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CHIEF MINISTER, WEST BENGAL

21st December, 2023



MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the **125th All India Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament**, organized by **Hockey Bengal**, will be held from 19th to 28th January, 2024 in Kolkata and a colourful souvenir will be brought out by the organizers on the occasion to commemorate the special event.

My heartiest greetings and best wishes to all the participating teams and the organizers of the tournament on this memorable occasion. I wish the championship a grand success.


(Mamata Banerjee)

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Message

21 DEC 2023

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Hockey Bengal is organizing the World's Oldest the 125th All India Beighton cup Hockey Tournament 2024 also acclaimed as the "Blue Riband" of Indian Hockey between 19th and 28th January, 2024 in Kolkata, West Bengal and publishing a Souvenir to mark the occasion.

I am happy to know that the Hockey Bengal is the oldest Hockey Association of India and has a rich history and unmatched legacy. Such events foster cooperation among the sportspersons, promote team spirit and also provide opportunities to improve one's skill.

I am sure a souvenir being brought out on this occasion will be rich in its content as well as display of photographs recapturing the glorious moments of the tournament.

I extend my good wishes to all the participants and the Organizers and successful publication of the Souvenir.

(Anurag Singh Thakur)



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20 DEC 2023

MESSAGE

Being the oldest **Hockey Association of India**, '**Hockey Bengal**' has played very important role for the development of Hockey in Bengal as well as for India. I am delighted to learn that they are the proud organizer of the most prestigious and historic '**Beighton Cup**' which is the World's oldest Hockey Tournament.

I convey my best wishes for the success of the upcoming '**125th Beighton Cup 2024**' which will be held from 19th January to 28th January, 2024 at Kolkata.


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Gurbux Singh
Chief Patron
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MESSAGE

I am very much happy to know that 125th Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament, 2024 is going to be held between 19th January to 28th January, 2024 in Kolkata.

I am also very happy to know that a prestigious and colourful commemorative souvenir will be published to mark occasion.

I convey my warm greetings to the organisers and participants and wish the tournament a grand success.


[Sujit Bose]

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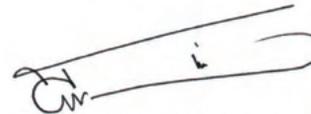
It brings immense joy to know that Bengal Hockey is gearing up to host 125th edition of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament, scheduled to take place from January 19th to 28th, 2024, in Kolkata.

I am also pleased to know about the Bengal Hockey's ambitious plans to organize this iconic tournament, revered as the world's oldest hockey tournament, on a grand scale.

The decision to release a commemorative souvenir capturing the illustrious moments of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament will certainly add an extra dimension to the occasion, creating lasting memories for players, fans and supporters alike.

My heartfelt congratulations go out to the organizers and all the talented participants involved in this historic tournament.

May the tournament be a resounding success, filled with thrilling matches, unforgettable moments, and a true celebration of the spirit of hockey.



(Firhad Hakim)

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29 December 2023



Hockey India President Congratulations Message

Dear All,

Let me start this letter by expressing my delight at the commendable news that Hockey Bengal is set to organize the historic 125th Beighton Cup. This milestone is undeniably a cause for celebration for hockey enthusiasts, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations on this momentous achievement.

Hockey Bengal's unrivaled legacy in the realm of hockey is widely acknowledged, playing a pivotal role in our nation's hockey development. We are genuinely grateful for their contributions and hopeful that this legacy will endure through continued collaboration with Hockey India.

I applaud Hockey Bengal for proudly hosting the prestigious Beighton Cup, a tournament hailed as the "Blue Riband" of Indian Hockey and recognized as one of the world's oldest hockey competitions. The impending 125th Beighton Cup promises to be a grand celebration of this quasiquicentennial milestone.

Hockey India is committed to ensuring the success of the 125th Beighton Cup and wholeheartedly extends its blessings and support.

May the 125th Beighton Cup be an unequivocal success, perpetuating its contribution to the rich legacy of hockey in our country.



Regards,
Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey
President,
Hockey India



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7 January 2024



Secretary General Message for the 125th Beighton Cup

Dear All,

We would like to extend our congratulations to Hockey Bengal for organizing the 125th Beighton Cup, one of the world's oldest hockey tournaments! Hockey Bengal has a commendable legacy and history in the realm of Indian Hockey, having been one of the oldest Hockey Associations in India since its establishment in 1908.

The Beighton Cup is often hailed as the "Blue Riband" of Indian Hockey, and it stands as a testament to the rich sporting heritage of Hockey Bengal. Hockey Bengal's commitment to upholding tradition while elevating the event on a grand scale is truly commendable, and we are thrilled to learn about the upcoming 125th Beighton Cup, which is scheduled to take place between 19th and 28th January 2024 in Kolkata.

This quasiquicentennial edition promises to be a celebration of not only the tournament's longevity but also the profound impact it has had on the world of Hockey. The commemorative souvenir, with its rich content and captivating photographs capturing the glorious moments of the Beighton Cup, is sure to be a cherished memento.

We extend our heartfelt blessings and support to Hockey Bengal for the success of the 125th Beighton Cup, and we wish Hockey Bengal continued success and glory in all its endeavours.

Regards,
Shri Bhola Nath Singh



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Message from Nand Kishor Rai, Organising Secretary - Coal India 125th Beighton Cup 2024 & Senior Vice President - Hockey Bengal

I am thankful to Hockey Bengal for giving me responsibility of Organising Secretary of the prestigious Coal India 125th Beighton Cup 2024. It gives me immense pleasure to be associated with this historical tournament as a Player and as an official.

As a player, I had participated in 1988 with the newly built IFFCO hockey team and won the Beighton Cup tournament beating many renowned teams in our very first appearance.

As a Hockey Bengal official, I have been involved in organising Beighton Cup in various capacities, including Treasurer since 2002.

I am sure that with the help of my dedicated committee members of Hockey Bengal, we will be able to conduct the 125th edition of the iconic tournament in a befitting manner and keep the flag of Hockey Bengal flying high.

I convey my best wishes to all the participating teams.

My special thanks to Coal India, our title sponsor for the 125th edition of Beighton Cup 2024. Without their support it would have not been possible to organise this tournament in grand manner.



Olympian Gurbux Singh, Chief Patron Coal India 125th Beighton Cup 2024 and Ex Secretary of Hockey Bengal

I am extremely delighted to say that this year Hockey Bengal is celebrating the 125th edition of Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament. I immediately get emotional as I first played in the Beighton Cup in 1957 at the age of 21 and won it. I was associated with Beighton Cup, the Blue Riband of Indian Hockey, when it celebrated 100 years in 1995. My association still continues in its 125th edition as the Chief Patron.



This year as usual all the top teams of the country are participating and the tournament will showcase top talent and excellence at SAI Turf ground.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not give full credit to the organisers Hockey Bengal, particularly the President Babun Banerjee, energetic Hockey Bengal Secretary Shri Istiyak Ali, organising secretary Shree N K Rai, Chairman of the finance committee Shri Noomi Mehta and their team for doing a wonderful job and wish them the best of luck. Special thanks to Coal India and the SAI authorities for helping to hold the tournament in the best possible way.

I get nostalgic and cherish my association with Beighton Cup of more than 67 years.

I convey my sincere thanks to the participating teams and wish the players play the game in true spirit of the game.

All the best for the Blue Riband of Indian Hockey...

President Message

On behalf of Hockey Bengal, I warmly welcome and convey my greetings & best wishes to all the participants of the oldest Hockey Tournament of the World -125th Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament acclaimed to be the 'Blue Riband' of Indian Hockey.

Hockey Bengal, the organiser of this tournament have always played a significant role to promote hockey in the country and the Association has left no stone unturned to make this year's tournament a grand success.

Since sports has become a social phenomenon, I am sure this tournament will mark a new chapter of good will and fraternal feeling.

I only wish that the players play the game in the spirit of the game in this sports crazy city of Kolkata.



Secretary Message

The Beighton Cup hockey tournament, the Blue Riband of Indian Hockey, is also the oldest hockey tournament in the world and it is here again in Sports Authority of India, Salt Lake, Kolkata. The 125th edition will be held from 19th January to 28th January, 2024. This year 14 top outstation teams and 6 local teams are in the fray for the coveted Cup.

I have many fond memories of Beighton Cup, earlier when I had participated, for many years, as a player for Eastern Railway hockey team and now for last few years as an organiser.

I and everyone at Hockey Bengal are eagerly looking forward to the 126th edition of the Beighton Cup when this prestigious tournament will be organised in our own International Hockey Stadium which is being constructed inside the Yuba Bharati Krirangan stadium, Salt Lake, Kolkata by the Ministry of Sports, Government of West Bengal. I am thankful to the Government of West Bengal for fulfilling this long pending demand of an Astro Turf Hockey ground in Bengal.

I am thankful to Janab Firhad Hakim, Chairman of HIDCO. They are constructing an Astro Turf Hockey ground in the Dumurjala Khel Nagari, Howrah. Very soon Bengal will have two Astro Turf hockey grounds.

I express my sincere thanks to Coal India Ltd. for their support as the Title Sponsors of the 125th Beighton Cup 2024, I am also thankful to JIS group, Kinley, Mio Amore, Canara Bank, IFFCO, SELVEL, FanCode, 93.5 RED FM and Supreme Knowledge Foundation for their support.

I would like to thank the participating teams, umpires, officials for coming and the Hockey Bengal committee members and staff who are actively involved to make this tournament a grand success.

I am indebted to Sports Authority of India, Kolkata for allowing us to use their hockey ground and other facilities for conducting the Beighton Cup.

Special thanks to Gurbux Singh ji, Ex. Secretary of Hockey Bengal and the Chief Patron of 125th Beighton Cup and Mr. Noomi Mehta, Ex. President of Hockey Bengal and Chairman of Finance Committee of 125th Beighton Cup for their guidance and support.

I wish all the players of the participating teams a happy and comfortable stay in Kolkata and success in this year's Beighton Cup hockey tournament.





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Hockey Bengal (earlier known as Bengal Hockey Association) is proud of being the oldest Hockey organization in India. The Bengal Hockey Association (BHA) came into existence, first among the State Associations in this Sub Continent, on 27th April, 1908 in Calcutta. Sind Hockey Association (Karachi) was formed in 1920 followed by Bihar, Gwalior and Bombay (now Mumbai) in 1923. Delhi Hockey Association came into existence in 1924, Punjab in 1925, U.P. in 1926, Bhopal in 1934, Patiala and Mysore in 1937. It was established in 1908, 17 years before even Indian Hockey Federation (now parent body is Hockey India) was founded.

Bengal has a rich and glorious hockey history and has many firsts to its name. Calcutta has a glorious past. It has given birth to Indian Hockey. It is noteworthy to mention that Mr. Ashwini Kumar, former President of Indian Hockey Federation, mentions in the illuminating article in Pat Rowley's "Book of Hockey" that in India, Hockey was first played in Calcutta in 1885. The first National Hockey Championship of India was held at Kolkata in 1928. Then it was called the Inter-Provincials National Hockey Championship. In all 05 provinces of undivided India participated.

The first Indian Hockey Team for the Amsterdam Olympic Games was also selected in Calcutta after the 1928 National Hockey Championship.

Bengal used to dominate Indian Hockey way back in the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

In those days Bengal had some very strong Hockey Teams such as Calcutta Customs, Port Commissioners and Bengal-Nagpur Railway, Kharagpur, etc.

In 1952 National Hockey Championship which was held in Calcutta, Bengal Hockey Team defeated Punjab and broke their hat-trick run of National Hockey Titles. It took two matches to decide the 1952 Championship. The first match ended in a goalless draw. In the replayed final Bengal wrested the trophy from Punjab.

Over the years Bengal has produced 21 Hockey Olympians, like Pat Jansen, Leslie Walter Claudius, Keshav Chander Datt, Jaswant Singh Rajput, Gurbux Singh, Joginder Singh, Inam-ur-Rehman, Ashok Kumar and Bir Bahadur Chettri, among others, who have together won 27 Gold Medals, 02 Silver Medals and 03 Bronze Medals in the Hockey Olympics starting from 1928 to 1980 which no other Sports in West Bengal has ever achieved.

Hockey Bengal organises the oldest Hockey League of India having started in 1905. At present approximately 60 Hockey Clubs and 18 Districts (both boys and Girls) participate in the Calcutta Hockey League and Bengal State Hockey Championships which are organised every year

Hockey Bengal is also the proud organiser of the world's oldest (started in 1895) running field Hockey Tournament "BEIGHTON CUP", known as Blue Riband of Indian Hockey. Top Hockey Teams of India fight for the coveted Cup.



HOCKEY BENGAL

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E H Le Broeq (1935)	D C Vajpai, IPS (1995-2007)
G C Fletcher (1937, 40-41, 47-56)	J B Roy (2007-2011)
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R Gupta, ICS (1957-60)	Noomi Mehta (2016-2020)
Pankaj Gupta (1967-69)	Swapan Banerjee (2020-.....)
S K Acharya (1970)	

SECRETARIES

N R Bhattacharjee (1908-12)	J D Arathoon (1967-68)
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J C Mitra (1921-23)	Kumaresh Sen (1983-94)
J G George (1931)	Dilip Kr Paul (1994-95)
Khan Sahib S A Rashid (1932)	Gurbux Singh (1995-2012)
Jaipal Singh (1932)	Salil Basu (2012-2014)
C A Newberry (1932-35)	Swapan Banerjee (2014-2020)
Pankaj Gupta (1936-60)	Istiyak Ali (2020-.....)
Sidhu Dutta (1961-66)	

“And the Reverend Said, Let There Be Hockey”

By *Nikhilesh Bhattacharya*

The 125th edition of the Beighton Cup is an opportunity to look back at the origins of arguably the world’s oldest field hockey tournament. The inaugural Beighton Cup was held in 1895. Therefore, 2024 should have hosted the 130th edition. However, across its history, the Beighton Cup was not held in 1947 (because of communal violence in the lead-up to Partition), 2017 (when Calcutta’s only artificial turf at the time was being re-laid), 2020 and 2021 (because of COVID-19), and 2023 (venue problems). Thus, the tongue-twister, quasiquicentennial, is being celebrated in an Olympic year when the greatest sporting show on earth returns to Paris, the venue where men’s field hockey was briefly discarded from the Summer Olympic Games Programme exactly 100 years ago.



A deeper dive is required to unearth stories about the men, and institutions, who came together in the last decade of the nineteenth century in the then capital of colonial India to start a knockout tournament in a fledgling sport, the rules of which had been codified in England only a couple of decades earlier. For a long time during the second half of the century, Calcutta, like Bombay, thought hockey meant hitting a ball with long sticks while riding ponies. That is why the Calcutta Polo Club was initially called Calcutta Hockey Club. We do not know exactly when the first game of field hockey was played in Calcutta, but it must have been before 1895, when the Indian Football Association (IFA) started a tournament to give fresh impetus to hockey on foot. The game, played on the Maidan in spring, was considered excellent practice for the ensuing football season.

Thomas Durant Beighton was a veteran administrator in the Indian Civil Service (Bengal Cadre). Educated at King Edward’s School, Birmingham, Beighton cleared the ICS examination in 1865 and arrived in Bengal in December 1867. After serving variously as assistant magistrate and collector, joint magistrate and deputy collector, and district and sessions judge, Beighton acted as superintendent and remembrancer of legal affairs in the Bengal Government in 1894 (the post of the remembrancer, the second in command among executive functionaries in the state government’s legal department, still exists). He became a member of the provincial legislative council in March, 1895. Around the same time, Beighton courted immortality by donating the trophy for the new hockey tournament: an elaborately chased solid silver bowl mounted on an ebony stand. The trophy, nearly two feet high, was manufactured by the famous British silversmiths in India, Hamilton & Co. According to Abir Mukherjee’s piece in a Bengal Hockey Association souvenir published for the 90th Beighton Cup, the original trophy was stolen from the Railway Institute in Asansol, where it had been taken to by the 1920 Beighton Cup winners, East Indian Railway Asansol Recreation Club. The current set of trophies given to the winners of the Beighton Cup include a replica donated by that club.



An advertisement for the Beighton Cup first came out in *The Statesman* on March 29, 1895. It mentioned an entry fee of Rs. 5, a princely sum in 1895, and advised applying to “Rev. J.L. Peach” of St. James’s School for conditions. Reverend James Legard Peach was a man of many parts who played a role even more crucial than Beighton himself in getting the Beighton Cup off the ground. A member of Trinity College, Cambridge, Peach had first visited Calcutta as a layman in 1884 before returning with the Oxford Mission to Calcutta in November 1888. By 1895, he was at the centre of numerous networks of individuals and institutions which he brought together to make the Beighton Cup a success. Peach himself doubled in many roles: as IFA secretary he was the chief organiser of the tournament; he played centre forward for St. James’s; he also refereed matches. Beighton and Peach both retired to England in 1896, but what they had started would eventually lead to multiple Olympic gold medals by teams from the Indian subcontinent.

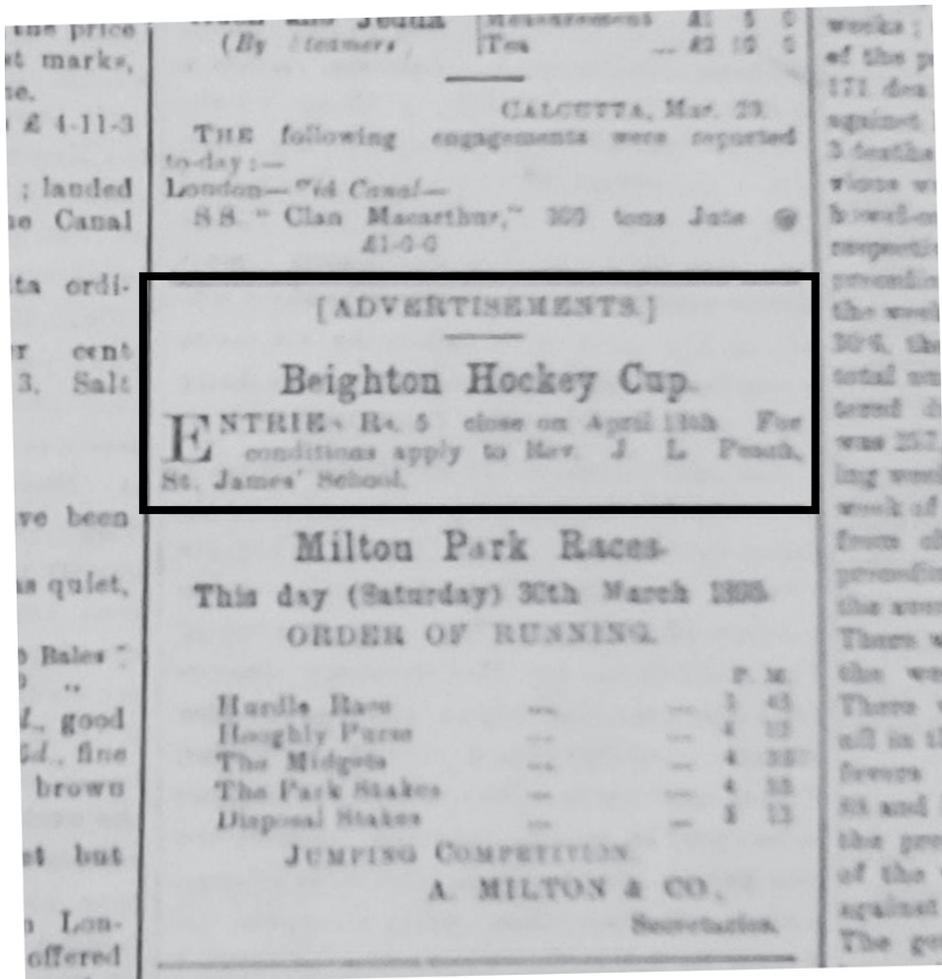
St. James’s, where Peach was the rector in 1895, was a Christian missionary school for “Eurasians”, or people of mixed race (later called Anglo-Indians), as was La Martiniere and both institutions entered teams for the Beighton Cup. Another institution closely connected to the Eurasian community that participated in the tournament with immediate success was Calcutta Naval Volunteers Athletic Club, representing the voluntary naval corps established by an order of the Governor-General of India in 1889. The team would go on to win the first two editions of the Beighton Cup, in 1895 and 1896. In 1898-99, Calcutta Naval Volunteers was converted into Port Defence Volunteers. This was when the Naval club merged with Calcutta Rangers, which won the Beighton Cup in 1899. St. James’s won the tournament in 1900, a rare achievement for what was presumably a school team.

More remarkable was the story of a team of primarily tribal boys from Ranchi that became a part of the Beighton Cup from the very first edition, won its maiden title in 1897, and repeated the feat as many as five times in the next 10 years. Like St. James’s, the Ranchi Mission was run by a Church of England organisation, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG). SPG Mission’s hockey team was led by another man with Oxbridge connections, Reverend Edward Hamilton Whitley, the son of the first Bishop of Chota Nagpur. Whitley was born in Mussoorie in 1866, studied for his B.A. at Queen’s College, Cambridge, was ordained priest in 1890 while at Oxford and sent to Ranchi in 1891-92. Whitley can be credited with coaching, and captaining, the first primarily Indian team to take part in organized hockey in the subcontinent. The 125th edition of the Beighton Cup is the perfect moment to remember those pioneers of Indian hockey.

Author Bio:

Nikhilesh Bhattacharya’s PhD was on the role of the Anglo-Indian community in the history of Indian hockey. He currently teaches English at Birpara College in West Bengal, India.

Advertisement for Beighton Cup 1895 (Inaugural Year)



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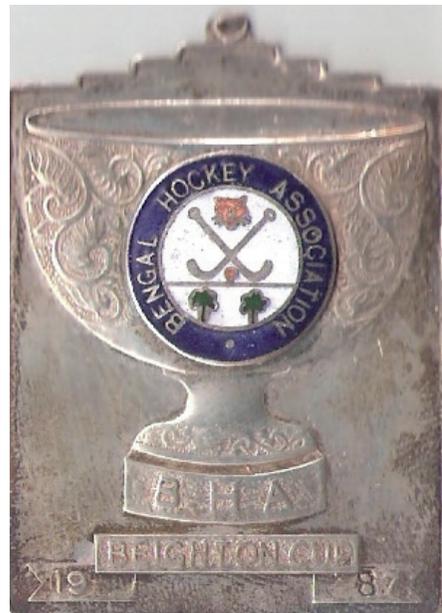
Beighton Hockey Cup

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Beighton Cup - Yesteryears



Beighton Cup Medal (Year not known)



Beighton Cup Silver Medal (1987)



Rani Rashmoni Gold Cup donated by Smrity Samity in 1936



Jhansi Heroes Winners of Beighton Cup (1933)



East Bengal win Beighton Cup in 1957 (in their maiden appearance in Final)

BEIGHTON CUP WINNERS & RUNNERS

WINNERS

1895	Calcutta Naval Volunteers AC	1929	E I R Sports Club
1896	Calcutta Naval Volunteers AC	1930	Calcutta Customs AC
1897	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1931	Calcutta Customs AC
1898	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1932	Calcutta Customs AC
1899	Calcutta Rangers Club	1933	Jhansi Heroes
1900	St James School	1934	Calcutta Rangers Club
1901	1st Royal Irish Rifles	1935	Calcutta Customs AC
1902	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1936	Bombay Customs
1903	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1937	B N Railway
1904	Hornets AC	1938	Calcutta Customs AC
1905	B E College, Sibpore	1939	B N Railway
1906	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1940	Bhopal Wanderers
1907	SPG Mission, Ranchi	1941	Bhopal Wanderers & Bhagawant Club, Tikamgarh Jt Winners
1908	Calcutta Customs AC	1942	Calcutta Rangers Club
1909	Calcutta Customs AC	1943	B N Railway
1910	Calcutta Customs AC	1944	B N Railway
1911	Calcutta Rangers Club	1945	B N Railway
1912	Calcutta Customs AC	1946	Port Commissioners
1913	Calcutta Rangers Club	1947	Not Held
1914	MAO College, Aligarh	1948	Port Commissioners & U P Selected XI Jt Winners
1915	Calcutta Rangers Club	1949	Tata Sports Club, Bombay
1916	BY Association, Lucknow	1950	Tata Sports Club, Bombay
1917	Calcutta Rangers Club	1951	Hindusthan Aircraft, Bangalore
1918	BY Association, Lucknow	1952	Mohun Bagan AC
1919	Xaverians' Club	1953	Tata Sports Club, Bombay
1920	EIR Asansol Rec Club	1954	Tata Sports Club, Bombay
1921	B E College Sibpore	1955	Western Railway & U P Selected XI Jt Winners
1922	EBR Sports Club	1956	Services
1923	BY Association, Lucknow		
1924	Calcutta FC		
1925	Calcutta Customs AC		
1926	Calcutta Customs AC		
1927	Xaverians' Club		
1928	Telegraph Rec Club		



WINNERS (CONTD.)

1957	East Bengal Club	1984	Mecon Sports Club, Ranchi
1958	Mohun Bagan AC	1985	Indian Airlines, Delhi
1959	Corps of Engineers, Kirkee	1986	MEG Bangalore
1960	Mohun Bagan AC	1987	B N R Rec Club
1961	Central Railway, Bombay	1988	I F F Co, Delhi
1962	East Bengal Club	1989	ASC Jalandhar
1963	Central Railway, Bombay	1990	E M E Jalandhar
1964	East Bengal Club & Mohun Bagan A C Jt Winners	1991	ASC Jalandhar
1965	Mohun Bagan AC & Calcutta Customs AC Jt Winners	1992	Army XI Jalandhar
1966	Punjab Police	1993	Army XI Jalandhar
1967	East Bengal Club	1994	Army XI Jalandhar
1968	Mohun Bagan AC	1995	Indian Railways
1969	Mohun Bagan AC & Corps of Signal Jt Winners	1996	BSF Jalandhar
1970	Western Railway, Bombay	1997	Punjab Police Jalandhar
1971	BSF Jalandhar & Mohun Bagan AC Jt Winners	1998	BSF Jalandhar
1972	BSF Jalandhar	1999	Punjab & Sind Bank Jalandhar
1973	IHF Dark Blues & Mohun Bagan AC Jt Winners	2000	Punjab & Sind Bank Jalandhar
1974	Mohun Bagan AC	2001	CISF Jalandhar
1975	Mohun Bagan AC	2002	Punjab Police Jalandhar
1976	ASC Jalandhar	2003	BSF Jalandhar
1977	Mohun Bagan AC	2004	Punjab & Sind Bank Jalandhar
1978	Mohun Bagan AC	2005	BSF Jalandhar
1979	Mohun Bagan AC & ASC Jalandhar Jt Winners	2006	Punjab & Sind Bank Jalandhar
1980	Western Railway, Bombay	2007	Indian Airlines
1981	I H F XI, East Zone	2008	Punjab & Sind Bank Jalandhar & Punjab Police Jalandhar Jt Winners
1982	E M E Jalandhar & Eastern Railway Athletic Association Jt Winners	2009	Indian Oil Corporation
1983	E M E Jalandhar	2010	Air India
		2011	Indian Oil Corporation
		2012	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
		2013	Army XI
		2014	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
		2015	Punjab National Bank
		2016	Indian Oil Corporation
		2017	Not Held
		2018	Indian Oil Corporation
		2019	Indian Oil Corporation
		2020	Not Held
		2021	Not Held
		2022	Indian Navy
		2023	Not Held

RUNNERS-UP

Names of the clubs are not available from 1895 to 1913

1914	AFC, Jamalpur	1947	Not Held
1915	Calcutta Customs AC	1949	Punjab Sports Club
1916	Calcutta Customs AC	1950	Lusitanians Bombay
1917	Bactetors Union (Dakha)	1951	Bata Sports Lahore
1918	EIR Asansol Rec Club	1952	Hindustan Aircraft Bangalore
1919	CFC	1953	Nagpur United
1920	AFC Jamalpur	1954	Western Railways Bombay
1921	Calcutta Rangers Club	1956	Mohun Bagan A C
1922	Calcutta Customs AC	1957	Md Sporting Club
1923	Calcutta Customs AC	1958	Corps of Engineers Kirkee
1924	AFC Jamalpur	1959	Army XI New Delhi
1925	Xaverians' Club	1960	Indian Navy
1926	Punjab HA	1961	Punjab Police Jalandhar
1927	Calcutta Customs AC	1962	Central Railway Bombay
1928	Calcutta Customs AC	1963	East Bengal Club
1929	Calcutta Customs AC	1966	Corps of Signals Jalandhar
1930	Port Commissioners	1967	Bhilai Steel Plant
1931	B N Railways	1968	B N Railway
1932	B N Railways	1970	East Bengal Club
1933	Calcutta Customs AC	1972	Mohun Bagan AC
1934	E I Railway	1974	Sikh Reg Centre Meerut
1935	B N Railway	1975	Sikh Reg Centre Meerut
1936	Calcutta Customs AC	1976	CRPF Delhi
1937	Bhopal Wanderers	1977	Western Rly Bombay
1938	B N Railways	1978	CRPF Delhi
1939	Calcutta Customs AC	1980	Mohun Bagan AC
1940	Bhagawant Club Tikamgarh	1981	Md Sporting Club
1942	B N Railways	1983	CRPF Neemuch
1943	Calcutta Rangers Club	1984	ASC Jalandhar
1944	Jiwaji Club Gwalior	1985	EME Jalandhar
1945	Md Sporting Club	1986	ASC Jalandhar
1946	B N Railways	1987	East Bengal Club

RUNNERS-UP (CONTD.)

1988	Southern Rly Madras	2005	Army XI
1989	Corps of Signals Jalandhar	2006	BSF Jalandhar
1990	Corps of Signals Jalandhar	2007	BSF Jalandhar
1991	EME Jalandhar	2009	South Central Railway
1992	ASC Jalandhar	2010	Indian Oil
1993	SAG Ranchi	2011	ONGC
1994	B N Railway	2012	Punjab National Bank
1995	Indian Airlines	2013	ONGC
1996	Tamil Nadu XI	2014	Punjab National Bank
1997	BSF Jalandhar	2015	Indian Oil Corporation
1998	Army XI Jalandhar	2016	Bharat Petroleum Corporation
1999	ASC Jalandhar	2017	Not Held
2000	Tamilnadu XI	2018	Bharat Petroleum Corporation
2001	BSF Jalandhar	2019	Punjab National Bank
2002	CRPF Delhi	2020	Not Held
2003	Indian Oil Corpn	2021	Not Held
2004	Army XI	2022	Punjab National Bank
		2023	Not Held

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR 125TH BEIGHTON CUP



PERFORMANCE BY TEAMS IN BEIGHTON CUP

<u>Team</u>	<u>Championships</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Championships</u>
Mohun Bagan	14	E. M. E. Jalandhar	2
Calcutta Customs	12	Indian Airlines, Delhi / Air India	3
Calcutta Rangers (including Calcutta Naval Volunteers AC)	9	St. James School	1
Indian Oil Corporation	7	1st Royal Irish Rifles	1
SPG Mission, Ranchi	6	Hornets AC	1
Border Security Force, Jalandhar	6	MAO College, Aligarh	1
BN Railway	6	East Indian Railway Asansol Recreation Club	1
Punjab & Sind Bank	5	EBR Sports Club	1
East Bengal	4	Calcutta FC	1
Tata Sports Club, Bombay	4	Telegraph Recreation Club	1
Punjab Police	4	EIR Sports Club	1
A. S. C. Jalandhar	4	Jhansi Heroes	1
Army XI, Jalandhar	4	Bombay Customs	1
BY Association, Lucknow	3	Bhagawant Club, Tikamgarh	1
Western Railway, Bombay	3	Hindustan Aircraft, Bangalore Services	1
E. M. E. Jalandhar	3	Corps of Engineers, Kirkee	1
BE College, Sibpure	2	Corps of Signal	1
Bhopal Wanderers	2	Mecon Sports Club, Ranchi	1
Port Commissioners	2	M. E. G., Bangalore	1
Xaverians' Club	2	I.F.F. Co., Delhi	1
U.P. XI	2	Indian Railways	1
Central Railway, Bombay	2	Central Industrial Security Force, Chandigarh	1
I. H. F. Dark Blues / I. H. F. XI, East Zone	2	Punjab National Bank	1
		Indian Navy	1

Tit-bits of the Beighton Cup over the years ...

– *Narayan Dasgupta*

- The first meet of East Bengal and Mohun Bagan was held on 12.05.1964 in the Beighton Cup Final at Mohun Bagan Ground which ended in a goalless draw. Both the teams were declared Joint Winners. Mohun Bagan earned the first right over the trophy on the spin of coin.
- Central Air Command of Kolkata Third Division Hockey Team entered the Quarter Final of the Beighton Cup in 1965. Before reaching the Quarter Final they defeated Khalsa Blues and Aryans (both 1st Division Teams) by 0-0 & 1-0 and 2-1 in the first and the second round respectively. Central Air Command got walkover against central Railway, Jhansi in the third round. In the Quarter Final they went down to Hindusthan Aircraft of Bangalore by 0-3 on 29.04.1965 at East Bengal Ground.
- Elimination Round in the Beighton Cup was first introduced in 1970.
- East Bengal and ERAA were involved for the first Tie Breaker of the Beighton Cup in the third round on 12.04.1973 at East Bengal Ground after the score sheet was blank at the regulation and extra time. East Bengal won the match by 3-1 via Tie Breaker.
- The first Tie Breaker in the Semi Final of the Beighton Cup was between Mohun Bagan and Sikh Regimental Centre, Meerut on 18.04.1973 (2nd Leg Semi Final) at Mohun Bagan Ground. The former won by 1-0. The latter won the 1st Leg Semi Final by identical margin on 16.04.1973 at Mohun Bagan Ground. The Tie Breaker result was in favour of Mohun Bagan (5-4).
- In the Final of the Beighton Cup the first Tie Breaker was between ASC, Jullunder and C.R.P. , Delhi on 15.03.1976 (2nd Leg Final) at Mohun Bagan Ground which ended in a goalless draw. There was no score also in the 1st Leg Final held on 14.03.1976. ASC Jullunder defeated C.R.P., Delhi by Tie Breaker (4-2).
- Prize Money was first introduced in the Beighton Cup in 1984. From this year 70 minutes of play was started instead of 60 minutes.
- In 1991 sixteen Captains of Indian Hockey Team who led India in Olympics, World Cup and Asian Games from 1928 to 1990 were invited to witness the Beighton Cup.
- Birsha Warriors who first played in 3rd Division of Kolkata Hockey League in 1994 trounced Port Trust (14.04.1994 at East Bengal Ground) and Mohun Bagan (16.04.1994 at Mohun Bagan

Ground) in the 1st and 2nd round respectively by Tie Breaker. It was Mohun Bagan's first game in the Beighton Cup in 1994.

- ▶ In the Centenary Edition of the Beighton Cup in 1995 the tournament opener was preceded by a 'Walk for Hockey' rally organised by Bengal Hockey Association. All past & present hockey players, umpires and affiliated units of BHA were asked to participate at the rally which started from Gandhi statue near Mayo Road.
- ▶ Since 1998 the matches of the Beighton Cup are being organised on knockout-cum-league-cum-knockout basis.
- ▶ The first Golden Goal of the Beighton Cup was scored by Parveen of India-Tibetan Border Police against CC & FC in the 7th minute of the extra time on 7.4.2000 in the preliminary knock-out. The score sheet was 0-0 at the regulation time.
- ▶ Since 2008 the venue of the Beighton Cup is SAI Eastern Complex, Salt Lake.
- ▶ Bhopal Wanderers and Bhagawant Club, Tikamgarh were the first Joint Winners of the Beighton Cup in 1941 after ending 1-1 in the scheduled time.
- ▶ The first Double Leg Final of the Beighton was held between Border Security Force, Jalandhar and Mohun Bagan on 10.05.1972 (1st Leg) and 13.05.1972 (2nd Leg) at Mohun Bagan Ground. In the 1st Leg Final Border Security Force, Jalandhar won by 1-0 and the score sheet was blank in the 2nd Leg Final.
- ▶ Highest number of goals 17 were scored by Mecon Sports Club, Ranchi and A.S.C., Jalandhar at the Tie Breaker of the Beighton Cup Final in 1984. The Tie Breaker result was in favour of Mecon Sports Club, Ranchi (9-8) after finishing 1-1 in the stipulated time.
- ▶ Highest number of goals 12 were scored by MEG, Bangalore and A.S.C., Jalandhar in the Final of the Beighton Cup held on 14.03.1986 at the Mohun Bagan Ground. In the keenly contested final MEG, Bangalore won against A.S.C., Jalandhar by 7-5.



"The Bengalee" of May 3, 1908 - Calcutta Custom AC won the Bighton Cup for the 1st time

THE BOMB OUTRAGE. ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA.

MR. ARAVINDA GHOSH AND OTHERS IN A SUDLY. CALCUTTA CONVICTED.

INOCULUM POLICE OFFICERS. MR. P. N. MUKHERJEE'S HOUSE.

RAID ON A GARDEN HOUSE. ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA.

KATHIAWAR. (From a Correspondent.)

THE 3rd day of the Kathiawar Conference... The Kathiawar Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

VATIKARA CONFERENCE.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Vatikara Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

RAMAPURH HARBOR.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Ramapurh Harbor Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

BURDWAN.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Burdwan Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

RAMPORE HAUT.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Rampore Haut Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

WATER SUPPLY.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Water Supply Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

PUBLIC HEALTH.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Public Health Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

RAILWAY.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Railway Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

DECENTRALISATION.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Decentralisation Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

MISSING.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Missing Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

INDIAN SPECIE BAN.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a 3rd session of the Indian Specie Ban Conference... The Kathiawar Conference...

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BEIGHTON CUP BLAST FROM PAST



Souvenir release 2012



Indian Oil Corporation Winner 117th Beighton Cup 2012



Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Shri Keshari Narh Tripathi (119th Beighton Cup 2014)

Newspaper Cutting of 1895 about 1st Beighton Hockey Cup

adjourned to the 23rd instant.

HOCKEY.

A STIMULUS has been given to hockey this season by the presentation of a cup by Mr. Beighton for competition, which has brought forward several local teams to enter for the contest. For some years past hockey, which is a splendid preparation and training for football, has been entirely neglected, or lost sight of, except by the Calcutta Football Club and La Martinière, and last year the Calcutta Naval Club also put in appearance and got together a fairly good team. This season, owing no doubt to the inducement offered by a challenge cup, and the exertions of the Rev. C. L. Peach, the energetic secretary of the Indian Football Association, who is himself very keen on all outdoor sports, two other clubs, the Young Men's Christian Association, which was started last season, and St. James's, have come forward to take a part in the contest. Considering, however, that there are a large number of local football clubs, it is surprising that several other teams have not taken to the game and entered for the competition, which is open to any team. The competition is to be called the "Beighton" Hockey Cup, to be played for under the rules of the Hockey Association. The competition is to be managed by the Indian Football Association, who shall be the legal owners of the cup, and all disputes are to be settled by the Council of the Association. Clubs competing will mutually appoint a referee and linesmen, except in the final, when they will be appointed by the Council. The winners to hold the cup for one year.

The entries for the competition having closed on Thursday, the drawing was held in the afternoon at the Volunteer Headquarters, with the following result:—

First Round (to be played by 5th May), Naval, St. James's, and La Martinière byes; Calcutta Football Club vs. Young Men's Christian Association Athletic Club. *Second Round* (to be played by the 11th of May), La Martinière plays either the Calcutta Football Club or the Young Men's Christian Association; St. James's vs. Naval. *Final* (to be played by the 16th May), the competitors will be the winners in the second round.

THE POLICE COURT,—APRIL 19



**Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Shri Keshari Narh Tripathi
(119th Beighton Cup 2014)**



**Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar
(123rd Beighton Cup 2019)**



Indian Oil Corporation Winner 121st Beighton Cup 2016



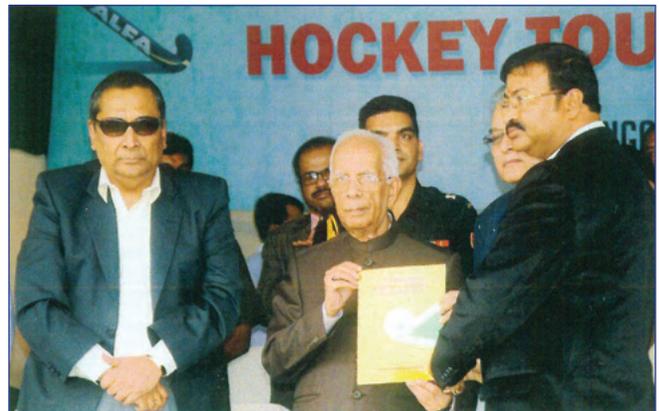
Indian Oil Corporation Winner 123rd Beighton Cup 2019



Indian Navy Winner 124th Beighton Cup 2022



Punjab National Bank Runners 124th Beighton Cup 2022





Bengal's Finest Year (1952)

The Fixture of the Senior National Hockey Championship held in Calcutta in 1952

<u>First Round</u>	<u>Second Round</u>	<u>Third Round</u>	<u>Semi Final</u>	<u>Final</u>
	Punjab (1) 10/3/1952	Punjab (3) 11/3/1952	Punjab (3)	
	Madras (0)			
	Railways (1) 10/3/1952	Railways (1)		
	Delhi (0)		13/3/1952	Punjab(1)(1)
	Maharashtra (0) 10/3/1952	Pepshu (0) 11/3/1952	Bombay (0)	
	Pepshu (3)			
	Gwalior (0) 10/3/1952	Bombay (4)		
	Bombay (2)			
Baroda (W.O.) 9/3/1952	Baroda (0)			17/3/1952
Orissa	11/3/1952	Bengal (1)		
Rajputana (0) 9/3/1952	Bengal (7)	12/3/1952	Bengal (2)	
Bengal (2)				
	Hyderabad (0) 9/3/1952	Uttar Pradesh (0)		
	Uttar Pradesh (2)		14/3/1952	Bengal(1)(2)
	Madhya Pradesh (2) 9/3/1952	Madhya Pradesh (0) 12/3/1952	Services (1)	
	Mysore (1)			
	Bhopal (0) 9/3/1952	Services (2)		
	Services (3)			

Winners : Bengal
Runners : Punjab

Compiled by Narayan Dasgupta

Bengal Hockey Team in the Senior National Hockey Championship held in Calcutta in 1952

Goal	:	Mendies (Police)
Backs	:	Robi Das (Bhowanipur) and Debu Pal (Mohun Bagan)
Half Backs	:	Leslie Claudius (Customs), Jaswant Singh Rajput (Mohun Bagan) and Daluz (Measurers) (Captain)
Forwards	:	C. S. Dubey (Bhowanipur) B. R. Singh (Punjab Sports) C. S. Gurung (Mohun Bagan) Rajbir (Customs) and Daljit Singh (Punjab Sports)

Extras

Goal	:	Kulbant Singh (Punjab Sports)
Back	:	Niranjan Singh (Punjab Sports)
Half Backs	:	Devi Banerjee (Bhowanipur and Rabi Deo (Customs)
Forwards	:	G. Rasul (Md. Sporting) H. Guha (Bhowanipur) and Harjinder Singh (Mohun Bagan) Z Carapiet (Bulbul) (Mohun Bagan) Patrick (Pat) Anthony Jansen (Calcutta Port Commissioners)

Compiled by Narayan Dasgupta

The finest year of Bengal in Hockey when they wrested the National Championship Trophy and stopped the Hat Trick run of Punjab. It took 2 days to decide the winners. On 1st day match ended in 1-1 draw.

In the replayed final, Centre Forward Rajbir Singh was replaced by Z Carapiet (Bulbul), a brain wave of Pankaj Gupta. Playing for the 1st time in the Championship, Carapiet with his peculiar left hand grip and long scoops scattered the Punjab defence. The winning goal was scored by Harjinder Singh.



BENGAL'S PLAYERS IN OLYMPIC GAMES

1928

R J Allen
Shaukat Ali
Jaipal Singh (Captain)

1932

R J Allen
C Tapsell
R J Carr

1936

R J Allen
C Tapsell
J Gallibardi
I C Emmett
R J Carr

1948

Keshav Datt
Leslie Claudius

P Jansen
G Glacken
G Nandi Singh

1952

Keshav Datt
Leslie Claudius
S Daluz
Jaswant Rajput
G Nandi Singh

C S Dubey
C S Gurung

1956

Leslie Claudius

1960

Leslie Claudius (Captain)

1964

Gurbux Singh

Joginder Singh

1968

Gurbux Singh (Jt Captain)
Inam-ur-Rehaman

1972

Ashok Kumar
Dr. Vece Paes
Ajit Singh

1976

Bir Bahadur Chettri

1980

Bir Bahadur Chettri

1984

Ravinder Pal Singh

1988

Thoiba Singh

JEWELS OF BENGAL



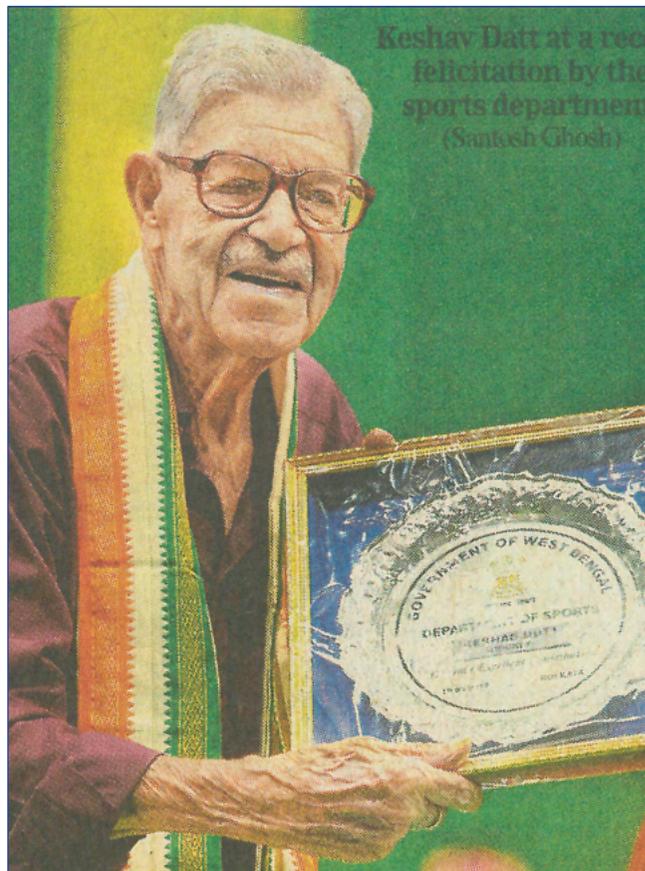
Jaswant Singh Rajput shows off his Olympic

Jaswant Singh Rajput – Olympics Golds in London 1948, Helsinki 1952



Leslie Claudius at (Sayantan Gh)

Padmashri Leslie Walter Claudius – Olympics Golds in London 1948, Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956. Olympic Silver in Rome 1960. Asian Games Silver in Tokyo 1958



Keshav Datt at a reception felicitation by the sports department (Sankesh Ghosh)

Keshav Datt – Olympics Golds in London 1948, Helsinki 1952



Arjuna Awardee Gurbux Singh - Olympic Gold in Tokyo 1964 and Bronze in Mexico City 1968. Asian Games Gold in Bangkok 1966



Joginder Singh (Gindi) - Olympic Gold in Tokyo 1964 and Silver in Rome 1960. Asian Games Silver in Jakarta 1962



Dr. Vece Paes - Olympic Bronze in Munich 1972 and World Cup Bronze in Barcelona 1971



Bir Bahadur Chettri - Olympic Gold in Moscow 1980



CALCUTTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Calcutta Hockey League is organized by Hockey Bengal. The first edition was held in 1905. It is a division based league held in Kolkata and is the oldest field hockey league in India. Until the formation of the top division national leagues such as Premier Hockey League and Hockey India League post 2000s, the Calcutta Hockey League was the most competitive league in the country.

The league was first held in 1905, ten years after the initiation of Beighton Cup Tournament and three years before the formation of the Bengal Hockey Association (BHA) in 1908. It is considered the next prominent competition to Beighton Cup in status and eminence. The First Division commenced in 1905, and later expanded to the Second Division in 1907, Third Division in 1920, Fourth Division in 1932 and Division II - B in 1933. The competition has been held annually ever since, except the year of partition in 1947 and later in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid.

The early years were dominated by the collegiate teams such as Sibpur B.E. College followed by the prominence of the Anglo-Indian club Calcutta Rangers and the Calcutta Customs throughout the 1910s and 1920s decades. The first team composed of Indian players to win the league was Greer Sporting who managed the feat in 1919. Later years and post-Independence era were dominated by the "Big Three" of Kolkata, Mohun Bagan, Mohammedan Sporting and East Bengal.

Presently, the Calcutta Hockey league consists of the 1st Division, Calcutta Premier Hockey League played for the championship of the Calcutta Hockey League (played among the top 6 teams of the 1st division), the 2nd Division and 3rd Division. First division is very competitive and many Olympians and International players participate from various clubs to win the prestigious Calcutta Premier Hockey League.

CALCUTTA HOCKEY LEAGUE WINNERS UPTO 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1905	B.E. College Sibpur	1933	Calcutta Customs
1906	B.E. College Sibpur	1934	Calcutta Rangers
1909	Calcutta Customs	1935	Mohun Bagan
1910	Calcutta Customs	1936	Calcutta Customs
1911	B.E. College Sibpur	1937	Calcutta Customs
1912	Calcutta Customs	1938	Calcutta Customs
1913	Calcutta Customs	1939	Calcutta Customs
1914	Calcutta Rangers	1943	Calcutta Rangers
1915	Calcutta Rangers	1945	Mohammedan Sporting
1916	Calcutta Rangers	1950	Calcutta Customs
1917	Calcutta Rangers	1951	Mohun Bagan
1919	Greer SC	1952	Mohun Bagan
1920	B.E. College Sibpur	1955	Mohun Bagan
1921	Calcutta Customs	1956	Mohun Bagan
1922	Calcutta Customs	1957	Mohun Bagan
1923	Greer SC	1958	Mohun Bagan
1926	Calcutta Customs	1959	Mohammedan Sporting
1927	Calcutta Customs	1960	East Bengal
1928	Calcutta Rangers	1961	Calcutta Customs and East Bengal - joint winners
1929	Calcutta Rangers	1962	Mohun Bagan
1930	Calcutta Customs	1963	East Bengal
1931	Calcutta Customs	1964	East Bengal
1932	Calcutta Customs	1965	Bengal Nagpur Railway

CALCUTTA HOCKEY LEAGUE WINNERS UPTO 2023

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1966	Bengal Nagpur Railway	1988	Mohun Bagan
1967	Bengal Nagpur Railway	1989	East Bengal
1968	East Bengal	1994	Bengal Nagpur Railway
1969	Mohun Bagan	1995	Mohun Bagan
1970	Mohun Bagan	1996	Calcutta Customs
1971	Mohun Bagan	1997	Mohun Bagan
1972	Mohun Bagan	1998	Mohun Bagan
1973	East Bengal	1999	Mohun Bagan
1974	Mohun Bagan	2003	Calcutta Customs
1975	Mohun Bagan	2015	CESC
1976	East Bengal	2016	Punjab Sports Club
1977	Mohun Bagan	2017	Eastern Railway
1978	Mohun Bagan	2018	Eastern Railway
1979	East Bengal	2019	CESC
1980	Mohun Bagan	2020	Tournament suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic
1981	Mohun Bagan	2021	Punjab Sports Club
1986	Mohun Bagan	2022	East Bengal
1987	Mohun Bagan	2023	Mohun Bagan

- Mohun Bagan has won the Calcutta Hockey League 26 times and been the Runners-up 16 times.
- Calcutta Customs has won the Calcutta Hockey League 19 times and been the Runners-up 9 times.
- East Bengal has won the Calcutta Hockey League 10 times and been the Runners-up 16 times.

**EAST BENGAL CLUB
CHAMPIONS OF
CALCUTTA PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE 2022**



**MOHUN BAGAN AC
CHAMPIONS OF
CALCUTTA PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE 2023**



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022



HOCKEY INDIA AWARD 2021-22



CONGRATULATIONS



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Sujata Kujur - resident trainee at SAI, Kolkata since last 4 years represented India in Junior World Cup 2023 at Chile

Sujata Kujur
(Hockey Bengal)

Sanjna Horo - resident trainee at SAI, Kolkata since last 4 years is in the Junior India Camp 2023



Tokyo 1964 Olympic Hockey Gold.... Olympian Gurbux Singh

“In a Sportsman’s life there can be no better moment than to participate in an Olympic and more so to win a Gold medal for the Nation”

I have been very fortunate to be a member of member of the Indian Olympic Hockey team at 1964 Tokvo Olympic which won the Olympic Gold Medal.

Though I have been to six Olympics twice as a player - Tokyo 1964 and Mexico 1968 as Joint Captain, 1972 - as a columnist writing for Ananda Bazar Patrika, in 1976 I went to Montreal as a Coach of the Indian Hockey Team, in 1996 as an Alternate TV Commentator and finally in 2000- Sydney as an IHF Observer.



But Tokyo Olympics being the first and the Gold Medal winning one will always be etched in my mind till I am alive.

Before the Olympic games we had a tour of New Zealand and Malaysia. We played three test matches and some other practice matches. In fact we lost the first test match to New Zealand and that probably woke us up and then we won the next two by a margin of 5-2 and 8-1. New Zealand being a cold climate country was good for a practice tour but when we landed in Malaysia for a short tour, it affected the players’ physical conditioning and quite a few players like Harbinder Singh and others got muscle problems. We won the series against Malaysia and from there proceeded for Tokyo.

We arrived in Tokyo about 10-15 days ahead of the actual start of the Olympic Tournament.

It was a tough competition for us as India had lost the Olympic Gold Medal to Pakistan in 1960 for the first time since 1928.

We had Germany, Holland, Spain and 4 other teams in our pool. In fact we started the tournament on a rather clumsy note by drawing against Germany and Holland. Had we drawn or lost one more match, we wouldn’t have qualified for the semi final.

But with a few changes in the forward line; bringing in V.J. Peter to inside right position and shifting Haripal Kaushik to inside left, the forward line started functioning and we won the rest of the matches.

I still recollect that after the first two drawn matches, the team was so disheartened that the next morning nobody went for breakfast but then the boys were persuaded by the officials to not lose

heart and try harder.

In the semi final we played Australia and beat them 3-1 and met Pakistan in the final. Pakistan started off well and for the first ten minutes they were all over us and practically outplayed us. But after Harbinder was shown a Yellow Card and with ten men we started dominating and scored the winning goal through Mohinder Lal off a penalty stroke. In the closing minutes Pakistan did press hard but our goal keeper Laxman rose to the occasion and did not concede a goal. I remember that in last few minutes, even seconds were passing very slowly, as a big clock was in front of us and it seemed as if time had stopped.

After the final whistle all the Indians in the stands jumped on to the ground, prominent among them were Milkha Singh, Raja Karni Singh, IHF President Aswini Kumar among others.

The importance of our Gold medal win did not sink in immediately. It seemed as if we had won a practice match against Pakistan. But tears came to my eyes when we stood on the victory podium with the Gold Medal around our neck and the Indian National Anthem was played along with raising of our National Flag.

The Team which played in the final:

Goal Keeper - S Laxman

Full Backs - Prithipal Singh, Dharam Singh

Half Backs - Mohinder Lal, Charanjit Singh (Capt.), Gurbux Singh

Forwards - Joginder Singh, VJ Peter, Harbinder Singh, Haripal Kaushak, Darshan Singh

Olympian Gurbux Singh is a living legend of Bengal who has carved a name in the history of India. Former India Hockey Captain, Olympic Gold medalist in Tokyo 1964, Arjuna Awardee in 1966, Olympic Bronze medalist in 1968 Mexico, Asian Games Gold medalist in 1966 Bangkok, International Umpire, National Coach, Manager of Indian team, TV and Radio commentator, winner of Banga Bibhushan Award by Government of West Bengal, winner of Major Dhyanchand Lifetime achievement award by Hockey India and the list goes on....

Berlin 1936 Olympic Gold medal journey of Indian hockey team

11 countries participated in the 1936 Berlin Olympic Hockey Tournament. The teams were divided in 3 groups. India was placed in Group A along with Japan, Hungary & USA. India had an passage to reach semi final having beaten Japan 9-0, Hungary 5-0 & USA 7-0. In the semi final India beat France 10-0 to meet arch rival Germany in the final. Germany were determined to undermine the morals of the defending champion India beating them 4-1 in a friendly tie prior to the final Olympic games schedules. In fact robust tactics paid the dividend for the Germans. This made India jittery and they despatched an SOS to send the All Iqtidar Dara to reinforce the team.

There was tension before the final match between India & Germany. Both team took the field to tumultuous applause. The German giants looking enormous besides the slender Indians The match was scheduled at 11 am on 15th August, coincidentally it will be the Independence Day of India later. The ground was slushy due to heavy downpour previous night. Before the

commencement of the match tri-colour flag - the then flag of National Congress was flown and Vandemataram was sung. The match started in heavy tension – India to retain Gold Medal and Germany to dislodge India from their enviable position. Given below is a minute-wise goal scoring chart.

In the 32nd minute	1-0	Roopsingh scored from a pass of Jaffar.
In the 42nd minute	2-0	Carl Tapsell scored from a Penalty Corner.
In the 47th minute	3-0	Dhyan Chand scored from a pass of AIS Dara.
In the 48th minute	4-0	AIS Dara scored from a pass of Dhyan Chand.
In the 52nd minute	5-0	Jaffar scored in a sofo effort.
In the 52nd minute	5-1	Germany scored one back.
In the 53rd minute	6-1	Dhyan Chand scored from a reverse pass of AIS Dara.
In the 56th minute	7-1	AIS Dara scored from a pass of Shahabuddin.
In 59th minute	8-1	Dhyan Chand scored again from a pass of Shahabuddin.

The match was watched by 40000 spectators and among the spectators were Adolf Hitler, Maharaja of Mysore, Maharaja of Baroda, and Nawab of Bhopal.

It will be interesting to know from A I S Dara's book 'Who's who in Hockey', where he writes, "During the final of the 1936 Olympic Hockey Tournament, the Germans decided to play rough after 6 goals had been scored against them. Coming back after first aid, Dhyan Chand instructed us not to Score

any more goals, we must teach the German a lesson in ball control. So we repeatedly took the ball upto the German circle & then back-passed to dumbfound our opponents.

All out efforts were made to mobilise fund to send the Hockey team to participate in Berlin Olympic Games. Bengal Hockey Association was honoured with the credit of donating a sum of Rs, 7750/- toward the Tour fund. A detailed fund report is appended below:

Finances

The Hon'ble Kanwar Sir Jagdish Prasad, KT, CSI, CIE, CBE, President of the Federation, placed the necessary funds at the disposal of the Manager at the beginning of the tour and later remitted amounts to London according to need. Besides this, the proceeds of gate money for matches played at various centres in India on the outward as well as the return journey were collected by the Manager. The statement of payments and receipts appended will show the exact financial position.

List of Donors to Hockey Tour Fund 1936 Olympic

		Receipts		
		Rs.	a	p
<i>Through Sir Joseph Bhore -</i>				
1.	H E The Viceroy	1000	0	0
2.	Sir Manekji Dadabhoy	100	0	0
3.	Hon'ble Raja Raghunandan Prasad Singh of Monghyr	250	0	0
4.	Mr G D Birla	200	0	0
5.	Mr HP Mody	100	0	0
6.	Hon Sir Homie Mehta	200	0	0
7.	Hon. Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyar	100	0	0
8.	The Nawab of Chhattari	50	0	0
9.	Mr Ibrahim Kalimullah	100	0	0
10.	Illegible	30	0	0
11.	Raja Sahib Bahadur of Faridkot	1000	0	0
12.	H H the Thakur Sahib of Limbdi	100	0	0
13.	H H the Maharaja of Patiala	500	0	0
14.	H H the Maharaja of Jodhpur	300	0	0
15.	H H the Maharaja of Indore	1500	0	0
16.	Raja of Parlekinadi (through Dewan)	500	0	0
17.	H H the Maharaja of Benares	100	0	0
18.	Nawab Sir Lyagat Hayat Khan	100	0	0



19.	H H the Maharaja of Jaipur	100	0	0
20.	H H the Maharaja Sahib of Patna	50	0	0
21.	H H the Maharaja of Travancore	250	0	0
22.	H the Gackwar of Barada (&100)	1315	1	1
		7945	1	1
		Rs.	a	p
	Brought forward	7945	1	1

Through Kanwar Sir Jagdish Prasad -

23.	Hon'ble Sir Firoze Sethna	50	0	0
24.	Hon'ble Mr Shanti Dass Askuran Shah	100	0	0
25.	Mr Chuni Lal B Mehta	1000	0	0
26.	H H the Nawab of Bhopal	1000	0	0
27.	Sir Purshotam Dass Thakurdass	50	0	0
28.	Sir Chuni Lal V Mehta	50	0	0
29.	Sir Cowasji Jehangir	250	0	0
30.	The Raja Sahib of Mahmudabad	500	0	0
31.	H H the Maharaja of Travancore	500	0	0
32.	H H the Nawab of Rampur	500	0	0
33.	B Shri Ram	200	0	0
34.	Illegible	100	0	0
35.	The Home Member, Council of State, Jaipur	200	0	0
36.	HEH the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar	5000	0	0
37.	H H the Maharaja of Baroda (£100)	1326	7	0
38.	The Hon'ble Maharaja Adhiraj Sir Kameshwar Singh of Darbhanga	250	0	0
39.	Raja of Pyagpur	200	0	0
40.	Indian Railways Athletic Association	100	0	0
		19321	8	1

Contributions from Provincial Associations--

1.	ASCB India	500	0	0
2.	Bombay Provincial Hockey Association, Ltd.	4651	4	0
3.	Sind Hockey Association	781	10	0
4.	Bengal Hockey Association	7750	0	0
5.	Punjab Hockey Association	4300	0	0
6.	Manavadar Hockey Association	4500	0	0

7. Madras Hockey Association	1900	0	0
8. Bhopal Hockey Association	3000	0	0
9. Delhi Hockey Association	1036	0	0
	28418	14	0

Others

Jhansi Heroes Club	650	0	0
Bangalore	1970	0	0
	2620	0	0
	50360	6	0

Indian Olympics Hockey Tour Account, 1936

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	Rs.	a	p		Rs.	a	p
1. Donations -				1. Passages	17195	9	0
1. HHF Central Funds	1315	1	1	2. Equipment and Uniforms, etc	1915	8	8
2. Through Sir Joseph Bhore	6630	0	0	3. Board and Lodging	6677	12	0
3. Through the Hon'ble				4. Railway Travelling, etc	7054	14	5
Kanwar Sir Jagdish Prasad	11376	7	0	5. Sundries	9656	2	7
	19321	8	1	6. Laundry charges	576	9	6
2. Contributions from Provincial Associations -				7. Postage and Telegrams, etc	265	6	4
1. Through the President	17520	0	0	8. Medical Aid and Insurance	153	5	9
2. Through the Manager	6681	10	0	9. Inter-Provincial Trials -			
	24201	10	0	1. Punjab	168	11	0
3. Exhibition Matches -				2. Manavadar	1560	0	0
1. Through the Manager	6301	4	0	3. Delhi	536	0	0
2. I H F Central Funds	536	0	0				
	6837	4	0		2264	11	0
				10. Bank Charges	44	13	8
				11. Honorarium to clerk	60	0	0
Total	50360	6	1	Total	45864	12	11

Approved by the Council of the Indian Hockey Federation in the Annual General Meeting held on 30th December, 1936.

JAGANNATH
Manager

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**HOCKEY INDIA OFFICIALS FROM BENGAL****INTERNATIONAL**

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 PANKAJ GUPTA | 5 GURBUX SINGH |
| 2 SANTOSH GANGULI | 6 SUSANTA DEY |
| 3 SUNIL BANERJEE | 7 HARKIRAT SINGH SOKHI |
| 4 ANIL UPADHYAYA | |

NATIONAL

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 C R DASGUPTA | 25 MOHITOSH DEY |
| 2 S K SINHA | 26 DR. INTERSAR AHMED |
| 3 SUDHIN CHATTERJEE | 27 IQBAL SINGH |
| 4 SUPRAKASH PAL | 28 MS. SURAVI MITRA |
| 5 TARUN SEN | 29 MS. SANDHYA CHAKRABORT |
| 6 L N BANERJEE | 30 MS. ANAMIKA SEN |
| 7 SAMAR MUKHERJEE | 31 GURJIT SINGH |
| 8 DILIP BASU | 32 RAJ KUMAR SHARMA |
| 9 MONI PANDIT | 33 MS. ARCHANA TIWARY |
| 10 SWAPAN DUTTA | 34 MOHD. JAMAL |
| 11 BUDHADEB DUTTA | 35 MS. ARCHANA DUTTA |
| 12 DEBABRATA BANERJEE | 36 IMRAN KHAN |
| 13 DEBABRATA GHOSH | 37 ADESH BALMIKI |
| 14 P P CHATURVEDI | 38 IMRAN AZAD |
| 15 MD. SALAHUDDIN PERVEZ | 39 PANKAJ SHARMA |
| 16 PARIMAL ROY | 40 SAPTARSHI DEBNATH |
| 17 BHARAT CHOPRA | 41 ROHIT KUMAR |
| 18 BASU BHATTACHARJEE | 42 NAVDEEP KUMAR |
| 19 PAUL KUON | 43 MS. OINDRILA PRAMANIK |
| 20 ARUP GOSWAMI | 44 MS. NISHA GURUNG |
| 21 DR. MD KHALID HUSSAIN | 45 MS. SUNITA SHAW |
| 22 AMALESH GUHA | 46 MS. NANDITA DEV |
| 23 MD. AKBAR ALI | 47 MS. ANJALI SHAW |
| 24 WILLIAM BARA | 48 MS. ANANYA PAL |

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Local Teams

1. B N R Recreation Club
2. Calcutta Port Trust
3. Eastern Railway Sports Association
4. Police Athletic Club
5. Vivid YHC
6. West Bengal Police

Outstation Teams

1. Army XI (Red)
2. All India FCI
3. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
4. Canara Bank
5. Central Secretariat
6. Indian Air Force
7. Indian Navy
8. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
9. Naval Tata Hockey Academy
10. Odisha XI
11. ONGC
12. South Central Railway
13. UP XI

OFFICIALS OF THE COAL INDIA 125TH BEIGHTON CUP 2024



Technical Officials (sitting left to right) : Rohit Kumar, Amar Singh Negi, Malkiat Singh (Umpire's Manager), Mahesh Kumar (Technical Delegate) Dr. Khalid Hussain (Jt. Secretary - Hockey Bengal), Saptarshi Debnath, Md. Jamal and Arvind Pandey

Umpires (standing left to right) : Adesh Balmiki, Bhanu Prakash, Pankaj Sharma, Abhinav Mishra, Sumit Kumar Pal, Sanjeev Kumar and Navdeep Kumar





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