

END OF OVER: 20 | 23 Runs | DD: 205/4 | RR: 10.25

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| CH Morris | 38 | (9b) | BA Stokes | 4-0-41-0 |
| CJ Anderson | 2 | (4b) | A Zampa | 4-0-45-1 |
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Arkajit: "Anderson has been part of 2 partnerships which have yielded 81 runs and he himself has contributed only 2 runs ( 2.46% of the runs)"

Deepak gola: "Last time delhi score above 200 was in 2012"

Arvind: "After Anderson came to bat, 81 runs scored of which he made just 2. Quite incredible for someone with fastest odi century"

Adi Narayan Man: "That deft timing in front of the point fielder brought all the beauty the rest of sixes deserved. I thought Morris is just another brutal hitter of the ball, but this guy is thoughtful. That's serious talent."

9.39pm 76 runs off the last four overs! That's the third-highest in the last four overs in the IPL. Only RCB have got more - 89 and 77.

Samson seemed to have lost his way in the middle, but his acceleration was perfect. Got himself in and made full use of it to play a classy innings. He's needed this sort of innings for a long time. It's the quality that is expected of him, but it comes forth rarely. It's come forth beautifully today.

Morris has propelled them past 200 with exquisitely clean hitting. More importantly, he's completely demoralised Pune. 206 is a lot to get, even if you like chasing. We'll see how the chase goes.

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| 19.6 | 6 | Stokes to Morris, SIX, wallops this several continents wide of leg side! Back of a |
|  | length, angled in at middle stump. He stands tall and crashes this over the midwicket | |
|  |  | boundary to cap off one of the best cameos you will ever see. |
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| 19.5 | 6 | Stokes to Morris, SIX, there's no Braithwaite, but that doesn't mean safety for Stokes. |
|  | Overpitched at leg stump, maintains his shape and uses the pace to lift this gracefully over the | |
|  |  | square leg boundary |
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| 19.4 | 4 | Stokes to Morris, FOUR, oh, take a bow Morris. This is a good ball - yorker down the leg side. |
|  | He's backed away and tapped this past backward point who dives to his right but can't get to it | |
| 19.3 | 2 | Stokes to Morris, 2 runs, full at leg stump, chips it in front of deep midwicket, who doesn't |
|  | run in quickly enough coz he has lost it in the lights. Two runs as a result | |
| 19.2 | 4 | Stokes to Morris, FOUR, slower ball, good length at the pads, waits and waits before lifting it |
|  | past short fine leg | |
| 19.1 | 1 | Stokes to Anderson, 1 run, full at off stump, gets it off the bottom as he tries to heave this over |
|  | long-on, finds him on the bounce instead | |





END OF OVER: 19 | 22 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 182/4 | RR: 9.57

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| CH Morris | 16 | (4b) | A Zampa | 4-0-45-1 |
| CJ Anderson | 1 | (3b) | AB Dinda | 3-0-36-0 |
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That's Zampa's most expensive spell in T20s

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| 18.6 | | 4 | Zampa to Morris, FOUR, this is fabulous from Morris. That is the best looking 16 off 4 you'll | | |  |  |
|  |  | see. This is full outside off stump, he holds his shape and somehow mixes class with | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | belligerence as he lifts it inside-out and finds the extra cover boundary on the bounce | |  |  |  |
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| 18.5 | | 6 | Zampa to Morris, SIX, oh this is huge! Picks the slider that's coming in at leg stump, brings | | |  |  |
|  |  | the full swing out and lifts it on the up over deep midwicket. 102 metres | | |  |  |  |
| 18.4 | |  | Zampa to Morris, 2 runs, short outside off stump, chops this to sweeper cover's right | |  |  |  |
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| 18.3 | | 4 | Zampa to Morris, FOUR, smart. Good length at off stump, backs away and slaps this inside- | | |  |  |
|  |  | out over extra cover | |  |  |  |  |
| 18.2 | | W | Zampa to Samson, OUT, and he's gone next ball. Short ball at middle stump, keeps low and | | |  |  |
|  |  | skids on to crash into middle-and-off as he goes for the pull | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | SV Samson b Zampa 102 (82m 63b 8x4 5x6) SR: 161.90 | |  |  |  |
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| 18.1 | | 6 | Zampa to Samson, SIX, brings up his hundred with a six! Magnificent innings, great | | |  |  |
|  |  | shot. This is tossed up at middle stump, clears the front leg, waits for it to land and lifts this | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  | straight and high over the bowler |  |  |  |  |
|  | Zampa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 18 | 19 Runs | DD: 160/3 | RR: 8.88 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | | 96 (61b) | AB Dinda | 3-0-36-0 |  |  |
|  | CJ Anderson | | 1 (3b) | Imran Tahir | 4-0-24-1 |  |  |
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| 17.6 | | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, oh what a shot. But it's only one. This is back of a length at off stump, | | |  |  |
|  |  | he punches this off the back foot, straight over the bowler, but long-off gets to it on the | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | bounce |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.5 | | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, low full toss outside off stump, puts a stride across, watches it | |  |  |  |
|  |  | closely and paddles it nicely past short fine leg | | |  |  |  |
|  | And this is highest score in all T20 cricket | | |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.4 | | 6 | Dinda to Samson, SIX, brilliant. Anticipates the bouncer, backs away to make room and nails | | |  |  |
|  |  | the hook shot over the square leg boundary | | |  |  |  |
| 17.3 | |  | Dinda to Samson, no run, well-directed bouncer, aimed at the throat, he sways away from it | | |  |  |





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| 17.2 | |  | 2 | Dinda to Samson, 2 runs, overpitched at off stump, clears the front leg and hammers this past | | |  |  |
|  |  | the bowler's face, but Chahar puts in a brilliant effort, sliding to his right at long-off, to keep it | | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | to two |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.1 | |  | 6 | Dinda to Samson, SIX, what a shot. Length ball at off stump, stands tall, uses his wrists to lift | | |  |  |
|  |  | this on the up over the long-off boundary | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dinda |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 17 | 12 Runs | DD: 141/3 | RR: 8.29 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 77 (55b) | Imran Tahir | 4-0-24-1 |  |  |
|  | CJ Anderson | | | 1 (3b) | BA Stokes | 3-0-18-0 |  |  |
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This is Samson's highest IPL score. Also his longest innings.

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| 16.6 | |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, full at leg stump, pushed to deep midwicket | |  |  |  |
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| 16.5 | | 2 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 2 runs, another slider, back of a length at off stump, opens the face | | |  |  |
|  |  | and squeezes it past point on the up | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.4 | | 6 | Imran Tahir to Samson, SIX, slider, full at the legs, he's composed and maintains his shape | | |  |  |
|  |  | as he lifts this over deep midwicket | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.3 | | 1 | Imran Tahir to Anderson, 1 run, googly, good length at off stump, leans in and pushes with | | |  |  |
|  |  | soft hands to point | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.3 | |  | Imran Tahir to Anderson, 1 wide, googly, good length, too wide outside off stump | |  |  |  |
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| 16.2 | |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length, slider at leg stump, pushed on the up to long-on | | |  |  |
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| 16.1 | | 0 | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, good length outside off, slams it on the up, straight back to | | |  |  |
|  |  | the bowler on the bounce | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 16 | 6 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 129/3 | RR: 8.06 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | CJ Anderson | | 0 (2b) | BA Stokes | 3-0-18-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | | 67 (50b) | A Zampa | 3-0-23-0 |  |  |
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| 15.6 | | 0 | Stokes to Anderson, no run, good length, angles in at off stump and straightens after pitching. | | |  |  |
|  |  | Beats the outside edge | |  |  |  |  |
| 15.5 | |  | Stokes to Anderson, no run, full at off stump, mistimed drive, straight to extra cover | |  |  |  |
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| 15.4 | | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, back of a length at off stump, nicely in control of this, slaps across | | |  |
|  |  | the line off the middle of the bat, straight to deep square | | |  |  |
| 15.3 | | 4 | Stokes to Samson, FOUR, short ball, angled in at the chest, just about gets up and shovels | | |  |
|  |  | this wide of fine leg | |  |  |  |
| 15.2 | | W | Stokes to Pant, OUT, direct hit! Great fielding from Mayank Agarwal. This is in the | |  |  |
|  |  | blockhole, wide outside off stump. Pant squeezes it out to Mayank at point, and takes off for | | | |  |
|  |  |  | the run. But the pick-up-and-release is quick, and it's straight at the stumps. No need for the | | |  |
|  |  |  | third umpire there, he was well short |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | RR Pant run out 31 (30m 22b 1x4 2x6) SR: 140.90 | |  |  |
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| 15.1 | | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length, slower ball angled in at off stump, inside edge onto pad | | |  |
|  |  | and straight to point | |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 15 | 11 Runs | DD: 123/2 | RR: 8.20 | | | |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | | 61 (47b) | A Zampa | 3-0-23-0 |  |
|  | RR Pant |  | 31 (21b) | BA Stokes | 2-0-12-0 |  |
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Samson has scored 30 runs off his last 33 balls.

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| 14.6 | |  | Zampa to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, pushed on the up to long-on | |  |  |  |
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| 14.5 | | 6 | Zampa to Samson, SIX, gets it off the bottom of the bat, but over the long-off | |  |  |  |
|  |  | fielder. Only a moral victory for the bowler, who tosses it up at off stump and draws the | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | hard, anxious hands of the batsman. He doesn't connect at all, but that's six | |  |  |  |
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| 14.4 | | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, back of a length outside off, punched straight to extra cover off the | | |  |  |
|  |  | back foot | |  |  |  |  |
| 14.3 | |  | Zampa to Samson, no run, low full toss, gets the bottom of the bat, straight to extra cover | |  |  |  |
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| 14.2 | |  | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, tossed up at off stump, driven inside-out, wide of long-off | |  |  |  |
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| 14.1 | | 2 | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, dropped short at middle stump, goes deep and punches this | |  |  |  |
|  |  | between deep midwicket and long-on | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 14 | 4 Runs | DD: 112/2 | RR: 8.00 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  | 31 (21b) | BA Stokes | 2-0-12-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | | 50 (41b) | Imran Tahir | 3-0-12-1 |  |  |
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That's his first fifty in 16 innings across T20s, by the way.





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| 13.6 |  | Stokes to Pant, no run, in the blockhole outside off stump, jammed out to to extra cover |  |
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| 13.5 | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length, angled in at off stump. Plays an unconvincing slog |  |
|  | across the line and it loops and lands just in front of Rahane at long-on. But that is fifty for | |  |
|  |  | Samson. |  |
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| 13.4 |  | Stokes to Samson, no run, good length outside off stump, drives on the up and finds point |  |
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| 13.3 | 1 | Stokes to Pant, 1 run, slower ball, good length at middle stump, pushes to deep midwicket on |  |
|  | the up | |  |
| 13.2 | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, back of a length, heavy ball gets him high on the bat as he goes for |  |
|  | the pull. In the air briefly before rolling to long-on | |  |
| 13.1 | 1 | Stokes to Pant, 1 run, full and angled down leg side, stays put and tickles this to fine leg where |  |
|  | Dinda over runs, but gets down just in time to get his body behind it as he tumbles | |  |

Here's Stokes. Around the wicket

Pant has played three dot balls this innings. All three googlies. Beaten twice.

END OF OVER: 13 | 4 Runs | DD: 108/2 | RR: 8.30

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| SV Samson | 48 (38b) | Imran Tahir | 3-0-12-1 |
| RR Pant | 29 (18b) | R Bhatia | 2-0-21-0 |
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And that will be the second time-out

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| 12.6 | 0 | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, full at off stump, stock ball this time, he finds extra cover |  |
|  | once again with the push | |  |
| 12.5 |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, googly, full outside off, leans in and drives to extra cover |  |
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| 12.4 |  | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, good length, spinning in at off stump, pushed to deep midwicket |  |
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| 12.3 | 0 | Imran Tahir to Pant, no run, good length, googly, off stump, slides past the outside edge as he |  |
|  | pokes at this | |  |
| 12.2 | 2 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 2 runs, googly, short and wide outside off, mistimes the cut shot but gets |  |
|  | it past point and to sweeper's right | |  |
| 12.1 | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length, slider angled in at leg stump, no feet, pushed on |  |
|  | the up to long-on | |  |

END OF OVER: 12 | 16 Runs | DD: 104/2 | RR: 8.66





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| SV Samson | 47 (35b) | R Bhatia | 2-0-21-0 |
| RR Pant | 26 (15b) | A Zampa | 2-0-12-0 |
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Samson has scored 35 off 19 against the quicks, and 12 off 16 against the leggies and Bhatia.

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| 11.6 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, back of a length outside off stump, driven on the up, straight to | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Rahane at extra cover who misfields and gives away a run | | | | |  |  |  |
| 11.5 | |  | | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, full outside off, driven straight to extra cover | | |  |  |  |
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| 11.4 | |  | 6 | Bhatia to Pant, SIX, this is full and slow outside off stump, reaches out for this and slaps | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | across the line, flat and over the long-on boundary | | | | |  |  |  |
| 11.3 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, leg cutter skids in and takes the inside edge onto pad, struck in front | | | |  |  |
|  |  | of the stumps, but umpire has seen bat | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 11.2 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, good length at off stump, fingers rolled on this one, he steps out and | | | |  |  |
|  |  | adjusts to drop this into the off side | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 11.1 | |  | 6 | Bhatia to Pant, SIX, first six of the match. Overpitched at off stump, it's not his trademark | | | |  |  |
|  |  | slower ball either. Like a throwdown for Pant, who uses his bat swing to lift this over the sight | | | | | |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 11 | 7 Runs | DD: 88/2 | RR: 8.00 | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  |  | 12 (11b) |  | A Zampa | 2-0-12-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | |  | 45 (33b) |  | R Bhatia | 1-0-5-0 |  |  |
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| 10.6 | |  | 1 | Zampa to Pant, 1 run, more wary of the spin this time, hangs back, waits for it spin into him | | | |  |  |
|  |  | from outside off and chops it to deep cover | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.5 | |  | 0 | Zampa to Pant, no run, wrong'un, good length, he doesn't pick it and swats across the line. | | | |  |  |
|  |  | This slides through and beats him | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.4 | |  | 4 | Zampa to Pant, FOUR, full at middle stump, hammered powerfully past the bowler, all along | | | |  |  |
|  |  | the ground, and long-on has no chance | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.3 | |  | 0 | Zampa to Pant, no run, googly, good length, spins away from off stump, pushed back to the | | | |  |  |
|  |  | bowler | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.2 | |  | 1 | Zampa to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, miscues the sweep shot, under edge to | | | |  |  |
|  |  | deep square | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.1 | |  | | Zampa to Pant, 1 run, tossed up at leg stump, drives it wide of deep midwicket | | |  |  |  |
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END OF OVER: 10 | 5 Runs | DD: 81/2 | RR: 8.10





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| SV Samson | 44 (32b) | R Bhatia | 1-0-5-0 |
| RR Pant | 6 (6b) | Imran Tahir | 2-0-8-1 |
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Only 19 runs off the last four overs

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| 9.6 | |  | 0 | Bhatia to Samson, no run, back of a length outside off, pokes at it, inside edge onto boot, lobs | | |  |  |
|  |  | up for Dhoni who doesn't get a hand to it | | |  |  |  |  |
| 9.5 | |  | | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, slower ball, back of a length at off stump, chips it to find long-on | |  |  |  |
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| 9.4 | |  | | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, shoveled to deep midwicket on the up | | |  |  |
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| 9.3 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, off cutter, good length at off stump, but not spinning away quickly | |  |  |  |
|  |  | enough as he closes the faces and dabs it into the midwicket area | | | |  |  |  |
| 9.2 | |  | | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, full at leg stump, driven to deep midwicket's left | |  |  |  |
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| 9.1 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, dropped short at middle stump, it doesn't sit up, slides low but Pant is | | |  |  |
|  |  | in control of the pull shot, finds long leg | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bhatia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 9 | 5 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 76/2 | RR: 8.44 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  |  | 3 (3b) | Imran Tahir | 2-0-8-1 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | |  | 42 (29b) | A Zampa | 1-0-5-0 |  |  |
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|  | Pant's scores when batting first last year - 4, 2, 4, 1 | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.6 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, slider, good length, off stump, pushed on the up to deep | |  |  |  |
|  |  | midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.5 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, googly outside off stump at a length, picks it and pushes it to | | |  |  |
|  |  | long-on off the front foot | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.4 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, good length at middle stump, waits for the turn, pushes to deep | | |  |  |
|  |  | midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.3 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, goes deep in the crease and taps | | |  |  |
|  |  | it to deep midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.2 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, nearly gets him first ball. Googly, full and wide outside off, Pant | | |  |  |
|  |  | wants to start with a six yet again. Huge heave at this, bat turns and one hand comes off, but | | | | |  |  |

the ball lobs safely into the open extra cover area





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| 8.1 | W | | Imran Tahir to Billings, OUT, slides through and takes off stump. A slider from Tahir, | | |  |
|  | targeted at off stump from a length. Billings gives him a premeditated charge and isn't to the | | | | |  |
|  |  |  | pitch. Big gap between angled bat and body, stumps are shattered. And you know what Tahir | | |  |
|  |  |  | is doing |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | SW Billings b Imran Tahir 24 (42m 17b 4x4 0x6) SR: 141.17 | |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 8 | 5 Runs | DD: 71/1 | RR: 8.87 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 40 (27b) | A Zampa | 1-0-5-0 |  |
| SW Billings | |  | 24 (16b) | Imran Tahir | 1-0-3-0 |  |
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| 7.6 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, good length, angled in at middle stump, bunted back down the | | |  |
|  | pitch, one bounce, straight to the bowler | | |  |  |  |
| 7.5 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, short outside off, zips up after pitching and beats the outside edge | | |  |
|  | on the attempted late cut | | |  |  |  |
| 7.4 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, flat at off stump, skids in with the angle and takes the inside half of | | |  |
|  | the bat as he pushes at it, back to the bowler | | | |  |  |
| 7.3 |  | 2 | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, full at off stump, gets to the pitch with a short stride and drives it | | |  |
|  | past extra cover, sweeper has to run a long way | | | |  |  |
| 7.2 |  | | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, full and flighted at off stump, leans in and drives it to long-off's left | | |  |
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| 7.1 |  | 1 | Zampa to Billings, 1 run, tossed up, in the blockhole at leg stump, toe-ended push to the | |  |  |
|  | bowler's right | | |  |  |  |
| Zampa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 7 | 4 Runs | DD: 66/1 | RR: 9.42 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 36 (22b) | Imran Tahir | 1-0-3-0 |  |
| SW Billings | |  | 23 (15b) | DL Chahar | 3-0-35-1 |  |
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| 6.6 |  | | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, good length at off stump, pushed back to the bowler | |  |  |
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| 6.5 |  | | Imran Tahir to Billings, 1 run, full at middle stump, steps out and flicks it to deep square's left | | |  |
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| 6.4 |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length outside off stump, dropped into the off side off the | | |  |
|  | front foot | | |  |  |  |
| 6.3 |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Billings, 1 run, tossed up at middle stump, gives him the charge, not to the | | |  |
|  | pitch, whipped to deep square leg | | |  |  |  |
| 6.2 |  |  | Imran Tahir to Billings, no run, good length, skids through quick and low, and the batsman | | |  |
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|  |  | just about gets an inside edge. He was trapped in front without it |  |
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| 6.1 | 1lb | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 leg bye, wrong'un, good length, climbs and hits him high on the leg |  |
|  | in front of middle stump, appeal is turned down | |  |

Pune might have got a hairdryer from Fleming in that time-out. He doesn't look happy at all. Here's Tahir.

END OF OVER: 6 | 15 Runs | DD: 62/1 | RR: 10.33

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| SV Samson | 35 | (19b) | DL Chahar | 3-0-35-1 |
| SW Billings | 21 | (12b) | BA Stokes | 1-0-8-0 |
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We have our first time-out

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| 5.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, slower ball, back of a length at middle stump, rides the bounce and |  |
|  | drops it in front of short fine - you know who is there - to get the single | |  |
| 5.5 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, full at the toes, he clips this straight to Dinda after hitting either side |  |
|  | of him the previous two balls | |  |
| 5.4 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, back of a length at the pads, no need to move this time. Springs |  |
|  | upright and whips it to Dinda's right this time, and he has no chance | |  |
| 5.3 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, slower ball angled down at leg stump, gives him the charge and |  |
|  | goes for the slog again. Thick inside edge runs past Dinda at short fine, who gives chase and | |  |
|  |  | puts in a fantasy park slide that is never going to help him cut it off |  |
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| 5.2 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, good length at off stump, hangs back in the crease and spanks this |  |
|  | across the line, on the up, wide of mid-on | |  |
| 5.2 |  | Chahar to Billings, 1 wide, gives him the charge, induces a bouncer that is too short, lets it go |  |
| 1w |  |
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| 5.1 | 0 | Chahar to Billings, no run, good length outside off, bat turns as he attempts to push this on |  |
|  | the up into the cover region | |  |

Should Rising Pune bring in one of their two legspinners early against Sanju Samson? Samson scores at 6 against Yuzvendra Chahal and has been dismissed twice in four innings. He scores at the same rate against Piyush Chawla. The figures are worse against Karanveer Singh - scoring rate of 3.27 and one dismissal - and Amit Mishra - scores at 2.33 and dismissed once in two innings.

END OF OVER: 5 | 8 Runs | DD: 47/1 | RR: 9.40

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| SV Samson | 34 (18b) | BA Stokes | 1-0-8-0 |
| SW Billings | 8 (7b) | DL Chahar | 2-0-20-1 |
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And here is Aakash Chopra on the DD changes: "Anderson ahead of Braithwaite perpaps because of

the latter's against legspinners: 44 runs off 37 balls and dismissed 5 times. RPS has played with two leggies in





both the games thus far. But since Anderson hasn't bowled much in the last 12 months, DD will miss the cushion of the sixth bowler."

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| 4.6 | |  | 2 | Stokes to Samson, 2 runs, good length, angled into the pads, elegantly pushed on the up to | | |  |  |
|  |  | square leg's left | | |  |  |  |  |
| 4.5 | |  | | Stokes to Billings, 1 run, full and wide outside off, jammed down to third man off the toe end | | |  |  |
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| 4.4 | |  | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length at off stump, walks across his stumps and pushes to | | |  |  |
|  |  | mid-on. Sensible cricket, they've packed the off side field for him | | | |  |  |  |
| 4.3 | |  | | Stokes to Samson, no run, back of a length at middle stump, whipped to midwicket on the up | | |  |  |
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| 4.2 | |  | 0 | Stokes to Samson, no run, nearly chips this to cover point. Full at off stump, he opens the face | | |  |  |
|  |  | once again, but can't get the timing right. Slices it just short of Mayank | | | |  |  |  |
| 4.1 | |  | 4 | Stokes to Samson, FOUR, he's made a real estate investment in the off side. Good | | |  |  |
|  |  | length in the corridor, short stride, opens the face and squeezes it past backward point | | | |  |  |  |
|  | Stokes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 4 | 10 Runs | DD: 39/1 | RR: 9.75 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 27 (13b) | DL Chahar | 2-0-20-1 |  |  |
|  | SW Billings | |  | 7 (6b) | AB Dinda | 2-0-17-0 |  |  |
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Aakash Chopra tries to make sense of changes in the RPS side: "Zampa is back in, which means Deepak Chahar replacers the overseas seamer Christian. This is the combination they tried in the first match but tinkered with in the second. It's quite evident that bowling is RPS' weak link but their method of addressing the woes is interesting. They won the first match but realised that their bowlers had leaked too many so changed two of them. In the second game, their batting let them down but they have gine back to the original bowling plan."

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| 3.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, back of a length at off stump, tapped uppishly to mid-on with no |  |
|  | feet, single | |  |
| 3.6 |  | Chahar to Samson, 1 wide, attempted slower ball, full and angled down the leg side |  |
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| 3.5 |  | Chahar to Samson, no run, good length at off stump, driven on the up into the off side |  |
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| 3.4 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, edged, but safe. He's keeping that away swing going. Full at off |  |
|  | stump, no feet from Billings. Tries to close the face on this, gets a leading edge to third man | |  |
| 3.3 |  | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, good length outside off, slaps it on the up to sweeper's right |  |
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3.2 Chahar to Samson, FOUR, good length, swinging away from outside off, not quite in control





4 as he drives this uppishly. But he's got it over extra cover for another boundary



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| 3.1 |  | 2 | Chahar to Samson, 2 runs, full and shaping away from outside off, walks into the shot, gets to | | | |
|  | the pitch and pushes it to sweeper cover's right | | | | |  |
| END OF OVER: 3 | 16 Runs | DD: 29/1 | RR: 9.66 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 19 | (8b) | AB Dinda | 2-0-17-0 |
| SW Billings | |  | 6 | (5b) | DL Chahar | 1-0-10-1 |
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| 2.6 | |  | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, short and wide, cuts hard, but it lands just short of Stokes at | |  |  |  |
|  |  | backward point. He parries it wide to cut the momentum, concedes a single | | | |  |  |  |
| 2.5 | |  | | Dinda to Billings, 1 run, full at off stump, driven on the up to mid-off's left | |  |  |  |
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| 2.4 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Billings, FOUR, short and wide, sits up nicely for Billings who throws his arms at | | |  |  |
|  |  | this, gets a thick outside edge that flies over slip and takes a couple of bounces into the | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | boundary |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.4 | |  | | Dinda to Billings, 1 wide, full, swinging, well wide outside off | |  |  |  |
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| 2.3 | |  | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, brilliant fielding. This is back of a length at off stump, rides the | |  |  |  |
|  |  | bounce and punches it in front of square, but point is quickly across to his right and puts in a | | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | dive to stop that one-handed |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.2 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, full at off stump, leans in and executes yet another square drive to | | |  |  |
|  |  | perfection, past a diving point's left | | |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, back of a length at off stump, stands tall and whips it in front of | | |  |  |
|  |  | square with the front leg raised | | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 2 | 11 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 13/1 | RR: 6.50 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 9 (4b) | DL Chahar | 1-0-10-1 |  |  |
|  | SW Billings | |  | 1 (3b) | AB Dinda | 1-0-1-0 |  |  |
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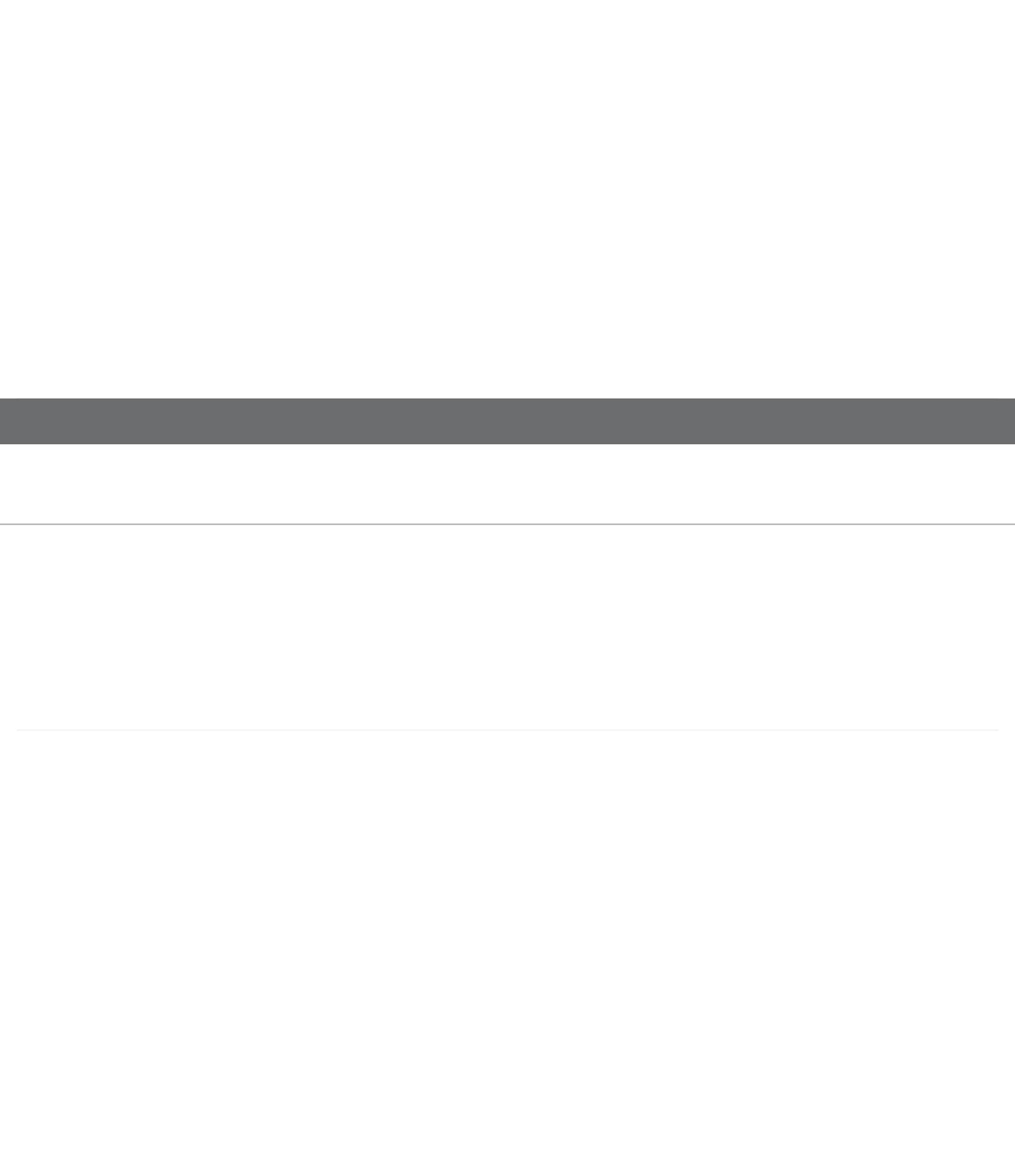
Good start from Samson. He didn't have a great domestic T20 season though: 72 runs at 18.00 and a strike rate of 104.34 in the 2016-17 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

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| 1.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, back of a length, angled in at off stump, dropped into the off side off |
|  | the back foot | |
| 1.5 | 4 | Chahar to Samson, FOUR, oh beautiful. This is fuller than the last, same line. Samson leans |
|  | in this time before using those wrists to get it past point once again | |
| 1.4 |  | Chahar to Samson, FOUR, full and swinging away from the corridor, keeps his feet rooted, |





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|  |  | but uses his wrists to squeeze it past backward point on the up |  |
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| 1.3 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, walks at the ball, gets behind the line as it swings away from a length |  |
|  | and closes the face to tap it wide of mid-on | |  |
| 1.2 | 1lb | Chahar to Samson, 1 leg bye, good length, brings it in sharply this time, raps him on the thigh |  |
|  | guard as he looks to flick it | |  |
| It's Samson at No. 3. A wide slip in place still | | |  |
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| 1.1 | W | Chahar to Tare, OUT, edged and gone! Full ball, swinging away nicely after starting at off |  |
|  | stump. Has him poking in the corridor and moves just enough to kiss the outside edge | |  |



AP Tare c †Dhoni b Chahar 0 (6m 5b 0x4 0x6) SR: 0.00

1. had the lowest run rate in the Powerplays last season (6.91). They made 43/2 v RCB in PP in their first game this season.

END OF OVER: 1 | 2 Runs | DD: 2/0 | RR: 2.00

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| SW Billings | 0 (2b) | AB Dinda | 1-0-1-0 |  |
| AP Tare | 0 (4b) |  |  |  |
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| 0.6 | 0 | Dinda to Billings, no run, short and wide outside off, may have been a wide if Billings hadn't |
|  | walked forward and across. He lets it go | |
| 0.5 | 0 | Dinda to Billings, no run, good length, moving away from outside off, leans in to cover the off |
|  | stump and lets it go | |

Sam Billings' has struck at 138.73 in T20s this year, significantly higher than his career strike rate of 124.03.

On an average, he has hit a four or a six once every 5.68 balls this year, as opposed to 7.45 in his career.

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| 0.4 | 1lb | Dinda to Tare, 1 leg bye, back of a length, nips back in and thuds into his thigh guard as he |  |
|  | looks to flick | |  |
| 0.4 | 1w | Dinda to Tare, 1 wide, short ball, swings away, just inside the wide marker, but the leg umpire |  |
|  | has wided that on height as Tare lets it go | |  |
| 0.3 | 0 | Dinda to Tare, no run, short and wide outside off, keeps low and slides from under the bat as |  |
|  | he cuts | |  |
| 0.2 | 0 | Dinda to Tare, no run, back of a length outside off, skids through with some movement away, |  |
|  | chopped straight to Stokes at backward point | |  |
| Faf is at fly slip | |  |  |
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| 0.1 |  | Dinda to Tare, no run, back of a length outside off stump, slight movement away, left alone |  |
| 0 |  |
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7.58pm Right, the umpires are out and so are the home team. Rahul Tripathi gets his cap from MS Dhoni in the huddle. Tare will take strike. Billings is his partner again. Dinda has the new ball to try and inflict damage





on Delhi.

7.55pm Since the start of IPL 2016, Ashok Dinda's economy rate in the Powerplay when Pune bowl first is

5.40. It's 8.30 when they bowl second.

Rahul Tripathi plays for Maharashtra. This is his first T20 game since January 2016.

Rising Pune XI: A Rahane (c), F du Plessis, M Agarwal, R Tripathi, B Stokes, MS Dhoni (wk), R Bhatia, D Chahar, A Zampa, I Tahir, A Dinda

Daredevils XI: A Tare, S Billings, K Nair, R Pant (wk), S Samson, C Anderson, C Morris, P Cummins, A Mishra, Z Khan (c), S Nadeem

7.37pm Corey Anderson will replace Brathwaite for Delhi. Faf Du Plessis and Adam Zampa come in for Smith and Christian. Local lad Rahul Tripathi comes in for Manoj Tiwary. Deepak Chahar gets the nod ahead of brother Rahul Chahar.

A bit of a surprise toss, that was, folks. Ajinkya Rahane is leading Rising Pune today. Steven Smith is out with a bad stomach. Manoj Tiwary will also miss today's game. He lost his father this morning. Team news shortly.

7.30pm Rising Pune have won the toss and elected to field.

7.25pm We're five minutes away from the toss. The last four matches at the venue have all been won by the chasing side, which is congruent to Rising Pune's record of never having won a game after batting first. So we know what's on Smith's mind.

Nitin: "I would really like to see Pant opening the batting for DD, batting up the order is his usual position and there is no point in saving him for late where he fall short of partners."

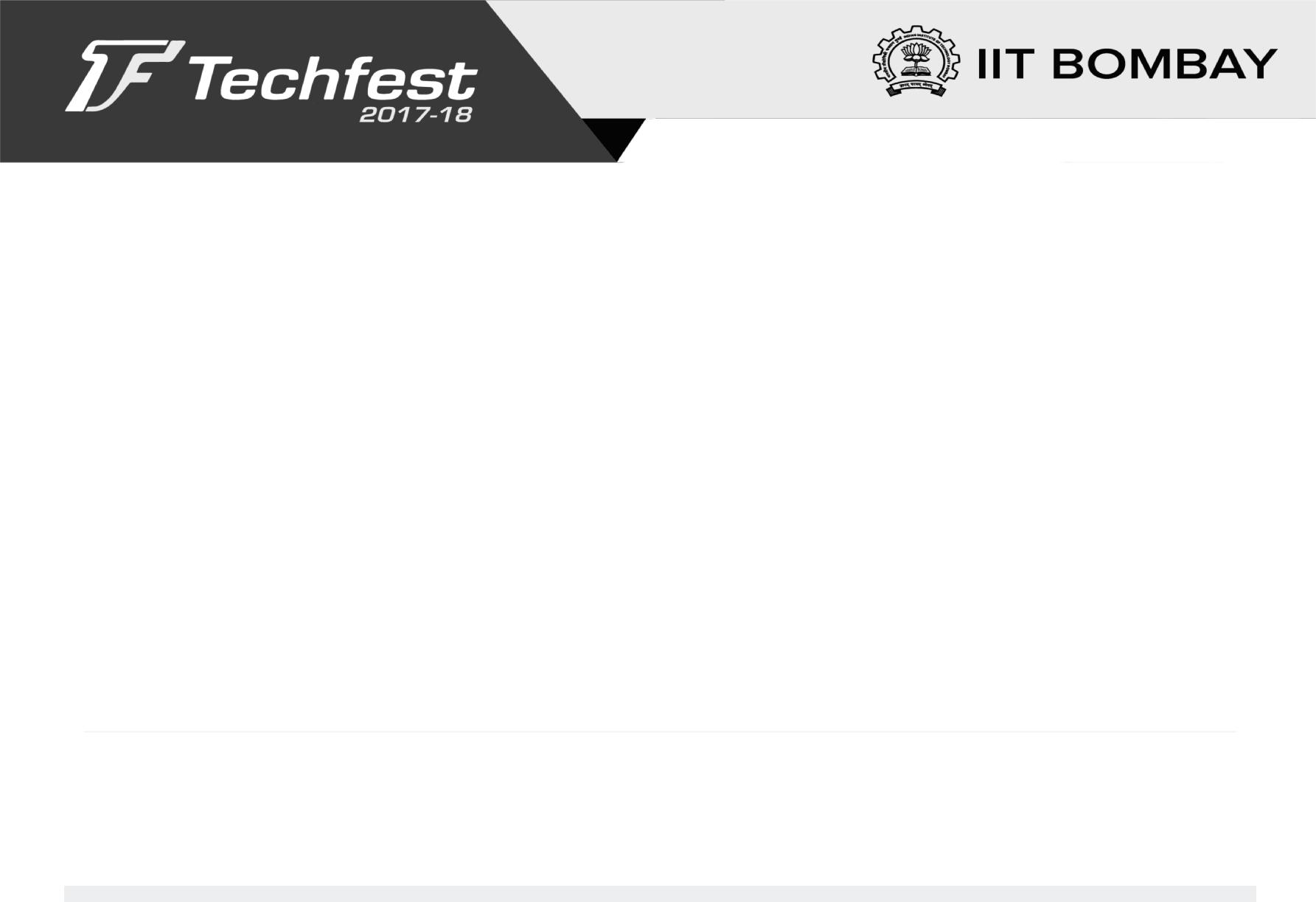
Manu: "Rishab Pant is DD's best batsman and he needs to be given maximum time to bat. He should be opening the batting with Sam Billings. Had he opened against RCB, maybe things would've been different and the game would've never got to the 20th over. "

By the way, India drew Canada in the Davis Cup World Group playoffs earlier today. It'll be held in September. Here's [everything you need to know](http://www.espn.in/tennis/story/_/id/19133040/india-steer-clear-big-guns-davis-cup-playoffs-draw-canada-tie-presents-own-threats) about that tie from our friends at ESPN India.

Guru: "Is Shreyas Iyer fit enough to play today?" --- Iyer came down with chicken pox last week, he's a couple of days away from returning.

Lucky: "Faf needs to play today because RPS will need the extra batsman on this batting Pune wicket"





jed: "RPS need either Lockie Ferguson to play or Christian, DD need Anderson and Hilfenhaus to play. " ---

[Aakash Chopra thinks Lockie should play](http://www.espncricinfo.com/ci/content/video_audio/1091646.html) ahead of Christian.

Themainman: "Corey Anderson or Kagiso rabada have to play for DD today ahead of Braithwaite and Faf du plesis has to play ahead of Dan Christian. Rajat Bhatia can bowl four overs."

Gaurav: "Early prediction...Dhoni will come up the order and blast his way through."

7pm Good evening and welcome to today's coverage of the Indian Premier League. Rising Pune Supergiant host Delhi Daredevils today. Rising Pune have never lost to the Daredevils, although they've played them only twice. Delhi's form since the second half of IPL 2016 should suggest that record will stick - the visitors have lost six of their last eight games in the IPL. That is the broader view of this fixture.

On closer inspection, you will find Ben Stokes' explosion warnings, Rahane's superior average of 77.75 against Delhi, MS Dhoni's shaky form in recent IPL history, Rishabh Pant's hours in the spotlight, Karun [Nair's ongoing need to get past 10% of his highest Test score, and, of course, Imran Tahir against the side](http://www.espncricinfo.com/indian-premier-league-2017/content/story/1091599.html) [that let him go. We'll bring it all to you.](http://www.espncricinfo.com/indian-premier-league-2017/content/story/1091599.html)





END OF OVER: 20 | 23 Runs | DD: 205/4 | RR: 10.25

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| CH Morris | 38 | (9b) | BA Stokes | 4-0-41-0 |
| CJ Anderson | 2 | (4b) | A Zampa | 4-0-45-1 |
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Arkajit: "Anderson has been part of 2 partnerships which have yielded 81 runs and he himself has contributed only 2 runs ( 2.46% of the runs)"

Deepak gola: "Last time delhi score above 200 was in 2012"

Arvind: "After Anderson came to bat, 81 runs scored of which he made just 2. Quite incredible for someone with fastest odi century"

Adi Narayan Man: "That deft timing in front of the point fielder brought all the beauty the rest of sixes deserved. I thought Morris is just another brutal hitter of the ball, but this guy is thoughtful. That's serious talent."

9.39pm 76 runs off the last four overs! That's the third-highest in the last four overs in the IPL. Only RCB have got more - 89 and 77.

Samson seemed to have lost his way in the middle, but his acceleration was perfect. Got himself in and made full use of it to play a classy innings. He's needed this sort of innings for a long time. It's the quality that is expected of him, but it comes forth rarely. It's come forth beautifully today.

Morris has propelled them past 200 with exquisitely clean hitting. More importantly, he's completely demoralised Pune. 206 is a lot to get, even if you like chasing. We'll see how the chase goes.

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| 19.6 | 6 | Stokes to Morris, SIX, wallops this several continents wide of leg side! Back of a |
|  | length, angled in at middle stump. He stands tall and crashes this over the midwicket | |
|  |  | boundary to cap off one of the best cameos you will ever see. |
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| 19.5 | 6 | Stokes to Morris, SIX, there's no Braithwaite, but that doesn't mean safety for Stokes. |
|  | Overpitched at leg stump, maintains his shape and uses the pace to lift this gracefully over the | |
|  |  | square leg boundary |
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| 19.4 | 4 | Stokes to Morris, FOUR, oh, take a bow Morris. This is a good ball - yorker down the leg side. |
|  | He's backed away and tapped this past backward point who dives to his right but can't get to it | |
| 19.3 | 2 | Stokes to Morris, 2 runs, full at leg stump, chips it in front of deep midwicket, who doesn't |
|  | run in quickly enough coz he has lost it in the lights. Two runs as a result | |
| 19.2 | 4 | Stokes to Morris, FOUR, slower ball, good length at the pads, waits and waits before lifting it |
|  | past short fine leg | |
| 19.1 | 1 | Stokes to Anderson, 1 run, full at off stump, gets it off the bottom as he tries to heave this over |
|  | long-on, finds him on the bounce instead | |





END OF OVER: 19 | 22 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 182/4 | RR: 9.57

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| CH Morris | 16 | (4b) | A Zampa | 4-0-45-1 |
| CJ Anderson | 1 | (3b) | AB Dinda | 3-0-36-0 |
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That's Zampa's most expensive spell in T20s

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| 18.6 | | 4 | Zampa to Morris, FOUR, this is fabulous from Morris. That is the best looking 16 off 4 you'll | | |  |  |
|  |  | see. This is full outside off stump, he holds his shape and somehow mixes class with | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | belligerence as he lifts it inside-out and finds the extra cover boundary on the bounce | |  |  |  |
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| 18.5 | | 6 | Zampa to Morris, SIX, oh this is huge! Picks the slider that's coming in at leg stump, brings | | |  |  |
|  |  | the full swing out and lifts it on the up over deep midwicket. 102 metres | | |  |  |  |
| 18.4 | |  | Zampa to Morris, 2 runs, short outside off stump, chops this to sweeper cover's right | |  |  |  |
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| 18.3 | | 4 | Zampa to Morris, FOUR, smart. Good length at off stump, backs away and slaps this inside- | | |  |  |
|  |  | out over extra cover | |  |  |  |  |
| 18.2 | | W | Zampa to Samson, OUT, and he's gone next ball. Short ball at middle stump, keeps low and | | |  |  |
|  |  | skids on to crash into middle-and-off as he goes for the pull | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | SV Samson b Zampa 102 (82m 63b 8x4 5x6) SR: 161.90 | |  |  |  |
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| 18.1 | | 6 | Zampa to Samson, SIX, brings up his hundred with a six! Magnificent innings, great | | |  |  |
|  |  | shot. This is tossed up at middle stump, clears the front leg, waits for it to land and lifts this | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  | straight and high over the bowler |  |  |  |  |
|  | Zampa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 18 | 19 Runs | DD: 160/3 | RR: 8.88 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | | 96 (61b) | AB Dinda | 3-0-36-0 |  |  |
|  | CJ Anderson | | 1 (3b) | Imran Tahir | 4-0-24-1 |  |  |
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| 17.6 | | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, oh what a shot. But it's only one. This is back of a length at off stump, | | |  |  |
|  |  | he punches this off the back foot, straight over the bowler, but long-off gets to it on the | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | bounce |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.5 | | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, low full toss outside off stump, puts a stride across, watches it | |  |  |  |
|  |  | closely and paddles it nicely past short fine leg | | |  |  |  |
|  | And this is highest score in all T20 cricket | | |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.4 | | 6 | Dinda to Samson, SIX, brilliant. Anticipates the bouncer, backs away to make room and nails | | |  |  |
|  |  | the hook shot over the square leg boundary | | |  |  |  |
| 17.3 | |  | Dinda to Samson, no run, well-directed bouncer, aimed at the throat, he sways away from it | | |  |  |





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| 17.2 | |  | 2 | Dinda to Samson, 2 runs, overpitched at off stump, clears the front leg and hammers this past | | |  |  |
|  |  | the bowler's face, but Chahar puts in a brilliant effort, sliding to his right at long-off, to keep it | | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | to two |  |  |  |  |
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| 17.1 | |  | 6 | Dinda to Samson, SIX, what a shot. Length ball at off stump, stands tall, uses his wrists to lift | | |  |  |
|  |  | this on the up over the long-off boundary | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dinda |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 17 | 12 Runs | DD: 141/3 | RR: 8.29 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 77 (55b) | Imran Tahir | 4-0-24-1 |  |  |
|  | CJ Anderson | | | 1 (3b) | BA Stokes | 3-0-18-0 |  |  |
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This is Samson's highest IPL score. Also his longest innings.

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| 16.6 | |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, full at leg stump, pushed to deep midwicket | |  |  |  |
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| 16.5 | | 2 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 2 runs, another slider, back of a length at off stump, opens the face | | |  |  |
|  |  | and squeezes it past point on the up | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.4 | | 6 | Imran Tahir to Samson, SIX, slider, full at the legs, he's composed and maintains his shape | | |  |  |
|  |  | as he lifts this over deep midwicket | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.3 | | 1 | Imran Tahir to Anderson, 1 run, googly, good length at off stump, leans in and pushes with | | |  |  |
|  |  | soft hands to point | |  |  |  |  |
| 16.3 | |  | Imran Tahir to Anderson, 1 wide, googly, good length, too wide outside off stump | |  |  |  |
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| 16.2 | |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length, slider at leg stump, pushed on the up to long-on | | |  |  |
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| 16.1 | | 0 | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, good length outside off, slams it on the up, straight back to | | |  |  |
|  |  | the bowler on the bounce | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 16 | 6 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 129/3 | RR: 8.06 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | CJ Anderson | | 0 (2b) | BA Stokes | 3-0-18-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | | 67 (50b) | A Zampa | 3-0-23-0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |
| 15.6 | | 0 | Stokes to Anderson, no run, good length, angles in at off stump and straightens after pitching. | | |  |  |
|  |  | Beats the outside edge | |  |  |  |  |
| 15.5 | |  | Stokes to Anderson, no run, full at off stump, mistimed drive, straight to extra cover | |  |  |  |
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| 15.4 | | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, back of a length at off stump, nicely in control of this, slaps across | | |  |
|  |  | the line off the middle of the bat, straight to deep square | | |  |  |
| 15.3 | | 4 | Stokes to Samson, FOUR, short ball, angled in at the chest, just about gets up and shovels | | |  |
|  |  | this wide of fine leg | |  |  |  |
| 15.2 | | W | Stokes to Pant, OUT, direct hit! Great fielding from Mayank Agarwal. This is in the | |  |  |
|  |  | blockhole, wide outside off stump. Pant squeezes it out to Mayank at point, and takes off for | | | |  |
|  |  |  | the run. But the pick-up-and-release is quick, and it's straight at the stumps. No need for the | | |  |
|  |  |  | third umpire there, he was well short |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | RR Pant run out 31 (30m 22b 1x4 2x6) SR: 140.90 | |  |  |
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| 15.1 | | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length, slower ball angled in at off stump, inside edge onto pad | | |  |
|  |  | and straight to point | |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 15 | 11 Runs | DD: 123/2 | RR: 8.20 | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | | 61 (47b) | A Zampa | 3-0-23-0 |  |
|  | RR Pant |  | 31 (21b) | BA Stokes | 2-0-12-0 |  |
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Samson has scored 30 runs off his last 33 balls.

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| 14.6 | |  | Zampa to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, pushed on the up to long-on | |  |  |  |
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| 14.5 | | 6 | Zampa to Samson, SIX, gets it off the bottom of the bat, but over the long-off | |  |  |  |
|  |  | fielder. Only a moral victory for the bowler, who tosses it up at off stump and draws the | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | hard, anxious hands of the batsman. He doesn't connect at all, but that's six | |  |  |  |
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| 14.4 | | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, back of a length outside off, punched straight to extra cover off the | | |  |  |
|  |  | back foot | |  |  |  |  |
| 14.3 | |  | Zampa to Samson, no run, low full toss, gets the bottom of the bat, straight to extra cover | |  |  |  |
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| 14.2 | |  | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, tossed up at off stump, driven inside-out, wide of long-off | |  |  |  |
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| 14.1 | | 2 | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, dropped short at middle stump, goes deep and punches this | |  |  |  |
|  |  | between deep midwicket and long-on | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 14 | 4 Runs | DD: 112/2 | RR: 8.00 | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  | 31 (21b) | BA Stokes | 2-0-12-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | | 50 (41b) | Imran Tahir | 3-0-12-1 |  |  |
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That's his first fifty in 16 innings across T20s, by the way.





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| 13.6 |  | Stokes to Pant, no run, in the blockhole outside off stump, jammed out to to extra cover |  |
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| 13.5 | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length, angled in at off stump. Plays an unconvincing slog |  |
|  | across the line and it loops and lands just in front of Rahane at long-on. But that is fifty for | |  |
|  |  | Samson. |  |
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| 13.4 |  | Stokes to Samson, no run, good length outside off stump, drives on the up and finds point |  |
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| 13.3 | 1 | Stokes to Pant, 1 run, slower ball, good length at middle stump, pushes to deep midwicket on |  |
|  | the up | |  |
| 13.2 | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, back of a length, heavy ball gets him high on the bat as he goes for |  |
|  | the pull. In the air briefly before rolling to long-on | |  |
| 13.1 | 1 | Stokes to Pant, 1 run, full and angled down leg side, stays put and tickles this to fine leg where |  |
|  | Dinda over runs, but gets down just in time to get his body behind it as he tumbles | |  |

Here's Stokes. Around the wicket

Pant has played three dot balls this innings. All three googlies. Beaten twice.

END OF OVER: 13 | 4 Runs | DD: 108/2 | RR: 8.30

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| SV Samson | 48 (38b) | Imran Tahir | 3-0-12-1 |
| RR Pant | 29 (18b) | R Bhatia | 2-0-21-0 |
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And that will be the second time-out

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| 12.6 | 0 | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, full at off stump, stock ball this time, he finds extra cover |  |
|  | once again with the push | |  |
| 12.5 |  | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, googly, full outside off, leans in and drives to extra cover |  |
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| 12.4 |  | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, good length, spinning in at off stump, pushed to deep midwicket |  |
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| 12.3 | 0 | Imran Tahir to Pant, no run, good length, googly, off stump, slides past the outside edge as he |  |
|  | pokes at this | |  |
| 12.2 | 2 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 2 runs, googly, short and wide outside off, mistimes the cut shot but gets |  |
|  | it past point and to sweeper's right | |  |
| 12.1 | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length, slider angled in at leg stump, no feet, pushed on |  |
|  | the up to long-on | |  |

END OF OVER: 12 | 16 Runs | DD: 104/2 | RR: 8.66





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| SV Samson | 47 (35b) | R Bhatia | 2-0-21-0 |
| RR Pant | 26 (15b) | A Zampa | 2-0-12-0 |
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Samson has scored 35 off 19 against the quicks, and 12 off 16 against the leggies and Bhatia.

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| 11.6 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, back of a length outside off stump, driven on the up, straight to | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Rahane at extra cover who misfields and gives away a run | | | | |  |  |  |
| 11.5 | |  | | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, full outside off, driven straight to extra cover | | |  |  |  |
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| 11.4 | |  | 6 | Bhatia to Pant, SIX, this is full and slow outside off stump, reaches out for this and slaps | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | across the line, flat and over the long-on boundary | | | | |  |  |  |
| 11.3 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, leg cutter skids in and takes the inside edge onto pad, struck in front | | | |  |  |
|  |  | of the stumps, but umpire has seen bat | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 11.2 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, good length at off stump, fingers rolled on this one, he steps out and | | | |  |  |
|  |  | adjusts to drop this into the off side | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 11.1 | |  | 6 | Bhatia to Pant, SIX, first six of the match. Overpitched at off stump, it's not his trademark | | | |  |  |
|  |  | slower ball either. Like a throwdown for Pant, who uses his bat swing to lift this over the sight | | | | | |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 11 | 7 Runs | DD: 88/2 | RR: 8.00 | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  |  | 12 (11b) |  | A Zampa | 2-0-12-0 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | |  | 45 (33b) |  | R Bhatia | 1-0-5-0 |  |  |
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| 10.6 | |  | 1 | Zampa to Pant, 1 run, more wary of the spin this time, hangs back, waits for it spin into him | | | |  |  |
|  |  | from outside off and chops it to deep cover | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.5 | |  | 0 | Zampa to Pant, no run, wrong'un, good length, he doesn't pick it and swats across the line. | | | |  |  |
|  |  | This slides through and beats him | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.4 | |  | 4 | Zampa to Pant, FOUR, full at middle stump, hammered powerfully past the bowler, all along | | | |  |  |
|  |  | the ground, and long-on has no chance | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.3 | |  | 0 | Zampa to Pant, no run, googly, good length, spins away from off stump, pushed back to the | | | |  |  |
|  |  | bowler | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.2 | |  | 1 | Zampa to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, miscues the sweep shot, under edge to | | | |  |  |
|  |  | deep square | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 10.1 | |  | | Zampa to Pant, 1 run, tossed up at leg stump, drives it wide of deep midwicket | | |  |  |  |
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END OF OVER: 10 | 5 Runs | DD: 81/2 | RR: 8.10





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| SV Samson | 44 (32b) | R Bhatia | 1-0-5-0 |
| RR Pant | 6 (6b) | Imran Tahir | 2-0-8-1 |
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Only 19 runs off the last four overs

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| 9.6 | |  | 0 | Bhatia to Samson, no run, back of a length outside off, pokes at it, inside edge onto boot, lobs | | |  |  |
|  |  | up for Dhoni who doesn't get a hand to it | | |  |  |  |  |
| 9.5 | |  | | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, slower ball, back of a length at off stump, chips it to find long-on | |  |  |  |
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| 9.4 | |  | | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, shoveled to deep midwicket on the up | | |  |  |
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| 9.3 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, off cutter, good length at off stump, but not spinning away quickly | |  |  |  |
|  |  | enough as he closes the faces and dabs it into the midwicket area | | | |  |  |  |
| 9.2 | |  | | Bhatia to Samson, 1 run, full at leg stump, driven to deep midwicket's left | |  |  |  |
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| 9.1 | |  | 1 | Bhatia to Pant, 1 run, dropped short at middle stump, it doesn't sit up, slides low but Pant is | | |  |  |
|  |  | in control of the pull shot, finds long leg | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bhatia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 9 | 5 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 76/2 | RR: 8.44 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | RR Pant |  |  | 3 (3b) | Imran Tahir | 2-0-8-1 |  |  |
|  | SV Samson | |  | 42 (29b) | A Zampa | 1-0-5-0 |  |  |
|  |  | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Pant's scores when batting first last year - 4, 2, 4, 1 | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.6 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, slider, good length, off stump, pushed on the up to deep | |  |  |  |
|  |  | midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.5 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, googly outside off stump at a length, picks it and pushes it to | | |  |  |
|  |  | long-on off the front foot | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.4 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, good length at middle stump, waits for the turn, pushes to deep | | |  |  |
|  |  | midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.3 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length at middle stump, goes deep in the crease and taps | | |  |  |
|  |  | it to deep midwicket | | |  |  |  |  |
| 8.2 | |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Pant, 1 run, nearly gets him first ball. Googly, full and wide outside off, Pant | | |  |  |
|  |  | wants to start with a six yet again. Huge heave at this, bat turns and one hand comes off, but | | | | |  |  |

the ball lobs safely into the open extra cover area





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| 8.1 | W | | Imran Tahir to Billings, OUT, slides through and takes off stump. A slider from Tahir, | | |  |
|  | targeted at off stump from a length. Billings gives him a premeditated charge and isn't to the | | | | |  |
|  |  |  | pitch. Big gap between angled bat and body, stumps are shattered. And you know what Tahir | | |  |
|  |  |  | is doing |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | SW Billings b Imran Tahir 24 (42m 17b 4x4 0x6) SR: 141.17 | |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 8 | 5 Runs | DD: 71/1 | RR: 8.87 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 40 (27b) | A Zampa | 1-0-5-0 |  |
| SW Billings | |  | 24 (16b) | Imran Tahir | 1-0-3-0 |  |
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| 7.6 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, good length, angled in at middle stump, bunted back down the | | |  |
|  | pitch, one bounce, straight to the bowler | | |  |  |  |
| 7.5 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, short outside off, zips up after pitching and beats the outside edge | | |  |
|  | on the attempted late cut | | |  |  |  |
| 7.4 |  | 0 | Zampa to Samson, no run, flat at off stump, skids in with the angle and takes the inside half of | | |  |
|  | the bat as he pushes at it, back to the bowler | | | |  |  |
| 7.3 |  | 2 | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, full at off stump, gets to the pitch with a short stride and drives it | | |  |
|  | past extra cover, sweeper has to run a long way | | | |  |  |
| 7.2 |  | | Zampa to Samson, 2 runs, full and flighted at off stump, leans in and drives it to long-off's left | | |  |
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| 7.1 |  | 1 | Zampa to Billings, 1 run, tossed up, in the blockhole at leg stump, toe-ended push to the | |  |  |
|  | bowler's right | | |  |  |  |
| Zampa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 7 | 4 Runs | DD: 66/1 | RR: 9.42 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 36 (22b) | Imran Tahir | 1-0-3-0 |  |
| SW Billings | |  | 23 (15b) | DL Chahar | 3-0-35-1 |  |
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| 6.6 |  | | Imran Tahir to Samson, no run, good length at off stump, pushed back to the bowler | |  |  |
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| 6.5 |  | | Imran Tahir to Billings, 1 run, full at middle stump, steps out and flicks it to deep square's left | | |  |
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| 6.4 |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 run, good length outside off stump, dropped into the off side off the | | |  |
|  | front foot | | |  |  |  |
| 6.3 |  | 1 | Imran Tahir to Billings, 1 run, tossed up at middle stump, gives him the charge, not to the | | |  |
|  | pitch, whipped to deep square leg | | |  |  |  |
| 6.2 |  |  | Imran Tahir to Billings, no run, good length, skids through quick and low, and the batsman | | |  |
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|  |  | just about gets an inside edge. He was trapped in front without it |  |
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| 6.1 | 1lb | Imran Tahir to Samson, 1 leg bye, wrong'un, good length, climbs and hits him high on the leg |  |
|  | in front of middle stump, appeal is turned down | |  |

Pune might have got a hairdryer from Fleming in that time-out. He doesn't look happy at all. Here's Tahir.

END OF OVER: 6 | 15 Runs | DD: 62/1 | RR: 10.33

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| SV Samson | 35 | (19b) | DL Chahar | 3-0-35-1 |
| SW Billings | 21 | (12b) | BA Stokes | 1-0-8-0 |
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We have our first time-out

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| 5.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, slower ball, back of a length at middle stump, rides the bounce and |  |
|  | drops it in front of short fine - you know who is there - to get the single | |  |
| 5.5 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, full at the toes, he clips this straight to Dinda after hitting either side |  |
|  | of him the previous two balls | |  |
| 5.4 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, back of a length at the pads, no need to move this time. Springs |  |
|  | upright and whips it to Dinda's right this time, and he has no chance | |  |
| 5.3 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, slower ball angled down at leg stump, gives him the charge and |  |
|  | goes for the slog again. Thick inside edge runs past Dinda at short fine, who gives chase and | |  |
|  |  | puts in a fantasy park slide that is never going to help him cut it off |  |
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| 5.2 | 4 | Chahar to Billings, FOUR, good length at off stump, hangs back in the crease and spanks this |  |
|  | across the line, on the up, wide of mid-on | |  |
| 5.2 |  | Chahar to Billings, 1 wide, gives him the charge, induces a bouncer that is too short, lets it go |  |
| 1w |  |
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| 5.1 | 0 | Chahar to Billings, no run, good length outside off, bat turns as he attempts to push this on |  |
|  | the up into the cover region | |  |

Should Rising Pune bring in one of their two legspinners early against Sanju Samson? Samson scores at 6 against Yuzvendra Chahal and has been dismissed twice in four innings. He scores at the same rate against Piyush Chawla. The figures are worse against Karanveer Singh - scoring rate of 3.27 and one dismissal - and Amit Mishra - scores at 2.33 and dismissed once in two innings.

END OF OVER: 5 | 8 Runs | DD: 47/1 | RR: 9.40

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| SV Samson | 34 (18b) | BA Stokes | 1-0-8-0 |
| SW Billings | 8 (7b) | DL Chahar | 2-0-20-1 |
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And here is Aakash Chopra on the DD changes: "Anderson ahead of Braithwaite perpaps because of

the latter's against legspinners: 44 runs off 37 balls and dismissed 5 times. RPS has played with two leggies in





both the games thus far. But since Anderson hasn't bowled much in the last 12 months, DD will miss the cushion of the sixth bowler."

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| 4.6 | |  | 2 | Stokes to Samson, 2 runs, good length, angled into the pads, elegantly pushed on the up to | | |  |  |
|  |  | square leg's left | | |  |  |  |  |
| 4.5 | |  | | Stokes to Billings, 1 run, full and wide outside off, jammed down to third man off the toe end | | |  |  |
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| 4.4 | |  | 1 | Stokes to Samson, 1 run, good length at off stump, walks across his stumps and pushes to | | |  |  |
|  |  | mid-on. Sensible cricket, they've packed the off side field for him | | | |  |  |  |
| 4.3 | |  | | Stokes to Samson, no run, back of a length at middle stump, whipped to midwicket on the up | | |  |  |
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| 4.2 | |  | 0 | Stokes to Samson, no run, nearly chips this to cover point. Full at off stump, he opens the face | | |  |  |
|  |  | once again, but can't get the timing right. Slices it just short of Mayank | | | |  |  |  |
| 4.1 | |  | 4 | Stokes to Samson, FOUR, he's made a real estate investment in the off side. Good | | |  |  |
|  |  | length in the corridor, short stride, opens the face and squeezes it past backward point | | | |  |  |  |
|  | Stokes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| END OF OVER: 4 | 10 Runs | DD: 39/1 | RR: 9.75 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 27 (13b) | DL Chahar | 2-0-20-1 |  |  |
|  | SW Billings | |  | 7 (6b) | AB Dinda | 2-0-17-0 |  |  |
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Aakash Chopra tries to make sense of changes in the RPS side: "Zampa is back in, which means Deepak Chahar replacers the overseas seamer Christian. This is the combination they tried in the first match but tinkered with in the second. It's quite evident that bowling is RPS' weak link but their method of addressing the woes is interesting. They won the first match but realised that their bowlers had leaked too many so changed two of them. In the second game, their batting let them down but they have gine back to the original bowling plan."

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| 3.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, back of a length at off stump, tapped uppishly to mid-on with no |  |
|  | feet, single | |  |
| 3.6 |  | Chahar to Samson, 1 wide, attempted slower ball, full and angled down the leg side |  |
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| 3.5 |  | Chahar to Samson, no run, good length at off stump, driven on the up into the off side |  |
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| 3.4 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, edged, but safe. He's keeping that away swing going. Full at off |  |
|  | stump, no feet from Billings. Tries to close the face on this, gets a leading edge to third man | |  |
| 3.3 |  | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, good length outside off, slaps it on the up to sweeper's right |  |
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3.2 Chahar to Samson, FOUR, good length, swinging away from outside off, not quite in control





4 as he drives this uppishly. But he's got it over extra cover for another boundary



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| 3.1 |  | 2 | Chahar to Samson, 2 runs, full and shaping away from outside off, walks into the shot, gets to | | | |
|  | the pitch and pushes it to sweeper cover's right | | | | |  |
| END OF OVER: 3 | 16 Runs | DD: 29/1 | RR: 9.66 | | | |  |  |  |
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| SV Samson | |  | 19 | (8b) | AB Dinda | 2-0-17-0 |
| SW Billings | |  | 6 | (5b) | DL Chahar | 1-0-10-1 |
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| 2.6 | |  | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, short and wide, cuts hard, but it lands just short of Stokes at | |  |  |  |
|  |  | backward point. He parries it wide to cut the momentum, concedes a single | | | |  |  |  |
| 2.5 | |  | | Dinda to Billings, 1 run, full at off stump, driven on the up to mid-off's left | |  |  |  |
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| 2.4 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Billings, FOUR, short and wide, sits up nicely for Billings who throws his arms at | | |  |  |
|  |  | this, gets a thick outside edge that flies over slip and takes a couple of bounces into the | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | boundary |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.4 | |  | | Dinda to Billings, 1 wide, full, swinging, well wide outside off | |  |  |  |
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| 2.3 | |  | 1 | Dinda to Samson, 1 run, brilliant fielding. This is back of a length at off stump, rides the | |  |  |  |
|  |  | bounce and punches it in front of square, but point is quickly across to his right and puts in a | | | | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | dive to stop that one-handed |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.2 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, full at off stump, leans in and executes yet another square drive to | | |  |  |
|  |  | perfection, past a diving point's left | | |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1 | |  | 4 | Dinda to Samson, FOUR, back of a length at off stump, stands tall and whips it in front of | | |  |  |
|  |  | square with the front leg raised | | |  |  |  |  |
| END OF OVER: 2 | 11 Runs 1 Wkt | DD: 13/1 | RR: 6.50 | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | SV Samson | |  | 9 (4b) | DL Chahar | 1-0-10-1 |  |  |
|  | SW Billings | |  | 1 (3b) | AB Dinda | 1-0-1-0 |  |  |
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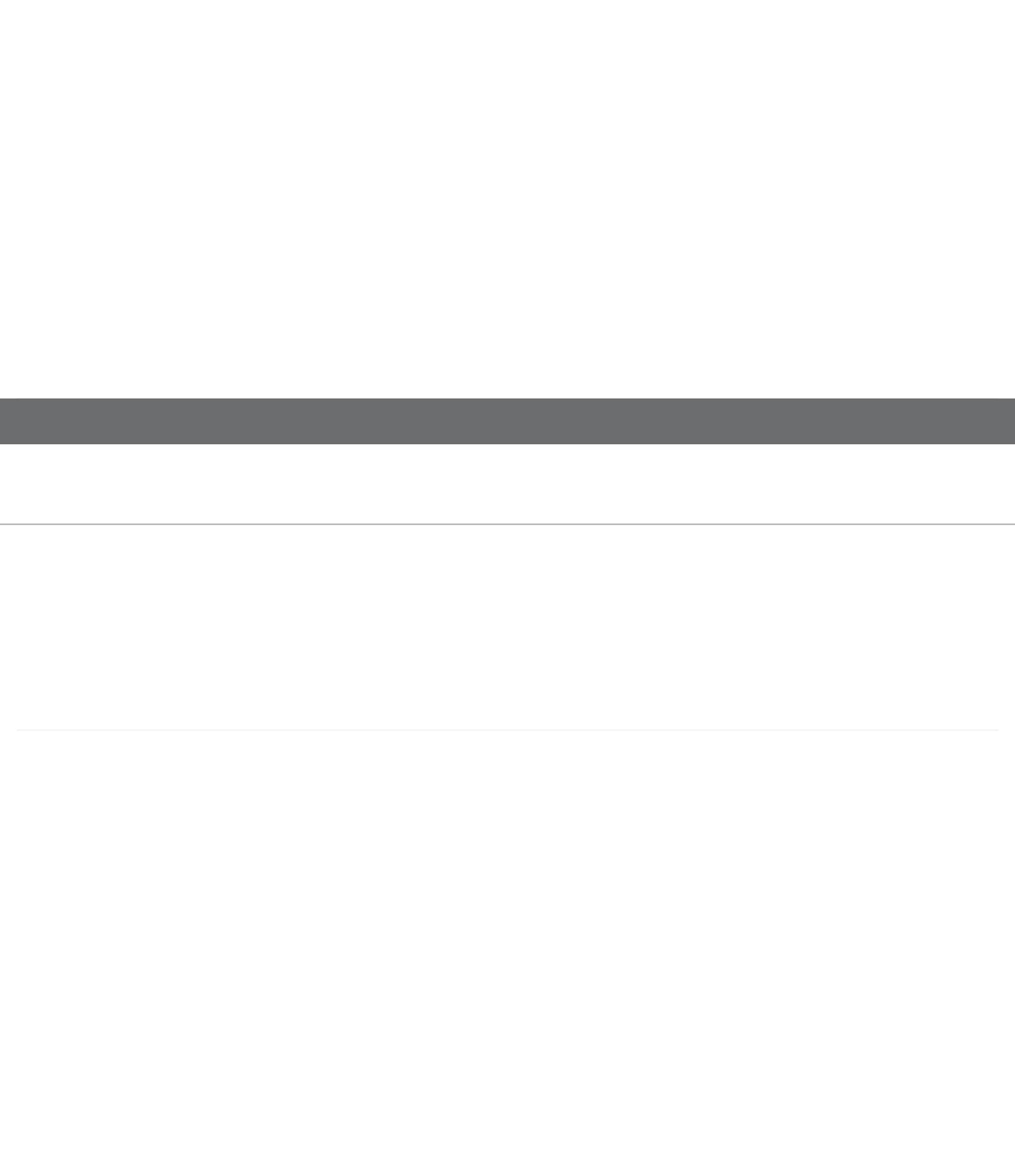
Good start from Samson. He didn't have a great domestic T20 season though: 72 runs at 18.00 and a strike rate of 104.34 in the 2016-17 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

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| 1.6 | 1 | Chahar to Samson, 1 run, back of a length, angled in at off stump, dropped into the off side off |
|  | the back foot | |
| 1.5 | 4 | Chahar to Samson, FOUR, oh beautiful. This is fuller than the last, same line. Samson leans |
|  | in this time before using those wrists to get it past point once again | |
| 1.4 |  | Chahar to Samson, FOUR, full and swinging away from the corridor, keeps his feet rooted, |





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|  |  | but uses his wrists to squeeze it past backward point on the up |  |
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| 1.3 | 1 | Chahar to Billings, 1 run, walks at the ball, gets behind the line as it swings away from a length |  |
|  | and closes the face to tap it wide of mid-on | |  |
| 1.2 | 1lb | Chahar to Samson, 1 leg bye, good length, brings it in sharply this time, raps him on the thigh |  |
|  | guard as he looks to flick it | |  |
| It's Samson at No. 3. A wide slip in place still | | |  |
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| 1.1 | W | Chahar to Tare, OUT, edged and gone! Full ball, swinging away nicely after starting at off |  |
|  | stump. Has him poking in the corridor and moves just enough to kiss the outside edge | |  |



AP Tare c †Dhoni b Chahar 0 (6m 5b 0x4 0x6) SR: 0.00

1. had the lowest run rate in the Powerplays last season (6.91). They made 43/2 v RCB in PP in their first game this season.

END OF OVER: 1 | 2 Runs | DD: 2/0 | RR: 2.00

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| SW Billings | 0 (2b) | AB Dinda | 1-0-1-0 |  |
| AP Tare | 0 (4b) |  |  |  |
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| 0.6 | 0 | Dinda to Billings, no run, short and wide outside off, may have been a wide if Billings hadn't |
|  | walked forward and across. He lets it go | |
| 0.5 | 0 | Dinda to Billings, no run, good length, moving away from outside off, leans in to cover the off |
|  | stump and lets it go | |

Sam Billings' has struck at 138.73 in T20s this year, significantly higher than his career strike rate of 124.03.

On an average, he has hit a four or a six once every 5.68 balls this year, as opposed to 7.45 in his career.

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| 0.4 | 1lb | Dinda to Tare, 1 leg bye, back of a length, nips back in and thuds into his thigh guard as he |  |
|  | looks to flick | |  |
| 0.4 | 1w | Dinda to Tare, 1 wide, short ball, swings away, just inside the wide marker, but the leg umpire |  |
|  | has wided that on height as Tare lets it go | |  |
| 0.3 | 0 | Dinda to Tare, no run, short and wide outside off, keeps low and slides from under the bat as |  |
|  | he cuts | |  |
| 0.2 | 0 | Dinda to Tare, no run, back of a length outside off, skids through with some movement away, |  |
|  | chopped straight to Stokes at backward point | |  |
| Faf is at fly slip | |  |  |
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| 0.1 |  | Dinda to Tare, no run, back of a length outside off stump, slight movement away, left alone |  |
| 0 |  |
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7.58pm Right, the umpires are out and so are the home team. Rahul Tripathi gets his cap from MS Dhoni in the huddle. Tare will take strike. Billings is his partner again. Dinda has the new ball to try and inflict damage





on Delhi.

7.55pm Since the start of IPL 2016, Ashok Dinda's economy rate in the Powerplay when Pune bowl first is

5.40. It's 8.30 when they bowl second.

Rahul Tripathi plays for Maharashtra. This is his first T20 game since January 2016.

Rising Pune XI: A Rahane (c), F du Plessis, M Agarwal, R Tripathi, B Stokes, MS Dhoni (wk), R Bhatia, D Chahar, A Zampa, I Tahir, A Dinda

Daredevils XI: A Tare, S Billings, K Nair, R Pant (wk), S Samson, C Anderson, C Morris, P Cummins, A Mishra, Z Khan (c), S Nadeem

7.37pm Corey Anderson will replace Brathwaite for Delhi. Faf Du Plessis and Adam Zampa come in for Smith and Christian. Local lad Rahul Tripathi comes in for Manoj Tiwary. Deepak Chahar gets the nod ahead of brother Rahul Chahar.

A bit of a surprise toss, that was, folks. Ajinkya Rahane is leading Rising Pune today. Steven Smith is out with a bad stomach. Manoj Tiwary will also miss today's game. He lost his father this morning. Team news shortly.

7.30pm Rising Pune have won the toss and elected to field.

7.25pm We're five minutes away from the toss. The last four matches at the venue have all been won by the chasing side, which is congruent to Rising Pune's record of never having won a game after batting first. So we know what's on Smith's mind.

Nitin: "I would really like to see Pant opening the batting for DD, batting up the order is his usual position and there is no point in saving him for late where he fall short of partners."

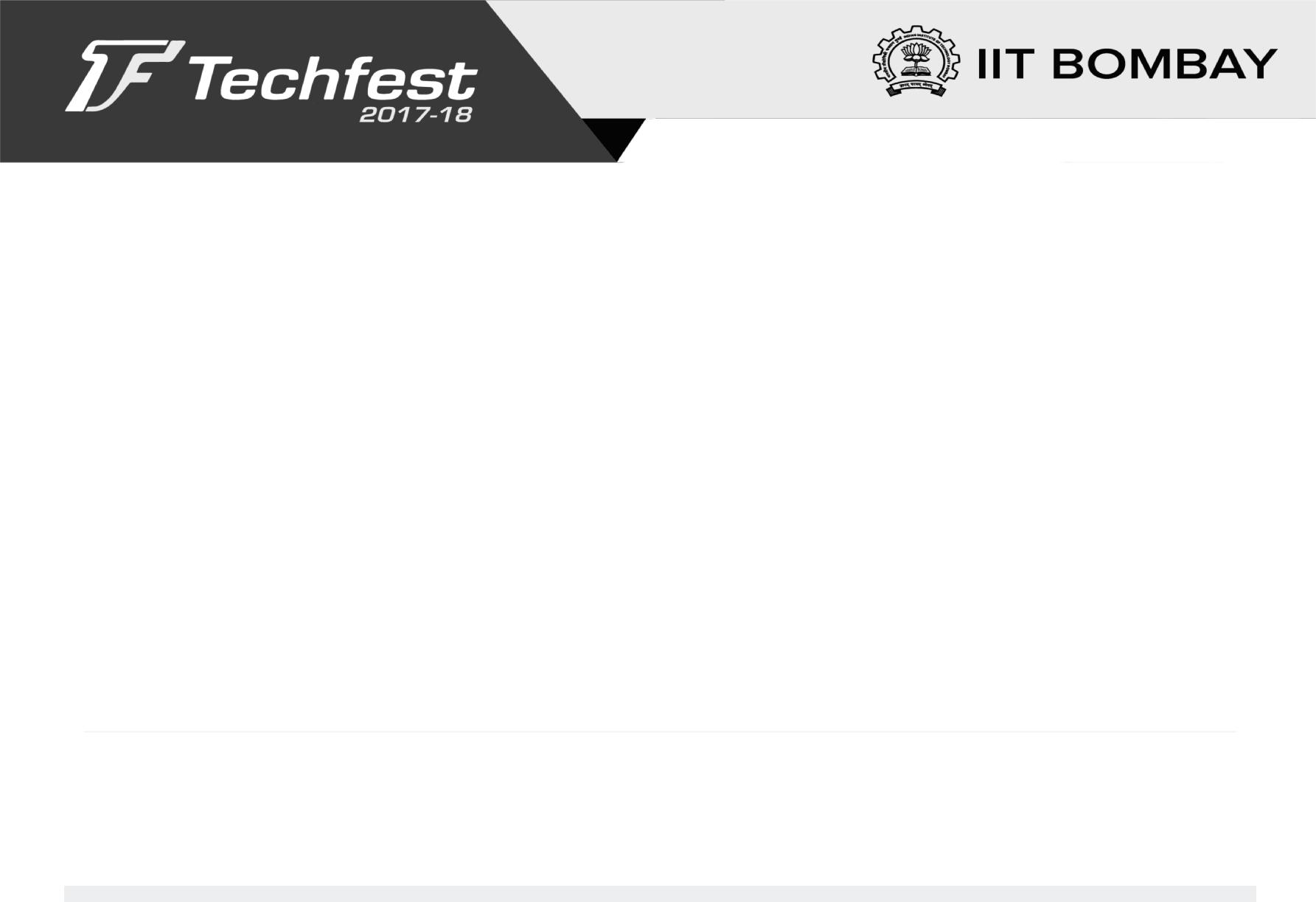
Manu: "Rishab Pant is DD's best batsman and he needs to be given maximum time to bat. He should be opening the batting with Sam Billings. Had he opened against RCB, maybe things would've been different and the game would've never got to the 20th over. "

By the way, India drew Canada in the Davis Cup World Group playoffs earlier today. It'll be held in September. Here's [everything you need to know](http://www.espn.in/tennis/story/_/id/19133040/india-steer-clear-big-guns-davis-cup-playoffs-draw-canada-tie-presents-own-threats) about that tie from our friends at ESPN India.

Guru: "Is Shreyas Iyer fit enough to play today?" --- Iyer came down with chicken pox last week, he's a couple of days away from returning.

Lucky: "Faf needs to play today because RPS will need the extra batsman on this batting Pune wicket"





jed: "RPS need either Lockie Ferguson to play or Christian, DD need Anderson and Hilfenhaus to play. " ---

[Aakash Chopra thinks Lockie should play](http://www.espncricinfo.com/ci/content/video_audio/1091646.html) ahead of Christian.

Themainman: "Corey Anderson or Kagiso rabada have to play for DD today ahead of Braithwaite and Faf du plesis has to play ahead of Dan Christian. Rajat Bhatia can bowl four overs."

Gaurav: "Early prediction...Dhoni will come up the order and blast his way through."

7pm Good evening and welcome to today's coverage of the Indian Premier League. Rising Pune Supergiant host Delhi Daredevils today. Rising Pune have never lost to the Daredevils, although they've played them only twice. Delhi's form since the second half of IPL 2016 should suggest that record will stick - the visitors have lost six of their last eight games in the IPL. That is the broader view of this fixture.

On closer inspection, you will find Ben Stokes' explosion warnings, Rahane's superior average of 77.75 against Delhi, MS Dhoni's shaky form in recent IPL history, Rishabh Pant's hours in the spotlight, Karun [Nair's ongoing need to get past 10% of his highest Test score, and, of course, Imran Tahir against the side](http://www.espncricinfo.com/indian-premier-league-2017/content/story/1091599.html) [that let him go. We'll bring it all to you.](http://www.espncricinfo.com/indian-premier-league-2017/content/story/1091599.html)

