

Football Fever

PRIYASRI PATODIA Presents “**FOOT BALL FEVER**” By **ALOK BAL**

The beautiful game and its two feet poetry
Has grappled senses and as voices break free
The moves on the field and the stokes on canvas...
Will elucidate every volley and every pass
The golden ball will see magicians fight
Alok too aims at making his brush set alight
The senses as this sporty season...
Art endeavors to pay tribute to fun
And joy of FIFA 2006 -- the agony and the
ecstasy
And for more... drop by and see....

At Priyasri Art Gallery, artist **ALOK BAL** will be exploring the nuances of deftness that two feet have been using over the last century to entertain, unite, exhilarate spectators across the world. The canvas is just another playing field. We hope you enjoy the game here too.

DATE : 3rd July, 2006 to 21st July, 2006.
TIME : 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
VENUE : **PRIYASRI ART GALLERY**
42 Madhuli Apartments, 4th floor
Shiv Sagar Estate,



Alok Bal
Beautiful Game 2
Water Colour
12" x 9"

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Sitting in our studio AQ at Priyasri, I was quite amused looking at the painting done on football by Alok, I could never relate to this game ever before that did after that day. The manner in which he treated the subject was pretty humorous and almost a sketch of a wishful thinking, now that I could relate to but at times sarcastic that would make me think. An image of a football player with wings. “I wanted to become a football player but due to injuries I could not pursue the dreams” said Alok, his innate love for the game was obvious looking at the work you could see the motifs he had used and skillfully connected it with the game and his fantasy.

Artists have always been influenced by social, economical, cultural scenario of the nation. From time immemorial the society has been sports oriented be it for the purpose of entertainment or just to release serotonin in the otherwise stressed life.

I feel it’s a basic instinct of a man to compete and being a civilized society where it’s no more survival of the fittest or fighting to expand your territory, games are a perfect vent out to kindle there competitive spirit within each other and there countries. Of course it’s not only fun and fashionable it also keeps you fit besides giving you another opportunity to raise your ad reline and celebrate is what Alok explained to me.

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