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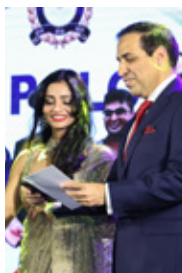
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GLITTERING VICTORIES AT THE INDIAN POLO AWARDS 2024

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The Sport of Kings-Polo stands as a rare and opulent sport, exuding a regal charm that has endured through the ages. Like a horse's gait, the sport has walked, trotted, cantered, and galloped through centuries. The sport's acclaim—and acceptance—came to be associated with the physical and psychological demands it made of a player. This distinctive characteristic, demanding precision and meticulous skill, distinguishes Polo from other sports. At La Polo, we have deeply believed in celebrating the discipline and dedication that goes into the sport. With The Indian Polo Awards (TIPA)—a La Polo initiative—we toast the sportsmen who have toiled hard and exhibited remarkable sportsmanship.

Much like before, this year's TIPA devoted itself to honouring the legendary team sport, highlighting the strong connection among players, and their equine partners. The Third Edition of TIPA paid tribute to the game, that demands skill, camaraderie, and equine love. About the ceremony, Maninder Sethi, Editor-in-Chief of La Polo, said, "The Third Edition of La Polo-The Indian Polo Awards stands on the firm resolve of making polo sing through the chapters of history, and honouring



its present and past custodians who have made the sport a legacy of dedication, resilience and diligence as these champions stand in unity to take polo further into a glorious future."

Today, young Indians—brimming, blossoming with a strong sense of devotion to the sport—are treading a path that is turning up a treasure trove of a long heritage. With Polo once again finding its exalted niche in the Indian consciousness, it becomes significant that we carefully nurture its growth. But, as in any other sport, it's necessary to have a system of recognising merit to maintain a steady pipeline of young talent, which has been the singular objective of TIPA

With the arrival of these standout sporting awards on the polo landscape, it has become possible to aptly and appropriately honour its legacy in the Indian sports scene. Honouring exacting efforts on and off the field, these awards are a token of appreciation for the continuing efforts of people from different aspects of the sport, from prodigious players to stellar stablekeepers.

Here are the winners whose remarkable performances in the 2022-2023 season made a memorable mark in the Indian polo scene:

BARODA TRADITIONAL POLO PLAYER

MOHAMMAD ABIDDIN

Modern polo was discovered in Manipur and spread worldwide, but the traditional way is still intact in the valleys of Manipur, Leh and Drass. The player who infuses an old-world charm into the sport and shows the various varieties of the sport, which is celebrated and cherished in India.



ALWAR THE POLO TRAINER (ARMY)

NK IRFAN KHAN OF ARTY

The Indian Army horse trainer displays refined professionalism as the Armed Forces navigate a distinctive terrain marked by resource constraints and unique service dynamics, unlike their civilian counterparts. To honour their unparalleled dedication and resilience in overcoming these challenges, this award is for unsung heroes.



ALWAR THE POLO TRAINER (CIVIL)

ANGAD SINGH

A successful polo team is more than the sum of its parts; it is a harmonious ballet of skill and synchrony. At the core of this synergy stands the Polo Trainer, the silent architect of team dynamics. The civil horse trainer displays polished professionalism in the field, which Mr Angad Singh embodies.



THE POLO GROOM

HAVALDAR

Through a walk, trot, canter and gallop, he saw, to the best of all his horses! Havaladar is the silent architect behind the scenes, whose work as the caretaker of equine grace ensures each horse is not just ready for the match but embodies the essence of the sport.

GWALIOR THE BEST POLO PONY

RAPPER

The equine star of the season—he aced it all! With agility, speed, stamina, confidence, and game sense, a Polo pony is a supreme equine athlete who sits at the centre of the Polo universe, without which the game cannot flourish. without which the game cannot flourish.



POLO CLUB OF THE SEASON

AMATEUR RIDING CLUB

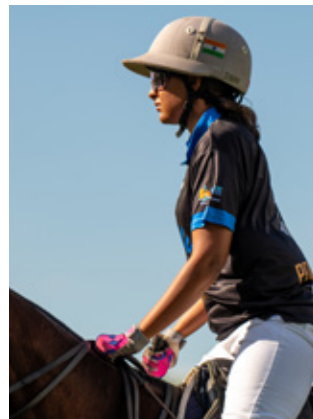
The club is at the top of its league, where new talent brews and players can hone their skills. Polo Clubs are the foundational unit of the sport, from encouraging children and novices to learn horse riding – to conducting training, practising and performing in polo tournaments.



BHOPAL PATAUDI THE BEST POLO GROUND

JINDAL POLO CLUB

The pristine grounds allow for a showcase of the skilled sportsmanship we yearn for—so no surprises here! The ground is not just a stage; it's a strategic canvas whose design sways the game in an upward curve which makes each match reach its apex, which shows the impact a ground has on polo.



EMERGING LADY POLO PLAYER

SHIVANGI JAI SINGH

That woman player who doesn't shy away from blazing a trail, Shivangi Jai Singh strides through the field with power, prowess and precision, which makes her a top women's polo player to look up to for blossoming young players as she gallops towards a bright future not defined by gender constraints.

THE EMERGING POLO PLAYER

SAVIR MEHRAJ GODARA

Make way for this star player, he's got a surprise up his sleeve for us all! For all the beginners and novice players, there are some that shine bright, for they possess a rare combination of talent, commitment, gumption and skills.



POLO COMMENTATOR OF THE SEASON

SHAILENDRA SINGH

That person who walked us all through the twists of each game—with unmatched poise! With a voice that dances between play-by-play precision and poetic flair, the Polo Commentator transforms each match into a captivating symphony, making them the true storytellers of the sport.



EMERGING PATRON

DELTA

A Polo patron is far more than a casual benefactor, for the commitment is always long-term. And that is why, at every level of the polo community, there is heartfelt gratitude for all our patrons, as their importance can never be overemphasised.



JAMMU & KASHMIR THE ARMY POLO PLAYER

MAJ MRITYUNJAY SINGH CHOUHAN

Honouring the finest polo performance of an Armed Forces player who is a perfect example of sportsmanship and proper conduct. Challenges for a player from the military are complex, for they must first shoulder their professional responsibilities before appearing on the polo field.

THE YOUNG POLO PLAYER

VISHWARUPE BAJAJ

The Young Polo Player, fuelled by passion and ambition, represents the fresh winds of change in this traditional equestrian realm. With each stride, they carry the hopes of a sport that embraces its dynamic future.



PATIALA THE INTERNATIONAL POLO PLAYER

CHRIS MACKENZIE

The player adds an international twist to the sport's Indian landscape! They bring with them their own unique styles of horsemanship and play, adding strength and flair to their teams, which display a global prowess in the game.



JAIPUR THE POLO PATRON

RAJNIGANDHA ACHIVERS

They are the architects of a polo dynasty, fostering a culture of camaraderie and excellence. With a keen eye for talent and a passion for the game, the patrons not only assemble teams but nurture them into cohesive forces.



THE PROMISING POLO PLAYER

DINO DHANKHAR

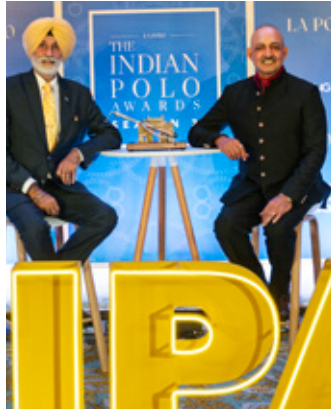
This category celebrates the rising stars, the players whose raw talent, coupled with a thirst for excellence, paints a promising trajectory for the future of the sport. From mastering the subtle art of mallet swings to forging unbreakable bonds with their equine partners.



THE BEST TEAM (LOW GOAL)

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

In this dynamic tapestry, Low Goal Polo sees maximum participation, offering a unique platform where the sport's future champions develop their prowess, forging a connection between rider and horse that is as harmonious as it is thrilling.



CONTRIBUTION TO POLO

SURESH TAPURIAH

A stalwart figure in the world of polo, he stands as a beacon of unwavering dedication and contribution to the sport. His indelible mark on the polo landscape is a testament to a lifetime devoted to the pursuit of excellence, both on and off the field.



LA POLO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

NAVEEN JINDAL

We are very fortunate to have many special people, the playmakers, who have played a stellar role in galvanising Polo, from its historic royal foundations to its modern form. La Polo is honoured to confer this award to Mr Naveen Jindal, who has dedicated over three decades to the growth and glory of the game.

THE BEST TEAM (HIGH GOAL)

RAJNIGANDHA ACHIEVERS

The High Goal arena sees the top players of the country, international players and the best polo horses converge while competing to electrify the polo fields. Top-quality skills and excellence in execution are the default settings! This is where the champions make their mark.



JINDAL PANTHER THE MOST VALUABLE POLO PLAYER

SYED SHAMSHEER ALI

In polo, players hold defined roles: 1 and 2 in attack, 3 as the playmaker, and 4 in defence. Beyond goal tallies, a player's value lies in executing their role effectively for team synergy which is presented by Syed Shameer Ali.

A NIGHT OF SPLENDOUR, GLORY AND TRIUMPH (12.01.2024)

The Indian Polo Awards resonated with the triumphant spirit of Polo champions. A collective applause echoed through the fraternity, acknowledging their unwavering commitment and diligence in preserving the essence of Polo.

