

# Polo Cup India



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### Sailesh Bolisetti wins 1st race in Round 4 of Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 at Chennai

Polo Cup India makes its debut at the Irungattukottai Race Track in Chennai

Chennai, September 26, 2010 – Championship leader Sailesh Bolisetti, the young driver from Vishakapatnam, today thrilled spectators to win the 1st race of Round 4 of the Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 at the Irungattukottai Race Track, Chennai. Local hero Vikash Anand finished in second position ahead of Parth Ghorpade. Bolisetti completed the race in 25 minutes and 35 seconds to win his fourth race of the season. Pole sitter Vishnu Prasad jumped into the lead at the start and had an eight second lead over Bolisetti before he stopped on track on lap 5. The race was flagged-off by Gert Bergmann, Member of the Board of Volkswagen Group Sales India Pvt Ltd.

Winner, Sailesh Bolisetti (22 years old) commented on his win, "This was a really tough race and I am really happy to win over here. The conditions were tough and I was not prepared to take any risks. I had to defend for the last 5 laps but am very happy with my performance today. I will now make some changes to my car for the second race and aim for the podium."

Second placed Vikash Anand (16 years old) expressed, "It feels great to come second in the inaugural race in Chennai, my hometown. It was a close battle with Sailesh and I had a chance or two to overtake him, but it didn't work out. I must thank Volkswagen for giving me a great car this weekend."

Third placed Parth Ghorpade (17 years old) commented, "I was having a really good race and went off as I was trying to pass Sailesh. I am very happy with the pace of the car and am looking forward to challenging for the podium in the next race."

Prithviraj Siddappa, Head of Motorsports, Volkswagen India said, "It feels good to have our first race in Chennai. The whole team has had a really tough weekend with the changing weather conditions. Hats-off to the mechanics for being quick with the tyre changes and getting the cars ready on time. I am looking forward to having many more successful Polo Cup races in Chennai."

Position	Driver	Total Time
1.	Sailesh Bolisetti	00:25:35.172
2.	Vikash Anand	00:25:35.536
3.	Parth Ghorpade	00:25:36.609
4.	Anthony George	00:25:45.777
5.	Gokul Krishna	00:26:01.623
6.	Mohd Fahad Kutty	00:26:04.902

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7.	Imran Majid	00:26:07.044
8.	Gurniaz Mann	00:26:07.694
9.	Sahil Shelar	00:26:07.895
10.	Prateek Dalal	00:26:09.199
11.	Oshan Kothadiya	00:26:19.628
12.	Alisha Abdulla	00:26:19.921
13.	Munjal Savla	00:26:28.062
14.	Ameya Dandekar*	00:26:33.702
15.	Ameya Bafna	00:26:40.540
16.	Suraj Bhagat	00:26:42.038
17.	Saurav Bandopadhyaya	00:26:48.620
18.	Sneha Sharma	00:26:57.149
19.	Shrivatsa Sinha	DNS
20.	Vishnu Prasad	DNS

\*Guest Driver

Motor sports enthusiasts interested in getting further information can log on to the website, [www.polocup.in](http://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**

Picture 1 – Championship leader Sailesh Bolisetti

Picture 2 – The winners of Race 1 of Round 4, from L to R - Parth Ghorpade (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Sailesh Bolisetti (1<sup>st</sup> place), Vikash Anand (2<sup>nd</sup> place)