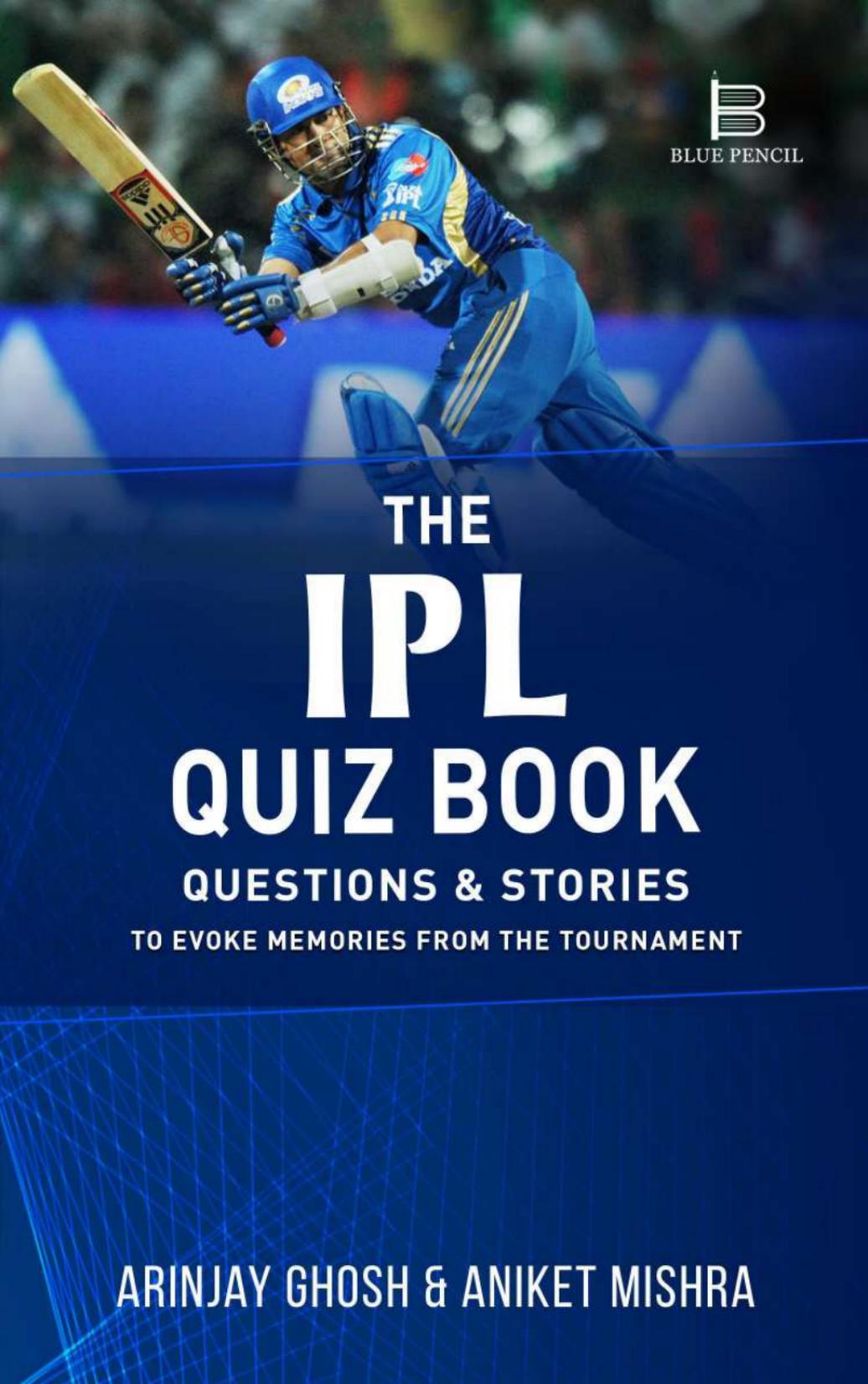




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In memory of Shanta Mishra,
the most avid reader we knew



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Introduction

Since 2008, the Indian Premier League has enthralled cricket fans world over. For a couple of months every year, the tournament pits a galaxy of the world's best cricketing talents against one another at decked up venues in front of bustling crowds. The result? The great cricketing spectacle rules prime time slots on leading television networks and keeps cricket lovers glued to the screens. It wouldn't be incorrect to say that when the IPL happens, the rest of the cricketing world comes to a standstill and over the last 14 editions, it has provided us with numerous moments which have remained etched in our memory.

The IPL quiz book is a culmination of all of that – an attempt to make people reminisce about the tournament, their heroes and the franchisees they keenly support. It's not just a collection of questions to test how much you know about the marquee event. It is also a fascinating memory book to delve into trivia and revisit stories that will remind you of incidents that would have had you up and jumping in your seats.

Let's rewind the 14 years of IPL T20 cricket tournament – this quizzing book will help you relive those moments and know a little extra in the process. And of course, use it for holding your own cricket quizzes!! Wrap your heads around the fun questions and enjoy the IPL fever with information nuggets and tidbits.

Arinjay and Aniket

2008 IPL 1



Powerplay

Unscramble the following to reveal names of batsmen who scored a century in the inaugural season of IPL

1. AILECHM EHSUSY
2. WANDER MOSSYND
3. DAAM CHITGIRLS
4. ASNHAT AJAYAIRYUS
5. ASHUN AMHRS

6. The first ball of the first IPL was bowled by Praveen Kumar. Which batsman scored the first run though?
 - a. Brendon McCullum
 - b. It was a leg bye!
 - c. Sourav Ganguly
 - d. Ricky Ponting

7. Brendon McCullum getting the IPL off to a box office start is one of the enduring memories of the IPL. How many runs did he score in the game?
 - a. 155
 - b. 157*
 - c. 158*
 - d. 159

8. Who took the first IPL hattrick on May 10, 2008?
 - a. Murali Kartik
 - b. Amit Mishra
 - c. Makhaya Ntini
 - d. Lakshmipathy Balaji

9. We remember Rajasthan Royals winning the first ever IPL. Who was the man of the match in the final?
 - a. Shane Watson
 - b. Yusuf Pathan
 - c. Shane Warne
 - d. MS Dhoni

10. What nickname did Shane Warne give young Ravindra Jadeja which the player later revealed was perhaps due to the extra zinc he put on his face?
 - a. Rockstar
 - b. Popstar
 - c. Youngster
 - d. Star

11. Which Pakistani bowler won the Purple Cap in the first season of the IPL but never played another game in the tournament?
 - a. Shahid Afridi
 - b. Sohail Tanvir
 - c. Shoaib Akhtar
 - d. Umar Gul

12. In the first semi-final, Delhi Daredevils' top 3 of Sehwag, Gambhir and Dhawan were dismissed by the same bowler. Who?

- a.* Muttiah Muralitharan
 - b.* Sohail Tanvir
 - c.* Albie Morkel
 - d.* Shane Watson

- 13. A rather forgettable visual is that of Sreesanth sobbing after a game between Kings XI Punjab and Mumbai Indians. Which player was responsible for the cricketer's reaction?
 - a.* Sanath Jayasuriya
 - b.* Dhawal Kulkarni
 - c.* Harbhajan Singh
 - d.* Saurabh Tiwary

- 14. We remember Joginder Sharma's last over in the World T20 final 2007. Which IPL franchisee did he represent in 2008 though?
 - a.* Kolkata Knight Riders
 - b.* Chennai Super Kings
 - c.* Royal Challengers Bangalore
 - d.* Kings XI Punjab

- 15. Which team got bundled out for 67, to list what was the lowest score (in a non-rain affected innings) in the tournament?
 - a.* Kolkata Knight Riders
 - b.* Delhi Daredevils
 - c.* Rajasthan Royals
 - d.* Mumbai Indians

Story

With no star icon from the state of Tamil Nadu, Chennai Super Kings owner N Srinivasan suggested that they bid for Virender Sehwag, who was in his prime at that time. Former India cricketer, VB Chandrasekhar however recommended MS Dhoni as he deemed him to be a bigger youth icon, one who will continue with his ascent in cricket over the years.

Chandrasekhar later went about buying Dhoni at the inaugural IPL auction in his usual shrewd manner. By his own admission, he had set USD 1.1 million as the maximum amount to be spent on purchasing the T20 World Cup winning skipper. But many teams including Mumbai Indians and Rajasthan Royals were fighting for Dhoni.

However, he soon realized that the other franchises will not go after a certain fixed amount and were just trying to increase the bid. To make sure that CSK have enough money to buy other players, he stopped bidding after the first couple of rounds. This, while other teams kept fighting to bring him to their franchisee.

At one point, everyone thought that it was all done. When the auctioneer was about to hit the gavel for the third and final time and sell off Dhoni to another team, Chandrasekhar raised his hand at the last second and said USD 1.5 million. And that's how Dhoni came into CSK.

Middle Overs

16. A lasting memory from the first IPL is of the diminutive Swapnil Asnodkar playing for Rajasthan

Royals. He scored a blistering 60 off 34 on debut against Kolkata Knight Riders. At which ground was this match played?

17. Ahead of the tournament, KKR co-owner Shah Rukh Khan was pictured standing on a chair next to a player to match his height. Who was this player?
18. Shoaib Akhtar made his IPL debut against Delhi Daredevils and dismissed Virender Sehwag in his first over en route to 4 wickets. In which ground did the match happen and what team did Akhtar represent?
19. Which famous Bollywood actor was the brand ambassador of Delhi Daredevils in the inaugural season of IPL?
20. Rajasthan Royals chased down 214 to record the highest run-chase of this edition. What opposition did it come against?
21. Which newly inaugurated stadium hosted the IPL final between CSK and RR in 2008? It has since hosted the final of the Indian Super League, the FIFA U-17 World Cup and a Justin Bieber concert amongst other events!
22. Only two franchises started the IPL with captains who were not from the state their team was based out of. What were the two teams?
23. Virat Kohli made his debut in the first game of the IPL for RCB. However, a day later, another Kohli made his IPL debut – for Rajasthan Royals. What is his first name?
24. Sachin was scheduled to captain Mumbai Indians in

their first IPL game, but he failed a fitness test ahead of the game. Who stepped in to lead them for the game thus?

25. India's current white ball vice-captain, Rohit Sharma, and Test vice-captain, Ajinkya Rahane, share a forgettable record of scoring 0 on their IPL debut in 2008. Which teams were they playing against?

Slog

26. Despite the lowest first innings score being 67, the lowest successfully chased score was 55 achieved by Chennai Super Kings. Who were the opponents and why did this happen?
27. In the final, CSK used only 5 bowlers. If Makhaya Ntini, Albie Morkel, Lakshmipathy Balaji and Muttiah Muralitharan are four of them, who was the fifth bowler, who recently turned out for India legends in the Road Safety World Series?
28. Who are the only two players from Cricinfo's IPL XI from 2008 who are playing in the 2021 edition too?
29. Mumbai Indians and Punjab participated in one of the most eventful last over finishes of the IPL. With 19 needed to win, VRV Singh conceded 11 off the first ball – six off a no ball followed by a boundary. Somehow, after two run outs, it came down to 2 runs required off the last ball for Mumbai to win when Vikrant Yeligati mistimed a drive to mid-off and scampered to the non-striker's end. The fielder, instead of attempting a direct hit, dashed towards the same end and flung himself to wipe out all three stumps, effecting a run

out and a famous one-run victory for Punjab. Who is this fielder?

30. Who had the best economy rate in this season for any bowler to have bowled at least 20 overs?

Story

India had won the 2008 U-19 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, and the batch of youngsters from that tournament were put into a draft to be picked by the 8 IPL teams. The franchises were allotted numbers, from 1 to 8, at random on the basis of lots, and the players were ranked by the IPL governing council. The franchisee assigned the number 1 got the chance to pick any player of their choice and then the second franchisee could select their player and so on.

The Delhi Daredevils had been allotted the first pick, and to everyone's surprise picked Pradeep Sangwan. Royal Challengers from Bangalore were in line next, and they picked the captain from that squad, Virat Kohli. He has since scaled great heights and as of 2021, is the only player to play for the same franchisee in every season of the IPL.

Among the other players, Rajasthan Royals secured the services of Taruwar Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, Kolkata Knight Riders signed Siddarth Kaul and Iqbal Abdulla and Kings XI Punjab picked Tanmay Srivastava and Ajitesh Argal.

Mumbai Indians bought Saurabh Tiwary and Manish Pandey, while Napoleon Einstein and Abhinav Mukund went to the team from the state they hail from, Chennai Super Kings. The Royal Challengers signed Shreevats Goswami apart from Kohli, while Deccan Chargers passed on their two draft picks.

2009 IPL 2



Powerplay

Unscramble the following to reveal names of players from the winning Deccan Chargers squad, from the second edition of the IPL:

1. RHEAMET NHSIG
2. GAVENPAULO OAR
3. ALMIRESTATUTI MANUS
4. AZRAH BAHIAILK
5. ARNY ASHIRR

6. The first Indian to score an IPL century was Manish Pandey. He scored 114* on the last day of the league season to ensure Royal Challengers Bangalore qualify for the semi-finals. Against which opposition did this knock come against:
 - a. Deccan Chargers
 - b. Chennai Super Kings
 - c. Kings XI Punjab
 - d. Rajasthan Royals

7. KKR coach John Buchanan had floated a four-captain theory which eventually fell through. Who went on to lead the franchisee in this edition?

- a.* Brad Hodge
 - b.* Brendon McCullum
 - c.* Sourav Ganguly
 - d.* Chris Gayle

8. One night after Virat Kohli scored his maiden IPL fifty, his now great friend, scored his maiden IPL century playing for Delhi Daredevils. Who is being referred to as the great friend?
 - a.* Virender Sehwag
 - b.* Shikhar Dhawan
 - c.* Rohit Sharma
 - d.* AB de Villiers

9. These were the times when there were specialised pinch-hitters. Mostly, bowlers who could bat would be used for this role. Teams would often throw someone in at 3 or 4 to up the scoring pace. Harbhajan Singh did it for Mumbai Indians. However, quite bizarrely, Praveen Kumar was sent out to open in a game versus CSK and lasted only 3 balls. He was bowled by Manpreet Gony. Which team was Praveen Kumar representing?
 - a.* Kings XI Punjab
 - b.* Royal Challengers Bangalore
 - c.* Deccan Chargers
 - d.* Kolkata Knight Riders

10. Nearly two years on from making his T20I debut in South Africa, it was perhaps fitting that this player won the emerging player of the tournament in the only IPL edition held in this country. Which player are we talking about?

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