)

FINAL AINSLEY SADDLERY VS WHITE CRANE BLACK

Date: 19 July

It was time for the most-awaited game, the final game for the 2025 Indian Polo Challenge Shield between Ainsley Saddlery and White Crane Black. Ainsley Saddlery were on top of their game and had answers for every goal scored against them by the side of White Crane Black. The game was eventually won by Ainsley Saddlery, scoring a couple of extra goals and securing the trophy.

Winners:

Ainsley Saddlery (11-9)



Indian Polo Challenge Shield final action copyright Sam Churchill

Ainsley Saddlery Indian Polo Challenge Shield winners 2025

CHENNAI POLO MAKES A DAZZLING COMEBACK

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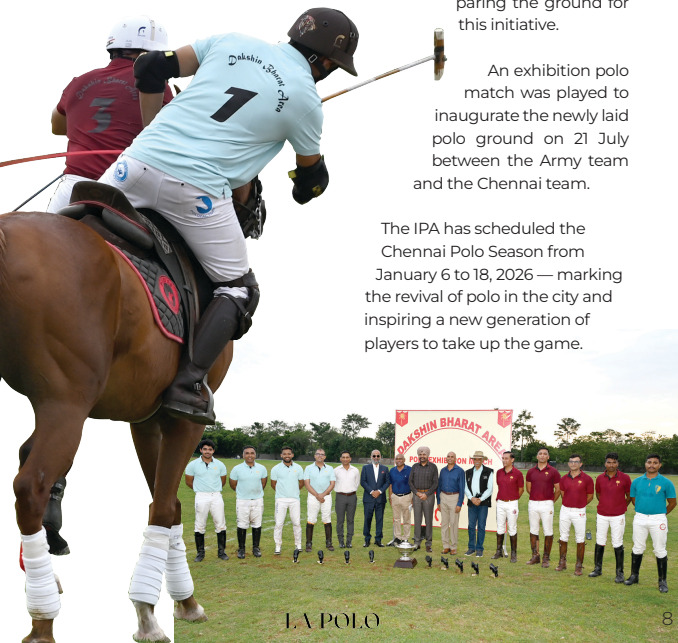
Chennai is home to the Kolanka Cup, the biggest silver Polo trophy and an important erstwhile polo centre of India, where global polo stars played for the first time, namely Julian Hipwood (+7) and Lionel MacLaire.

This achievement was made possible through the unwavering support of GOC Dakshin Bharat Area, Lt Gen Karanbir Singh Brar; Chairman of the Madras Race Club, Mr Mutthaiah Ramaswamy; and Southern Zone Executive Committee Member, Brig GS Pandher, SM — who played a pivotal role in conceptualising and executing the project and the ground. Alongside him, Mr N.V. Ravi, Administrator of the Chennai Riding School at MRC, was equally instrumental. It was Brig Pandher and Mr Ravi

who took charge of preparing the ground for this initiative.

An exhibition polo match was played to inaugurate the newly laid polo ground on 21 July between the Army team and the Chennai team.

The IPA has scheduled the Chennai Polo Season from January 6 to 18, 2026 — marking the revival of polo in the city and inspiring a new generation of players to take up the game.



BRITISH LADIES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (UK) (COW) (20-22 Goals)

All five teams were ready to clash in a battle of wits and mallets to claim the undisputed title of the British Ladies Open Championship. With nine games on display, the event was never short of glamorous action.

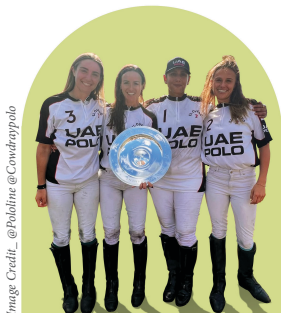


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FINAL GAME: UAE Polo Team vs King Power

Date: 19 July

Two undefeated teams face off in the finals to fight for the trophy of the 2025 British Ladies Open Championship: the UAE Polo Team and King Power. The match became increasingly intense as it approached the end, but it was the UAE Polo team who were in the driving seat by then. Scoring nine goals in all, they were able to beat King Power by two points and lifted the British Ladies Open Championship.

Winners:

UAE Polo Team (9-7)

BRITISH OPEN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE COWDRAY GOLD CUP (UK (COW)

(19-22 Goals)

The matches were held at the Cowdray Polo Club for the British Open Polo Championship, featuring the Cowdray Gold Cup, where 18 teams participated in a series of 43 matches.

FINAL GAME:

La Dolfina/Scone vs Kazak

Date: 20 July

After a long toil, La Dolfina Scone and Kazak were finally ready to have the one last battle for the British Open Polo Championship for the Cowdray Gold Cup. Both teams were on the verge of victory, nearing the end, but ultimately it was La Dolfina/Scone who won the British Open Polo Championship for the Cowdray Gold Cup this year.

Winners: La Dolfina/Scone (9-8)



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CAPRICORN

SAGITTARIUS

SCORPIO

AQUARIUS



LIBRA



VIRGO



LEO



CANCER



GEMINI



TAURUS



ARIES



PISCES



POLO

HOROSCOPE

Aquarius



15 Feb.

Bhawani Singh Kalvi

You bring fresh energy and unexpected brilliance to the game. Your innovative spirit makes magic happen on the field. People will remember your style and spark.

Pisces



5 March

HH Sheikha Maitha

You play from the heart, and it shows.

Your graceful intuition creates beautiful moments that feel poetic. You remind us all why we love the sport.

Aries



4 April

Abhimanyu Pathak

Your fiery spirit lights up the field. Your fearless energy inspires your team and turns heads. Expect thrilling goals and moments of pure adrenaline.

Taurus



4 May

Santiago Marambio

Your calm presence brings strength to the team. Your steady hands and elegant play lead to flawless performance. Trust your instincts, they never fail you.

Gemini



8 June

Manolo F. Llorente

You bring sparkle and strategy in equal measure. Your witty energy makes you a favourite on and off the field. Your agility will lead to game-changing moves.

Cancer



2 July

**HH Maharaja Sawai
Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur**

You have a sixth sense of teamwork and timing. Your empathetic leadership creates magic in every match. Your loyalty will bring both victories and stronger bonds.

Leo



23 July

Syed Shamsheer Ali

You're a born star, and this month, your confidence shines brighter than ever. Expect admiration, applause, and some seriously stunning plays. You're here to dazzle.

Virgo



10 Sept.

Nachi Heguy

Your attention to detail sets you apart. Every move feels perfectly placed. Your consistency will lead to well-earned wins and well-deserved respect.

Libra



8 Oct.

Capt Anant Rajpurohit

With your natural grace and sportsmanship, you're a joy to watch. Your harmony keeps the team together. Beauty and balance, your signature.

Scorpio



6 Nov.

Mia Cambiaso

You play with heart, depth, and intensity. Your focus and drive make you unstoppable on the field. Your powerful presence captivates everyone around you.

Sagittarius



2 Dec.

Chris Mackenzie

Your free spirit leads you to exciting new polo experiences. Whether it's a new field, new friends, or new horses, joy and discovery await you. Ride wild and ride free!

Capricorn



2 Jan.

Tuki Ruiz Guinazo

Your dedication is unmatched. Your hard work pays off with results that speak volumes. You're building your legacy, one chukker at a time.

Aesthetic Hobbies:

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MINDFUL & BEAUTIFUL THINGS TO RELAX

These relaxing and visually stimulating activities bring a sense of pleasure and creativity.

In today's overconnected and overstimulated world, aesthetic leisure activities are gaining popularity. These hobbies offer a calming escape while allowing you to express creativity in visually pleasing ways. From pottery to calligraphy, here are ten beautiful pastimes trending among Gen Z and millennials.



TEA BLENDING
Blending your tea adds a personal note to every cup. By combining herbs, petals, and spices, you can create blends that relax or energise. With its wooden trays, labelled jars, and quiet ritual, tea blending offers a mindful, aesthetic experience that aligns beautifully with a slow-living or cottagecore lifestyle.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is the art of capturing what you see through your lens. Whether it's portraits, landscapes, or flat lays, this hobby trains your eye to find beauty in the everyday. Editing your photos adds a unique touch, while sharing them online helps you express your visual identity and build a creative community.



WINE TASTING

Wine tasting is an elegant hobby that invites you to explore a world of aromas, textures, and flavours. It's both cultured and educational—often enjoyed in ambient settings with cheese platters and engaging conversation. You don't need to be an expert—just a curious palate and a willingness to experiment with new blends.





BAKING

Baking is a rewarding hobby that engages all five senses—from the rhythm of mixing batter to the aroma of fresh cupcakes. It's both a creative outlet and a culinary art form. The best part? You get to eat your masterpiece. And with a quick post on Instagram or Pinterest, it becomes a visual treat for your followers too..



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Arranging flowers is a calming and creative activity that draws on your sense of colour, balance, and design. Whether you choose fresh blooms or dried botanicals, it's a beautiful way to elevate your space, enhance a flat lay, or craft a thoughtful gift. Flower arrangements bring a natural, peaceful charm to any room.



CALLIGRAPHY

Calligraphy blends creativity with patience, turning simple letters into elegant works of art. Using brush pens or nibs, you can create aesthetic quotes, journal headers, or personalised notes. It adds a refined, artistic touch to both offline and online content—making it easier to focus and more visually engaging.



GARDENING

Gardening is a calming and visually enriching pastime. Whether on a balcony or in a backyard, growing plants allows you to slow down and reconnect with nature. Pots, fairy lights, and plant shelves can turn your green corner into a cosy sanctuary. In a fast-paced world, there's quiet joy in watching something grow slowly and beautifully.



POTTERY

Pottery is earthy and creative. The touch of clay, spinning of the pottery wheel, and producing something literally out of nothing is extremely soothing. You create nice, functional pieces, such as mugs, plates, or planters, but each one is unique and sometimes imperfect in its own way. It is one of the best forms of tactile art.

MACRAMÉ

Macramé brings boho charm into your space through the art of knotting with cords and strings. With just a few tools, you can craft wall hangings, accessories, or plant holders in soft pastels or earthy tones. Repetitive yet calming, this tactile hobby offers a dreamy, handmade aesthetic that elevates both your décor and creative content.



PADEL

Padel blends tennis and squash into a dynamic, social sport that's gaining popularity,

especially among Gen Z. While not a traditional aesthetic pursuit, its rise has made it a lifestyle staple. With vibrant gear, stylish courts, and a light, energising workout, padel offers both fitness and flair.



TOP 8 VINYL RECORDS

That All Music Lovers Have to Own

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Listening to vinyl records is not just about music; it's about experiencing an everlasting sound, nostalgia, and a collection of musical treasures from the past. Whether you are a newcomer to your vinyl record collection or seeking to expand it, the following list of essential vinyl records is a must-have for any music enthusiast. These are some of the best 8 vinyls that should not be missing from your collection.

Rumours- Fleetwood Mac

Rumours by Fleetwood Mac are gold in the history of rock. The album is full of heartbreak, passion, and the lustre of harmony in emotionally charged songs such as 'Dreams' and 'Go Your Own Way.' It is an audio experience, especially when played on vinyl.



Thriller- Michael Jackson

Without Thriller, no collection is complete. This highest-selling album presented a new definition of pop music. Songs such as 'Beat It', 'Billie Jean' and 'Thriller' will still make you move your feet. In vinyl, one can feel its deep musical production and stacked beats in an immersive manner.

Abbey Road- The Beatles

Abbey Road was released by The Beatles in 1969 and is one of their best albums. With the epic track 'Come Together' and the mystery of a medley on Side B, no single track is a failure. Its analogue warmth on vinyl lends it ample depth and nostalgia, which you simply cannot replicate with streaming.



Nevermind – Nirvana

Grunge changed the face of rock, and the carrier of the baton was Nirvana with Nevermind. 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' is an anthem of rebels. One feels like opening a time capsule with this vinyl and going back to the pure energy and angst of the '90s.

Greatest Hits- Queen

This collection produces the best of Freddie Mercury's performance and Queen's transformational efficacy in style. The album contains one anthem after another: 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'Don't Stop Me Now' and more. It is challenging to extract more from those harmonies and guitar solos without sounding like any vinyl version.

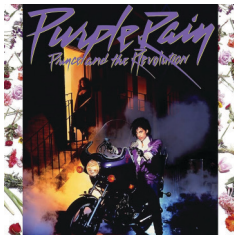


Kind of Blue- Miles Davis

If you're a fan of jazz or just want to begin experiencing it, Kind of Blue is a great place to start. This album, released in 1959, is smooth, cool, and timeless. The detailing of Miles Davis and Coltrane's play comes out differently on vinyl.

Purple Rain- Prince

Purple Rain is a blend of rock, funk, and soul, showcasing Prince's immeasurable creativity. The title song is epic, and 'When Doves Cry' exemplifies his innovation. Vinyl allows for the raw emotion and musical depth to be exposed in a way that could never be achieved digitally.



The Dark Side of the Moon- Pink Floyd

This psychedelic masterpiece is not only an album, but is an experience. The Dark Side of the Moon explores themes of time, death, and madness. On vinyl, these tracks flow smoothly and absorbably, enveloping you in their sound.

10 UNIQUE CAFES

**Across The Globe
That You Must See**

Read about 10 of the weirdest and most unusual cafes out there, including Tokyo (vampire cafe) and Seoul (2D Cartoon café).

Cafés today are more than just places to grab a coffee—they’ve evolved into immersive spaces defined by design, storytelling, and atmosphere. Some embrace the unconventional, with fantasy-inspired interiors or unexpected themes that elevate a simple latte into a memorable experience. We’ve curated a round-the-world tour of ten unique cafés that blend beauty, character, and a touch of the extraordinary.





Cottage Cafe by LA POLO - Delhi, India

Nestled in the heart of the capital, Cottage Café by La Polo offers a polo-themed experience that artfully blends sport and style.

With equestrian-inspired décor and curated polo gear on display, it's a haven for enthusiasts seeking a niche, sporty vibe. Ideal for a quiet brunch, the café's rustic charm and natural setting make it a serene escape from city life.



Truth Coffee Cafe - Cape Town, South Africa

Truth Coffee blends steampunk style with world-class caffeine, earning its place among the best coffee shops globally. The interiors resemble a sci-fi novel come to life—complete with gears, exposed metal pipes, and an industrial edge. The real highlight? Their award-winning, hand-roasted brews.

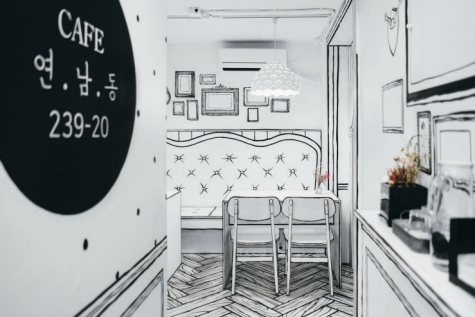


Bar Luce- Milan, Italy

Designed by filmmaker Wes Anderson, Bar Luce is a whimsical throwback to vintage

Italy. With pastel hues, retro furniture, and arcade machines, it feels like stepping onto a Wes Anderson film set. More than just a café, it's a surreal, cinematic escape into a world of nostalgic charm.



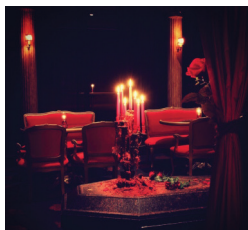


Café Yeonnam-dong 239-20 - Seoul, South Korea

You get the feel of entering a sketchbook in this cafe, which features a 2D theme. All the details, including the furniture and walls, appear hand-drawn, giving the effect that one is walking into a cartoon strip. It's an Instagram reel and coffee haven for Gen Z.

Vampire Cafe-Tokyo, Japan

Red lighting, gothic chandeliers, and decor in the form of coffins, Vampire Cafe is a dream come true for any horror fan. The creepy atmosphere is offset by the fact that it is located in Ginza, Tokyo and is relatively comfortable. Eerie music and themed food should be expected in the coffee break.



Paris 2016 Bistrot Chez Rémy, Disneyland -Paris, France

This cafe is inspired by the animated movie Ratatouille, in which you are reduced to the size of a rat. The size of plates, forks and jam jars makes you feel that you are in the world of Remy, the protagonist of the movie. Ideal for kids and grown-ups who prefer a touch of Disney magic to accompany their meal.



Medieval Tavern III Draakon-Tallinn, Estonia

Set in the middle of the Old Town of Tallinn, this tavern will take you back in time to the 15th century. A complete historical experience is provided by the staff in medieval dresses, candle-lit rooms, and homemade Estonian cuisine.



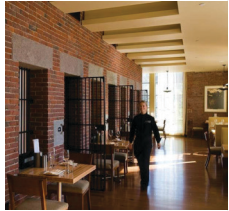


Laundromat Café- Copenhagen, Denmark

Ever imagined sipping coffee while doing your laundry? The Laundromat Café makes it possible. With rows of humming washing machines, walls lined with bookshelves, and a homey, bustling vibe, this café is as cosy as it is productive. It's a favourite among locals, students, and remote workers looking for a relaxed yet efficient space to work or unwind.

Fortezza Medicea- Tuscany, Italy

Housed inside a former prison fortress, this one-of-a-kind café-restaurant offers a dining experience like no other. Managed under the supervision of ex-prisoners, guests dine inside repurposed cells and must follow specific security protocols. Unusual and unforgettable, it offers a rare glimpse into a dramatically different setting.



H.R. Giger Bar- Gruyeres, Switzerland

Sci-fi lovers, take note—this surreal café-bar was designed by H.R. Giger, the visionary artist behind the Alien films. With skeletal arches, alien-like furniture, and eerie lighting, the space feels more like a spaceship than a coffee spot. It's an immersive, otherworldly experience that blurs the line between art and atmosphere.

FUN FACTS

Robot Café Tokyo combines coffee with neon-lit robot battles and laser performances.

Berlin's Teledisko Café fits a disco club inside an old phone booth—espresso by day, dance floor by night.

The Rabbit Hole in Australia is inspired entirely by Alice in Wonderland, with "Drink Me" cups and quirky mirrors.

Sherlock Holmes Café in Istanbul is a detective-themed café where you solve mini-mysteries while you drink.



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