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Krunal Pandya

Krunal Himanshu Pandya (born 24 March 1991) is an Indian international cricketer. He is an all-rounder who bats left-handed and bowls slow left-arm orthodox. He plays for Baroda in domestic cricket, and for Mumbai Indians in the IPL.[1] He made his international debut for the Indian cricket team in November 2018.[2]

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Domestic career

Pandya made his first-class debut on 6 October 2016, playing for Baroda during the 2016–17 Ranji Trophy tournament.[3] Within the next few months, he became the leading run scorer and leading wicket taker for Baroda in 2016-17 Vijay Hazare Trophy. He scored 366 runs in 8 matches, making for an average of 45.75 and strike rate of 81.33. This included three half centuries, with a high score of 78. In bowling, he took 11 wickets in 8 matches with economy rate of 4.82, an average of 25.09 and strike rate of 31.10. His best bowling score during the eight matches was 4/20. In 2017 he featured in an India A tri-series victory over South Africa A and Afghanistan A.

He was the leading run-scorer for Baroda in the 2018–19 Vijay Hazare Trophy, with 366 runs in eight matches.[4] In October 2018, he was named in India A's squad for the 2018–19 Deodhar Trophy.[5] Krunal Pandya has been named as the captain of Baroda for the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-2020[6]

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Krunal (left) with his brother Hardik Pandya in May 2017

Personal information	
Full name	Krunal Himanshu Pandya
Born	24 March 1991 Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
Batting	Left-handed
Bowling	Slow left-arm orthodox
Role	All-rounder
Relations	Hardik Pandya (brother)
International information	
National side	India (2018–present)
T20I debut (cap 78)	4 November 2018 v West Indies
Last T20I	7 November 2019 v Bangladesh
T20I shirt no.	24
Domestic team information	
Years	**Team**
2012–present	Baroda
2016–present	Mumbai Indians *(squad no. 24)*

Career statistics				
Competition	**T20I**	**FC**	**LA**	**T20**
Matches	11	3	47	86
Runs scored	70	294	1,308	1,213
Batting average	23.33	58.80	32.70	25.27
100s/50s	0/0	2/0	0/8	0/2
Top score	26*	160	85	86

Indian Premier League

Balls bowled	264	285	2,088	1,548
Wickets	11	8	52	72
Bowling average	33.09	16.62	33.11	25.98
5 wickets in innings	0	0	1	0
10 wickets in match	0	0	0	0
Best bowling	4/36	4/40	6/41	4/36
Catches/stumpings	4/–	1/–	15/–	29/–

Source: ESPNcricinfo (http://www.espncricinfo.com/india/content/player/471342.html), 7 November 2019

At the 2016 IPL auction, Mumbai Indians purchased him for ₹2 crore. He made his IPL debut in April 2016, playing against Gujarat Lions at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. His first wicket came with the dismissal of Dinesh Karthik, who was caught in the deep by Harbhajan Singh. He finished his first match with figures of 1/20 in 4 overs. In batting, he scored 20 runs off 11 balls, which included three fours. For his performances in the 2016 IPL season, he was named in the Cricinfo and Cricbuzz IPL XI.[7][8]

In 2017, he scored 86 from 37 balls and took the wickets of Quinton De Kock and Zaheer Khan and was adjudged to be the Player of the Match against Delhi Daredevils at ACA-VDCA Stadium, Visakhapatnam. He continued to produce consistent performances with the bat and ball throughout the tournament. He was declared as the Player of the Match for his performance of 47 in a final victory against Rising Pune Supergiant. For his performances in the 2017 IPL season, he was named in the Cricinfo and Cricbuzz IPL XI.[9]

In January 2018, he was bought by the Mumbai Indians in the 2018 IPL auction.[10] He had scored 160 against Railways in Ranji trophy with 21 boundaries and he was the highest run scorer in the first innings for Baroda with a strike rate of 73.06 in his second first class game.

International career

In October 2018, he was named in India's Twenty20 International (T20I) squads for their tours against the West Indies and Australia.[11] He made his T20I debut for India against the West Indies on 4 November 2018, taking one wicket and scoring an unbeaten 21 runs off 9 balls.[12][2] He was selected for India Twenty20 International team against Australia and played all three matches. In the first match he conceded 55 runs in four overs, but took 1/26 in the second T20I and won the Player of the match award in the third match for his bowling performance of 4/36 in 4 overs.[13]

Personal life

He is the elder brother of fellow cricketer Hardik Pandya. In 2018 he married Pankhuri Sharma.

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