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PRESS RELEASE

The Mysore Derby (Grade I) – 2025 Celebrating 50th Edition of Racing Glory and Equine Excellence Mysore, India – October 26, 2025

The Mysore Race Club Ltd. is proud to announce the 50th edition of its most prestigious and time-honored event—**The Mysore Derby (Grade I) – 2025—to be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 4:00 PM.** This golden jubilee edition is not merely a race; it is a celebration of legacy, a tribute to the spirit of sport, and a reaffirmation of Mysore's place in the pantheon of Indian racing.

A Legacy Forged in 1974

The Mysore Derby was inaugurated in 1974, during a transformative era when the Mysore Race Club conducted racing under the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. rules. That year marked the introduction of three Classic Races:

- The Mysore 1000 Guineas
- The Mysore 2000 Guineas
- The Mysore Derby

The first Derby was won by Midnight Cowboy, owned by Maharani Gina Narayan of Cooch Behar, trained by Mr. Sidney Moses, and ridden by Jockey R. Alford. Since then, the Derby has grown into one of India's most prestigious turf events, attracting elite horses, trainers, and jockeys from across the country.

The Race's Evolution

Over five decades, the Mysore Derby has been supported by esteemed sponsors and has carried many distinguished titles:

- Kingfisher Mysore Derby
- Poonawalla Mysore Derby
- AVR Group & Catalyst Properties Mysore Derby
- Betway Mysore Derby
- 1XBET Mysore Derby
- CUBIC Mysore Derby

Each iteration has added to the race's prestige, reinforcing its reputation as the crown jewel of the Mysore racing calendar.



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Prize Purse & Distribution

The 2025 edition features a record purse of ₹1.13 Crore, with ₹50 Lakhs contributed by the Mysore Race Club. The winner's connections will receive ₹64.55 Lakhs, with additional distribution to second through sixth place finishers and a breeder's bonus of ₹5.66 Lakhs.

Stake Distribution – Mysore Derby 2025

	Owner	Trainer	Jockey	Total
Winner's stakes + Trophy	₹ 53,25,580	₹ 6,45,525	₹ 4,84,145	₹ 64,55,550
Second	₹ 17,75,195	₹ 2,15,175	₹ 1,61,380	₹ 21,51,750
Third	₹ 8,87,595	₹ 1,07,590	₹ 80,690	₹ 10,75,875
Third	₹ 4,43,800	₹ 53,790	₹ 40,345	₹ 5,37,935
Fifth	₹ 2,66,280	₹ 32,275	₹ 24,205	₹ 3,22,760
Sixth	₹ 1,77,520	₹ 21,520	₹ 16,140	₹ 2,15,180
Total	₹ 88,75,970	₹ 10,75,875	₹ 8,06,905	₹ 1,07,58,750

Breeder of the winner will earn ₹ 5,66,250/-

Grand Total Stakes including Breeder's share, is ₹ 1,13,25,000/-

The 2025 Contenders

Seven elite runners will compete in this year's Derby, representing top stables from Bangalore and Mumbai:

- Mahler – Trainer: Mr. S.S. Attaollahi
- Matisse – Trainer: Mr. P. Shroff
- Red Bishop – Trainer: Mr. P. Shroff
- Unforgettable Star – Trainer: Mr. Rajesh Narredu
- Maana – Trainer: Mr. Darius R. Byramji
- Moon Star – Trainer: Mr. Aravind G
- Miracle Star – Trainer: Mr. James Mckeown (Final entrant with ₹10 Lakhs + GST paid)

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Mysore Derby Day Schedule

The day features nine races, beginning at 1:00 PM, culminating in the Mysore Derby at 4:00 PM. Other races include:

- Royal Calcutta Turf Club Trophy (Div I & II)
- Royal Western India Turf Club Ltd. Trophy
- Madras Race Club Trophy (Div I & II)
- Bangalore Turf Club Trophy
- Hyderabad Race Club Trophy
- Delhi Race Club Trophy

Patron Engagement

A "Free Contest of Skills" invites racing patrons to predict the top four Derby finishers in exact order. Prizes include:

- Maruti Alto Car
- Hero Mobikes (2)
- Five Elegant Wristwatches

Contest forms and rules will be available at the entrance gates and Totalizator Office.

Carried Forward Jackpot Pool

Derby Day just got even more thrilling! A carried forward amount of ₹3,37,212 will be added to the Jackpot Pool, giving it a major boost. And since the pool is combined across Clubs, the total pay-out is set to soar—offering racing fans a chance to win big on the most celebrated day of the season. It's not just about the glory on the turf—it's about the fortune that could follow!

Gratitude to Our Media

The unwavering support of the media towards racing in Mysore has been nothing short of exemplary. Through thoughtful coverage, insightful commentary, and consistent engagement, the press has played a pivotal role in elevating the stature of the sport and deepening its connection with the public. Their commitment to showcasing the vibrancy of Mysore's racing calendar, celebrating its heritage, and spotlighting the achievements of its participants has not only enriched the spectator experience but also reinforced the city's reputation as a proud and enduring centre of equestrian excellence. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all media partners for their invaluable contribution to the legacy and continued growth of racing in Mysore.



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Media Invitation

We warmly invite members of the print and electronic media to cover this landmark event. Your presence and coverage will help honor the legacy of Indian racing and inspire future generations of enthusiasts.

A Salute to Excellence

In anticipation of the Mysore Derby (Grade 1) 2025, Mr G Venkatesh, Chairman & Senior Steward shared his reflections on the enduring legacy of the event:

"The Mysore Derby (Grade 1) has long stood as a proud emblem of our racing tradition—where excellence, elegance, and equine spirit converge. As we welcome contenders and connoisseurs alike to this grand occasion, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding the highest standards of sport and spectacle. May this Derby not only crown a champion, but also rekindle the passion that unites us all in the timeless thrill of the turf."

Message from the Club

On behalf of the Chairman, Members of the Managing Committee and Stewards of Mysore Race Club Ltd., we are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to all.

Let us come together to celebrate 50th edition of equine excellence and make The Mysore Derby – 2025 a resounding success.

For and on behalf of the Mysore Race Club Ltd


N H S Mani
Secretary & CEO
MYSORE RACE CLUB LTD

Mysore: 23rd October 2025