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## CRICKET AND COUTURE: The mix that makes the IPL unique

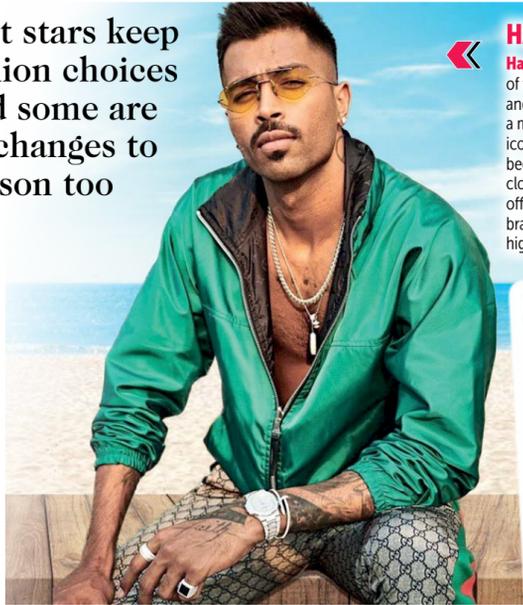
Fans of the cricket stars keep a track of the fashion choices of their idols and some are willing to make changes to their own person too

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The IPL may be the premier 20 over cricket tournament in the world. But it is also the vehicle where various players will display their style and audacity. For instance, it will be the platform for Hardik Pandya to showcase a new hair cut or his new watch or for Virat Kohli to present his new footwear.

The fans will be glued to the TV sets, catching each stroke and wicket but they will also keep their eyes peeled to see what clothes they wear, the hairstyles they sport as well as the tattoos.

When we spoke to the fans about it, the responses were quite an eye-opener.



### HARDIK PANDYA

Hardik Pandya is the captain of the Mumbai Indians and is one of the key players in the squad. He is also known for his stylish and fashionable looks, often seen rocking casual street wear with a mix of athleisure and statement pieces, making him a fashion icon for many. He has been spotted at fashion events where he has been seen wearing a fashionable suit. Hardik Pandya has his own clothing brand that reflects his bold style and vibrant personality, offering a blend of comfort and statement-making apparel. His brand features a range of t-shirts with bold graphics, sleek fits, and high-quality fabrics like cotton blends and breathable polyester.



### KL RAHUL

KL Rahul is the Captain of Delhi Capitals and will be under pressure from the management desperate for their first championship win. KL Rahul is known for his stylish and fashionable approach to both cricket and everyday life, often seen sporting streetwear, and is considered a trendsetter among athletes. KL Rahul is often seen in XL hoodies, on-trend bucket hats, and stylish sneakers. He has a knack for blending classic elegance with modern trends, making him a true trendsetter among cricketers. He elevates casual looks with statement accessories like sleek sneakers, chic bags, and delicate jewelry.



### VIRAT KOHLI

He is the key player of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru. He was retained on the back of another orange cap winning 2024 season. Virat Kohli is known for his stylish and fashionable looks, often sporting a modern side fade with a quiff hairstyle and well-groomed beard, complemented by his choice of clothing, including suits and kurtas. He often opts for well-tailored suits, showcasing his ability to carry off a classic

look. He has also been seen in traditional Indian attire like kurtas and Bundi jackets, demonstrating his versatility. He is known to wear stylish clothing and even owns a fashion clothing brand.

I do not follow cricket with the same passion that my friends do. I watch my friends when it comes to cricket and it is obvious that Virat Kohli means a lot to them. Some of them go as far as to follow the haircut that Virat sometimes gets. He is a style icon without a doubt. It may not suit some of them but that is the effect he has on them. It is a blind kind of passion. Each to his own I suppose.  
— Annalie Rodrigues, Collegian Bengaluru

There is no one bigger than Hardik Pandya when it comes to style. I love the flair that he brings to the game and how it lives his life. His general attitude is something that I like. He is the man as far as I am concerned. His fashion sense has improved as he has gotten older. He stands out but he is not garish.  
— Waylon Barretto, Collegian Vasco

I watch cricket from time to time but I have all the time for Virat. I like his style and the clothes that he wears. I also like his beard. It is trimmed and neat. I have a goatee and a mustache. I may replicate his style perhaps when I go for a trim the next time. There is much to appreciate in him.  
— Brisen Whyte, Collegian Carmona

Hardik Pandya is my favourite because of the watches he wears and the pizzazz he brings to the game. I love the attitude he brings to the game and I try to bring that into my life too. His dress sense is now less flamboyant but I like that he wears it with such confidence.  
— Mack Furtado, Collegian Margao

### SURYAKUMAR YADAV

He will lead the squad in the opener as the captain Hardik is suspended for an over rate offence last year. Suryakumar Yadav, known as "SKY", is often praised for his stylish looks, whether on or off the cricket field, and is known for his sharp and fashionable choices. He often opts for fitted denims, white shirts, and sneakers, complemented by printed shirts or hoodies. He is often seen in casual outfits, traditional attire, and even designer wear, showcasing his versatility in style.



### PAT CUMMINS

He is the Captain of Sunrisers Hyderabad. Pat Cummins, is known for his on-field prowess and has also been recognized for his stylish off-field persona. With fans and media often noting his fashionable choices. Beyond the cricket field, Cummins has been

photographed in various stylish outfits, showcasing his ability to pull off different looks. Pat Cummins has been seen as a model for lifestyle stores, further cementing his image as a stylish figure. Fans often comment on his good looks and stylish choices, with some even calling him a "Hollywood hero" off the field.

### SHUBMAN GILL

He is the Captain of Gujarat Titans and will look to take them to victory in 2025. Shubman Gill, known for his cricket skills, also has a reputation for his stylish looks, often seen in well-fitted clothes, printed shirts, and accessories, blending comfort with a modern edge. Shubman Gill's style is a mix of understated elegance and absolute coolness. Gill's style wisdom includes keeping it simple and classic, dressing well without overthinking it, and finding a unique style.

### SWIPE RIGHT

#### Shah Rukh dances with Virat Kohli in IPL opening ceremony

The Indian Premier League 2025 opening ceremony delivered an unforgettable moment as Bollywood's Badshah, Shah Rukh Khan, set the stage on fire by dancing to Jhoomer Jo Pathaan alongside the King of Cricket, Virat Kohli. Their electrifying performance left fans thrilled and added a touch of Bollywood glamour to the cricket extravaganza. During the opening ceremony of IPL 2025, Shah Rukh Khan and Virat Kohli shared an unforgettable moment when the actor invited the cricketer to dance with him to his hit song Jhoomer Jo Pathaan. What followed left everyone in awe, as King Kohli didn't hesitate and flawlessly matched the hook steps, creating a memorable moment that thrilled both Bollywood and cricket fans alike.



#### John Abraham confirms collab with Rohit Shetty



John Abraham said he is teaming up with Rohit Shetty. The actor shared, "We've spoken. I'm very excited to work with him because we've been wanting to do something together. We've spoken quite often, so I hope something very productive comes up really soon. That would be great." He further added that the subject they are discussing is expected to win over audiences. In his words, "The subject we're talking about is a banger that'll blow people away. It's not just about two people collaborating; it's also about the subject, and that's unbelievable. So we hope something good comes from it," he said. He also expressed hope for something fruitful regarding the prequel to his character, Jim, from Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan.

#### Will Smith breaks down during Las Vegas show

Will Smith couldn't hold back the tears during his emotional concert in Las Vegas. The 56-year-old delivered a high-energy performance at the House of Blues, running through hits like "Wild Wild West", "Men in Black", and "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It". But in between the upbeat moments, he took time for some deeply personal reflections that left him visibly emotional. He teared up as he opened up about two major turning points in his life—the traumatic birth of his firstborn and the heartbreaking loss of 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' co-star James Avery.



Rashmika Mandanna effortlessly balancing style and comfort with her airport look. The 'Pushpa 2' star was recently spotted wearing a cozy white sweatshirt paired with black trousers, exuding casual chic vibes