

Chapter 1 : UoM to take back Maharaja's College Ground from KSCA? - Star of Mysore

Anyway the day came and thank God I won the English Derby, the Blue Riband of the Turf and my ambition and dream were realised by the kindness of God. In the Derby there were several good horses who after all won important races afterwards, viz., Colombo, Easton, Baddrudin, Alishah, Tiberius, Admiral Drake and others.

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And as I look around at elephants in gold headdresses and camels adorned with intricate embroidery, he seems true to his word. Guests spend a whole week before the actual wedding in the town of Rajkot, the historical family home of year-old groom Jaideep Jadeja, son of Prince Mandhata Sinh Jadeja of Rajkot in the former princely state of Saurashtra, in Gujarat. Rajkot is a sleepy town of nearly 1. The main attraction is a grand 8km procession - 5, people, including 30 princes in their regal attire, walk alongside the camels and elephants, one of which carries the groom in a golden throne. A human chain protects the privileged from being mobbed by well-wishers. It could be a scene straight out of a film - the glitter, the excitement, the crowds all seem surreal. And this party appeared to be on the house. But in the midst of all this grandeur there are stark divisions. Here are the rich and famous in expensive clothes and jewellery, watched in part-awe and part-adulation by throngs of people, many of whom do not even earn 50 cents a day. I ask a few of them what they think of this display of luxury and wealth. They look so beautiful," says year-old Geeta. One elderly lady says that it would be great to have the kings back in power, while another shoots back, "No, We love our democracy. Prince Mandhata Sinh Jadeja adds that his family contributes to the local community in many ways. In the week leading up to the procession, they helped feed about 17, people in Rajkot, as well as visiting orphanages and hospitals. The family is sponsoring the poor and the needy by helping the organisations that work for them, he says. But is this enough? The party here is as opulent as the one in Rajkot - a luxuriously classy affair but this time it is a private gathering of members of the former royalty. Indian Style at It will also be shown at Twenty-two-year-old Yaduveer Krishnadatta, the recently crowned king of the former princely state of Mysore, studied in the US, but returned to continue his family tradition and business. He will also soon marry a girl selected for him by his family - a princess. When I ask this very shy and quiet young man with diamond-studded headgear if he could marry a commoner, he rejects the idea. The groom, whose marriage we are celebrating, Jaideep Jadeja smiles at my question. The bride, Shivatmika Kumar, has a degree in psychology and was brought up in the city of Bangalore. And our families liked each other a lot. The wedding is over in a few hours. The young bride leaves with her new husband for Rajkot and more festivities. I realise that the Maharajas are going through what India as a nation is going through - walking a tight rope trying to balance modernity and traditional values. After Mughal power collapsed in , a new breed of maharajas - mostly comprising prominent Hindu families who had not been killed by the fleeing conquerors - sprang up all over India to replace them. Their golden period was from the beginning of the 18th Century to the midth Century. The Raj essentially operated as a two-tier system - the British had direct control over three-fifths of the subcontinent, known as "British India", and indirect control over the remaining territory - much of which was run by the maharajas. Under the British, Indian rulers were expected to protect their subjects, adjudicate in disputes and minister justice and punishment. But just as Indian rulers fully adapted to the new imperial regime, they had to change again when India became a republic after independence in

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It is not the first Indian Derby. Some time ago they started the Derby and then it fell through. From that day I always wanted to win the English Derby. That is the ambition of every racing man in the world. I started by buying a high class yearling every year. Steve Donoghue was in India in He came and stayed with me. He was too polite to say anything else, but gave a smile. I knew I was asking a question no one could answer. My dreams were coming nearer. In short he won me the Irish Guineas and the Irish Derby in But still my ambition was not achieved. I would not give in. Fred Darling the famous trainer, came to India in and stayed with me. You start breeding with good mares mares count 75 per cent , and a good stallion. It takes a long time to establish a good stud. So I continued to buy one or two high class yearlings every year. I told him to buy one upto one thousand pounds. That is my Derby dream. From that day on, some how or other I was more and more convinced that this was my Derby hope. That year as a two-year-old Colombo was unbeaten and next winter he became the Derby favourite. In we had a big Christmas party and Prince Aly Khan was a member of it. The more the press and public ignored him, the more I got confidence in him, as I saw him improving into a big, fine horse as a three-year-old. The first man to give me confidence was Freddie Fox when he won the Chester Vase on him. He told me that anything that could beat him would win the Derby. I then felt that he could stay. After that he won the Newmarket Stakes one mile. So I was convinced he had the required speed. A Derby horse must have speed, staying power and be able to go up hill or down hill and turn like a Polo Pony at Tattenham Corner at Epsom, and be able to act in any going; hard or soft; wet or dry. I went to the Press Luncheon on the eve of the Derby and was assailed with all sorts of questions from veteran sportsmen and racing experts beginning from Lord Lonsdale downwards, as to why I thought Windsor Lad was good enough to win the Derby. I was sitting at the table between H. Whatever could beat him would win the race. I was taking on a lot by making this statement. In the Derby there were several good horses who after all won important races afterwards, viz. There were other incidents of note, this was the 13th Derby I attended and I travelled to England from India in cabin No. Maharaja Sir Vijaysinhji of Rajpipla wrote this article on the eve of the revival of the Indian Derby that was run in Bombay on February 6,

Chapter 4 : All the Maharaja's men | The Indian Express

Treasures on the Turf; Share. There was a special class for cars owned by maharajas, another for cars wearing Saoutchik coachwork, and still others for Mercers.

November 29, 2: What is most frustrating for the airline now is the hugely fractious nature of its board ever since the merger of Air India and Indian Airlines two years ago. Independent directors interfere on operational issues. Government nominees on the board keep bureaucracy alive in an organisation already saddled with HR conflicts and financial losses. While the board recently axed the controversial appointment of Capt Pawan Arora as the chief operating officer COO of Air India Express, uncertainty continues to loom large over the second appointment of Stefan Sukumar as chief training officer of the Air India. These new entrants were at the centre of a showdown in the latest meeting of the member board when independent directors and the government nominees joined hands to throw out Arora. Never before has the board of public sector unit been so polarised. The board, claimed sources, is divided into at least four camps. The polarisation is reflected even in the seating arrangements at the meetings. One camp is led by independent directors, second by government nominees, third by functional directors. In the past year and a half since Jadhav took over reins at the airline, the dynamics in the board have changed drastically, only to worsen. Battle lines in the board are drawn clearly and each is guarding his turf fiercely. Sources present at many such stormy board meetings pointed out that hardly any decision is taken in these meetings. Is accused by ministry and independent directors alike of functioning in a high-handed manner and alienating employees. While sources conceded that he is a workhorse, they also point out he has isolated himself from most at the airline, unable to build trust in them. Jadhav is caught in a unique situation where the merger between Air India and Indian Airlines has failed on ground with employees sharply divided along those lines. Despite suggestions to de-merge the airline, the ministry is not willing to bite the bullet. Prashant Narain Sukul, joint secretary, ministry of civil aviation: Another government nominee on the board, he believed to have a soft approach towards the airline management. Srivastava and Jadhav reportedly do not see eye-to-eye. Srivastava, sources claimed, springs surprises for Jadhav in board meetings and resists from discussing such issues on a one-to-one basis with Jadhav. Brought into the company in April, senior executives in the airline said that they have slowed down the decision making process in the airline. Kotak was co-opted as a member of finance sub-committee. An astute businessman, he suggested that decision on wage rationalisation be deferred, calling it the last resort. While financials may not be his strong point, avionics is close to his heart. Takes a keen interest on matters related to aircraft, and was also asked to negotiate penalties with Boeing for delay in delivery of Dreamliners. Is said to have prepared an-eight page report on why the route would spell disaster for Air India. Is said to have favoured wage rationalisation. Neotia lays emphasis on enhancing revenues from areas other than passenger revenue, like ground handling and MRO. Remains reserved during meetings. MA Yusuffali, managing director, Emke Group: Sources point out that Kerala operations of the airline are one of the chief concerns of Yusuffali.

Chapter 5 : Rolls-Royce for Sale / Find or Sell Used Cars, Trucks, and SUVs in USA

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Pratham Mysore has popularised the Balawadi pre-school programme where they pick a few volunteers in a community who are educated till class 10 and above and request them to educate the poor pre-schoolers in their areas. They also have many other programmes, the important one being the bridge programme in both rural and poor urban areas where they teach government school children after school hours. So far in Mysore, Pratham has successfully delivered education programmes to around 15, poor pre-school and primary students in Mysore and surrounding districts. So it turned out that they wanted my inputs and some publicity to raise some funds to create and support new education centres in rural areas of Mysore. They already manage such centres! So, who would grace the gala that would attract some money? It was also thought that may be these two could also bring in Rahul Dravid with them, and a few more. Just then, Ashvini Ranjan mentioned in passing how in they managed to convince a few top Indian national cricket team players to come to Mysore for an exhibition match to raise funds for a Lions school and how once the senior players were convinced, they in turn roped in other national players. This was impressive and I was curious. How did a group of smalltown men manage to get 16 members from the national team to our little City in for fund-raising?! I pressed for more and the story I heard was worthy of a recount which held many lessons in celebrity-driven fund-raising and dedicated social service. Here is the story Ashvini Ranjan told me: It seems, in the Lions Club of Mysore West wanted to build a school and had to raise some funds. The Club had many enthusiastic members and among them was R. Vasu, one of the partners of Cycle Brand Agarbathies who was very interested in cricket and well-networked in those circles. He came up with the idea of an exhibition cricket match between two teams each with a heavy mix of Indian national players! Yes, indeed, an audacious idea for that time, and even today. Soon he and the other Lions decided they would have two teams each with a mix of national players, State players and two local players. After many months of phone calls and umpteen visits to Bangalore, Vasu along with the other Lions managed to convince the core Indian players—then it was Dilip Vengsarkar, Sandeep Patil, G. They, in turn, managed to convince others to come with them to play a day of cricket for a good cause. Yoga camp for foreign nationals begins As soon as all the cricketers confirmed, air tickets were booked and it was communicated to them that a seater luxury bus would be waiting for them at the Bangalore airport to bring them to Mysore. On the faithful day the bus left for Bangalore airport while the Lions Club members waited in front of Mysore Palace to give them a grand welcome. Late afternoon as the bus approached, the Lions members were excited and waited for the demi-gods to alight from the bus! but only Sandeep Patil and his girlfriend were on the bus! Bishen Singh Bedi and Eknath Solkar being taken around in an open-topped jeep in front of the Mysore Palace, circa What happened to the rest? The members were soon informed by Patil that the others decided that they would come in private taxis and leisurely they started arriving one by one. Though the organisers were worried about the taxi expenses they were relieved that the players had arrived. The players were put up at the luxurious Rajendra Vilas Imperial Palace hotel atop the hill. That night, they were felicitated at Lalitha Mahal Palace hotel with small elephant statues after which they left for their round of beers. Next day, they were taken on a procession around the City, which attracted huge crowds and generated so much publicity for the exhibition match that the next day all tickets were sold out, even though a ticket cost a princely sum of Rs. With tickets sold out, passes given out to keep government officials happy, turf pitch ready, all seemed perfect for the match the next day. And then the unthinkable happened: That night it poured and poured. The next morning the pitch was soaked leaving the organisers with an unplayable drenched pitch. With the turf gone, match delayed and the 15, strong crowd growing restless by the minute, the organisers began their hunt for the only alternative — a cricket mat. He charged them Rs. Srikantadatta Narasimha Wodeyar is introduced to the two teams, as B. Well, now no one quite remembers for sure. But they all remember that Sandeep Patil hit such huge sixers that they lost two cricket balls. Guess cricket won that day. Players like Eknath Solkar sang and did a solo dance much to the delight of everyone

present. They supposedly said they loved the weather of the City and loved the location of their hotel atop the hill so much that they wanted to stay a few more days. But many organisers now say, the players seemed to have enjoyed their beer much, much more than the weather. Eknath Solkar, who batted and fielded with a scooter helmet, shakes a leg In the end after a week of cricket drama, the Lions Club which had invited national players to raise funds for their ambitious school project had managed to collect Rs. It seems by the time the cricketers had left and by the time the organisers had paid for their air ticket, the bus that brought just one couple, taxis, the mat, mementoes, beer, food and stay, the Lions Club was left withâ€¦ just Rs. The dream of a school was back to the pavilion. To add, the free passes they gave to the government officials had eaten into their fund-raising budget substantially. Prakash, who heard of the debacle, felt bad and offered the Club one-and-half acres of land in Gokulam for the school and told them that for the time being, they can pay the Rs. The club members gladly agreed and today, Gokulam Lions School sits on a two-acre land with a student strength of What 16 Indian cricketers could not do, an understanding, kind and good bureaucrat did. This shows the power bureaucrats have and the good they can do with it. Yes, Ashwini Ranjan and the supporters of Pratham like myself, will once again try to rope in cricketers to raise money, publicity and good will for a good cause. This time, instead of cricket, it will be over good food. So there is no way Srinath, Kumble, Dravid and others will get high and leave us dry. The event has been scheduled for 7th of July and there are only gala dinner tickets. The cost of the tickets will be announced in the coming weeks. This is a chance to meet, talk and ask whatever you want with the living cricket legends, or if you just like to donate you can contact Pratham through www.

Chapter 6 : When Bedi bowled from Maharaja's College end - Star of Mysore

The MoU, signed between UoM and KSCA on June 22, , stipulated that the cricket body would develop as many as 10 turf pitches, of which five were for matches and the rest for practice.

The nervous tension that upset Colombo on Two Thousand Guineas day was absent. The favourite walked round the parade ring as docile as a seasoned plater. In the preliminaries he was on his best behaviour, and the only horse to give least trouble was Bondsman. Colombo had a well-trained appearance, a shade lighter than he had been before, which was only natural after the preparation he has undergone. Umidwar could not fail to please. Tiberius was a ball of muscle, as was Primero. The latter moved splendidly in the canter, but Colombo appeared to me to be galloping higher off the ground than usual. Windsor Lad moved well. He carried a fine bloom, and was full of muscle. Umidwar cantered well, but on arrival at the post he hung back from the others, and slightly delayed the dispatch. Twice he turned round after he had been driven up to his field. William Woodward, the owner of Betty. A well made sort with lop ears, he is rather long in the back, and gave one an impression of coarseness. As a four-year-old, he should, to my mind, possess a definite future. Rathmore showed up as a well-balanced sort of colt and his trainer tells me that he stays on for ever. Both Tiberius and Valerius, scions of the Son-in-Law line, carried a rather rugged outline, and it seemed to me that Valerius required more mettling up, and for that reason another week or two of preparation might have proved beneficial. Full of quality, with any amount of heart room, and with the best of legs and feet, Medieval Knight resembled his sire, Gay Crusader, in many respects, particularly his short length of rein. Time followed the race closely: In the stretch Colombo was running splendidly and catching up on the other two. At the finish in 2: Smirke, by a length from Easton, who was a neck in front of the favourite, Colombo. The rider of Alishah, Perryman, lost both irons at the top of the hill and did not pick them up again until a furlong and more later. I have seldom if ever seen a better race for the Derby, it being impossible to say with any reasonable certainty a furlong from the finish which of three horses would win. Those three horses at the end occupied the first three places. Then Umidwar began to fall back, and as soon as he was troublesome On Top, who never had claims to be a Derby candidate, began to play up. However, soon after the advertised time, Captain Allison, the best starter of my time, sent the field away. No one can complain of the start, which neither favoured nor handicapped any of the starters. Umidwar began slowly, as did Admiral Drake and Rathmore, but in their case it must be admitted that they hit the gate with the others. Almost directly after the start Donoghue sent Medieval Knight into the lead, followed by Colombo. Primero also was prominent with Fleetfoot. And so they went along the far side of the course. From being second he was very quickly seventh. It seemed to me then that something must have happened to him, but I learnt afterwards that Medieval Knight stopped in front of him and Johnstone had to check him. Soon after the hill had been begun Tiberius moved up and he came down the hill in front of Fleetfoot. Windsor Lad was also well placed. Easton also was there, as was Alishah. Tiberius led into the straight, but almost at once Windsor Lad came into the lead. Easton was not far behind, while Colombo had begun again to improve. Halfway down the Straight it became reasonably certain that the winner would be one of three horses, Windsor Lad, who was in front; Easton who was challenging him on his off-side, and Colombo, who had come from behind and had given up his place on the rails and had drawn rather widely to the middle of the course. Just for a moment it seemed that Colombo would win, but he suddenly changed his legs, showing that he was beaten, and it was left to Easton to chase Windsor Lad home. Smirke on the leader showed that he is still as great a rider as ever he was and gave away nothing. Ride as hard as he might Richards could not gain an inch on Windsor Lad, and the latter in the end won by a length. I never expect or hope to see a better Derby.

Chapter 7 : Bikaner | Tourism Attraction in Bikaner - Maharajas Express Train

The Maharaja's College Cricket Ground has a history of more than years. It was at the time of Prof. J.P. Rollo, the then Principal of Maharaja's College that the Ground, the sports pavilion was constructed.

Based on the Phantom Drophead Coupe, this unique Maharaja edition is distinguished by such special touches as Carrara White paint embellished with a peacock motif, emerald green coachline, a deep green top hood in UK terminology, light creme leather interior with green accents, marquetry inlays and custom seashell embroidery. Said to be two years in the making by the Rolls-Royce Bespoke division, this one-off Phantom DHC was unveiled not in India, but in Dubai, where a fascination with the Golden Age of the Raja is evidently alive and well. Rolls-Royce spotted testing even sportier Wraith Mon, 10 Nov Even powerful, packed as they are with twelve-cylinder engines displacing in excess of six and a half liters. But now it seems Goodwood is working on an even more aggressive version. To what end, we cannot be certain, but our spotters on the ground seem to think this is a prototype for a more extreme version of the Wraith - possibly inspired by the attention garnered by the Bentley Continental GT3-R. Could we be looking at a Wraith V-Specification like we saw with the Ghost? And now the two have come together in one glorious creation. After all, companies like Bentley and Maserati are preparing to launch their very first crossovers, while established players like Mercedes-Benz and Land Rover keep producing ever more expensive sport-utes of their own. Rolls-Royce, for example, has yet to receive the green light to start working on its proposed CUV project. Though the dimensions of its sedans may already eclipse those of some crossovers, this would be the first time that Goodwood would produce a utility of its own. However, Rolls-Royce may not be alone in waiting for its German parent company to approve its high-priced ute. In fact, it remains by far the most prolific Rolls-Royce ever, with over 30, made between and The methodical kneading of my shoulder blades loosened the knots that formed over several hours of driving. The Swedish-style pulses firing into my lumbar region released more tension. I was getting it during the road trip. I grew up riding in the back seat of a Chevy Nova. And, thanks in no small part to the unprecedented success of the Series I Rolls-Royce Ghost that launched in , the Brit brand seems well positioned to strike that perfect balance between exclusivity and record profits. In the year in which the first BMW-backed Rolls rolled off the line in West Sussex, the company managed to sell around cars. This year, with the first run of already-back-ordered Ghost Series II models still weeks away from delivery, the marque will top 4, units for the first time in its history. The rich and free-spending are chasing this Ghost, instead. On the one hand, people pay umpteen amounts of money for bespoke cars, with the manufacturer adding that iconic descriptor to all its press materials, but then the company goes and produces 20 of the exact same car and sells them as a "special edition. Rolls-Royce must not see it that way, though, as it has just unveiled one of 20 Metropolitan Collection Phantom sedans at the Paris Motor Show. The veneers, particularly on the second row picnic table, get extensive attention, with just the table using individual pieces of wood. Leave it to Tax the Rich to toss it around then. For those unfamiliar, the YouTube channel sporadically features videos of some of the most powerful and expensive pieces of automotive machinery being put up to no good. Rolls-Royce to reach 4, units this year Tue, 30 Sep But that was when Goodwood only offered the Phantom saloon. The subsequent addition of the Phantom DHC and Phantom Coupe helped expand its portfolio, enlarged even further by the addition of the Ghost in , by which time total sales were reaching 3, units. The Spirit of Ecstasy marque has been hovering around the 3, mark ever since, but with the Wraith now in the mix and its reach extending into growing markets around the world, Autocar reports that global sales could top 4, units this year. Of course that pales in comparison to one-time sister brand Bentley, which topped 10, deliveries last year, but Rolls-Royce typically competes at a higher price bracket.

Chapter 8 : darbars of Maharajas: Latest News & Videos, Photos about darbars of Maharajas | The Econo

Touted as the most luxurious tourist train in India, Maharajas' Express is often compared to the Venice Simplon Orient Express owing to its state of the art facilities and impeccable services.

Chapter 9 : Maharajas' Express Train - A royal India tour

Other than the below-mentioned attractions, the art and architecture are sure to woo the passengers of Maharajas Express. Junagarh Fort Sprawled over hectares, Junagarh Fort features a plenitude of palaces, temples, and pavilions.