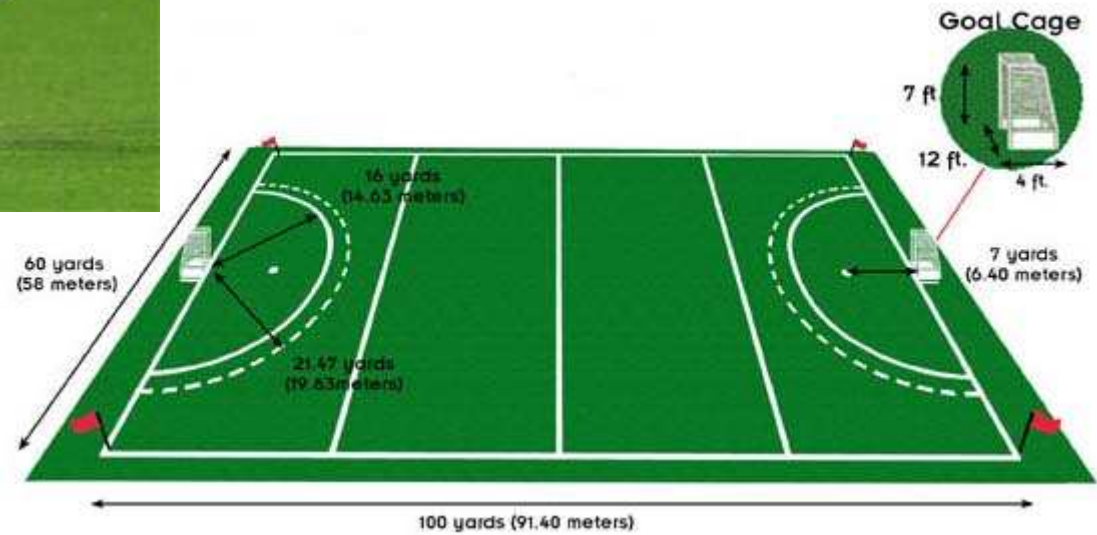# Sports in India

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Field Hockey in India

Field hockey is the national game of India.

From 1928 to 1956, the Indian men's team remained unbeaten in the Olympics, winning six gold medals in a row. The Indian team has won a total of eight gold, one silver and two bronze medals in Olympics.

Goal Cage

7 ft

12 ft.

4 ft.

16 yards
(14.63 meters)

60 yards
(58 meters)

21.47 yards
(19.63 meters)

7 yards
(6.40 meters)

100 yards (91.40 meters)

Badminton in India

- The game of badminton has its roots well laid in the Indian soil. A descendent of Battledore and Shuttlecocks, the game was originally christened Poona. In the 1870s, British army officers played this game in the city of Pune in India, which was then called Poona and hence the game was also termed as Poona. Getting fond of the game, the British carried the equipment to their own country as well. Unlike the West, the game of badminton in India may lack the glamour and glitz which is mostly seen in cricket and tennis, it is still being taken up by a healthy number of youngsters across the country

Badminton in India

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- **Saina Nehwal -** is the Shuttle queen of India. She is born on 17 March of 1990 in Haryana. Saina is the first Indian woman to reach the singles quarterfinals at the Beijin 2008 Olympics and the first Indian to win the World Junior Badminton Championships. She is first Indian woman to win the Indonesian Open Super Series. Saina is Currently ranked number 6 in the world by Badminton World Federation.

Kabaddi

- **Kabaddi** is one of the popular game among the peoples of Asia, especially in the villigers of India,Pakistan ,Bangladesh ,Sri Lanka ,Nepal and Japan.Some people think that it is an Indian game but the reality is that no one really knows about the origin of this game. Some historian believe that it is about 4,000 year old game.

- Two teams occupy opposite halves of a field and take turns sending a "raider" into the other half, in order to win points by tagging or wrestling members of the opposing team; the raider then tries to return to his own half, holding his breath during the whole raid.

- Kabaddi is now a very popular game and is a regular sport in Asian Games, Asian Indoor Games and Asian Beach Games apart from SAF Games. Kabaddi will be a demonstration sport during Commonwealth Games 2010 at New Delhi

Kabaddi

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Volleyball in India

- Volleyball is a game played indoors or outdoors by teams whose members seek to score points in the course of hitting a ball back and forth across a net.
- Volley ball was invented by William. G. Morgan in 1895 when he was the Physical Director for the Y.W.C.A in Holyoke, Mass. During World Wars 1st and 2nd, it was popular among U.S. Servicemen, who helped to make it an international sport
- Volley ball was first introduced at the Asian Games in 1958 at Tokyo where India gained the third position and the bronze. Men's volleyball was included as an event in the World Olympic Games in 1960. The Soviet Union, Italy, Japan, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Poland and German Democratic Republic are among the finest teams today.

Volleyball in India

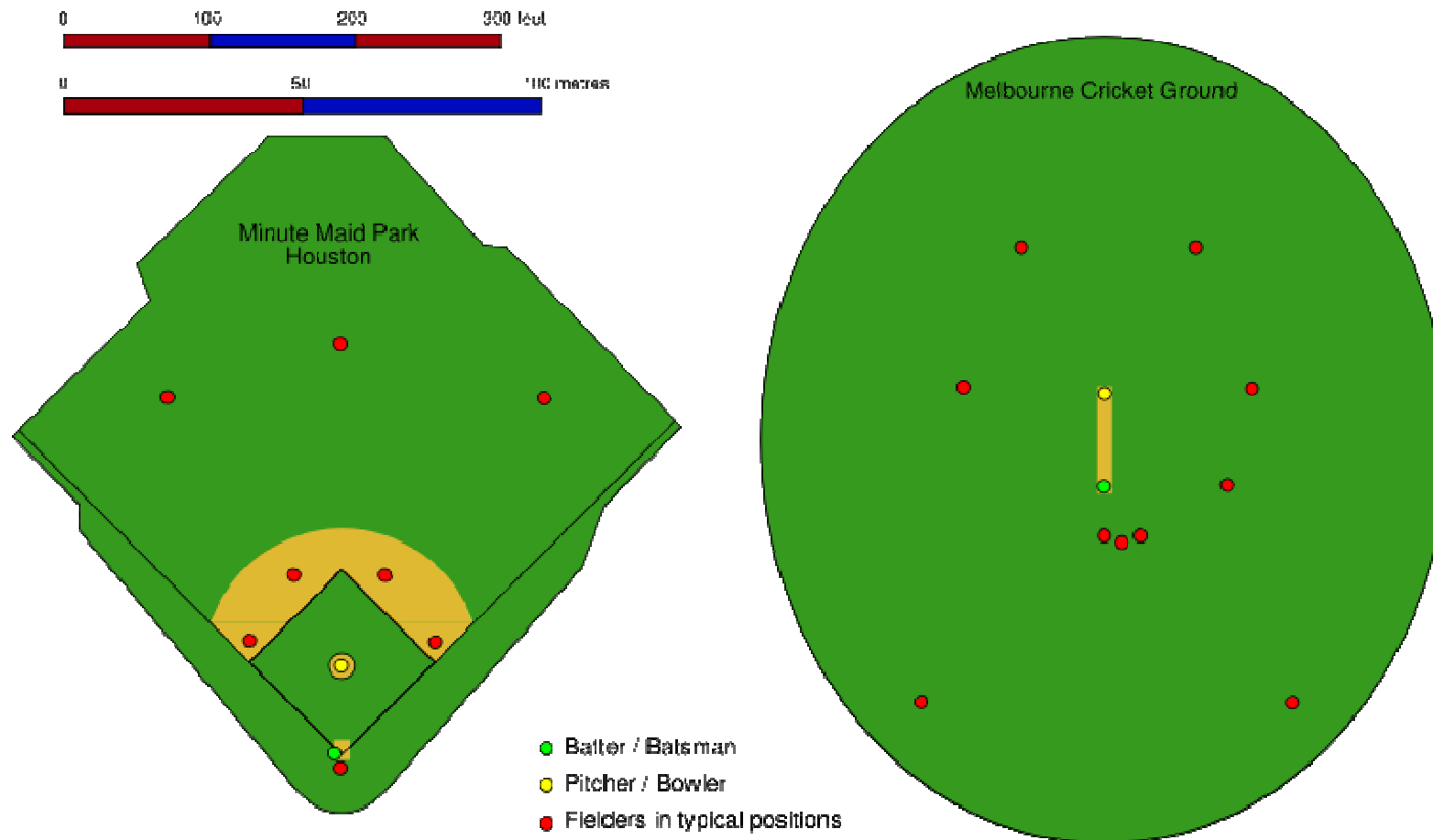
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Cricket in India

Although cricket was introduced to India by European merchant sailors in the 18th-century and the first cricket club in India was established in Calcutta in 1792, India's national cricket team didn't play their first Test match until 25 June 1932 at Lord's

- A comparison of a baseball field (Minute Maid Park, Houston) and a cricket field (Melbourne Cricket Ground) at the same scale, showing players in their typical positions. The cricket ground map omits the second batsman..

0   100   200   300 feet

0   50   100 metres

Melbourne Cricket Ground

Minute Maid Park
Houston

● Batter / Batsman

● Pitcher / Bowler

● Fielders in typical positions

Tennis in India

Sania Mirza –

International Tennis Player

Mirza is the highest ranked female tennis player ever from India, with a career high ranking of 27 in singles and 18 in doubles. She holds the distinction of being the first Indian woman to be seeded in a Grand Slam tennis tournament.

Leander Paes:

He is one of the most successful professional Indian tennis players and also the former captain of the Indian tennis team. He has won various doubles and mixed doubles events at the Tennis Grand Slam events.

He is famous for playing for India:
-his several memorable Davis Cup
- a bronze medal for India in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games
- Men's Doubles/Mixed Doubles double in the 1999 Wimbledon.

In the Olympics

- ***Los Angeles, 1984***
  Running in the fifth lane in the Women's 400m hurdles final, **'Payyoli Express' P.T. Usha** finished fourth, missing bronze by a heart breaking one-hundreth of a second. Usha was the first indian woman to reach the final of an Olympic event.
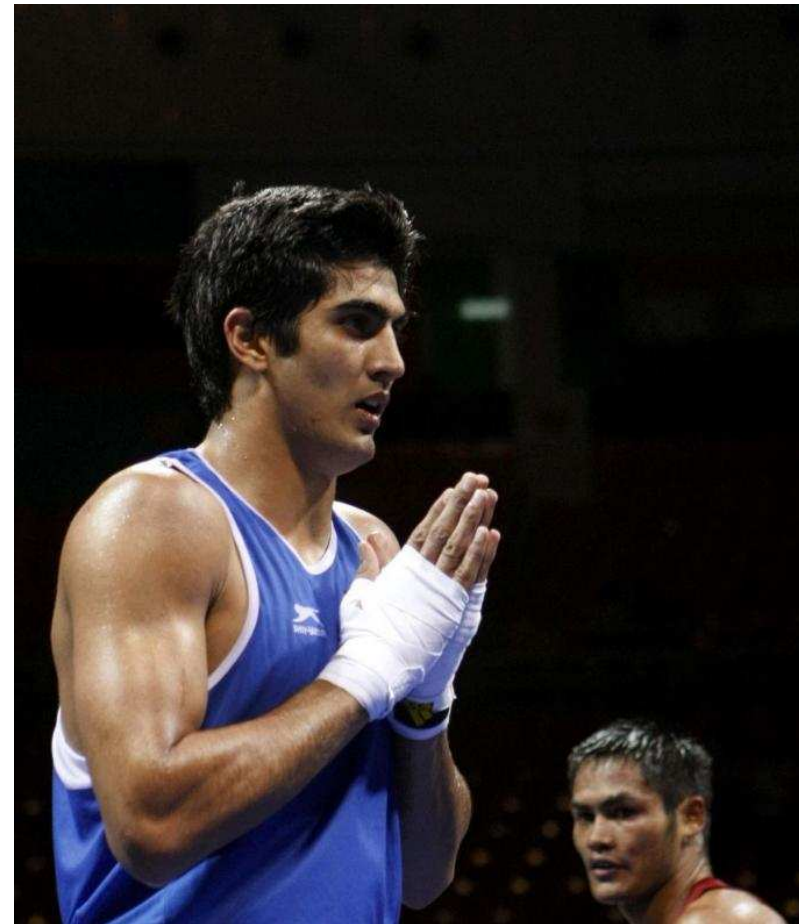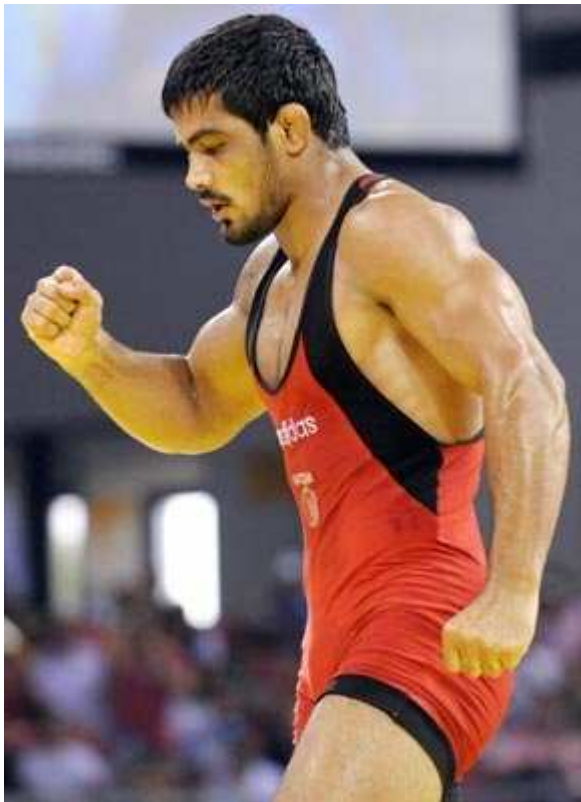
In the Olympics

Abhinav Bindra, 25, is the first-ever Indian to take home an individual Olympic gold medal, beating top Chinese and Finnish competitors in a nail-biting finish during the 10-meter air rifle competition

In the Olympics

Sushil Kumar won Bronze Medal at 2008 Beijing Olympics in wrestling and Vijendra Kumar won Bronze medal in Boxing.

In the Olympics

Sydney, 2000

Karnam Malleswari became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic Medal,

In the Olympics

- *Athens, 2004* **Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore**, then a Major in the Indian Army, won **India's only medal at Athens, a silver, in the double trap event.**

In the 2010 Olympics

Alpine Skiing
Jaymang Namgial

Cross-Country Skiing
Tashi Lundup

Luge
Shiva Keshavan
born August 25, 1981 is the first Indian representative at the Winter Olympic Games. Three time Olympian and First ever Indian Medal in International Winter Sports. Youngest ever Luge Olympian and Fastest Indian with a speed of 148 km/h without an engine.