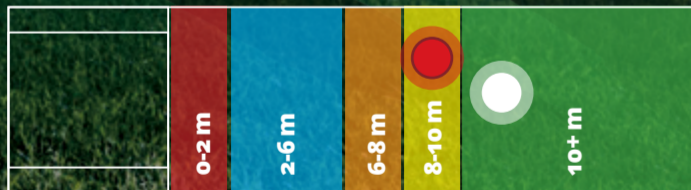# HOW TO STOP THE MARAUDERS

Using data, graphs and in-depth analysis, we zero in on the match-ups and strategies to thwart **the world's most destructive T20 batters.** All data from January 1, 2022, to the end of the IPL 2024 league stage.
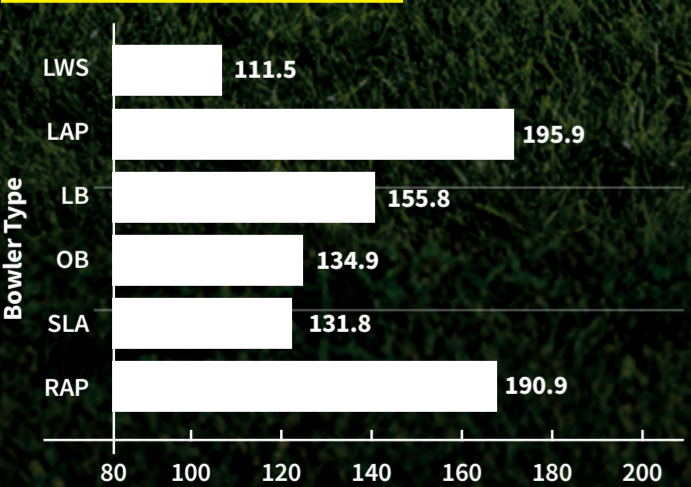
Acceleration rate

SURYAKUMAR YADAV

STRENGTH: Destructive against short lengths vs pace - SR 242.59
**WEAKNESS:** Short of a good length against spinners: SR - 129.6

Strike rate vs Bowler Type

| Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	111.5
LAP	195.9
LB	155.8
OB	134.9
SLA	131.8
RAP	190.9

Strategy

Against left-arm spin, SKY's record gets worse when the ball is pitched short of good length; the slower the delivery, the tougher it will be to generate power. The pull is his only high-scoring shot against this length, so the key will be to keep the ball outside off stump.

VIRAT KOHLI
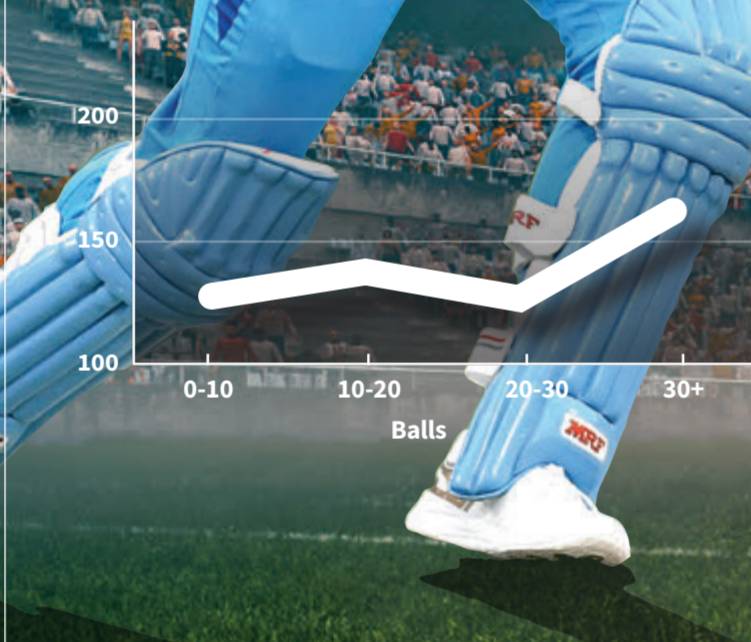
STRENGTH: Good against full lengths vs pace - SR 202.20
WEAKNESS: Struggles vs good length from spinners: SR - 115.75

| Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	143.6
LAP	160.2
LB	131.3
OB	120.4
SLA	116.2
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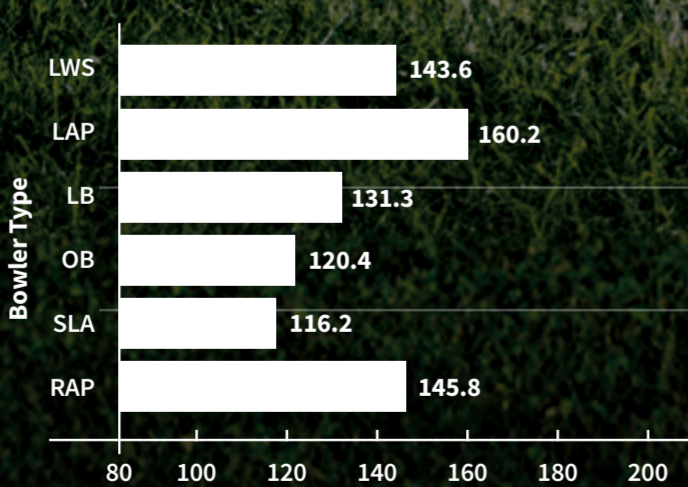
Strategy

Kohli has started using the slog sweep in IPL 2024, so the spinners will need to adjust their length to frustrate him in the middle overs. Using left-arm pace in the PowerPlay can help restrict his scoring.

HEINRICH KLAASEN

STRENGTH: Hammers the tricky short of good length deliveries against wrist-spin - SR 192.75
WEAKNESS: Struggles vs good length from pacers: SR - 105.07

| Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	213.2
LAP	164.6
LB	200
OB	132.6
SLA	162.4
RAP	156.2
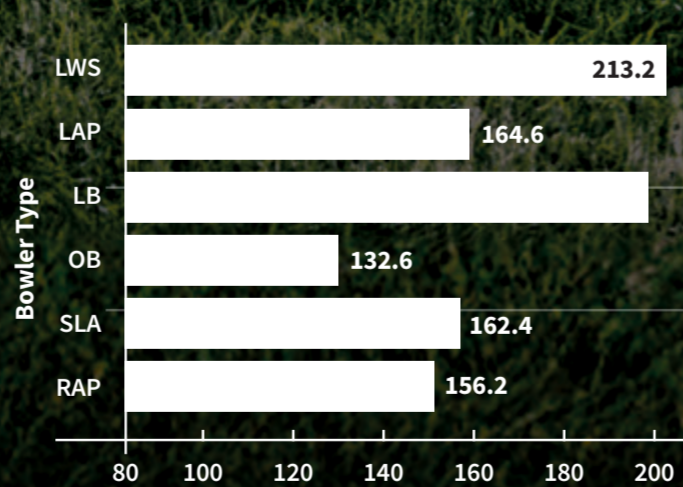
Strategy

Klaasen is not a fan of batting in the PowerPlay. Even when he is required to bat early on, he tends to play it safe. He also struggles against off-spin, especially during the middle overs. The key to getting him out will be to spin the ball in, restricting his room to play shots.

NICHOLAS POORAN

STRENGTH: Excellent against back of a length balls vs pace - SR 187.22
WEAKNESS: Struggles vs good length against ball spinning away: SR - 103.60

| Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	89
LAP	168
LB	155.2
OB	108.7
SLA	195.9
RAP	159.5
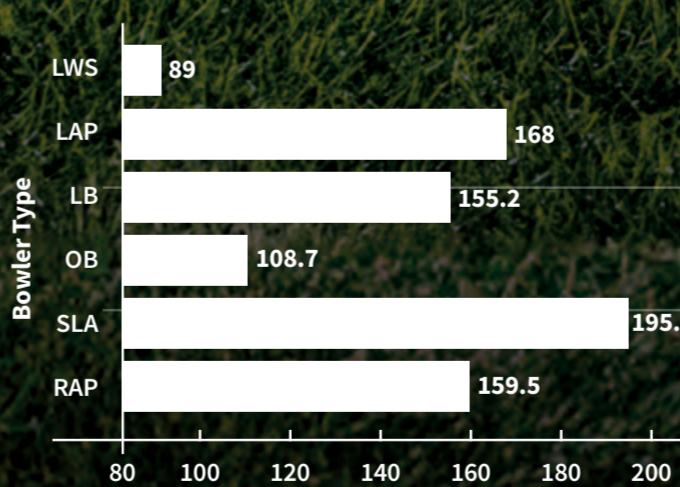
Strategy

Pooran struggles against spinners who bowl off-break and left-arm wrist spin, especially when the ball is pitched on a good length. The southpaw also has a subdued response to wide full deliveries from right-arm pacers.

ANDRE RUSSELL

STRENGTH: Excellent against good length balls vs pace - SR 169.87
WEAKNESS: Struggles vs good length/ short from wrist spinners: SR 122.96

| Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	104
LAP	175.7
LB	147.9
OB	184.6
SLA	158
RAP	186
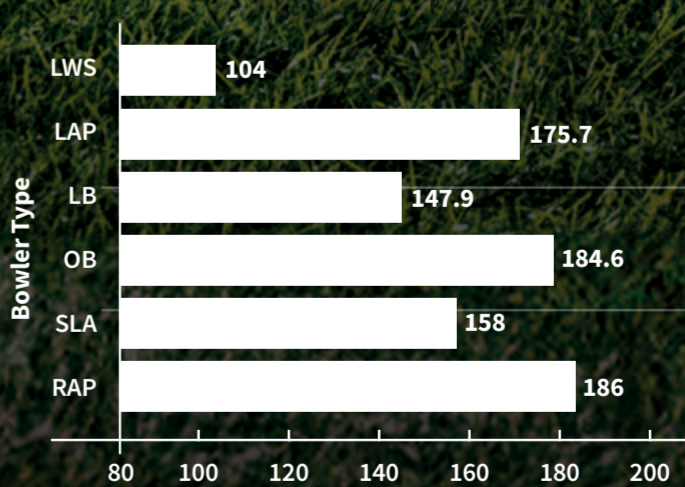
Strategy

When facing Russell, wrist spin is the best option, especially if the spinner is left-handed. It's best to aim for the good-length area and avoid bowling full deliveries. During the death overs, bowling short is the most effective strategy to contain the West Indian.

JOS BUTTLER
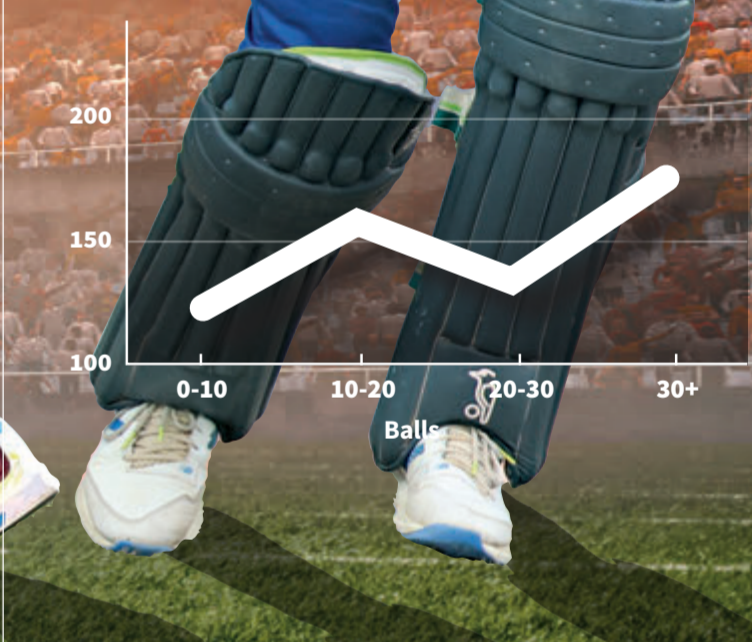
STRENGTH: Excellent against short balls vs pace - SR 185.89
WEAKNESS: Struggles vs good length against ball spinning away: SR 119.56

Bowler Type	Strike rate
LWS	156.1
LAP	140.8
LB	146.5
OB	163.9
SLA	134.6
RAP	147.6
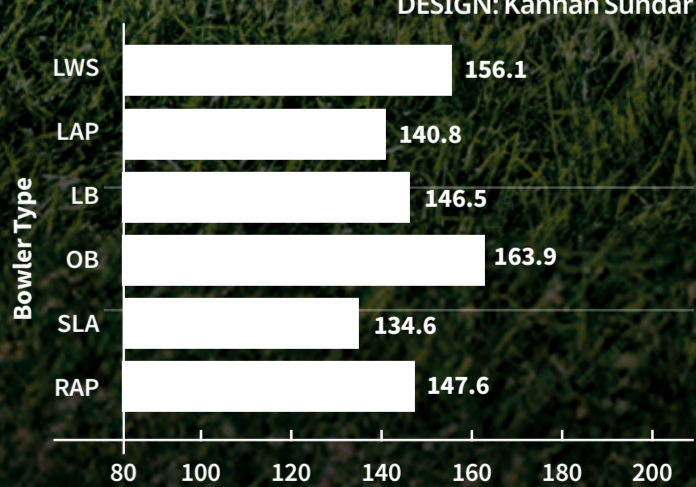
Strategy

Buttler is a cautious starter. The right-hander tends to play it safe against the ball spinning away from him, especially during the middle overs. Buttler also doesn't handle left-arm pacers as well as he does right-armers across all phases.