# IPL 2025 Finals: RCB vs PBKS

## Match Overview

The IPL 2025 final witnessed a thrilling encounter between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS). RCB emerged victorious by a narrow margin of 6 runs, claiming the coveted IPL title. The match was filled with intense moments, showcasing exceptional batting and bowling performances from both sides.

## Scorecard

**Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) - 190/9 (20.0 overs)**

* Phil Salt: 16 (9 balls, 2 fours, 1 six, SR: 177.78)
* Kohli: 43 (35 balls, 3 fours, SR: 122.86)
* Mayank Agarawal: 24 (18 balls, 2 fours, 1 six, SR: 133.33)
* Rajat Patidar: 26 (16 balls, 1 four, 2 sixes, SR: 162.5)
* Livingstone: 25 (15 balls, 2 sixes, SR: 166.67)
* Jitesh Sharma: 24 (10 balls, 2 fours, 2 sixes, SR: 240)
* Romario Shepherd: 17 (9 balls, 1 four, 1 six, SR: 188.89)
* Krunal Pandya: 4 (5 balls, SR: 80)
* Bhuvneshwar: 1 (2 balls, SR: 50)
* Yash Dayal: 1 (1 ball, SR: 100)

**Bowling**

* Arshdeep Singh: 4-0-40-3
* Jamieson: 4-0-48-3
* Azmatullah: 4-0-35-1
* Vijaykumar Vyshak: 4-0-30-1
* Chahal: 4-0-37-1

**Punjab Kings (PBKS) - 184/7 (20.0 overs)**

* Priyansh Arya: 24 (19 balls, 4 fours, SR: 126.32)
* Prabhsimran Singh: 26 (22 balls, 2 sixes, SR: 118.18)
* Josh Inglis: 39 (23 balls, 1 four, 4 sixes, SR: 169.57)
* Shreyas Iyer: 1 (2 balls, SR: 50)
* Nehal Wadhera: 15 (18 balls, 1 six, SR: 83.33)
* Shashank Singh: 61 (30 balls, 3 fours, 6 sixes, SR: 203.33)
* Marcus Stoinis: 6 (2 balls, 1 six, SR: 300)
* Azmatullah Omarzai: 1 (2 balls, SR: 50)

**Bowling**

* Bhuvneshwar Kumar: 4-0-38-2
* Yash Dayal: 3-0-18-1
* Josh Hazlewood: 4-0-54-1
* Krunal Pandya: 4-0-17-2
* Romario Shepherd: 3-0-30-1

## Key Moments

* **RCB’s Innings:** RCB’s innings saw a strong start with Phil Salt and Kohli providing a steady opening partnership. However, wickets fell at regular intervals, but contributions from Patidar, Livingstone and Jitesh Sharma kept the scoreboard ticking. A late surge by Shepherd added crucial runs.
* **PBKS’s Innings:** PBKS started aggressively, with Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh showing intent. However, wickets by Krunal Pandya and Bhuvneshwar Kumar created pressure, and despite a valiant effort from Shashank Singh, PBKS fell short by a few runs.

## Match Analysis and Conclusion

The IPL 2025 final was a testament to the unpredictable nature of cricket. RCB’s ability to maintain a consistent run rate throughout their innings and their bowlers’ ability to take crucial wickets under pressure proved to be the difference. The Punjab Kings, despite a spirited chase led by Shashank Singh, couldn’t quite match the required run rate. The match was a thrilling contest, fitting for the grand finale of a highly competitive IPL season. Rajat Patidar’s captaincy and Kohli’s performance were highlights for RCB, while the resilience of the PBKS batsmen, particularly Shashank Singh, was commendable. The RCB team has finally won the trophy after 18 years of wait. The collective efforts of the RCB team including the management, support staff and players was the reason for the victory. It was a night to remember for RCB fans.