Actual squads of 2025, as of Dec 1,2024

IPL 2025 XI of the tournament

Based on Simulation

The Batting Lineup

First Inclusion

- * The POTT **Mitch Marsh** is a confirmed name on the sheet, and with his potent contribution in both departments, he is our first player nailed down.
- * Batting Stats:

Runs - 553, SR - 159.83, Avg - 36.87, Dot% - 32.37, BpB - 4.61

* Bowling Stats:

Overs - 44.5, Eco - 8.77, Wkts - 22, SR - 12.23, Dot% - 32.71, BpB - 5.98

Second Opener

* For the other opener spot, we have a bit of competition. The contenders (stats considered only while Opening) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
YBK Jaiswal	548	306	12	60	20	69	179.084967	45.666667	3.825000	22.549020
SV Samson	428	251	13	48	17	78	170.517928	32.923077	3.861538	31.075697
Shubman Gill	806	482	10	71	29	98	167.219917	80.600000	4.820000	20.331950
JC Buttler	716	431	13	66	29	103	166.125290	55.076923	4.536842	23.897912
PD Salt	479	290	15	51	19	78	165.172414	31.933333	4.142857	26.896552
MP Breetzke	452	274	10	52	11	67	164.963504	45.200000	4.349206	24.452555
F du Plessis	527	323	7	63	16	90	163.157895	75.285714	4.088608	27.863777
V Kohli	715	439	11	63	25	106	162.870159	65.000000	4.988636	24.145786
KL Rahul	615	378	13	60	26	103	162.698413	47.307692	4.395349	27.248677
DP Conway	554	350	12	49	18	68	158.285714	46.166667	5.223881	19.428571
JP Inglis	509	323	11	42	22	86	157.585139	46.272727	5.046875	26.625387
Q de Kock	436	281	12	41	17	79	155.160142	36.333333	4.844828	28.113879
RD Gaikwad	517	335	11	56	17	103	154.328358	47.000000	4.589041	30.746269
Abishek Porel	185	123	6	22	5	42	150.406504	30.833333	4.555556	34.146341
Tilak Varma	104	84	2	10	3	30	123.809524	52.000000	6.461538	35.714286

- * Winner:
- * It's hard to look past the season Shubman Gill had, and he'll open the innings with Marsh for us!

* Right after the openers, we need a solid no. 3. The contenders (stats considered at no. 3) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
F du Plessis	237	124	5	28	7	27	191.129032	47.400000	3.542857	21.774194
SA Yadav	336	185	6	41	10	43	181.621622	56.000000	3.627451	23.243243
Ishan Kishan	522	326	11	45	23	97	160.122699	47.454545	4.794118	29.754601
RR Pant	511	348	16	47	20	112	146.839080	31.937500	5.194030	32.183908
JG Bethell	499	345	11	44	20	107	144.637681	45.363636	5.390625	31.014493
B Sai Sudharsan	448	320	12	30	16	83	140.000000	37.333333	6.956522	25.937500
N Wadhera	163	121	5	20	5	49	134.710744	32.600000	4.840000	40.495868

* Winner:

* There weren't many tougher decisions to make. But since we didn't have any keepers opening, and it's hard to find one with-respect-to stats down the order, we decide to go with the dashing **Ishan Kishan** at 3, who'll also keep for us!

* Connecting the top with the bottom order is crucial to a team's success. The contenders (stats considered at no. 4) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
SA Yadav	122	71	3	11	5	14	171.830986	40.666667	4.437500	19.718310
RA Tripathi	326	192	6	26	15	44	169.791667	54.333333	4.682927	22.916667
VR lyer	589	349	7	53	23	64	168.767908	84.142857	4.592105	18.338109
N Pooran	466	282	12	35	23	64	165.248227	38.833333	4.862069	22.695035
SS lyer	339	217	9	27	15	51	156.221198	37.666667	5.166667	23.502304
GD Phillips	209	137	3	13	10	32	152.554745	69.666667	5.956522	23.357664
RM Patidar	308	209	10	27	10	57	147.368421	30.800000	5.648649	27.272727
HC Brook	166	114	4	8	7	18	145.614035	41.500000	7.600000	15.789474
R Parag	348	244	8	32	14	81	142.622951	43.500000	5.304348	33.196721
Nithish Kumar Reddy	427	302	12	30	20	89	141.390728	35.583333	6.040000	29.470199

* Winner:

* With his sheer volume of runs, **Venkatesh Iyer** nails this spot down after a magnanimous IPL season with the bat!

* Similar to no. 4, we need a potent no. 5. The contenders (stats considered at no. 5) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
Tilak Varma	55	30	2	4	3	6	183.333333	27.500000	4.285714	20.000000
LS Livingstone	257	153	6	12	16	26	167.973856	42.833333	5.464286	16.993464
HC Brook	172	105	3	12	9	23	163.809524	57.333333	5.000000	21.904762
S Dube	75	46	0	8	3	13	163.043478	inf	4.181818	28.260870
T Stubbs	158	98	4	10	8	24	161.224490	39.500000	5.444444	24.489796
DA Miller	290	199	8	24	10	54	145.728643	36.250000	5.852941	27.135678
HH Pandya	157	109	6	10	7	30	144.036697	26.166667	6.411765	27.522936
SB Dubey	89	67	3	6	3	18	132.835821	29.666667	7.444444	26.865672
M Shahrukh Khan	256	193	4	20	11	64	132.642487	64.000000	6.225806	33.160622
MS Dhoni	95	73	3	4	4	19	130.136986	31.666667	9.125000	26.027397
SO Hetmyer	142	117	5	6	4	31	121.367521	28.400000	11.700000	26.495726

* Winner:

* Although David Miller ended up having the most runs from this position, **Liam Livingstone** arguably had a bigger impact at 5, and will hope to do the same for us!

* A strong bottom order is often where the batting team takes off. The contenders (stats considered at no. 6) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
Abdul Samad	25	11	1	3	1	1	227.272727	25.000000	2.750000	9.090909
A Manohar	81	45	2	7	3	9	180.000000	40.500000	4.500000	20.000000
Shashank Singh	139	90	4	15	3	20	154.444444	34.750000	5.000000	22.22222
AD Russell	263	179	8	14	15	55	146.927374	32.875000	6.172414	30.726257
SM Curran	91	67	3	6	3	18	135.820896	30.333333	7.44444	26.865672
R Tewatia	129	95	5	11	4	28	135.789474	25.800000	6.333333	29.473684

* Winner:

* We add a bit of Carribean flavour to our lineup, as **Andre Russell** gears up turn up for the best side of the tournament!

* A powerful finisher is what we need to cap off this incredible batting order. The contenders (stats considered at no. 7) are listed below.

striker	runs	balls	outs	fours	sixes	dots	SR	Bat_avg	bpb	dot%
PWH de Silva	24	8	1	2	2	2	300.000000	24.0	2.000000	25.000000
Shahbaz Ahmed	23	9	0	3	1	1	255.555556	inf	2.250000	11.111111
Shashank Singh	79	37	1	6	4	5	213.513514	79.0	3.700000	13.513514
Harpreet Brar	4	2	0	0	0	0	200.000000	inf	inf	0.000000
Abdul Samad	157	85	1	19	4	18	184.705882	157.0	3.695652	21.176471
A Manohar	24	14	0	2	1	3	171.428571	inf	4.666667	21.428571
Naman Dhir	167	102	2	7	12	27	163.725490	83.5	5.368421	26.470588
Rashid Khan	144	89	3	7	10	28	161.797753	48.0	5.235294	31.460674
MJ Santner	84	52	2	6	4	15	161.538462	42.0	5.200000	28.846154
PJ Cummins	108	69	1	8	7	26	156.521739	108.0	4.600000	37.681159
N Wadhera	65	50	2	5	2	12	130.000000	32.5	7.142857	24.000000
KH Pandya	130	102	5	11	4	33	127.450980	26.0	6.800000	32.352941

* Winner:

* No one had a bigger impact as a finisher this season, with all due respect to Naman Dhir, than **Abdul Samad**, and he'll slot in as a finisher for us as well!

The Bowling Lineup

First Inclusion

* The Purple-cap winner **Matheesha Pathirana** is a confirmed name on the sheet as well, and he makes it as our only Overseas bowler in the lineup.

* Bowling Stats:

Wickets - 24, Overs - 53, Economy - 9.06, SR - 13.25,

Balls-per-boundary - 5.89, dot% - 31.13

Second Seamer

* For the 2nd seamer spot, we have plenty to choose from. The contenders are listed below.

bowler	bowling_team	num_innings	runs	balls	wkts	fours	sixes	dots	ones	twos	threes	wides	noballs	economy	strike_rate	bpb	dot_%
Mukesh Kumar	DC	16	550	352	20	62	13	101	151	14	11	12	0	9.38	17.60	4.69	28.69
Avesh Khan	LSG	17	629	374	20	53	31	119	133	32	6	16	0	10.09	18.70	4.45	31.82
Mohammed Shami	SRH	14	469	293	18	44	20	85	126	14	4	7	0	9.60	16.28	4.58	29.01
M Prasidh Krishna	GT	16	608	377	18	61	22	115	147	26	6	14	1	9.68	20.94	4.54	30.50
B Kumar	RCB	14	530	321	17	35	28	89	140	18	11	12	1	9.91	18.88	5.10	27.73
Arshdeep Singh	PBKS	14	560	321	16	56	23	89	124	24	5	10	1	10.47	20.06	4.06	27.73

* Winner:

* It was a tough choice between Mukesh, Avesh & Shami, but Mukesh Kumar with the best Economy & second-best SR gets the nod!

Spinners

- * Since we already have 2 specialist seamers, and 2 seam-bowling all-rounders in our lineup, we decide to go with 2 spinners.
- * For the spinners' spots, we have the following personnels vying to get a spot.

bowler	bowling_team	num_innings	runs	balls	wkts	fours	sixes	dots	ones	twos	threes	wides	noballs	economy	strike_rate	bpb	dot_%
KH Pandya	RCB	15	471	303	22	46	15	97	113	23	9	11	0	9.33	13.77	4.97	32.01
Suyash Sharma	RCB	15	502	308	19	41	19	83	130	22	13	11	0	9.78	16.21	5.13	26.95
AR Patel	DC	16	501	336	18	36	24	97	151	23	5	1	0	8.95	18.67	5.60	28.87
CV Varun	KKR	14	387	253	16	22	21	71	117	18	4	7	1	9.18	15.81	5.88	28.06
Kuldeep Yadav	DC	16	542	353	15	39	23	95	158	35	3	10	1	9.21	23.53	5.69	26.91

- * Winners:
- * While **Krunal Pandya** played as an all-rounder, his contribution with the ball earns him a well-deserved spot as a specialist spinner in the lineup, but also offering a good batting depth.
- * Suyash Sharma gets the second spot, ahead of Axar because we prefer a bit of spin-variety.

The Final Lineup

No.	Player	Team	Role	Batting hand	Bowling hand
1	Mitch Marsh (💢)	LSG	Opener, Seam All-rounder	Right	Right
2	Shubman Gill (C)	GT	Opener, Skipper	Right	
3	Ishan Kishan	SRH	Wicket-keeper	Left	
4	Venkatesh Iyer	KKR	Seam All-rounder	Left	Right
5	Liam Livingstone (💢)	RCB	Spin All-rounder	Right	Right
6	Andre Russell (💢)	KKR	Seam All-rounder	Right	Right
7	Abdul Samad	LSG	Finisher	Right	
8	Krunal Pandya	RCB	Spin All-rounder	Left	Left
9	Mukesh Kumar	DC	Seamer	Right	Right
10	Suyash Sharma	RCB	Spinner	Right	Right
11	Matheesha Pathirana (💢)	CSK	Seamer	Right	Right

An Alternate Lineup

No.	Player	Team	Role	Batting hand	Bowling hand
1	Jos Buttler (💢)	GT	Opener	Right	
2	Virat Kohli	RCB	Opener, Skipper	Right	
3	Rishabh Pant (C)	LSG	Wicket-keeper	Left	
4	Nicholas Pooran (💢)	LSG	Batter	Left	
5	David Miller (💢)	LSG	Batter	Left	
6	Shashank Singh	PBKS	Finisher	Right	
7	Axar Patel	DC	Spin All-rounder	Left	Left
8	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	RCB	Seamer	Right	Right
9	Mohd. Shami	SRH	Seamer	Right	Right
10	Avesh Khan	LSG	Spinner	Right	Right
11	Allah Ghazanfar (💢)	MI	Seamer	Right	Right