

## Is MS Dhoni still good enough to bat?

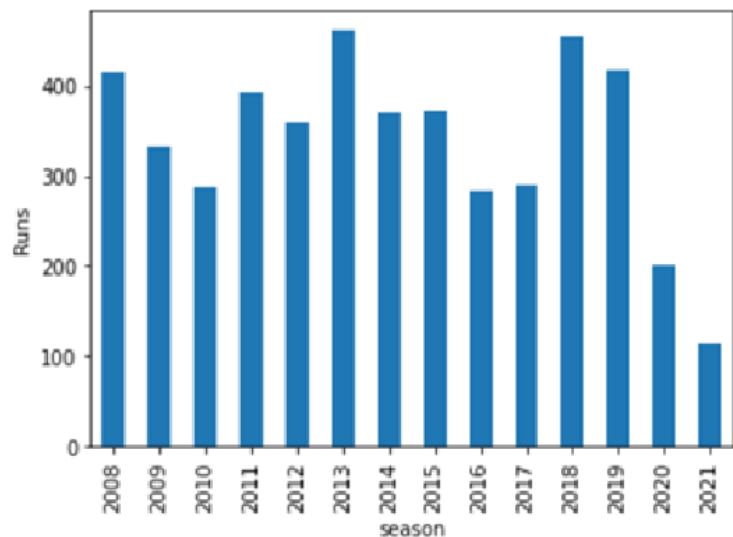
One of the greatest finishers in the history of white-ball cricket, Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni is struggling to finish games? Unfortunately, for the past three years, his contribution as a batsman has constantly been questioned. Is that true? Well, the numbers always won't lie, right. Let's compare his performance with his own records and his competitors.

We all believe that MS Dhoni as death over specialist, he brings down all equation to the last ball of the game. In the past three years was MS Dhoni struggling with his bat?

### MS Dhoni – IPL career:

#### Batting

Innings:	<u>206</u>
Not Outs:	79
Aggregate:	4978
Highest Score:	<u>84*</u>
Average:	39.20
50s:	24
100s:	0
Ducks:	4
4s:	346
6s:	229
Balls Faced:	3682
Scoring Rate	135.20
Opened Batting:	0
Top Scored in Innings:	23



From the above graph could infer see Dhoni's performance is in declining in last two years.

## MS Dhoni's batting performance in last 3 IPL:

Let us split the T20 over as below:

**Overs 1-6:** Power Play

**Overs 6-16:** Middle Overs

**Overs 16- 20:** Death Overs

In the few matches Dhoni came bat during the power play but majorly came to bat in the middle overs and death overs. Ref the below stats of MSD in the last 3 years.

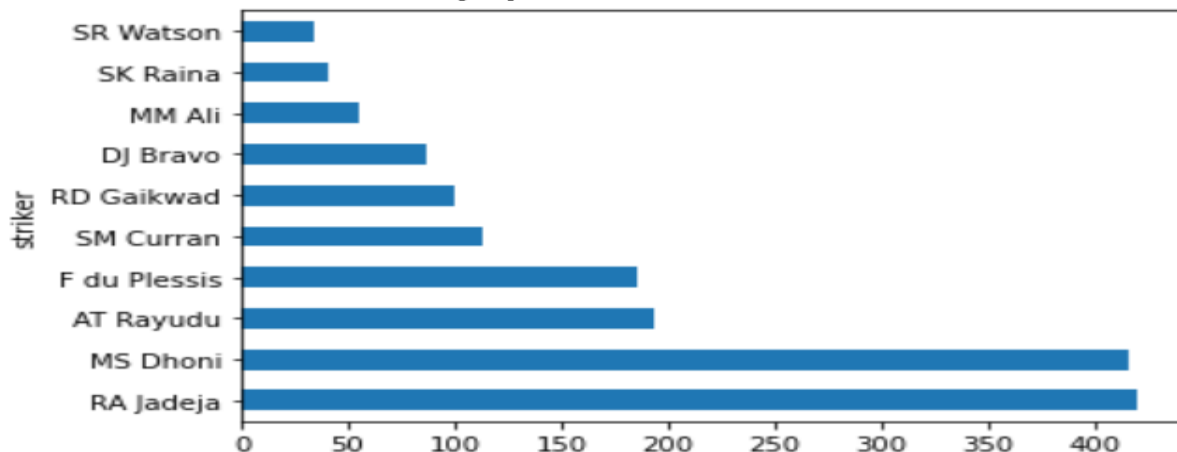
Overs	Balls Faced	Runs	Strike Rate
Power Play (1-6)	26	18	69.23
Middle overs (6-16)	326	296	90.79
Death overs(16-20)	251	416	165.74

From the above stats we can infer that Dhoni seems to be dangerous during the death overs. MSD struggles in power play and middle overs, but it can be considered as "MSD usually comes into play at 5/6 down, during the middle overs he to anchor the innings". This does not conclude that he is dangerous at death overs. We need to see who is asking this question.

**CSK Fans: "Is MS Dhoni still good enough to bat?"**

Let's slice and dice the data for CSK fans.

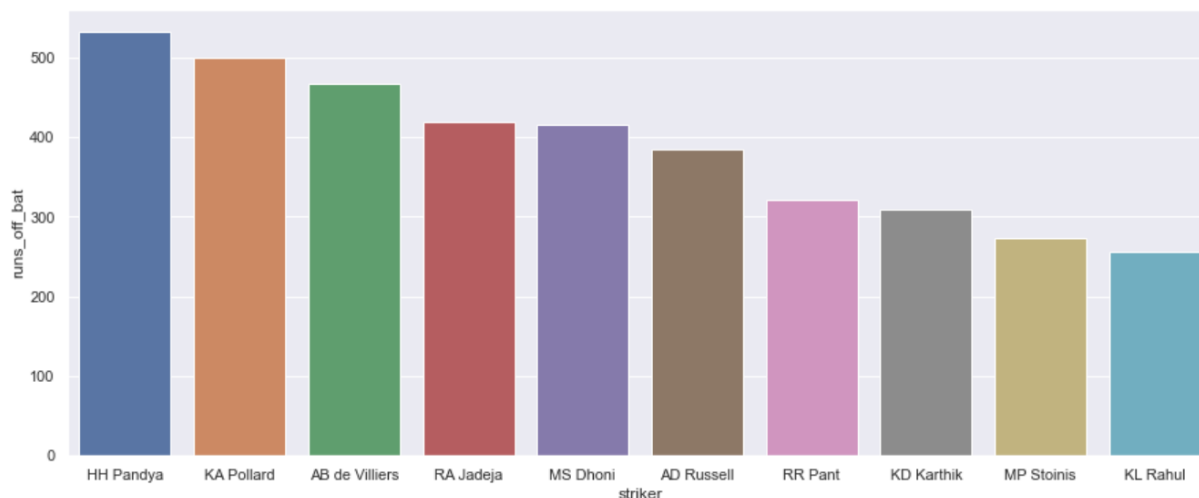
In the last 3 years CSK team have played 47 matches in these MSD tops second run scorer in the list of players contributed to the death overs.



From the above chart, it is evident that MSD is one of the key players within CSK team.

### Neutral Cricket Fan: “Is MS Dhoni still good enough to bat?”

Let’s compare MSD performance with other team players during the death overs in last 3 years. From the below chart, we can infer that MSD in the fifth highest run scorer and seems to be a better death over batsman.



Do only runs matter in T20 cricket during death overs? Strike rate, the number of minimum dot balls and boundary hitting capability determines batsman as best finisher.

On this scale out top 10 run scorer during death over, MSD is in tenth position.

	striker	innings	runs	balls	dismissals	dots	ones	twos	threes	fours	sixes	SR	RPI	BPD	BPB	Dot_Ball_Rate
0	AB de Villiers	22	468	209	11	51	69	19	1	28	41	223.923445	21.272727	19.000000	3.028986	24.401914
1	AD Russell	17	385	182	12	73	41	4	0	24	40	211.538462	22.647059	15.166667	2.843750	40.109890
2	HH Pandya	28	533	269	16	84	83	22	0	37	43	198.141264	19.035714	16.812500	3.362500	31.226766
3	KA Pollard	28	499	257	13	83	81	19	2	29	43	194.163424	17.821429	19.769231	3.569444	32.295720
4	KL Rahul	16	257	140	10	36	53	15	0	21	15	183.571429	16.062500	14.000000	3.888889	25.714286
5	RR Pant	26	322	178	16	55	59	14	1	31	18	180.898876	12.384615	11.125000	3.632653	30.898876
6	KD Karthik	22	310	175	11	47	66	17	0	30	15	177.142857	14.090909	15.909091	3.888889	26.857143
7	RA Jadeja	29	420	240	8	67	88	26	0	37	22	175.000000	14.482759	30.000000	4.067797	27.916667
8	MP Stoinis	21	274	163	9	48	56	19	0	30	10	168.098160	13.047619	18.111111	4.075000	29.447853
9	MS Dhoni	26	416	251	14	86	80	26	0	35	24	165.737052	16.000000	17.928571	4.254237	34.262948

MSD is still in top ten races, but his strike rate is low and boundary per balls 4.25 is low, this mean in 4/5 ball we can expect boundary from MSD.

Dot\_ball\_rate conveys that if MSD plays 10 balls in that there can be 4 dots balls. So, if MSD plays 5 balls in which 2 dots and 1 boundary can be expected. When compared the peers MSD figures are low. More the dot balls in death overs more pressure to the non - striker's end as well as to the team.

**Conclusion:**

For CSK fans MSD is still good enough to bat on comparing with existing CSK team players, on comparing with other team peers MSD is still good enough to bat??