



Once upon a time...

The Story Of A Not So Ordinary Boy With An Extraordinary Zest For Golf

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Once upon a time lived a young boy. His parents named him Hridaan. He went to Amity International School, Saket. At present, he is studying in Class III. Now back to the story, this little boy was born in a family that had seen three generations of doctors, but he was a little different; he had other aspirations. It all started when he was 4 years old. His grandfather would narrate him the tales of golf. By the time he was 5, he started liking skating, soc-

cer and even had love for mathematics. But golf was something that he loved. As soon as he was big enough to carry a golf stick, he was ready and inclined towards the game. People who had seen him play, said that golf came to him naturally. Unlike anyone else in his neighborhood, unlike anyone from his class, he picked a sport that was not much talked about and started showing his talent in it. And this was just the beginning.

“Who do you want to be like when you grow up?” someone asked Hridaan. “Like Tiger Woods,” he said. But he knew just wanting it or saying it was not enough. So, he practiced every day. Even when it meant managing school, exams, golf and everything at the same time, he did it and the results started to show. By the time he was 6 years old, he received many awards, including a gold trophy at Digvijay Junior Golf Challenge.

Every day at the golf course was a thing of beauty for this little boy. Sure it was hard sometimes. Sometimes, the coach asked him to push a little harder and better. He never broke down. Whenever it got too hard for him, he just chanted ‘Om’ in his mind and went on, something his grandfather had taught him. But he was still an innocent little boy, regardless of all his talents and achievements. When someone who couldn’t play golf once asked him, “Why do you like golf so much? What’s so interesting about it?” Laughing, he replied, “I just like playing it and also, it will make me tall.”

Today, he is 7 years old. He has won four gold trophies at USHA Junior Training Program, a first runner up trophy at Shiv Kapur Junior Golf Challenge Tournament and a silver trophy at Champions NCR Junior Golf Challenge, among other achievements. But he continues to be any other ordinary 7 year old

in all ways, except the fact that he has a goal. When most kids of his age spend their evenings playing games on phones, Hridaan goes to the golf course and works hard with his coach Romit Bose. He has achieved a lot at such young age and he wants to keep playing golf all his life. When GT interviewed Hridaan and asked him, ‘What is that one thing that he wants from his life right now?’ He said, “I just want people around me to support me like my parents and grandparents always do.”

Let’s wish Hridaan all the luck and support talents like him for it is because of them that we remember a name. It is because of his achievements today that we will always remember Hridaan Wahal.

Star kid: Hridaan Waahal
Hall of fame: Ace golfer
Find him @: AIS Saket
You should know him because, he has won:

- 4 gold trophies at USHA Junior training program
- First runners up trophy at Shiv Kapur Golf Challenge Tournament
- Gold trophy in U-6 at Digvijay Junior Golf Challenge



In the la la land



Our Favourite Theme Songs From Our Favourite Shows

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We watch a lot of shows in our lifetime – some due to peer pressure and with some, we actually get lucky. A lot of times, we associate these shows with their theme songs which are equally great, or more in some cases, one of those cases where we don’t skip the intro and stand there in front of our screen ready to groove to that music and pretend to be a rockstar. This is a wild guess at what songs are always on the back of your mind.

The Big Bang Theory

A theme song that’s catchy and interesting? I’m going to embed it in my system only so that I can sound cool and intellectual at the same time. Something Dr Cooper would love. And then of course, there’s the most sci-

entific video to accompany the audio. Why would anyone want to skip the 30 seconds of their everyday life where their mom thinks that her child knows everything (maybe)?

The Powerpuff Girls

Who would’ve thought that three little kindergarteners would help save the city of Townsville from countless number of villains? Powerpuff girls have been reigning since day one, inspiring little girls with that action-packed theme song to fight their fears. If that isn’t the cutest metaphor of feminism, we don’t know what is.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

Friends and ‘I’ll be there for you’ go together like bread and jam. Are you even a fan if you don’t sing along (and clap) to the theme song every time it comes on? No matter how many

reruns Comedy Central offers, we will never get tired of watching the same episodes every other day and definitely never get bored of singing the same song every half an hour. Thank you, The Rembrandts. (Bet you didn’t know them either).

Doraemon

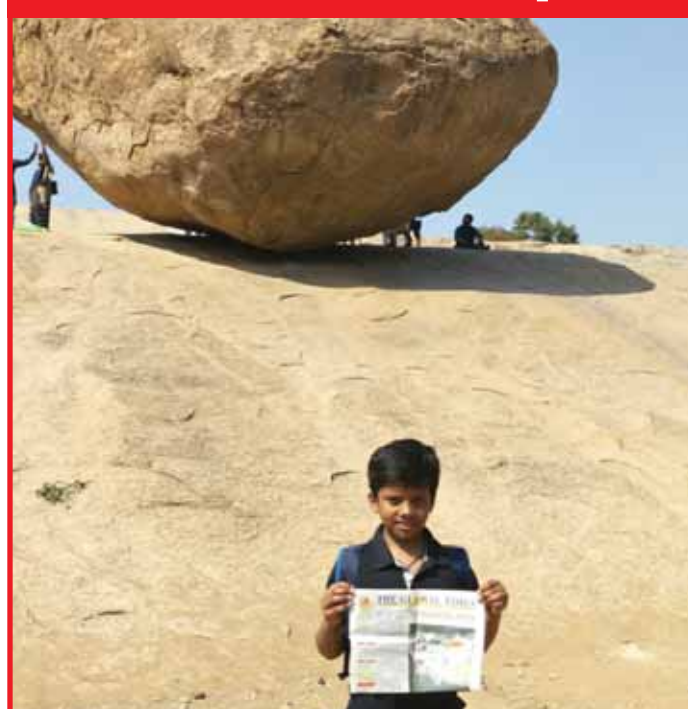
I know, I know. It’s so bad that it’s hilarious. You sit there waiting for it to be over when suddenly you hear the title song and start to sing along. You have absolutely no idea how you know the entire lyrics to a cartoon you don’t even watch. Don’t worry, it’s not your fault because “duniya hi badal dun mai to pyara sa chamatkar hun.” It’s indeed a plague that has hit every age group equally. For all you know, your mom is singing the exact same song while she’s packing your lunch every morning. [GIF](#)

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