About the IPL

How it all Began

The leafy suburb of Wimbledon in South West London is synonymous the world over with the game of tennis, but it was here that a massive new idea for the sport of cricket was conceived.

In late June last year, while the rain that marked the 2007 English summer was disrupting the famous Championships, two men met in a nearby house to discuss a very different event.

Lalit Modi, Vice-President of the Board of Cricket Control for India, spoke to Andrew Wildblood of the International Management Group (IMG), a company with a vast experience in the whole area of sports management.

Modi, who studied in America and had long since wanted to re-energise the Indian domestic game, was seeking a view on whether it would be possible to put together a Twenty20 cricket league based on the model of the franchise system commonplace in the United States.

"Funnily enough, it was similar to an idea we had already kicked around informally within our office," recalls Wildblood, Senior Corporate Director of IMG India. "I thought that with a combination of BCCI resolve and IMG's expertise we could find a way."

A second meeting took place in a London hotel before Modi moved on and it was decided there and then that the vision could become a reality in 2008.

Wildblood smiles at the memory: "I remember going home that night and telling my wife and her saying to me 'How on earth are you going to do that?' "

The truth is that the daunting timescale was not lost on either Wildblood or Modi, who knew that they were going to face a formidable race against time to start the whole project from scratch and get it ready in time for April this year.

Most sports leagues grow gradually and organically, but the DLF Indian Premier League has had to emerge from an idea to a fully structured operation in less than nine months. For something of this scale it is, quite simply, unprecedented.

Now, after teams of people both in London and India have worked tirelessly together, often late into the night and through the weekend, the IPL has arrived.

It has involved an enormous creative and logistical effort and action on all the fronts required to put together a major sporting entity, whose franchises ended up being sold collectively for US$723.6 million.

Underpinning it, however, was one particular principle. "We realised from the start that we had to look at the sporting model and get the fundamentals absolutely right," says Wildblood.

"Sport is about winning and losing and fair competition within a proper context — to start selling something you have got to have all that in place."

So it was decided that the basis of the league would be eight teams playing each other home and away with semi-finals and final, and from that the commercial model and therefore the investor context, could be built.

Time was of the essence and there has been the constant need to steer around potential potholes. Astute judgement, very thoughtful planning and boundless energy have been the key components, but in September last year there was also some good fortune to help the adventure along its way.

In the slightly unknown quantity that was the inaugural ICC World Twenty20 staged in South Africa, India won, beating arch-rivals Pakistan in the final. The whole event was a success and it captured the public imagination all over India.

The game's most economically powerful nation had been relatively slow to take to the shortest form of the game, but now 76 per cent of the respondents in one poll said that this was the way they preferred their cricket.

"Lalit and I always believed in it anyway and have always kept encouraging each other to go for it, but there is no doubt this was a stroke of luck. Twenty20's profile suddenly went sky high."

The franchise tender process began in December and on January 24 came the deadline for the bids to be received.

"I was in Mumbai and sitting next to Lalit while people were coming in and out carrying the envelopes with the bid details and thinking it was incredibly exciting," continues Wildblood. "There was always the hope that the Mumbai franchise might achieve in excess of one hundred million dollars and it did."

Among the bidders were some of India's richest and most powerful names, from industrialists to film stars, which has only added to the event's lustre.

February saw the frantic player auction, something that has never been remotely witnessed in cricket before as the game's top stars commanded sums that would have been unthinkable for any cricketer a few years previously.

The player auction created a media frenzy. Camera crews and photographers feasted on the big names in attendance, while the pundits speculated about who had done the best business.

By the end of May, when 59 matches will have been played out, that much will be known. The start date was set at April 18 in Bangalore. It had been a long road, speedily travelled, from Wimbledon to there.

IPL Rules of Play

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1. Laws of Cricket

Each Franchisee shall ensure that all Matches in which it participates shall be played in accordance with these Operational Rules, the Regulations and the Laws of Cricket including, without limitation, the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket – The Spirit of Cricket (save where express provision to the contrary has been made in these Operational Rules).

2. Start and end of Season

IPL shall determine the start of the Season and the date on which it shall end. It is anticipated that the League shall generally take place in April / May in each year.

3. Full Strength

Each Team shall play its full strength side in all Matches unless some reasonable and satisfactory reason is given otherwise. If any explanation given by a Team for not playing at full strength is not reasonable and satisfactory, IPL may determine the matter as contemplated by Section 7 and (as contemplated by Section 7) shall have the power to impose a sanction in respect thereof.

4. Name, Management and Structure of the League

4.1 The League Title shall be decided by IPL and shall be subject to amendment at IPL's discretion.

4.2 Subject as set out in these Operational Rules, the management of the League shall be vested entirely in IPL. Matches shall take place at

the Ground and on the date set out in the Fixture List. Matches shall (subject always to paragraphs 2 and 5 of Section 3B) generally be played between 4.00pm and 11.00pm local time and shall commence at the time specified in relation to that Match in the Fixture List. Unless IPL agrees otherwise, the standard time for a Match to finish shall be 3 hours from the scheduled start time (with two innings, each lasting 1 hour 20 minutes and an interval lasting 20 minutes). Each Franchisee shall ensure that its Team takes all such action as is necessary to ensure that Matches involving such Franchisee's Team are completed within the above-mentioned period (including completing the bowling of such Team's overs sufficiently quickly).

4.3 The format for the League shall, unless otherwise decided by IPL, be one division of Teams, each of whom shall play against each other Team both home and away to determine which four Teams shall compete in the semi-finals and grand final referred to below. The first placed Team of the finalists at the end of the regular Season shall play the fourth placed Team in the first semi-final and the second and third placed Teams shall play each other in the second semi-final. The winners of each semi-final shall play in the grand final to determine the winner of the League for that Season.

4.4 There shall be no promotion or relegation from the League.

5. Table and Fixtures

5.1 The league competition table for the League shall be compiled by IPL, the positions in which shall be determined by the number of points gained with points being awarded as follows :

2 points for each Match won

1 point per Team taking part in the Match, for each Match with no result and for each Match which is tied (where it was not possible in IPL's opinion to have a bowl-out at the end of play);

1 point per Team for any Match which does not commence for any reason (other than where the reason for such non-commencement is a breach of these Operational Rules by one Franchisee which results in such Franchisee forfeiting such Match); and 0 points for any Match lost or forfeited.

5.2 The Team with the highest number of points shall be at the top of the table and the Team with the lowest shall be at the bottom. Where Teams have an equal number of points their relative positions shall be determined by the following:

(a) the Team with the most wins in Matches in the League that Season will be placed in the higher position;

(b) if there are Teams with equal points and equal wins in that Season, then in such case the Team with the higher net run rate (as calculated in Rule 21.9.5 of the ICC World Twenty20 Playing Conditions 2007) will be placed in the higher position;

(c) if following the net run rate calculation above there are Teams which are still equal, then the Team with the higher number of wickets taken per balls bowled in the Matches played that Season in which results were achieved will be placed in the higher position;

(d) if still equal at the end of the regular Season then the Team position will be determined by drawing lots.

References in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 to "Matches" shall not include the above-mentioned semi-finals and grand final.

5.3 If the final or any semi-final Match of the League is tied, or there is no result, the following shall apply;

(a) the relevant Teams shall compete in a bowl out to determine which Team is the winner of the Match in question; and

(b) if conditions do not permit a bowl out to determine the winner, then the Team which, at the end of the relevant regular Season, finished in the higher position in the League table (in accordance with paragraph 5.2 above) will be deemed the winner of the relevant semi-final or final.

5.4 The procedure for any bowl out shall be as set out in Appendix 8 of the ICC Standard Twenty20 International Match Playing Conditions, 1 October 2007 version.

6. Fixtures

6.1 If a Team fails to complete any of its fixtures for whatever reason, any such Matches shall be tied unless the reason for such Matches not being completed is a breach of these Operational Rules by one Franchisee which results in such Franchisee forfeiting such Match.

6.2 Each Franchisee shall play its "home" Matches on its Ground and its "away" Matches on its opponents' Grounds unless IPL consents to or directs any other arrangement.

6.3 IPL shall compile the Fixture List and the copyright and all other rights in the nature of intellectual property rights in the Fixture List (and any proposed version thereof) shall be vested in IPL. IPL shall provide each Franchisee with a list showing the venue, date, and start time of each Match to be played during a Season at the start of that Season and Franchisees shall be allowed 7 days to submit observations on that list. After consideration of any such observations, IPL shall publish the list incorporating such amendments (if any) as it considers appropriate in its discretion which shall then constitute the Fixture List. Such Fixture List and the fixtures contained therein shall remain unalterable without the prior written consent of IPL to any change(s).

6.4 IPL shall have power to amend the Fixture List where it considers it necessary to do so from time to time which power shall include, without limitation, the power to direct that Matches shall be moved so as to be played on the same date and at the same time as other Matches to ensure that the integrity of the League is protected.

6.5 Any disputes relating to the venue, time and date of any Match shall be determined by IPL in its absolute discretion.

7. Objections to Results

A Franchisee wishing to object to the result of a Match in which it has played shall:

(a) Send a letter by fax or email to IPL (using the contact details provided by IPL for that purpose from time to time) and to the opposing Franchisee within 24 hours of the termination of the Match stating :
(i) the full grounds on which the objection is made; and
(ii) the Operational Rule under which it is laid.

(b) IPL will hear the objection and may decline to consider any matter not stated in the grounds supplied under paragraph (a)(i) above. For the avoidance of doubt, a Franchisee shall not be entitled to object to a result on the grounds of an Umpire's decision(s), and the imposition of a fine or other penalty on a Franchisee pursuant to these Operational Rules shall not preclude a Franchisee from objecting to a result of a Match under this Operational Rule.

8. Trophies & Medals

A trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the League grand final. Winners or runners-up medals shall be awarded to the Team winning the grand final or losing the grand final (as applicable).

9. League Payments/Prize Money

At the end of each Season Teams will receive a sum determined by their final League position before the semi-finals and grand final (as set out in paragraph (a) below) and following staging of the semi-finals and grand final (as set out in paragraph (b) below) as follows:

(a) End of Regular Season:

- (i) Each Season a sum of money will be designated (in accordance with the method of calculation set out in the Franchise Agreement) and made available by IPL; and
- (ii) Each Team will at the end of each Season be given a certain number of "League Points" depending on its final position in the League table before the semi finals and grand final for that Season. For the avoidance of doubt "League Points" are used only for the determination of each Franchisee's share of the above-mentioned sum under this paragraph and are not the same as the points which are awarded under paragraph 5.1 of Section 3A and shall not be added to the points achieved by teams in the League table. The Team finishing last will always receive one League Point, and working up the table (until the top team), the Team finishing in the next position up shall be given one more League Point than the Team finishing immediately below it in the table so that if (by way of example only) there are 8 Teams in the League, League Points will be allocated as follows:

Final League Table Team Position	League Points
1	8
2	7
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1

- (iii) The total sum referred to at (a) (i) above will be divided by the total number of League Points allocated in accordance with (ii) above (so that, for example, if there are 8 Teams in the League, and, as a consequence, 36 League Points have been allocated, the total sum will be divided by 36) to determine the amount of a "League Share".

- (iv) Each Team in the table shall receive a proportion of the sum referred to in paragraph (a)(i) above which is equivalent to one League Share per League Point held by that Team (so that, for example, in a League of 8 Teams the first placed Team shall receive 8/36 of the sum referred to in paragraph (a)(i) above, the second placed Team shall receive 7/36 of said sum and so on until the last placed Team which shall receive 1/36 of said sum).

(b) End of Season Prize Money

- (i) IPL will determine the amount of a total prize fund in respect of each Season which will be distributed between the Teams in the League following the semi-finals and grand final of that Season by reference to each Team's performance in the League and, where appropriate, in the semi-finals and grand final. For the 2008 and each subsequent Season until such time as IPL decides otherwise the total prize fund shall be $US3m and will be allocated as follows:

Finals/League Position	Prize (US$)
Final Winner	1,200,000
Runner up	600,000
Each losing Semi Finalist	300,000
5th place in the League table	200,000
6th place in the League table	175,000
7th place in the League table	125,000
8th place in the League table	100,000

- (ii) If at any time there are more or less than 8 teams in the League then IPL shall, in its discretion adjust the distribution of the sum referred to in this paragraph (b). Franchisees shall distribute not less than 50% of the sum referred to in paragraph (b) above between their respective teams and support staff.

1. Chennai Super Kings

What's a complete team? Well, here it is. Good clean strikers of the ball, an imaginative skipper, good crop of Indian players, a magical spinner and one of the best all-rounder in world, come together to dish out a fare.

Latest acquisition: The best in the world? Okay, one of the best, Andrew Flintoff joins the ranks. One of the top grossers at the DLF-IPL2, Flintoff will be keenly wathed in the two weeks that he will be in action during the tournament. His X-factor alongwith Murali's spin magic will surely lift the Chennai Super Kings

Last year's record: Runner's up, League stage Played: 14, Won: 8, Lost: 6

Team Owner(s): India Cements

Franchise Fee: $ 91.0 million

Team Sponsors: Coromandel King, Aircel, Coromandel Infotech, Reebok, Peter England, Nivea For Men, 7Up, Sonata, Cloud 9, Big Bazaar

Players

- **MS Dhoni** ⭐
- **Abhinav Mukund**
- **Albie Morkel**
- **Andrew Flintoff**
- **Anirudha Srikkanth**
- **Arun Karthik**
- **George Bailey**
- **Jacob Oram**
- **Joginder Sharma**
- **Lakshmipathy Balaji**

- **Makhaya Ntini**
- **Manpreet Gony**
- **Matthew Hayden**
- **Parthiv Patel**

- **Thilan Thushara**
- **Suresh Raina**
- **Suresh Kumar**
- **Sudeep Tyagi**
- **Subramaniam Badrinath**
- **Shadab Jakati**
- **S Vidyut**
- **Ravichandran Ashwin**
- **Palani Amarnath**
- **Napoleon Einstein**
- **Muttiah Muralitharan**
- **Murali Vijay**
- **Viraj Vilas Kadbe**
- **Stephen Fleming (NZ)**

Head Coach:
      Stephen Fleming

2.Deccan Chargers

The team with the best combination of big-hitters came a cropper in the first edition of DLF-IPL. The team had the stars but did not have the bowling to back it up. Finally the skipper VVS Laxman dropped out due to an injury and the team struggled without any direction. There was no direction, but the season ended with a hope for the Chargers. They have now brought in a new captain in Adam Gilchrist, changed the backroom staff with new coach Darren Lehmann. But the lack of firepower in the bowling is what hurts them most, especially when it comes to pitches in

South Africa. Can Gilly influence a turnaround or will normal service be restored for the Deccan Chargers?

Captain-coach combination: Darren Lehmann is a first-time coach and will team up with new captain Adam Gilchrist.So it is starting all over again for Deccan Chargers, so it might be a long haul for the duo.

Last year's record: Matches: 14, Won: 2, Lost: 12

Team Owner(s): Deccan Chronicle

Franchise Fee: $ 107 million

Team Sponsors: Deccan Chronicle, Odyssey, Puma, Kingfisher, McDowell's, Big 92.7FM, Wrigley's Orbit

Players

- **Adam Gilchrist**
- **Abhinav Kumar**
- **Andrew Symonds**
- **Arjun Yadav**
- **Chamara Silva**
- **Chaminda Vaas**
- **Doddapaneni Kalyankrishna**
- **Dwaraka Ravi Teja**
- **Dwayne Smith**
- **Fidel Edwards**
- **Halhadar Das**
- **Harmeet Singh**
- **Herschelle Gibbs**
- **Jas Karandeep Singh**
- **Manvinder Bisla**
- **Nuwan Zoysa**
- **Paidikalva Vijay Kumar**
- **Pragyan Ojha**
- **Rohit Sharma**
- **Rudra Pratap Singh**
- **Ryan Harris**
- **Sarvesh Kumar**
- **Scott Styris**
- **Shoaib Ahmed**
- **Tirumalasetti Suman**
- **Venugopal Rao**
- **V.V.S Laxman**

Head Coach:
   Darren Lehman

3-Delhi Daredevils

Dangerous side with plenty of flair, that's what Delhi Daredevils is all about. A steady bowling attack backed up by deadly strikers at the top, makes it a team to look out for. Coupled with the experience of Glenn McGrath and Daniel Vettori, you have a heady cocktail. But their exuberance could prove to be their downfall like last season. Watch out for the Sehwag-Gambhir jugalbandi followed by some daredevilry from David Warner

Goa Acquisition: Paul Collingwood and Owais Shah form the heart of England's T20 squads. They can change their game according to formats and so expect them to come to the party this time. Collingwood's medium pacers will give an added bow to the Durham man, because Shah may struggle to feature in the first XI.

Captain-coach combination: Virender Sehwag can be imaginative as skipper, has a shrewd cricketing brain. This clear-headed cricketer almost led his side all the way to the crown last season. Unfortunately, the team misfired at the big stage. The coach Kepler Wessels is from the South Africa stable of unlikely men behind the scenes. Kepler can be innovative and come up with unlikely ideas to throw rivals off-guard.

Team Owner(s): GMR Holdings

Franchise Fee: $84 million

Team Sponsors: Hero Honda, Kingfisher Airlines, Royal Challenge, Coca-Cola, adidas, Fever 104FM, Wrigley's Orbit

Players

- **Virender Sehwag** ⭐
- **Aavishkar Salvi**
- **AB de Villiers**

- **Amit Mishra**
- **Andrew McDonald**
- **Ashish Nehra**
- **Daniel Vettori**
- **David Warner**
- **Dinesh Karthik**
- **Dirk Nannes**
- **Farveez Maharoof**
- **Gautam Gambhir**

- **Glenn McGrath**
- **Manoj Tiwary**
- **Mithun Manhas**
- **Owais Shah**
- **Paul Collingwood**
- **Pradeep Sangwan**
- **Rajat Bhatia**
- **Tejashwi Yadav**
- **Tillakaratne Dilshan**
- **Umesh Yadav**
- **Yo Mahesh**
- **Yogesh Nagar**

Head Coach:
Greg Shipperd

4.Kolkata Knight Riders

The team with the biggest blockbuster movie star as its owner, lived upto his image last year. They began on a bang, but could not sustain any further period, they simply frittered away it all to struggle in the last phase of DLF-IPL1. Of all the teams, they flattered to deceive. But now comes the big opportunity to set the record straight. But even before a ball is bowled the Knight Riders have a problem. Coach John Buchanan wants four-man

captaincy team and wants it to be rotated forcing the iconic Sourav Ganguly to sulk. Will this feud eat up Knight Riders? Wait and watch

Captain-Coach combination: India's most successful captain with a maverick image on and off the field combines with one of cricket's most successful coaches for the most unlikely combo.

Last year's record: Played 14, Won: 6, Lost: 7, N/R: 1

Team Owner(s): Red Chillies Entertainment

Franchise: Fee: $75.1 million

Team Sponsors: Nokia, Star Plus, Sprite, Reebok, TagHeuer, Belmonte, Gitanjali, Wrigley's Orbit, BILT, Planet M

Players

- **Sourav Ganguly** ⭐
- **Aakash Chopra**
- **Ajantha Mendis**
- **Ajit Agarkar**
- **Angelo Mathews**
- **Anureet Singh**
- **Arindam Ghosh**
- **Ashok Dinda**
- **Brad Hodge**
- **Brendan McCullum**
- **Cheteshwar Pujara**
- **Chris Gayle**
- **David Hussey**

- **Ishant Sharma**
- **Kshemal Waingankar**
- **Laxmi Ratan Shukla**
- **Mark Cameron**
- **Mashrafe Bin Mortaza**
- **Moises Henriques**
- **Murali Kartik**
- **Sunny Singh**
- **Sourav Sarkar**
- **Sanjay Bangar**
- **Wriddhiman P. Saha**
- **Yashpal Singh**

Head Coach:
John Buchanan

5.Kings XI Punjab

Skipper Yuvraj Singh leads a bunch of experienced and exciting cricketers yet again. The bowling has depth, the batting has the strike power, but there was something missing last season. It was the ability to deliver the knock-out punch. As a team, King's XI Punjab would hope that they can better their performance last season. They have the right ingredients this time, only now the stakes are much higher.

Captain-coach combination: Coach Tom Moody hopped over to Auckland to meet with his skipper Yuvraj Singh. The duo have gelled well as a combination. The much in demand coach with the young combative man in charge make a fine pair. Moody can handle the team because most are his former charges or former teammates. Yuvraj provides the effervescent leadership.

Goa acquisition: Ravi Bopara can be a useful bits and pieces player. He was snared basically because of his Sikh roots, but even now in South Africa can come in handy. A useful medium-pacer and a striker to boot, Bopara can be an ideal player for South African conditions. Okay, but do not rule out Jerome Taylor too to enjoy the conditions in the absence of Brett Lee and Sreesanth.

Last year's record: Semifinalist, Played: 14, Won: 10, Lost: 4

Team Owner(s): Preity Zinta, Ness Wadia (Bombay Dyeing), Karan Paul (Apeejay Surendra Group) and Mohit Burman (Dabur)

Franchise Fee: $76 million

Players

- **Yuvraj Singh** ⭐
- **Ajitesh Argal**

- **Amanpreet Singh**
- **Brett Lee**
- **Burt Cockley**
- **Irfan Pathan**
- **James Hopes**
- **Karan Goel**
- **Kumar Sangakkara**
- **Luke Pomersbach**
- **Mahela Jayawardene**
- **Piyush Chawla**
- **Ramesh Powar**
- **Ranadeb Bose**
- **Ravi Bopara**
- **Ravikant shukla**
- **Ryan Ninan**
- **Sahil Kukreja**
- **Shaun Marsh**
- **Simon Katich**
- **Sunny Sohal**
- **Tanmay Srivastava**
- **Taruwar Kohli**
- **Uday Kaul**
- **Vikramjeet Malik**
- **VRV Singh**
- **Wilkin Mota**
- **Yusuf Abdullah**

Head Coach:
> **Tom Moody**

6.Mumbai Indians

It was a low-key team with most injuries and controversies in DLF-IPL1. But now the team looks settled, the skipper's back with a new staff and some key replenishments. The strength of the side still lies in the top-

order, but a few new strikers, plus Sri Lanka's fit slinger Lasith Malinga could provide the best hope for Mumbai Indians in DLF-IPL2.

Captain-coach combination: When Sachin Tendulkar is the captain, he is very much in charge. So the role of Shaun Pollock has been re-defined a bit. He becomes the chief mentor and alongwith fielding coach Jonty Rhodes expect him to turn things around for Mumbai Indians. If Tendulkar needs more help about South African conditions, then he has a former pro in those parts, Praveen Amre to look after the nitty gritties.

Star player: Sachin Tendulkar.

Last year's record: Played 14, Won 7, Lost 7

Team Owner(s): Reliance Industries Ltd

Franchise Fee: $ 111.9 million

Team Sponsors: MasterCard, Royal Stag, Kingfisher, Pepsi, Adidas

Players

- **Sachin Tendulkar**
- **Abhishek Nayar**
- **Ajinkya Rahane**
- **Chetanya Nanda**
- **Dhawal Kulkarni**
- **Dilhara Fernando**
- **Dwayne Bravo**
- **Graham Napier**
- **Harbhajan Singh**
- **Jaydev Shah**
- **Jean Paul Duminy**
- **Kyle Mills**

- **Lasith Malinga**
- **Luke Ronchi**
- **Mohammad Ashraful**
- **Pinal Shah**
- **Rahil Shaikh**
- **Rohan Raje**
- **Ryan McLaren**
- **Sanath Jayasuirya**
- **Saurabh Tiwary**
- **Shikhar Dhawan**
- **Yogesh Vijay Takawale**
- **Zaheer Khan**

Head Coach:
Shaun Maclean Pollock

7.Rajasthan Royals

Last season even before a ball was bowled this side was written off as a bunch of no-hopers. But how the tables were turned was seen by the whole world. This time key all-rounder Shane Watson is unlikely with an injury and some of the other performers like Sohail Tanveer are out of the frame. But expect Shane Warne to come up with a new plan to surprise his rivals.

Latest acquisition: One of the high-profile buys for Rajasthan Royals is the thunderbolt paceman Shaun Tait. The young express bowler is fighting self-doubts and exile to come back on the big stage. Warne's backing could well prove to be decisive X factor this time.

Captain-coach combination: Well the boss of this team is one and only Shane Warne. The spin magician casts a spell around his team and manages to take out the best out of everybody. Last year he singlehandedly inspired his side to the title. His little-known players managed to raise their performance level and take it to a new high. In the background his old friend, Darren Berry does all the research on the rivals, while Warne plots the moves.

Last year's results: Played: 14, Won: 11, Lost: 3. Champions

Fitness barometer: The presence of a plethora of young Indian cricketers presents a whole new version of the country. These bunch of youngsters are talented, athletic and above all keen to follow their captain.

Team Owner(s): Emerging Media

Franchise Fee: $ 67 million

Team Sponsors: Kingfisher, Boost, Puma

Players

- **Shane Warne** ⭐
- **Abhishek Raut**
- **Ahad Malek**
- **Amit Singh**
- **Anup Revandkar**
- **Ashraf Makda**
- **Atul Sharma**
- **Dimitri Mascarenhas**
- **Dinesh Salunke**
- **Gajendra Singh**
- **Graeme Smith**
- **Lee Carseldine**
- **Mahesh Rawat**
- **Mohammad Arif**
- **Mohammad Kaif**
- **Morne Morkel**
- **Munaf Patel**
- **Naman Ojha**

- **Niraj Patel**
- **Paras Dogra**
- **Paul Valthaty**
- **Pratmesh Salunke**
- **Pushkaraj Chavan**
- **Raiphi Gomez**
- **Ravindra Jadeja**
- **Robert Quiney**
- **Shane Harwood**
- **Shane Watson**
- **Shaun Tait**
- **Siddharth Chitnis**
- **Siddharth Trivedi**
- **Srideep Mangela**
- **Swapnil Asnodkar**
- **Tyron Henderson**
- **Yusuf Pathan**
- **Kamran Khan**

Head Coach:
Shane Warne (AUS) (Coach)

8.Royal Challengers Bangalore

DLF-IPL1 was all about this team being called a Test line-up. The world's best batsmen albeit in the longer format got together to form the core. But unfortunately the team crashed out resulting in a few heads rolling. A new brand new back-up team coupled with a new administration. Will the arrival of KP, Ryder and Robin Uthappa help Royal Challengers Bangalore, turn a new page? Will the Royal Challengers Bangalore undergo a image makeover? Answers just days away...

Latest acquisition: England's most colourful cricketer, Kevin Pietersen, was always going to be the star attraction at DLF-IPL2. So even if it meant pitching in the highest bid, Vijay Mallya was prepared for it. So in came KP as also another rising star from New Zealand, Jesse Ryder.

What you need to know about Bangalore: Bangalore's most priced possessions are its gardens. The former princely state of Mysore is the pride of the state, but it provides the old royal touch to the state of Karnataka and in particular to Bangalore. Bangalore has produced some of the greatest Indian cricketers like GR Viswanath, BS Chandrashekar, EAS Prasanna, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath and Rahul Dravid.

Fitness barometer: With the infusion of the likes of KP, Ryder and even Robin Uthappa the fitness levels are bound to shoot up. Coach Ray Jennings is known to be a hard taskmaster when it comes to fitness, so expect some tough talking from the former wicket-keeper.

Team Owner(s): UB Group

Franchise Fee: $111.6 million

Players

- **Kevin Pietersen** ⭐
- **Anil Kumble**
- **Balachandra Akhil**
- **Cameron White**
- **Dale Steyn**
- **Dillon du Preez**
- **Jacques Kallis**
- **Jesse Ryder**
- **K. P Appanna**
- **Manish Pandey**
- **Mark Boucher**

- **Nathan Bracken**
- **Pankaj Singh**
- **Praveen Kumar**
- **Rahul Dravid**
- **Robin Uthappa**
- **Ross Taylor**
- **Sreevats Goswami**
- **Vinay Kumar**
- **Virat Kohli**
- **Wasim Jaffer**

Head Coach:

Ray Jennings (South Africa) (Coach)

IPL matches Scores & Schedules 2009

18-Apr-09

[Cape Town](#)

Match Time 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

**MI: 165/7
CSK: 146/7**

MI won by 19 runs.

18-Apr-09

[Cape Town](#)

Match Time 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

**RCB: 133/8
RR: 58/10**

RCB won by 75 runs.

19-Apr-09

[Cape Town](#)

Match Time 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

**KXIP: 104/7
DD: 58/0**

DD won by 10 wickets (with 7 balls remaining) (D/L method)

19-Apr-09

Cape Town

Match Time 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

KKR: 101/10
DC: 104/2

DC won by 8 wickets

20-Apr-09

Port Elizabeth

Match Time 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

CSK: 179/5
RCB: 87/10

CSK won by 92 runs

21-Apr-09

Durban

Match Time 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

KXIP: 158/6
KKR: 79/1

KKR won by 11 runs(D/L method)

21-Apr-09

Durban

 vs.

Match abandoned due to rain.

22-Apr-09

Cape Town

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

DC: 184/6
RCB: 160/8

DC won by 24 runs

23-Apr-09

Durban

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

CSK: 180/9
DD: 189/5

DD won by 9 runs

23-Apr-09

Cape Town

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

RR: 150/6
KKR: 150/8

Rajasthan Royals won the match(Super Over method)

24-Apr-09

[Durban](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

RCB: 168/9
KXIP: 173/3

KXIP won by 7 wickets

25-Apr-09

[Durban](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

MI: 156/7
DC: 168/9

25-Apr-09 Deccan chargers won by 12 runs

[Cape Town](#)

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

Match abandoned due to rain.

26-Apr-09

[Port Elizabeth](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

RCB: 149/7
DD: 153/4

Delhi Daredevils won by 6 wickets

26-Apr-09

[Cape Town](#)

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

KXIP: 139/6
RR: 112/7

Kings XI Punjab won by 27 runs

27-Apr-09

[Durban](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

CSK: 165/6
DC: 169/4

Deccan Chargers won by 6 wickets

27-Apr-09

[Port Elizabeth](#)

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

MI: 187/6
KKR: 95/9

Mumbai Indians won by 92 runs

28-Apr-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

29-Apr-09

[Durban](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

29-Apr-09

[Durban](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

30-Apr-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

30-Apr-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

1-May-09

East London

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

1-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

2-May-09

Port Elizabeth

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

2-May-09

Johannesburg

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

3-May-09

Port Elizabeth

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

vs.

3-May-09

Johannesburg

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

vs.

4-May-09

East London

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

vs.

5-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

vs.

5-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

vs.

6-May-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

vs.

7-May-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

vs.

7-May-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

vs.

8-May-09

[East London](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

vs.

9-May-09

Kimberley

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

9-May-09

Kimberley

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

10-May-09

Port Elizabeth

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

10-May-09

Johannesburg

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

11-May-09

Kimberley

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

12-May-09

Pretoria

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

12-May-09

Pretoria

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

13-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

14-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

14-May-09

Durban

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT or will start the later of 45 minutes after stumps on the first game

 vs.

15-May-09

Bloemfontein

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

16-May-09

Port Elizabeth

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

16-May-09

Johannesburg

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

17-May-09

Johannesburg

Match Begins 16:00 IST | 12:30 SA | 10:30 GMT

 vs.

17-May-09

Bloemfontein

Match Begins 20:15 IST | 16:45 SA | 14:45 GMT

 vs.

18-May-09

Pretoria

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

 vs.

19-May-09

Johannesburg

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20-May-09

Durban

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20-May-09

Durban

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21-May-09

Pretoria

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 vs.

21-May-09

Pretoria

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 vs.

22-May-09

[Pretoria](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

[Semi Final 1](#)

23-May-09

[Johannesburg](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

[Semi Final 2](#)

24-May-09

[Johannesburg](#)

Match Begins 20:00 IST | 16:30 SA | 14:30 GMT

[Final](#)