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Recently you had an opportunity to watch in stadium the final match of the IPL Cricket Tournament. Describe in detail the experience about the sporting event.

The 2022 Indian Premier League, also known as IPL 15 or for sponsorship reasons, TATA IPL 2022 was the fifteenth season of the IPL. A professional T-20 cricket league established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in 2007. The tournament, this year was played between 26 March, 2022 to March May 29, 2022. The group stage of the tournament was played entirely in the state of Maharashtra, with Mumbai & Pune hosting the matches. The full schedule of the tournament was announced on March 6, 2022.

This season saw the expansion of the league, with the addition of two new franchises. Therefore, this was the second season to have ten teams. Earlier, Rising Pune



Supergiants and Gujarat Lions were added temporarily for 2016 and 2017.

Being huge cricket fans, me and my cousins booked the tickets to Ahmedabad only to watch the finale of this season of Indian Premier League. The final match was to be played between <sup>the</sup> Gujarat Titans and the Rajasthan Royals. It was Sunday, 29 May, 2022. It was humid around the Narendra Modi Stadium, maybe this was due to the gathering of hundreds of thousands of people all at once in the stadium.

We entered the stadium's VIP Lounge 3 through the Gate 5 around 5:30 p.m. The actual game was to start at 7:00 p.m. but who self-respecting cricket fan could miss the opening ceremony of world's biggest cricket franchise? That show was a delight for eyes as well as ears. The main attraction of the show were Bollywood actor Karveer Singh and musician A.R. Rahman especially when they sung, "Maa tujhe



salaam'. It was such a wholesome and proud moment at the same time. I bet whole stadium felt goosebumps at that moment.

Finally, the coin was tossed and Samson chose to bat first i.e. Rajasthan Royals was gonna bat first and Gujarat Titans would be chasing the score. The openers for Rajasthan Royals were Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal started cautiously with the bat after the GT pace attacks added pressure with new ball. Jaiswal was on the move with two sixes before the Rajasthan Royal opener was caught by Sai Kishore off Yash Dayal's bowling in the fourth over. Skipper Sanju Samson joined Buttler at the crease. Gujarat Titan's skipper - all rounder Hardik Pandya introduced himself into the attack and dismissed the opposition skipper after Samson miscued the shot. Rashid Khan was finally rewarded with a wicket. Riyan Parag on the final delivery of the innings was off stumped while conceding 7 runs and making the total score of One hundred and thirty runs at loss of nine wickets



in twenty overs.

To be honest, I expected a larger score but nothing could be done now. If Rajasthan wanted to win they had to showcase exemplary fielding and bowling skills. Chasing One hundred and thirty one runs to win the final, Gujarat Titans lost W. Saha's wicket early after Prasidh Krishna went through the opener's defence and knocked out the stumps. Trent Boult added pressure by bowling a magnificent maiden over with the new ball. Yuzvendra Chahal put an end to the partnership with a brilliant delivery that turned sharply to dismiss the Gujarat Titan's skipper who was caught at first slip. Miller added two more fours as the next over produced thirteen runs. Gill, who anchored the innings brilliantly at the other end, finished the game in style with a maximum as Gujarat Titan chased down the total with eleven balls and seven wickets to spare.

The Gujarat Titans were crowned champions

of the TATA Indian Premier League after defeating the Rajasthan Royals. All the players of both teams exchanged handshakes. Then, Hardik Pandya led from the front with all round performance which powered Gujarat Titans to their maiden IPL title.

The winning team then went to lift the trophy and celebrate and click photos. The awards for Man of the Match, Man of the Season, Orange Cap, Purple Cap were also given. TATA lunch was also gifted to Hardik Pandya. The whole event came to an end with our honourable Home Minister Amit Shah's <sup>overly</sup> politically correct yet heart touching speech. We had a day of lifetime and left with a lots of memories.