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Bleed blue, and sense too?

“You Don’t Lose Until You Accept Defeat.” Indian Cricket Fans Took It Too Seriously

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Dabbed in hues of the tri-colour, waiting for the team to arrive, Indian fans stood waiting for the moment. And lo behold, the conch blew as the Indian team, swaggered from the pavilion, blazing with the fire of victory. Fans waited anxiously for the maiden ball. Chantings, incantations and the ringing of bells buzzed in

every Indian household as the TV ran on full blast. After all, it was Team India on the field. And then in an unexpected turn of events, India lost the match.

“Maine to kaha tha!”

These are the very same people who refused to budge an inch away from the screen for they did not want to miss the illustrious moment when Dhoni strikes his winning six. And when fate reveals that it had different plans, they serve you the routine dal-chawal ie ‘Maine toh kaha tha’.

PS: They would have said the

same had India won the match.

“Baap toh aakhir baap hi hota hai!”

As team India geared to battle it out against Pakistan on the field, a breathtaking event that coincided with the occasion of Father’s Day, troll and meme makers had a field day. Sure of their victory, Indian fans belted out everything that sang to the tune of “Beta beta hota hai, baap baap hota hai!” As in a typical case of karma, things changed as the men in green won the match. But Indian fans, known for not accepting defeat so

easily continued their ‘baap-beta’ rant, suggesting the win to be a gift from Father India to son Pakistan. Guess, the fathers still have some growing up to do.

“Kitne ki setting ki hai, bhai?”

Either India wins the match or the match is fixed. Cricket fixing is abhorred by one and all, but we are never hesitant to put the blame on the rival team for fixing their victory even (especially) if it is a convincing one. Since, we can’t fix the blame of our team’s dismal play, we might as well call the match to be fixed.

“Kyun? Dar gaye kya?”

While Delhi struggled with the smog menace, Indian cricket fans had something more grave at hand – the Sri Lanka team. How dare they refuse to play for trivial reasons like smog and inability to breathe? As a BCCI official pointed out, “If 20,000 people in the stands and the Indian team did not face any issue, I wonder why the Sri Lankans made a big fuss?” But the truth behind the ‘fuss’ as correctly pointed out by Indian fans was that the Lankans were rather intimidated by Kohli & Co.

Air, of course, can never be a reason.

“Shaadi mein jao bas!”

In yet another tryst with our southern neighbour, Team India managed to score a meagre 102 runs. But Indian fans, again not the ones to accept defeat, simply trolled the event away saying that the players were in a rush to make it to the captain’s wedding and that the Sri Lankan team could enjoy the win as a gift in lieu of the same.



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Which Size Fits You?

Resize. Redefine. Time For A Rematch!

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Sports and games have evolved in the matters of competitors, championships and now, size. Life-sized versions of old board games and miniature outdoor sports have surfaced in the past years. Read along and you might just find a size which fits you.

When things go big...

Foosball: Foosball is not trivial despite its size. Like football, it is played at championships. And now this miniature sport even has a life sized version. The same foosball setup, the same rules. Just that it is you, clinging on to the rods instead of the handles.

Human Chess: Chess is often

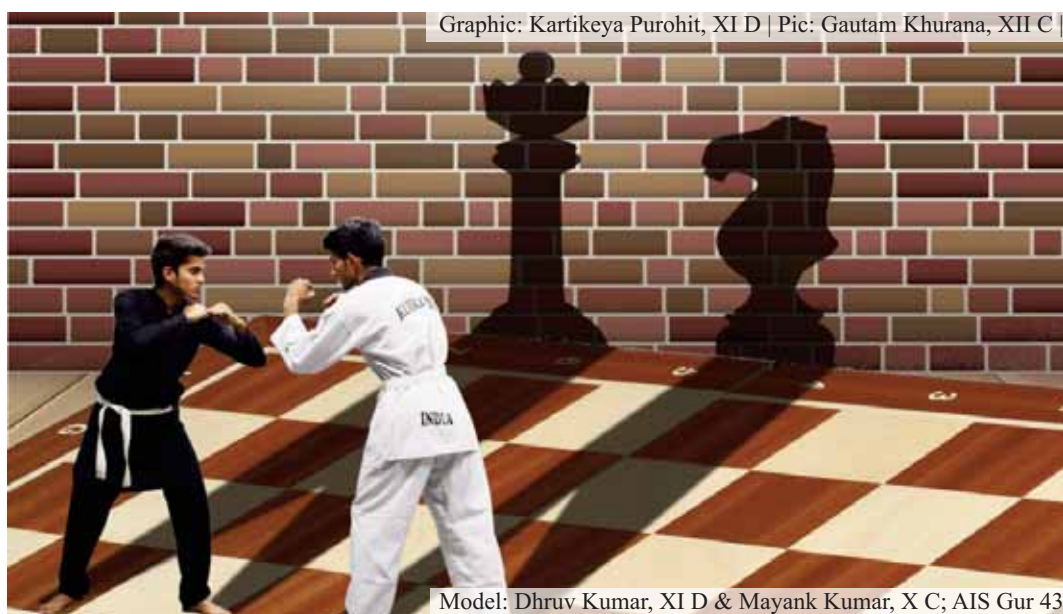
described as the game of maharajas. But with slight tinkering, the kings of ancient India started involving public in their games too; such kind people. Or not; for they became the actual pieces of the game. Human sized chess has gained popularity in recent times with the rules remaining the same. Best of luck finding 14 steadfast subjects.

Human Bowling: No, people do not dress up as bowling pins while you get to knock them out with a gigantic ball. But someone does become something and that someone is you and the something is the ball. The player has to get inside an inflatable orb and run to gain enough momentum to strike all the six-pins. Now you cannot blame the ball for being heavy!

When things go small...

Miniature Golf: The rich and extravagant spend their time at golf courses to relax but what happens when this hobby calls their name when they are at work? A minigolf corner. So just roll out the felt carpet, place the ball and aim for the hole with the putt.

Mini Pool: Don’t have enough space in the house for a pool or a billiard table? Well, fear not because the mini table-top pool tables are here to save the day. Cue ball might be the size of a golf ball or marble, but the fun is doubled! Line up the foot-long sticks to pocket the balls and if you ever get bored, you could play Foot Pool and you can make the table your field!



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Virtually True

A Little Brain And Zero Brawn Would Do

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As a sports fanatic, all you ever dream of is to be the lynchpin of your team, however small it maybe. But these dreams often don’t make it out of the virtual plane. The irony, however, is that the virtual world itself offers rather lucrative possibilities of turning these dreams into reality.

Not all about the physique

Ever been rebuked by your robust coach for just not having ‘the physique’? Sadly, Steve Rogers’ miracles don’t happen. But, the virtual world welcomes these misfits with open hands. Just have the brains to outfox

your friend and leave the rest to the (virtual) world’s best.

Benefits to the gamer

As you delve into the game, you eventually develop a hawk’s panoramic eye and a tactful strategic mind; allowing you to understand the nuances of the game far better than any player in your coach’s team of six footers. And managing a cult of world-class players, deploying these warriors into the field is an art in which you would be more proficient than your coach, for he never had the likes of Messi at his disposal.

Cheats and hacks

The beginner in the game is provided with funds lesser than your

pocket money. But the human mind has evolved such that it breaks barriers, or circumvents rather. And now enters the most ground breaking discovery of the gamer, the steroid to the virtual athlete: the gaming hacks. These hacks enable you to do wonders (enough said). What remains to be seen now is how effectively one can use it.

The workouts

Practice makes a man perfect. As cliched as it may sound, its compliance is paramount. While the virtual world does not entail grueling physical drills, your eyes will be subjected to strain more than that borne by the biceps of an athlete. Try not to come out of the game teary-eyed.