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Summary

India's love affair with Western games owes much to its principal Eurasian community, the Anglo-Indians. Their chain of 300 or so English-medium schools have imparted Western sports to diverse enrollments throughout the subcontinent for more than 150 years and continue to do so today. In 1947, there were perhaps 500,000 Anglo-Indians in South Asia, and current assessments suggest an ongoing presence of 250,000–300,000 amid a total Indian population of one billion. Perhaps another 300,000 Anglo-Indians have resettled in the West since India obtained Independence. In spite of the community's microscopic size, it has produced numerous Olympians, as well as coaches, organizers and technical delegates at every level. Anglo-Indian sporting life continues to prevail among emigrants from India now found in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.