

Polo Cup India



PRESS RELEASE

Parth Ghorpade wins 2nd 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 / Gert Bergmann, Member of the Board of Volkswagen Group Sales India Pvt Ltd.:
“Volkswagen is very happy to be associated with motorsports in the country and looking forward to the rest of the Championship.”**

Chennai, September 26, 2010 – Championship contender Parth Ghorpade, the young driver from Kohlapur, put on an impressive display to win the 2nd race of Round 4 of the Volkswagen-JK Tyre Polo Cup India 2010 at the Irungattukottai Race Track, Chennai. Mumbai driver Mohammed Fahad Kutty finished in second position ahead of Imran Majid. Ghorpade completed the race in 3.717 km track in a time 25:13.862 to win his second race of the season.

The young drivers put on a great show for the audience. Cheering fans were on the edge of their seats as the Race Polos, with their drivers at the wheel, battled it out for the top spot. Parth was the silent contender who displayed some amazing skill to capture and maintain the lead position.

Gert Bergmann, Member of the Board of Volkswagen Group Sales India Pvt Ltd. commented, “It was a great to be at the Chennai circuit to watch my first Polo Cup race in India. It was a thrilling experience and I’m sure it was not the last Polo Cup race I will watch. The Volkswagen Motorsport team has been doing a great job and I am glad to see all the drivers giving it their all over here. Volkswagen is very happy to be associated with motorsports in the country and looking forward to the rest of the Championship.”

Winner, Parth Ghorpade (17 years old) commented on his win, “It’s a good feeling being on podium again. Chennai is definitely a faster track and present different challenges from racing in Coimbatore. I would like to thank the Volkswagen team for their training that has surely helped me get to this position.”

Second placed Mohd Fahad Kutty (22 years old) expressed, “I had a great day today and the cars handled very well. It was a tough race throughout; Parth really gave me a good fight till the end. I hope to keep the momentum going into the next round.”

Third placed Imran Majid (23 years old) commented, “This is my first time on the podium and it is an exciting feeling. The wear and tear on our tyres was a little more in this round because of the new track. It was a good learning experience and I hope to be back on the podium in the next two rounds.”

Polo Cup India



Volkswagen. Das Auto.

Position	Driver	Total Time
1.	Parth Ghorpade	00:25:13.862
2.	Mohd Fahad Kutty	00:25:18.214
3.	Imran Majid	00:25:26.826
4.	Gokul Krishna	00:25:27.431
5.	Gurniaz Mann	00:25:27.639
6.	Sahil Shelar	00:25:27.719
7.	Vikash Anand	00:25:28.054
8.	Sailesh Bolisetti	00:25:28.901
9.	Prateek Dalal	00:25:38.527
10.	Anthony George	00:25:41.310
11.	Munjal Savla	00:25:48.524
12.	Alisha Abdulla	00:25:49.450
13.	Suraj Bhagat	00:25:49.825
14.	Vishnu Prasad	00:25:50.449
15.	Ameya Dandekar*	00:25:56.658
16.	Saurav Bandopadhyaya	00:26:13.998
17.	Oshan Kothadiya	00:26:20.655
18.	Sneha Sharma	00:26:38.563
19.	Shrivatsa Sinha	00:26:46.402
20.	Ameya Bafna	DNF

*Guest Driver

Polo Cup India's first round in Chennai and 4th round of the season will flag-off today at Irungattukottai Race Track. These will be followed by races each month until December. The remaining races will take place here on the race circuit in Chennai.

- 27/28 Nov 2010 at Chennai (Irungattukottai Race Track)
- 18/19 Dec 2010 at Chennai (Irungattukottai Race Track)

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

Polo Cup India



Volkswagen. Das Auto.

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.

Volkswagen Group Communications

Contact: Pradnya Joshi Chaudhury

Phone: +91 - 9764999349

E-mail: pradnya.chaudhury@volkswagen.co.in

20:20 Media

Contact: Nishant Maller

Phone: +91/9840070444

E-mail: nishant@2020india.com

David Vaz

+91/9322652611

david@2020india.com

PHOTO CAPTION

Picture 1 – Parth Ghorpade overtaking Mohd Fahad Kutty to take the lead

Picture 2 – Winners of Race 2 of Round 4 of the Polo Cup at the Podium