

# Polo Cup India



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### Sailesh Bolisetti wins pole position in the qualifying of the inaugural race of Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010

**Sailesh sets fastest time of 1:35:962 with Saran Vikram and Vishnu Prasad following second and third at the starting grid**

**Pune, May 29, 2010** – Sailesh Bolisetti, the 22-year old driver from Vishakhapatnam, qualified in pole position for the inaugural race of the Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 after an eventful qualifying session. The racer from Hyderabad turned in an astonishing lap of 1:35:962 around the 2.2km street circuit to claim the first pole position for the first race of the season in a nail-biting qualifying session at Balewadi, Pune today.

Saran Vikram will start second ahead of Vishnu Prasad, his fellow Chennai racer. Sailesh beat Saran by 0.56 seconds and Vishnu was 0.35 seconds behind Saran to start third at the grid.

After his impressive performance Sailesh commented, “This track is a unique track to drive on, considering it is a street race. This made starting from pole position for the first race all the more important. Getting to start at the pole of the inaugural race of Polo Cup in India is really thrilling and is a great beginning for me.”

Second placed 19-year old, Saran Vikram said “I am definitely happy that I am second on the grid. The car feels great and a big thanks to all the guys at Volkswagen Polo for giving me such a nice car to drive. Tomorrow is a long race so I will definitely be pushing for the win.”

Tomorrow's inaugural double-header will be 15 laps each with Sailesh looking to become the first winner of the Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010.

Below are the lap timings for each of the drivers from the qualifying session held today:

Position	No	Name	Best Lap
1	01	Sailesh Bolisetti	1:35:962
2	21	Saran Vikram	1:36:523
3	07	Vishnu Prasad	1:36:876
4	11	Karthik Shankar	1:36:932
5	18	Sahil Shelar	1:36:936
6	17	Mohd. Fahad Kutty	1:37:281
7	20	Mitra Yerawadekar*	1:37:481
8	16	Parth Ghorpade	1:37:780
9	02	Oshan Kothadiya	1:37:973
10	23	Ameya Bafna	1:37:973
11	22	Gokul Krishna	1:38:148

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12	06	Gurniaz Mann	1:38:157
13	09	Jayprashant Venkat	1:38:481
14	15	Samyak Shah	1:38:831
15	04	Munjali Savla	1:38:989
16	25	Anthony George	1:39:101
17	03	Imran Majid	1:39:830
18	24	Alisha Abdullah	1:40:949
19	05	Saurav Bandhopadhyay	1:46:007
20	10	Mohit Ahuja	-
21	08	Vikash Anand	-

\*Non-Competing Guest Driver

## About Volkswagen Motorsport

Volkswagen is committed to broad-scale motor sport as in internationally staged cross-country rally racing programmes in countries including Germany, Europe and the United States apart from other countries in Asia and has a long tradition of promoting young talent. Following the legendary Formula V as of 1966 the brand, in 1976, sponsored a one-make touring car cup for the first time. Among others, the Scirocco Cup produced drivers like the subsequent Formula 1 racer Manfred Winkelhock. In 1977 the first-generation Golf GTI replaced the Scirocco as the cup vehicle and remained the popular competition car for a generation of young racers up to 1982. In 1983, the second-generation Polo followed as the cup vehicle – initially using the 88-hp normally aspirated engine version and, from 1986, the 112-hp compressor engine. At the relaunch in 1998, Volkswagen presented the Lupo, which offered top-class sport at fair prices, as well as the Volkswagen New Beetle Cup.

The year of 1998 stands for an all-new concept in the world of racing. To this day, this new concept featuring centrally fielded vehicles and car swapping among the drivers guarantees maximum equality of opportunity. In 2004 the 150-hp Polo replaced the small Lupo as the cup vehicle and the concept was subjected to further refinement. The Polo Cup's success story is closely linked to the DTM-Deutsche Tourenwagen Meisterschaft. The premier league of touring car racing has evolved into a real crowd-puller and is envisaged as a concrete career goal by many junior racers.

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