

# Fantasy Indian Premier League - An Optimization Problem

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Given a set of  $N$  players (around 180)  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  where each player belongs to a team  $p \in t \ \forall p \in P \ t \in T$  in a set of teams  $T$  such that  $|T| \approx 8$ ,  $M$  matches  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_M$  where a match  $m_i$  is between two teams  $t_1(m_i)$  and  $t_2(m_i)$  devise a strategy  $S(i) \rightarrow Q$  which before match  $i$  picks a set of 11 players  $Q$  such to maximize a reward function  $R$  and subject to various team constraints.

$$R(m_i) = \sum_{p_i \in t_1(m_i) t_2(m_i)} \text{performance}(p_i)$$

Where the function performance :  $p \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$ . Constraints for  $p_i \in Q$  include

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{batsman} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 4$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{allrounder} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 1$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{bowler} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 2$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{keeper} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 1$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{bowler} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} + \sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{allrounder} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 5$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{keeper} \in \text{skills}(p_i)} \geq 1$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{isOverseas}(p_i)} \leq 4$$

$$\sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{\text{isUncapped}(p_i)} \geq 1$$

$$\max_{t \in T} \sum_{p_i \in Q} 1_{p_i \in t} \leq 6$$

where  $\text{skills} : p \rightarrow (s_1, s_2)$  where  $s_1 \in \{\text{batsman, allrounder, bowler, keeper}\}$  and  $s_2 \in \phi \cup \{\text{batsman, allrounder, bowler, keeper}\}$  such that  $s_1 \neq s_2$ . *isUncapped* and *isOverseas* are binary functions. More about the performance function can be read at <https://fantasy.iplt20.com/ifl/default/faq#earningpoints>.