

Polo Cup India



PRESS RELEASE

Parth Ghorpade wins 2nd race in Round 3 of Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 at Coimbatore

Pune racer's first win and second podium finish in six races

Coimbatore, August 29, 2010 – Parth Ghorpade, the 17 year old driver from Pune, today won the 2nd race in Round 3 of the Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore. The racer who had finished third in race 2 of round 2 started fourth on the pole and overtook Samyak Shah who started first on the pole in the third lap. He completed the race in 26 minutes and 00.295 seconds covered a total of 42 kilometres. Sailesh Bolisetti (winner of 1st race of round 3) finished second followed by Mohd Fahad Kutty.

Winner, Parth Ghorpade commented on his win, "In qualifying our setup was not so good, but for the race the car felt really good. I am really happy with my performance today and to win my first Polo Cup race is a really special moment."

Second placed Sailesh Bolisetti expressed, "I had a good start and made up a lot of places in the first couple of laps. The car felt great until lap 10 but after that started struggling a little with my tyres and I could not catch Parth who was setting similar lap times. "

Third placed Mohd Fahad Kutty commented, "I had a good start and was in 4th position at the end of the first lap. I remained there till the last lap when I tried to pass Samyak into the first corner. I ran wide but overtook him going into the next corner so am really happy with this result. Now we will look for ward to our next race in Chennai."

Vikash Anand, the youngest driver (17 years old) in the grid, finished the race in an excellent 5th position while the only woman racer, Alisha Abdullah finished in 12th position.

Position	Driver	Total Time
1.	Parth Ghorpade	00:26:00.295
2.	Sailesh Bolisetti	00:26:02.657
3.	Mohd Fahad Kutty	00:26:14.309
4.	Samyak Shah	00:26:15.026
5.	Vikash Anand	00:26:15.274
6.	Sahil Shelar	00:26:29.812
7.	Vishnu Prasad	00:26:30.907
8.	Imran Majid	00:26:35.181
9.	Munjal Savla	00:26:35.352
10.	Karthik Shankar	00:26:35.852
11.	Gurniaz Mann	00:26:36.088
12.	Alisha Abdulla	00:26:39.232

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13.	Prateek Dalal	00:26:53.319
14.	Oshan Kothadiya	00:26:54.485
15.	Anthony George	00:26:54.909
16.	Ameya Bafna	00:26:55.888
17.	Gokul Krishna	00:26:59.094
18.	Vikrant Singh*	00:26:59.540
19.	Saurav Bandopadhyaya	00:27:01.647
20.	Suraj Bhagat	00:27:02.573

*Guest Driver

Motor sports enthusiasts interested in getting further information can log on to the website, www.polocup.in. This website will display information about the format of The Polo Cup India, race updates and driver profiles.

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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PHOTO CAPTION

Photo 1: Parth Ghorpade, winner of race 2 of round 3 in the Volkswagen Polo Cup 2010, burning some rubber

Photo 2: L to R-Sailesh Bolisetti, Parth Ghorpade and Mohd Fayad Kutty, winners of race 2 of round 3 in Volkswagen Polo Cup 2010