# LA POL

Hundred+24<sup>th</sup> Edition

# Catching Up

── Alejandro Pascal ┕

#### LA POLO



RPC Cup gets into action at the Rajasthan Polo Club



Mumbai Polo
Season gets on
with the 10 goal
tournament



What were the results after the USPA Gold Cup quarter finals?



Dutta Corp U.S. Dressage team secures victory



saved the world after the aftermath of the wars

# THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Nothing is permanent. During this tough time and unpredictable situation, we wish our readers good health and the will to successfully fight the situation. LA POLO prays for your health and well being, to be home with family and loved ones, to bounce back to health without fear, and for humanity to make a resounding comeback.

Good luck to all!

Admirations

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### Covid-19 Outbreak: Polo Fights Dark Days of Uncertainty



While the world is fighting the unprecedented neo coronavirus outbreak and its repercussions, it is advised to think logically and to act with determination. This is no time to panic, but to exercise caution. In view of the fast spread of the virus, the World Health Organization declared it a pandemic. Healthcare workers, local administrations, as well as the concerned governments have been devising plans and ways to keep all safe and to cut this dreaded chain. Coronavirus, or Covid-19's impact on animals needs to be examined.



# Do's Don'ts



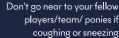
**Avoid Parties** 

Avoid handshakes





Sanitize your hands before saddling up







Cover your face while sneezing or coughing even when near your ponies



Don't panic buy or stock food for your horse





Wash horse utensils properlγ



Avoid touching railing, door, gates, etc with bare hands. Use elbow / gloves





Make sure to keep the stables clean with proper cleaning





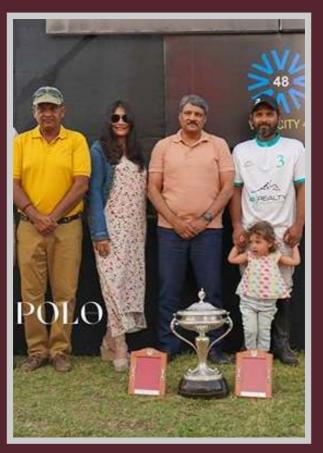


Clean the legs of the ponies everyday for prevention

Don't travel the world and practice social distancing



### POLO

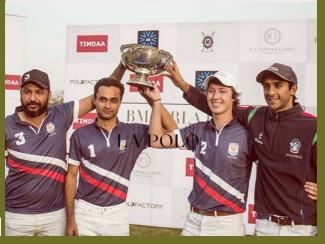


#### **Lifting The Trophy**

BM Birla Cup | RPC, Jaipur



After a week-long hustle and battle of the 4-Goal BM Birla Cup, the Rajasthan Polo Club got into the mood for the final play off where 61 Cavalry and Central Academy went against each other. The match was majorly dominated by team Central Academy throughout and keeping the pattern high in spirit, they lifted the trophy with 7.5 goals to 2.



#### The Final

Maharaj Prem Singh Trophy | Amateur's Riding Club, Mumbai



After a week-long hustle, Maharaj Prem Singh Trophy reached its final call where Los Polistas and DB Realty Achievers came in the last battle. Intensified at its best, both teams were involved in a competitive spirit keeping the competition neck to neck. In the final chukker, DB Realty Achievers lifted the trophy, 6 goals to 5, defeating Los Polistas.



#### **TEAMS**

RAJASTHAN POLO CLUB

### RPC CUP

(4 GOALS)

#### POOL-A

#### CHANDNA GROUP KRISHNA POLO TEAM

Lokendra Singh Dhirawat 0 Ashok Chandna Dhananjay Singh Vicky Nihalani +2

Total

Another Ashvini Sharma Jaiveer Singh Gohil Kr Vishal Singh Rathore +3

Total

#### **CENTRAL ACADEMY**

+3

Another Ashvini Sharma Jaiveer Singh Gohil Kr Vishal Singh Rathore

Total

#### POOL-B

#### CHUNDA POLO TEAM

Rajveer Singh Jhala Veeram Dev Singh Thana Vishwarai Singh +1 Lance Watson +5

Total

#### JAIPUR

Another Maharaj Narendra Singh Kr Dhananjai Singh Rathore RK Janmejai Singh Jodhpur +1

Total

#### NAILA HEIRLOOM TEXTILES

Shubham Gupta Kr. Yogeshwar Singh Er. Pratap Singh Kanota +1 Pranav Kapoor +2

Total

+3

### **TEAMS**

RAJASTHAN POLO CLUB RPC CUP

(4 GOALS)

DAY & DATE	TIME	TEAMS	VENUE	UMPIRES MATO	CH PO	OOL
Mon 16.3.2020	4:00 PM	Naila Heirloom Textiles Vs Chunda Polo	RPC	Vishal Singh & Vicky Niha	dani 1	В
Tues 17.3.2020	3:15 PM	Chandna Gp Vs Central Academ		TBA	2	A
Tues 17.3.2020	4:30 PM	Winner Game 1 Vs Jaipur	RPC	TBA	3	В
Wed 18.3.2020	4:00 PM	Winner Game 2 Vs Krishna Polo	RPC	TBA	4	Α
Thu 19.3.2020	3:15 PM	Loser Game 2 Vs Krishna Polo	RPC	TBA	5	Α
Thu 19.3.2020	4:30 PM	Loser Game 1 Vs Jaipur	RPC	TBA	6	В
Fri 20.3.2020	3:15 PM	Top 1st team Pool A				
- 6		Vs 2nd Top Team Pool B	RPC	TBA	7	
Fri 20.3.2020	4:30 PM	Top 1st team Pool B				
0.03		Vs 2nd Top Team Pool A	RPC	TBA	8	
Sat 21 2 2020		Maintenance Day				

RPC

TBA

Sun 22.3.2020

3:45 PM

Finals

#### The Chukker Story

RPC Cup | Rajasthan Polo Club, Jaipur



Galloping into the next tournament, the Rajasthan Polo Club was all set for the 4 goal RPC Cup that will witness it's finale on 22nd March 2020. The first day of the tournament had Chunda Polo Team and Naila Heirloom Textiles against each other where the former team outperformed greatly with 8 goals to 4.5.



The first day of the RPC Cup caught in action



#### **CANCELLED**

RPC Cup | Rajasthan Polo Club, Jaipur



Due to Government Restrictions (for COVID-19) in Jaipur, India, the tournament fixtures of RPC Cup have been suspended until further notice.

#### AMATEUR RIDERS' CLUB

### Pool A

Madon Polo		DB Realty Achievers			rs	V Polo 'B'		
Dinyar Madon Phil Seller Kuldeep Singh Rathore Simran Singh Shergill	0 +2 +2 +6		Sep Mukesh Gujar Col GS Pandher SM Abhimanyu Pathak Daniel Otamendi	-2 +2 +5 +5		Salim Azmi Sunny Patel Krishna Inkiya Nimit Mehta	+3 +2 +1 0	
Total	<b>+10</b>		Total	+10		Total	+6	

### Pool B

Piramal,	Saphiro

Shyam Mehta	0
Harsh Piramal	0
Pedro Harison	+5
Dhruvpal Godara	+5

#### Total +10

#### V Polo 'A'

Monique Van	
Haarst	-2
Gaurav Sahgal	+3
Basheer Ali	+4
Samir Suhag	+4
Total	+9



#### AMATEUR RIDERS' CLUB

### **Draws**

Mon 16 Mar 2020	Madon Polo Vs V Polo 'B'	Casper West & Nick Pepper	1	A
Mon 16 Mar 2020	V Polo 'A' Vs Piramal/Sphiro	Casper West & Nick Pepper	2	I
Tue 17 Mar 2020	Winner Game 1 Vs			

DB Realty Achievers Casper West & Nick Pepper 3 A
Wed 18 Mar 2020 V Polo 'A' Vs Piramal/Sphiro Casper West & Nick Pepper 4 B

Wed 18 Mar 2020 V Polo 'A' Vs Piramal/Sphiro Casper West & Nick Pepper 4 B
Wed 18 Mar 2020 Loser Game A Vs

DB Realty Achievers Casper West & Nick Pepper 5
Fri 20 Mar 2020 1st Semi Final Winner Pool A

Vs Runner-up Pool B Casper West & Nick Pepper 6
Fri 20 Mar 2020 2nd Semi Final Winner Pool B

Vs Runner-up Pool A Casper West & Nick Pepper 7
Sat 21 Mar 2020 Finals Casper West & Nick Pepper 8



#### Pacing It Up

10 Goal Tournament | Amateur Riders Club, Mumbai



With the 10 goal tournament 2020 getting into full swing in the Amateur Riders Club, it was time for the first day in action.

Following the fixture the first match had Madon Polo and V Polo B against each other where the former team seized victory with 6 goals to 5.5

For the second match, V Polo A and Piramal Sphiro got against one another where the former team won by half a goal with 3.5 goals to 3.



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Players in action during the first day of 10 goal tournament



#### **CANCELLED**

10 Goal Tournament | Amateur Riders Club, Mumbai



Due to COVID-19 the Mumbai Polo Season has been called off until prior notice.

#### **Kick Start**

USPA Gold Cup | US Polo Association



The quarterfinals of the USPA Gold Cup, second leg of the Gauntlet of Polo, kicked off on Saturday. First up, Daily Racing Form beat Santa Clara, before Pilot defeated Park Place. The results mean that Daily Racing Form and Pilot have become the first semi-finalists of the USPA Gold Cup, a tournament that saw fourteen 22-goal teams compete.





#### **SUSPENDED**

USPA Gold Cup | US Polo Association



The adverse effect of the Coronavirus reached the USA where the Gauntlet of Polo, USPA Gold Cup was decided to be put off from action until 31st March 2020

#### **Resuming The Play**

H.H President of UAE Cup | Ghantoot Racing & Polo Club



The 20th edition of the H.H President of UAE Polo Cup, which is taking place at Ghantoot Racing & Polo Club (GRPC), in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, resumes.

Six 18-goal teams, composed of the best Emirati and international players, are taking part in the The H.H President of UAE Polo Cup, a tournament which offers a lucrative prize of AED 500,000 (USD 137,000).





#### **CANCELLED**

H.H President of UAE Cup | Ghantoot Racing & Polo Club



As per instruction of HH Sheikh Falah Bin Zayed Al Nayan, Chairman of Ghantoot Racing and Polo Club, and as part of preventive measures for Coronavirus and in completion of the precautionary measures taken by sports institutions with all entities and bodies to preserve the health and safety of all members of the society, it is decided to postpone the HH President's Cup until further notice.

#### In Play

U.S. Open Women's Polo ChampionshipUS Polo Association -



The U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship is underway at Port Mayaca Polo Club, in Florida, United States, hosted by the United States Polo Association (USPA). Day one saw Dundas beat Mint Eco Car Wash by 7 goals to 4.





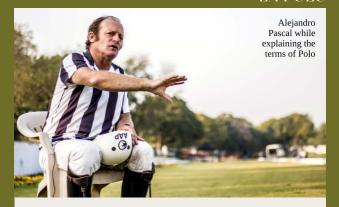
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#### **SUSPENDED**

U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship | USPA



The U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship has been put on hold until 31st March 2020 under the safety and prevention measures of COVID-19.



### KNOWING POLO WITH THE UMPIRE

Straight from the land of Argentina, Alejandro Pascal came to India for the first time during the 2020 Delhi Spring Polo Season.

During his visit, LA POLO sat in conversation with him to decode and frame the basics of Polo from the eye of an Umpire.

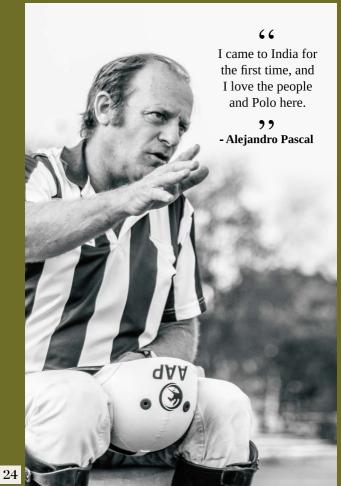
In the course of the conversation he went on explaining the Precedence and Fouls of the game.

Here's a detailed insight of what he passed on to us

#### THE PRECEDENCE AND FOULS

#### CROSSING

As Alejandro Pascal explained, he said, "No player has the right to cross over other player who has the right. The player can only do it if they are at a distance that there is no risk of collision. No danger shall be involved."...



### Polo To Watch Out For



10 goal Tournament Mumbai

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U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship, USPA is kept on hold till 31st March 2020 under the prevention measures considering COVID-19

## LA EQUUS



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Another Grand Prix victory for Kenny

#### **Securing Gold**



The Dutta Corp. U.S. Dressage Team started their 2020 Nations Cup campaign with a top finish in the Stillpoint Farm FEI Dressage Nations Cup USA CDIO3\* on Thursday, March 12. Chef d'Equipe Debbie McDonald led the team of Katherine Bateson-Chandler with Alcazar, Adrienne Lyle with Harmony's Duval, Anna Marek with Dee Clair, and Steffen Peters with Suppenkasper, who tallied a total team score of 439.992.



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Dutta Corp U.S. Dressage Team secures victory

#### **The Safety Effect**



Britain's most iconic horse race and betting bonanza the Grand National has been cancelled as the coronavirus pandemic further decimated the nation's sporting calendar on Monday (March 16). The Jockey Club announced the news in a statement, hours after the British government ramped up its response to the health crisis sweeping the world.



#### **Yet Another Victory**



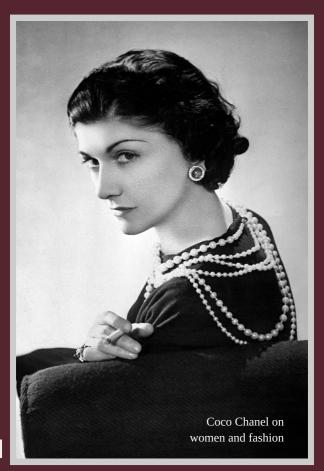
Offaly's Darragh Kenny has continued his incredible run of form by taking victory in \$137000 Horseware Ireland three-star Grand Prix at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Florida, USA, which is in action behind closed doors keeping in mind COVID-19.

Riding Scarlett du Start Z, owned by Click Show Stables LC, World No. 7 Kenny was one of 12 combinations to make it into the jump off. He crossed the line clear in 33.54 seconds to claim victory ahead of Israel's Sydney Shulman with J-Boston S.E (33.96).



Image: Irish Field

### BEYOND



#### What's In The Future?



We have come a long way since the previous generation of electric cars, they were boxy, non-aerodynamic, and looked pretty awkward. And to top it all off they weren't even highway legal, and this was the state of the late 90s and early 2000s. It's mind-boggling to think how far we've come in just a short span of 18 years. The cars we've today have a streamlined design are easy on the eyes, the same can't be same for the pocket, unfortunately. They as well happen to be faster than some of the gasoline-powered sports cars that you can buy today. The added benefit of owning an electric car is that you're buying a good conscience, cruising in an electric powered car.





#### The Tale of The Classic Perfume



From dusk to the hour of dawn, the slightly opened French windows fetched the view of the undying heavy rustic days of dismay for the girl who was just at the brink of her blossoming youthful days. She rested her light brown watery eyes on the downhill road, thinking of how much the war has snatched from the hearts of the people around her. Such was the void of the thought that she could hear her lingering beats pump in sadness. The empty roads, and the empty houses, all acted as the messenger of the loss. The emptiness that awaited and kept searching dainty for a ray of hope that would wash down the harsh odour of lost values, trust, faith and humanity. She could sense the depression of nature moving up high in her mind through the light breeze that passed a chill in her wavy hair. She got up faintly to walk towards the other end of the room to her diary that rested on the old teak table. Laying her hand on the ruffled leather cover, she whispered slightly, "1948."





A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous.



- Coco Chanel



