

= Dinesh Karthik =

Krishna Kumar Dinesh Karthik (pronunciation) (born 1 June 1985) is an Indian wicketkeeper @-@ batsman who made his debut for the Indian cricket team in 2004 and has been a regular member of the team for varying periods since then , including a stint in 2007 as a specialist opening batsman and non @-@ wicket @-@ keeper . Karthik was a batsman in his junior career , but turned to wicket @-@ keeping in order to improve his future prospects .

Rising through the junior ranks , Karthik made his first @-@ class debut in late @-@ 2002 for Tamil Nadu as a 17 @-@ year @-@ old , and was dropped in his first season despite his healthy run @-@ scoring because of his problematic glovework . He fought his way back into the team and after playing for India at the 2004 Under @-@ 19 World Cup , made his ODI and Test cricket debut in late @-@ 2004 .

Karthik was the regular wicket @-@ keeper in Tests , making rare appearances in ODIs . During this period , Karthik struggled and averaged less than 20 with the bat , and he was replaced as Test wicketkeeper by Mahendra Singh Dhoni , who had been prolific and destructive with the bat in ODIs , in late @-@ 2005 . After donning the mantle of an opener for Tamil Nadu and raising himself to the standard of a specialist batsman at domestic level , he was recalled to the national squad as a batsman in late @-@ 2006 after injuries and form slumps hit other batsmen , playing occasional matches in both forms of cricket on the tour to South Africa , and scoring a half @-@ century in a Test as an opener . Following India 's elimination from the first round of the 2007 Cricket World Cup , the selectors made multiple changes , and Karthik became a non @-@ wicket @-@ keeping opening batsman in the Test team and regularly played ODIs , batting in the middle order .

He made his maiden Test century against Bangladesh and then was India 's leading scorer in the Test tour of England , helping India to win their first series in England in 21 years . However , Karthik suffered a form slump in late @-@ 2007 and was dropped from the Test team , and since then has only made sporadic international appearances , although he continues to score heavily in domestic cricket . These have come in occasional appearances as a specialist batsman when other players were rested or injured , or as a wicket @-@ keeper when Dhoni was sidelined .

= = Early life = =

He was born to a Telugu Naidu (Kapu) Family , Karthik began playing cricket at the age of 10 , after a two @-@ year stint living in Kuwait , where his father Krishna Kumar worked . He studied in Indian Public School.Karthik was taught by his father , a first @-@ division cricketer from Chennai . Disappointed that his own career was hindered when he was forced by his family to put his education first , Karthik 's father did not want his son to suffer the same way , and trained him hard from an early age . Karthik honed his reflexes at this young age by having his father throw hard leather balls at him at high speed . Initially he played in the youth teams for Tamil Nadu as a batsman who was learning to keep wicket , and was regarded by Robin Singh as having very high levels of fitness .

Karthik steadily ascended the youth ranks . He made his debut for Tamil Nadu Under @-@ 14s in early @-@ 1999 , and after scoring 78 and 26 in his two interstate matches , was promoted to the Under @-@ 16 team in November , still less than 14 and half years old . After spending the entire 1999 ? 2000 season in the Under @-@ 16s , he was promoted to the Under @-@ 19 team at the start of the 2000 ? 01 season , aged 15 years and 3 months , despite scoring only 52 runs at 10 @-@ 40 at Under @-@ 16 level and still being eligible for that age group . The selectors ' decision did not result in increased productivity from Karthik ; he scored 133 runs at 22 @-@ 16 in seven innings with a top @-@ score of 39 , and was demoted back to the Under @-@ 16s in November , and responded immediately with 124 in his first innings against Karnataka . He added two further fifties in the season , including a 99 against Kerala . Karthik ended with 367 runs at 52 @-@ 42 for the season .

Karthik regained his position in the Under @-@ 19 team at the start of the following season , which he opened with 150 against Goa . After scoring 314 runs at 46 @-@ 42 in eight matches , he was

promoted to the Under @-@ 22 team and made 78 runs at 39 @.@ 00 in five matches . Karthik was rewarded with selection for South Zone , which represents the country ? s south , in the Under @-@ 19 zonal competition . He was not a success with the bat , scoring 0 , 1 and 2 in his 3 innings . In April 2002 , Karthik was selected to play against the touring Australian Cricket Academy , and scored 125 in the second of two matches .

At the start of the rest of the 2002 ? 03 season , Karthik began to make an imposing case for senior selection . In his opening match of the season for the Tamil Nadu Under @-@ 19s , he scored 227 in his team ? s 392 / 7 against Goa , and after making a duck in the first innings against Hyderabad , he hit 126 not out in the second innings . He then registered his third century in four innings , cracking 235 against Andhra Pradesh . His form tapered off and he only made 111 runs in his next six innings , but was nevertheless called up to the senior team to make his first @-@ class debut .

= = First @-@ class beginnings = =

Karthik made his debut at the first @-@ class level in late @-@ 2002 against Baroda , playing as a wicket @-@ keeper and batting at No. 8 , where he scored 37 . He batted throughout the round @-@ robin phase in five matches , scoring 179 runs at an average of 35 @.@ 80 with a top score of 88 * against Uttar Pradesh in his second match . This innings helped Tamil Nadu to avoid an outright defeat , hanging on for a draw with one wicket in hand . However his form tapered off after this match and he failed to pass 20 again during the season . He took 11 catches , but due to his repeated wicket @-@ keeping errors , he was dropped for the final matches .

After being dropped from the senior state team , Karthik was overlooked for the selection in the zonal Duleep Trophy , and played in the Under @-@ 19s for South Zone . He had a more productive time in his second zonal season , scoring 180 runs at 60 @.@ 00 with three half @-@ centuries . He was rewarded with selection in the national Under @-@ 19 team , and played in three youth one day internationals (ODIs) against Nepal . He made only 51 runs at 17 @.@ 00 without taking a catch , but India won all their matches with ease .

Karthik attended a wicket @-@ keeping camp in the off @-@ season under the guidance of former Indian glove @-@ man and chairman of selectors Kiran More , which he credited for improving his technique . After playing for a period in the Chennai League , he returned to the Under @-@ 22 team at the start of the season , before being selected for India Emerging Players to play their youthful counterparts from Sri Lanka and Pakistan in late @-@ September . He made 50 runs at 16 @.@ 66 and took nine catches in three limited overs matches , and then made 35 , 7 and 77 for the national Under @-@ 19s in some ODIs against the other Asian countries .

After these performances , Karthik was recalled to the Ranji Trophy team at the start of the 2003 ? 04 season . This time , he accumulated 438 runs with an average of 43 @.@ 80 , with two centuries , and took twenty catches . After opening the batting for much of the round @-@ robin phase , and struggling with only 159 runs at 19 @.@ 87 in four matches , Karthik then played in the zonal Under @-@ 19 one @-@ days , managing only 28 runs in four innings . Karthik returned to the middle @-@ order for the semi @-@ final against Railways , scoring his maiden first @-@ class century of 122 to help his team take a first innings lead . He followed this with 48 in the second innings , to help Tamil Nadu progress to the final on the basis of the first innings after Railways held on for a draw still more than 300 runs short of their target . He followed this with an unbeaten 109 in the final against Mumbai . His innings was the mainstay of Tamil Nadu ? s 294 , but Mumbai made 613 to take a first innings lead . Tamil Nadu made 4 / 393 in the second innings with Karthik not batting , but the first innings lead in the drawn match gave Mumbai the title . Karthik ended with three catches in the innings . However these performances were insufficient to gain regional representation , and he was overlooked for South Zone 's matches in the Duleep Trophy .

Karthik was selected in the India squad for the 2004 U @-@ 19 World Cup in Bangladesh , where he scored 70 runs from 39 balls against Sri Lanka . This helped set up a 56 @-@ run win and propelled India into the semi @-@ final , where they were knocked out by Pakistan . Karthik made only seven as India were skittled for 169 . He ended the tournament with 163 runs at 32 @.@ 60 .

He then scored two half centuries on an India A tour to Zimbabwe , making 96 and 52 against

= = Early international career = =

Karthik was selected for his first Indian squad in August 2004 for the ODI team , after the selectors decided to cease using Rahul Dravid as a makeshift wicket @-@ keeper and also due to the poor form of alternative wicket @-@ keeper Parthiv Patel . He played in only one match against England at Lord 's , where he got out after scoring one run . Despite dropping England captain Michael Vaughan from the bowling of Anil Kumble , he eventually stumped Vaughan down the legside and took another catch . He played another match in the 2004 ICC Champions Trophy against Kenya , taking three catches as India persisted with Dravid 's wicket @-@ keeping for the majority of the English tour . Karthik was not required to bat as India only lost four wickets in their innings . He was subsequently replaced in the ODI team by Mahendra Singh Dhoni , who took over the gloves from Dravid on a full @-@ time basis ; Karthik did not play another ODI until April 2006 .

Karthik his Test debut in the 4th Test between Australia and India in Mumbai , when Parthiv Patel was dropped following a poor run of form with the gloves . He only managed 14 in two innings and two catches , but was praised for his wicket @-@ keeping on a pitch with variable bounce and spin in which 40 wickets fell in two days ? playing time . Karthik tasted victory immediately as India scraped home by 13 runs . Karthik was retained for India ? s next engagement , a two @-@ Test home series against South Africa . In a high @-@ scoring draw in which both teams passed 450 in the first innings , Karthik managed only a solitary run in the First Test in Kanpur . In the Second Test in Calcutta , he scored 46 to help extend India ? s first innings lead to 106 runs , as the hosts completed an eight @-@ wicket win .

Karthik had a chance to score heavily in India ? s two @-@ Test tour of Bangladesh in December 2004 . Against a team that had never won a Test , India encountered little difficulty in sweeping the series , winning both matches by an innings . They passed 500 in both matches , but Karthik was unable to join the high @-@ scoring , managing only 25 and 11 .

Karthik returned to domestic cricket at the conclusion of the Tests while his colleagues played in the ODIs , and played in two Ranji Trophy matches for Tamil Nadu , scoring only 100 runs at 25 @.@ 00 in four innings . In January 2005 , a series of one @-@ day domestic tournaments were held , and Karthik had a chance to press his claims for selection in that format , having never played more than three List A matches in a sequence . In five matches for Tamil Nadu , he only had three innings , but scored 72 and 80 in two of them . He was then called into South Zone ? s senior team for the first time , to play in the zonal one @-@ day competition . He scored 106 runs at 26 @.@ 50 in four outings for the southerners . In the Challenger Trophy , Karthik played for India A against India B and India Seniors , and made little impact , scoring 17 and 3 . He then played for South Zone in the first @-@ class Duleep Trophy , but continued to have modest returns with the bat , scoring 101 runs at 25 @.@ 25 in two outings , although he was run out in one innings after making a start and reaching 59 .

Despite these lean performances , Karthik was retained for the three @-@ Test series at home to Pakistan in March . In a high @-@ scoring draw in the First Test in Mohali , Karthik made only six as India amassed 516 . Karthik then put on his best Test batting performance to this point , at Eden Gardens , Kolkata against Pakistan . India batted first and Karthik made a start and reached 28 , before being run out . India made 407 and Pakistan almost broke even , replying with 393 . In the second innings , Karthik scored , combining with Rahul Dravid in a 166 @-@ run partnership to set up a target of 422 . This proved too much for the tourists on the deteriorating pitch and India won the match by 196 runs . In the next match , he made only 10 and 9 as India collapsed and lost ten wickets on the final day of an otherwise high @-@ scoring match ? 1280 runs had been scored for only 22 wickets in the first three innings .

Karthik was not selected for the ODIs against Pakistan and returned to action in one @-@ dayers for Tamil Nadu in the meantime , but managed only 59 runs at 19 @.@ 66 in three matches . In contrast , Dhoni scored 148 in an ODI against Pakistan and kept his position as the ODI gloveman safe . Despite Dhoni ? s heavy run @-@ scoring in the ODIs , the selectors continued to persist with

Karthik for the Tests in the face of his low scoring at both domestic and international level in the preceding 12 months . Karthik started the tour of Zimbabwe with 40 in a warm @-@ up match against the Zimbabwe Board XI . The hosts , depleted due to political purges conducted by their government , were no match for India and lost by an innings and ten wickets respectively . India scored heavily against their weakened opponents , amassing 554 and 366 in their completed innings , but Karthik failed on both occasions , twice making a single .

Karthik returned to India and made 26 and 11 in the Challenger Trophy for India A , which was not enough for him to force his way into India ? s squad for the home ODIs against Sri Lanka and South Africa . In the meantime , he played in the Duleep Trophy and had the chance to make his case for Test retention . However , he scored only 106 runs at 26 @.@ 50 in two matches and South Zone lost both of these and were eliminated , and Karthik spent the next month on the sidelines .

When the team for the three Tests at home to Sri Lanka was announced , Karthik was dropped in place of Dhoni . In ten Tests since his debut , Karthik had managed only 245 runs at an average of 18 @.@ 84 with only one half @-@ century and one other score beyond 25 . In contrast , Dhoni 's had been a prolific run @-@ scorer in ODIs , and had won the man of the series award against Sri Lanka and scored 183 not out in one match .

Karthik continued to play for Tamil Nadu in the Ranji Trophy , but only scored 30 in his first four innings of the season . This dropped him down the pecking order as Patel was favoured as the reserve wicket @-@ keeper on the 2006 tour to Pakistan . Immediately after the announcement , Karthik scored 134 against Mumbai in a losing effort , but was unable to back up with any scores beyond 50 in his five remaining innings in the competition .

Karthik then had mixed results in the domestic one @-@ day competitions . He scored only one half @-@ century in six matches for Tamil Nadu , a 79 , and one further fifty in three matches for South Zone , ending with a total of 209 runs at 23 @.@ 22 .

Test Centuries

= = International recall as a batsman = =

In April 2006 , Karthik 's career was revived when he was recalled to the ODI team by selectors to give Dhoni a rest in the final ODI against England in Indore . He was not required to bat as India cruised to a seven @-@ wicket victory .

He was then reinstated as the reserve wicketkeeper for the tour to the West Indies. after a campaign for India A during April in which he scored 134 runs at 33 @.@ 50 , including a man @-@ of @-@ the @-@ match 75 runs against UAE on a tour to the gulf country . However , Karthik had little to do on his Caribbean sojourn , playing in only one non @-@ first @-@ class tour match ahead of the Tests .

At the start of the 2006 ? 07 season , Karthik scored 11 and 85 for India Red in the Challenger Trophy . He then played in two Duleep Trophy matches for South Zone , scoring 95 in the latter against Sri Lanka A.

Karthik was given more opportunities at international level in late @-@ 2006 during the ODI tour of South Africa , after Yuvraj Singh was sidelined with a knee injury , and Karthik was given a spot purely as a batsman following the poor form of Suresh Raina and Mohammad Kaif . Karthik had opened the batting for Tamil Nadu in the previous season in the Ranji Trophy , as well as for South Zone in the Duleep Trophy . Playing in three of the ODIs , Karthik himself struggled , with 42 runs at an average of 14 @.@ 00 , and a top score of 17 as South Africa took a 5 ? 0 whitewash . With India 's batsmen struggling , Raina and Kaif were dropped altogether from the Test squad , as Karthik was selected as a back @-@ up wicket @-@ keeper and middle order batsmen in the Test team for the first time in a year . He then scored an unbeaten 31 to steer India to a six @-@ wicket win in the Twenty20 International against South Africa with one ball to spare . After Dhoni suffered from a finger injury , Karthik replaced him for the Third Test at Newlands against South Africa , playing in his first Test in over a year . With regular opener Virender Sehwag suffering from a loss of form , Karthik opened the innings with Wasim Jaffer , allowing Sehwag to bat in the middle order . He used his domestic experience to score 63 in the first innings , combining in a century opening

stand , helping India to 414 , enough for a first innings lead of 41 . In the second innings , he scored an unbeaten 38 , as the team suffered a batting collapse and were all out for 169 , allowing the hosts to take the series 2 ? 1 by five wickets . In addition to his batting , his wicket @-@ keeping was praised and brought former South African fast bowler Allan Donald to predict further success in the future .

Karthik then featured in the four @-@ match ODI series against West Indies , and after not batting in the victory in the first match , he top @-@ scored with 63 as a specialist batsman when India recovered from 35 / 3 to post 189 on a slow wicket at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack . India went on to win by 20 runs , giving Karthik his first man of the match award . He was rewarded with continued selection for the subsequent series against Sri Lanka and the 2007 Cricket World Cup . However , Karthik faltered in the series against Sri Lanka , managing only 31 , 4 not out and 1 , leaving his position in jeopardy . In two warm @-@ up matches in the West Indies before the start of the World Cup , Karthik scored 3 and 38 not out against The Netherlands and the West Indies .

Karthik did not play a match at the World Cup , and following India 's unexpected exit from the first round , a group of players was dropped from the squad , including Sehwag . As a result , Karthik was selected as a specialist opener for the tour of Bangladesh , scoring 56 and 22 in the drawn First Test in Chittagong before scoring his maiden Test century in the Second Test in Dhaka , compiling 129 runs and featuring in a century opening stand as India took an innings victory . He completed his tour with 58 * and six in the ODI series , playing in the middle order as India won both matches .

Prior to their tour of England , India played a series of ODIs in Ireland , against the hosts and South Africa . Karthik played in four matches , scoring 15 runs at 51 @.@ 00 and keeping wicket in two of the matches .

Karthik established himself as a regular opener in the mid @-@ 2007 Test series in England . After scoring 76 and 51 in the two tour matches ahead of the Tests , he recorded a half century in each of the three Tests , regularly helping India to make solid starts . In the First Test at Lord ? s , Karthik made 60 in the second innings before India fell to 9 / 282 in pursuit of 380 when rain ended the match early . In the Second Test at Trent Bridge , Karthik scored 77 , helping to lay a top @-@ order platform for India ? s first innings of 481 , which gave them a 283 @-@ run lead . He then scored 22 as they reached their target of 73 to take a winning series lead . In the Third Test at The Oval , Karthik scored 91 as India batted first and helped to lay the foundation for their total of 664 and a first @-@ innings lead . This was enough to secure a 319 @-@ run first innings lead , and although India were unable to finish England off , it was enough to secure a 1 ? 0 series win . With a total of 263 runs at 43 @.@ 83 , he was the highest scorer in the series for India , as the tourists won their first series in England for 21 years . He started the ODI series with an unbeaten 44 in the first ODI as India capitulated to 184 all out and a 104 @-@ run defeat , but thereafter had four consecutive innings where he failed to score more than four runs , and he was dropped for the final two matches .

Karthik was selected for the inaugural World Twenty20 in South Africa in September 2007 , and played in India 's earlier matches , scoring 11 , 17 , and a duck , before being dropped from the semi @-@ final and final in favour of Rohit Sharma . India went on to win after starting the tournament as outsiders . Karthik kept his place in the Indian squad for the home ODI series against Australia but was on the outer after his decline in form in England , and played in only the final match in Mumbai , making a duck as India scraped home by two wickets .

After struggling in recent months in the limited overs format , Karthik bounced back during the Challenger Trophy at the start of the Indian domestic season . Playing for India Blue , he made a duck in the first match , but then made 65 against India Green and an unbeaten 116 in the final to guide his team through a successful run @-@ chase against India Red . He then rounded off his preparation for the next Test series with consecutive fifties for Tamil Nadu in the Ranji Trophy .

Karthik had a lean Test series against Pakistan at home in late @-@ 2008 . In the first two Tests , he managed only 39 in two innings , passing single figures only once . In the Third Test in Bangalore , Sachin Tendulkar was injured , and his replacement Yuvraj scored 170 . Karthik , batting down the order with Gautam Gambhir taking his opening position , scored 24 and 52 in a high @-@ scoring draw and kept wickets because of Dhoni 's absence with injury . In the first

innings , Karthik was behind the stumps as India set a world record for the most extras conceded in a Test innings . The 35 byes that were leaked were the second highest amount in Test history . India won the First Test and the other matches were drawn .

Karthik was retained for the Test tour of Australia as an opener , while Gambhir was ruled out after suffering an injury . However , he did not play in the first two Tests , because Dravid was elevated into his opening position so that both Tendulkar and Yuvraj could bat in the middle order . When Dravid and Yuvraj both struggled in their new positions , Dravid was moved back to his No. 3 position and Yuvraj dropped for the Third Test of the series , but instead , it was Sehwag ? who had earned a late call @-@ up as the reserve opener after Gambhir succumbed to injury ? and not Karthik who was recalled . During the Test leg of the tour , Karthik played in only one non @-@ first @-@ class match against an Australian Capital Territory Invitation XI , scoring 25 and 97 . Karthik was selected for the limited overs component of the Australian tour , but did not play in any of the ten ODIs . This meant that in almost three months on tour , Karthik only played in a two @-@ day match and a Twenty20 match against Australia , in which he scored eight runs .

= = Back on the fringes = =

Upon his return to India , Karthik played in six one @-@ dayers for Tamil Nadu and South Zone , reaching 40 twice in six innings . Karthik played in the 2008 Indian Premier League as the wicket @-@ keeper for the Delhi Daredevils , scoring 145 runs at 24 @.@ 16 with a strike rate of 135 @.@ 51 . His highest score was an unbeaten 56 to steer Delhi to a five @-@ wicket win in a group match over the Mumbai Indians . In a match against the Deccan Chargers , team @-@ mate Amit Mishra took a hat @-@ trick , and when the new batsman came in , he charged out of his ground and missed , only for Karthik to miss the opportunity for the stumping and double hat @-@ trick .

He was recalled to the Test team as a wicket @-@ keeper for the July 2008 tour of Sri Lanka after Dhoni chose to take a break from cricket , citing the need to rest . Karthik played in the first two Tests , but struggled with the bat in the middle @-@ order , scoring 36 runs at 9 @.@ 00 , falling all four times to the spinners Muttiah Muralitharan and Ajantha Mendis . He also dropped frequent catches and he was replaced for the Third Test by Patel .

Following the loss of his place in the Indian team , Karthik returned home and played for India A in a series of one @-@ dayers against their counterparts from Australia and New Zealand , and then for India Blue in the Challenger Trophy . He had an unsuccessful campaign , accumulating only 70 runs at 11 @.@ 66 .

He then had a strong domestic first @-@ class season in 2008 ? 09 . After starting the Ranji Trophy campaign with two single @-@ figure scores , he scored 213 , featuring in a 213 @-@ run partnership with Subramaniam Badrinath as Tamil Nadu defeated Uttar Pradesh by an innings . Karthik then scored 123 and 113 in consecutive matches against Baroda and Railways before ending his Ranji Torphy campaign with 72 against Uttar Pradesh in the return match . He then continued his strong run against Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy , scoring 153 and 103 in one match . Karthik ended with 1026 runs at 64 @.@ 12 for the season , including five centuries and two fifties .

He then scored an unbeaten 117 against Kerala in the one @-@ day tournament and was selected for the tour of New Zealand as the reserve wicket @-@ keeper . After watching the entire T20 and ODI series from the sidelines , he played in the Second Test after Dhoni was injured , but he was criticised for dropping multiple catches as the hosts amassed 9 / 619 and made only six in his only innings .

In the 2009 Indian Premier League held in South Africa , Karthik played in each of Delhi 's 15 matches , scoring 288 runs at 36 @.@ 00 , passing 40 on three occasions and making 17 dismissals . Delhi topped the pool stage of the tournament , but Karthik made only nine in the semi @-@ final as Delhi were defeated by six wickets by the Deccan Chargers .

He got a chance again in India 's four match tour of West Indies where he replaced opener Sehwag , who was out with a shoulder injury . He scored 67 , 4 and 47 as an opener which could help him claim a berth for the future , as India took the series 2 ? 1 .

With Sehwag still injured , he was retained for a short triangular ODI tournament in Sri Lanka in September . He scored 4 and 16 in India 's two round robin matches and was dropped for the final , in which India triumphed over the hosts . Karthik was retained for the 2009 ICC Champions Trophy in South Africa , but after his performances in Sri Lanka , was omitted for the first two matches . He was given an opportunity in India 's final pool match against the West Indies and scored 34 in a seven @-@ wicket win , but it was not enough to prevent India 's first round exit .

Sehwag and Yuvraj recovered in time for the home ODI series against Australia , so Karthik returned to domestic duty at the start of the 2009 ? 10 season . He played in Delhi 's four matches in the 2009 Twenty20 Champions League , scoring 92 runs at 23 @.@ 00 , including a top @-@ score of 61 against Sri Lanka 's Wayamba . Delhi were knocked out in the Super 8 stage . Karthik played in six Ranji Trophy matches for Tamil Nadu as captain , and he had an uneven run of scoring with the bat . He scored 152 against Orissa and 117 against Punjab , and added a further two scores of at least 70 , but managed only 16 runs in his four other innings . Karthik ended the season with 443 runs at 55 @.@ 37 . He also resorted to bowling himself twice , when matches were proceeding towards a draw , with no success ; he delivered 14 overs and conceded 97 runs in all . However , Karthik was not to lead Tamil Nadu into the knockout stages of the competition .

In December 2009 , Karthik was recalled to the ODI team during the Sri Lankan tour of India after Dhoni was banned after the second match for two matches because of slow over rates . Karthik kept wickets in the next two matches , scoring 32 and 19 and remaining unbeaten in both instances , helping to guide India to the target in successful runchases . He retained his place as a middle @-@ order batsman in the fifth and final match when Dhoni returned after Tendulkar was rested and Yuvraj injured , but the match was ended prematurely due to an unsafe pitch .

Karthik retained his place for the ODI tri @-@ series in Bangladesh against the hosts and Sri Lanka after Tendulkar was rested for the tournament . Karthik played as an opener along Gambhir in the last two of the round @-@ robin matches after Sehwag was rested . Karthik made 48 and 34 in quick time as India won both matches but was dropped for the final , which was lost .

Karthik then played in the First Test at Chittagong after Dhoni was forced to withdraw due to injury . He made a duck in the first innings as India stumbled to 243 on the first day . He then made 27 , falling in pursuit of quick runs for a declaration after India recovered in the second innings . India went on to win the match , and Karthik watched the next match from the sidelines after Dhoni recovered and steered India to a clean sweep .

Karthik was then displaced as the reserve gloveman for the two @-@ Test home series against South Africa ; Wriddhiman Saha was called up to be Dhoni 's deputy . Karthik scored 183 and 150 in the Duleep Trophy final against West Zone , becoming the third player after Lalchand Rajput and Yuvraj Singh to score centuries in both innings of a Duleep Trophy final . However , it was not enough as Yusuf Pathan scored an unbeaten 210 from only 190 balls to set a new world record for a successful run @-@ chase .

For 2012 Indian Premier League Dinesh Karthik transfer to Mumbai Indians from Delhi Daredevils .

In the 2013 Indian Premier League Dinesh Karthik had some good starts for the Mumbai Indians , in the early matches : in particular , when he scored a quick 86 against the Delhi Daredevils in their home match at the Wankhede Stadium . The Mumbai Indians went on to win their first IPL trophy this season with Karthik batting and wicket @-@ keeping in all 19 of their matches . In almost all the matches he batted third and was seen as a key run getter for the team . He ended the tournament with 510 runs and was within the top 10 run scorers of the tournament .

Karthik was recalled to the Indian ODI team for the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy following a great domestic season and IPL performance . He scored back to back centuries in the two warm up games sealing his place in the team for the tournament . Unfortunately these centuries will not be counted in his first class statistics as the teams were playing a 15- side team . He scored an unbeaten 51 in India 's group match against the West Indies .

= = Season by season at IPL = =

= = Personal life = =

In 2012 , he got divorced from his childhood sweetheart Nikitha (m . 2007) . On 18 August 2015 , he married Indian squash player Dipika Pallikal Karthik in Chennai .

= = Outside cricket = =

Karthik took part in the dance reality show Ek Khiladi Ek Hasina partnering with Nigaar Khan .