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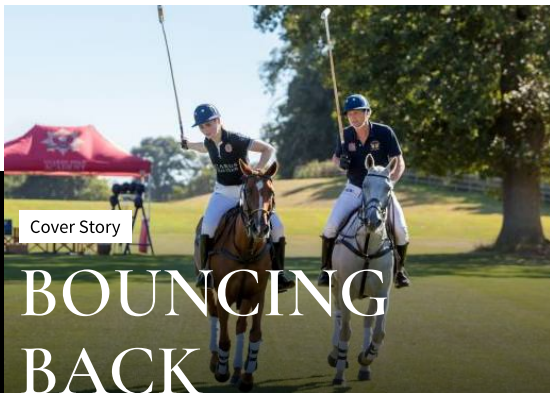
# POLO



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Polo all set to make a comeback under preventive measures as per the government rules of the respective places

Polo to return back on the field under preventive measures



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# BOUNCING BACK

*With ample measures being taken regarding hygiene and safety of all, the grand sport gets into comeback mode.*

Whenever mankind has been in difficulty, there has been a tendency to look back into the past, to find a way out from it. LA POLO looked at some crucial days in history that brought polo to a standstill. Like, World War II became an obstacle for the game. Nevertheless, polo was retrieved, and with a similar spirit, it's going to happen again.

Even as the debate is still on as to how Polo can make a comeback in these testing times, from Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) to USPA, the associations and the clubs owners, team members, patrons, sponsors and everyone attached to the game, has offered to cordially take care of the basic hygiene essentials and safety of players, horses and all the stakeholders.

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# PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON THE POLO FIELD

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“Temperature checks and health screening increased our sizes of teams to 3 V3 no-contact. Our state is looking to increase the size of social groups to 15 when that happens. We will return to four versus four with two umpires. We are currently testing masks that are made for sports that allow breathing. When we approve the masks, we can go back to contact polo. Then we can start considering Tournament Polo.”

- Dan Keating, Newport Club President and USPA delegate on preventive measures

Polo returns  
at the  
Newport  
Polo Club



Dan Keating

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# MAKING HISTORY

Clive Reid, AFB patron, made history on May 29, as became the first person to stick and ball on the Guards Polo Club's new high goal Princes' Ground. He secured the opportunity by bidding an incredible £10,000 to the Club's auction and then upon arrival, Reid promptly doubled his bid to ensure both of the designated charities (The Dash Charity and Wexham Park Hospital) received £10,000 each!

Reid said, "I just wanted to thank the NHS for what it has done over the past few months, it has been amazing, it is so hard for all charities at this time so why not donate if you can. I am honoured to have been the first person to stick & ball on this ground. It was absolutely amazing, a great experience."



Image credit: Wikimedia

New ground at the Guards Polo Club

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# RETURN OF POLO

Polo activities at the nation's premier polo club, the Lagos Polo Club, are set to return after months' of forced lockdown due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

President of the club, Ayo Olasoju, said as the lockdown eases, the club is planning to immunize all the horses against the African Horse Disease.

Polo Royals checks reveal that the premier polo club would carry out fumigation of the premises and its environs, ahead of the gradual practices that would lead to full-time preparation to resuming the remaining part of the season.



Image credit: Bellanaija

Lagos Polo Club is all set to get into action with Polo

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# KEEPING HOPES HIGH

The Tincum Park Polo Club updated on the development of Polo:

“We have been closely following the encouraging developments as Pennsylvania begins to reopen, and we are in regular communication with Bucks County Park personnel. Given current trends, we believe we may be able to begin polo matches at Tincum Park Polo Club in Erwinna, Pennsylvania, again in late June or early July.

Until fully allowed, however, no spectators will be permitted at Tincum Park Polo Club for polo practices or matches. When matches are opened for spectators, we will be following strict protocols and health and safety procedures as directed by both Pennsylvania and Bucks County Park guidelines.

We are encouraged by these recent developments and urge everyone to check back with us regularly for updates.”

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# ENGLAND HIGH ON POLO SPIRIT

What at times felt like fantasy, has become a reality. England – and the world of polo as a whole – is looking forward to an intense season. The British Government announced that on Monday, June 1, sports may be played behind closed doors, and this statement has been confirmed.

*The news encouraged patrons and players to travel to England.*



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# CHESTERTONS POLO IN THE PARK

The Chestertons Polo in the park  
planned for the virtual event from  
5th-7th June 2020.

The coolest man in Polo, Ebe  
Siewwright, will get the best of tracks  
spinning during a two-hour live DJ set  
on Chestertons Polo in the Park.

Image credit: Dorchester Collection



Ebe Siewwright to go live on Chestertons  
Polo In The Park virtual event

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1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September  
RPC Cup  
(4-6 goal)

7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September  
Gen Amar Singh Kanota Cup  
(8 goal)

14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September  
61st Cavalry tournament

21<sup>st</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> September  
61st Cavalry tournament



# POLO BACK IN SWITZERLAND

## POLO CALENDAR

Postponed: dates TBD	Swiss Low Goal Polo Championship	Polo Club de Veytay	-2 to 2
13 – 14 June	Zurich Medium Goal Polo Championship	Polo Park Zürich	4 to 6
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26 – 28 June	Bern Ladies Tournament	Polo Bern	TBD
4 – 5 July	21st Zurich International Ladies Polo Cup	Polo Park Zürich	TBD
10 – 12 July	Polo Cup Ascona	Polo Club Ascona	4 to 8
25 – 26 July	Polo Park & Country Club Cup	Polo Park Zürich	6 to 8
1 – 2 August	Gold Cup	Polo Park Zürich	6 to 8
14 – 16 August	Berner Polo Trophy	Polo Bern	-2 to 2
19 – 30 August	Jaeger-LeCoultre Polo Masters	Polo Club de Veytay	6 to 8
Cancelled	Hublot Gold Cup	Polo Club Gstaad	12 to 14
29 – 30 August	Largovia Polo Cup	Largovia Polo Club	0 to 2
5 – 6 September	San Francisco de Asis Polo Cup	Polo Park Zürich	-2 to 2 & 3 to 6 (2 leagues)
12 – 13 September	Vecinos Cup	Polo Park Zürich	-2 to 2 & 3 to 6 (2 leagues)
26 – 27 September	Patrons' Cup	Polo Park Zürich	-2 to 2

*\* The calendar might be subject to various changes due to COVID-19. The Swiss Polo Association (SPA) is currently reviewing it and will publish a new version shortly.*

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# NEW RULES: COWDRAY PARK POLO CLUB

- 1) No more throw-ins.
- 2) A coin will be flipped before the start of each game.
- 3) The winner will choose to hit or to receive.
- 4) The match will start with a penalty from midfield (5b).
- 5) Teams will change sides after each chukker.
- 6) After each goal, the team who receives the goal will resume the game with a penalty from their 60 yards line.
- 7) If a penalty is sanctioned after the first bell, it will hit during the same chukker and the play will continue until the second bell rings.

# LA EQUUS



“A horse gallops with his lungs.  
Preserves with his heart. And  
wins with his character.”

- Tesio

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# HORSE RACING TO RETURN TO BRITAIN

Horse racing resumed in England on June 1 as professional sport got underway again following the easing of coronavirus lockdown restrictions.

Elite sport in Britain has been in a deep freeze since March but the government approved the return of domestic competitive action behind closed doors from June 1. Racing has a head start in its attempts to grab the attention of fans starved of live sport, but it looks very different from when it departed before lockdown.

Image credit: Virgin Experience Days



Horse racing resumed in England

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# BELMONT SHINES AGAIN

Bettors looking to ride a hunch when horse racing returned to New York's Belmont Park on June 3 hoped to find a winner in Fauci. Unfortunately for them, the 2-year-old lost in a stretch run to co-favourite Prisoner and finished second place.

Prior to the start, Belmont's jockeys took a knee in a moment of silence for coronavirus victims and peaceful protesters calling for police reforms around the country. Named after Doctor Anthony Fauci, the infectious disease expert at the center of U.S. efforts to contain the novel coronavirus outbreak, Fauci has been installed as the 4-5 favorite in the third race.

The action at Belmont Park is the first live sporting event held in New York in nearly three months as restrictions put in place by the COVID-19 outbreak begin to ease.

Image credit: Horse Racing System



Belmont Park witnesses the return of horse racing

Feature

# STAYING FIT

Five exercises, that will help you become a better horse rider:

- 1. V-sit:** Start sitting down with hands on the ground and get your feet up. Engage your abdominal muscles, flex your elbows back and extend your legs away from your body. Then flex the legs back into your chest as you fully extend the arms back up to the starting position.
- 2. Side Plank with Rotations:** Start inside plank position with your elbow directly underneath your shoulder and hips high. Keeping the hips and bottom knee off the ground, bring your top arm down, underneath your torso and twist.
- 3. Heel Taps:** Start on your back and lift your legs up until there is a 90-degree bend...

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# BEYOND



Sit tall in the saddle and hold your head up high.  
Keep your eyes fixed where the trail meets the sky,  
and live like you ain't afraid to die. Don't be  
scared...just enjoy the ride.

- Chris LeDoux



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# UP YOUR EQUITATION GAME

The art of riding requires expertise. Certain things have to be in sync: the best pony, understanding of horsemanship and the right kind of saddle. Glen Hansard once said: “A saddle is like a song; you ride it for a while, and if it’s the right kind of song, you can sing it for the rest of your life.” There’s always a tale behind a classic; and this tiny tale has a share of pride, of equitation history with luxury brand, Hermès.

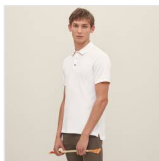
Hermès has had some elegant versions of products which might change the game for a horseman.

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# WHAT'S YOUR TAKE?

Explore the best version of what might suit  
your equitation game.

There's an elegance which accompanies you to the ground along with the perfection of a two-sided fabric that allows a breezier you to survive the day.



The idea of interchangeability is an added wonder to Clou de Selle stirrups by Hermès and the stainless steel outer makes it look classy.



Chilly winters will bring you no harm because the riding parka along with its cashmere by Hermès will just make it all the better for you.



This calfskin wonder might be perfect to settle your horse with its delicate bliss of being.



The Saddlery Oil by Hermès is all that your leather deserves.



To add bling to your classic game, choose the Olive Fillet by Hermès.



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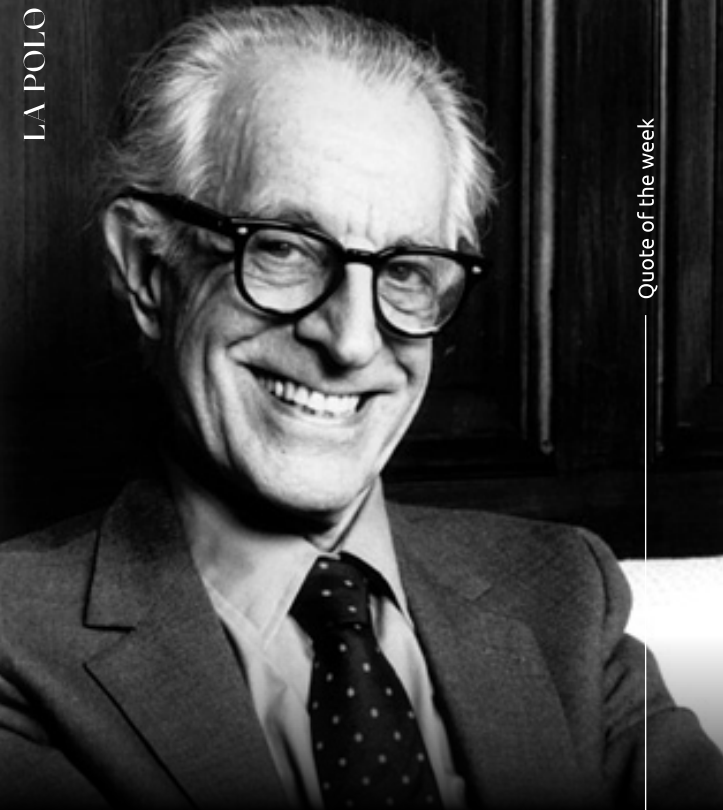
Silk scarves  
inspired by  
polo players

# POLO SILK SCARVES

Katerina Morgan, a renowned name in the Polo fraternity, has come up with her fashion brand in horse polo style. She introduces the first silk scarves ever inspired by top world polo players.

These difficult times have seriously affected clothing brands and manufacturers. Morgan is looking for an extraordinary launching idea and, thus, has decided to run the company on a crowdfunding platform.

She said: "Our campaign is exclusively located at Indiegogo platform, and lasts from June 11 to July 8, 2020. A VIP pre-sale with launching prices will be offered during this time only at Indiegogo. After the collection is produced in the manufacturing premises in Italy, the shipping is arranged for September 2020. Upon arrival of the stock, we will launch our online store with retail prices."



“ I hope to die in  
the saddle seat. ”  
- Albert Ellis



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