

# Prasidh, Sudharsan power Gujarat Titans to 36-run win over Mumbai Indians

PTI, AHMEDABAD: A game-changing spell from pacer Prasidh Krishna (2/18) complemented Sai Sudharsan's sparkling half-century as Gujarat Titans secured a commanding 36-run win over Mumbai Indians in the IPL, here, on Saturday.

Sudharsan showcased his growing stature with a composed 63 off 41 balls (4x4, 2x6), and his 78-run partnership with skipper Shubman Gill (38 27b; 4x4, 1x6) led Gujarat to 196 for eight after Mumbai opted to bowl.

In reply, Tilak Varma (39; 36b, 3x4, 1c6) and Suryakumar Yadav (48; 28b, 1x4, 4x6) stitched a promising 62-run stand off 42 balls for the third wicket, but all Mumbai could manage was 160 for six.

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MI then lost three more wickets, including that of Suryakumar and skipper Hardik Pandya (11) that virtually killed their chase.

This was the first win of the season for the 2022 champions GT, keeping their impeccable home record intact.

The five-time champions suffered back-to-back defeats following their reversal at Chennai and they now head home to face Kolkata Knight Riders.

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Gujarat Titans' Sai Sudharsan successfully reaches the crease during an Indian Premier League match against Mumbai Indians, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Saturday

SAI SUDHARSAN	PRASIDH KRISHNA
RUNS SCORED: 63	WICKETS: 2
BALL FACED: 41	OVERS: 4
FOURS: 4	RUNS: 18
SIXES: 2	

fell cheaply to Mohammed Siraj.

After hitting successive boundaries, Rohit was undone by a peach of a back-of-a-length delivery that seamed in sharply to rear-range his stumps.

Rickelton, struggling to find his rhythm, dragged Siraj (2/34) onto his stumps.

Suryakumar counterattacked, stepping across his stumps to whip Siraj over deep backward square leg for a six. He then disrupted Ishant Sharma's rhythm with a flick over fine leg and launched R Sai Kishore for two massive sixes.

Tilak played a breezy knock, targeting Kagiso Rabada with three boundaries in succession.

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## TWISTS & TURNS

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was a tight four-run effort, during which he delivered a fiery short ball that struck Suryakumar on the helmet

while attempting a hook.

Suryakumar, on 45, was flat on his back, requiring immediate attention from the physio. Prasidh's figures then read a remarkable 2-0-6-1.

In his next over, Prasidh struck gold, dismissing Suryakumar with a deceptive cross-seam delivery as MI's hopes faded further.

With 79 required off the last five overs, pressure mounted, and MI crumbled further with Rabada consuming Pandya with a slower delivery.

Earlier, GT looked set for a 200-plus total, when Pandya, who returned to lead the side after a one-match suspension, checked the momentum post Power Play, finishing with an impressive 2/29.

Sudharsan's dismissal in the 18th over, trapped lbw by Trent Boult's sear-

ing yorker, triggered a collapse as GT lost three wickets in three balls across two overs.

From being 170/3 in 17 overs, they ended up 196/8 in 20 overs, losing five wickets the last three overs.

But Sudharsan started his innings with two gorgeous boundaries off Boult in the second over. He later took on Mujeeb-ur-Rahman, welcoming the spinner with a boundary before launching him for a straight six.

The left-hander brought up his eighth IPL fifty off 33 balls, highlighted by a superb 84-metre six over deep mid-wicket. But Pandya checked the smooth sailing of GT with an impressive set of variations.

But by then, they reached a competitive total on a black soil pitch.

## SCOREBOARD

**Gujarat Titans:** Sai Sudharsan lbw b Boult 63, \*Shubman Gill c Dhir b Pandya 38, Jos Buttler c Rickelton b Rahman 39, Shahrukh Khan c Varma b Pandya 9, Sherfane Rutherford c Santner b Chahar 18, Rahul Tewatia run out (Pandya) 0, Rashid Khan c Pandya b Raju 6, Kagiso Rabada not out 7, Sai Kishore run out (Rickelton) 1. Extras: 15. Total: 196-8. Fall of wickets: 78-1, 129-2, 146-3, 179-4, 179-5, 179-6, 194-7, 196-8. **Bowling:** Trent Boult 4-0-34-1, Deepak Chahar 4-0-39-1, Mujeeb Ur Rahman 2-0-28-1, \*Hardik Pandya 4-0-29-2, Mitchell Santner 3-0-25-0, Satyanarayanan Raju 3-0-40-1.

**Mumbai Indians:** Rohit Sharma b Siraj 8, Ryan Rickelton b Siraj 6, Tilak Varma c Tewatia b Krishna 39, Suryakumar Yadav c Gill b Krishna 48, Robin Minz c Sharma b Kishore 3, \*Hardik Pandya c Siraj b Rabada 11, Naman Dhir not out 18, Mitchell Santner not out 18. Extras: 10. Total: 160-6. **Fall of wickets:** 8-1, 35-2, 97-3, 108-4, 120-5, 128-6. **Bowling:** Mohammed Siraj 4-0-24-2, Kagiso Rabada 4-0-46-1, Ishant Sharma 2-0-17-0, Rashid Khan 2-0-10-0, Sai Kishore 4-0-37-1, Prasidh Krishna 4-0-18-2.

**Man-of-the-Match:** Prasidh Krishna

## TODAY'S IPL FIXTURES

Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Delhi Capitals, at ACA VDCA International Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, 3.30 pm  
Chennai Super Kings vs Rajasthan Royals, at ACA Stadium, Guwahati, 7.30 pm

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### AIFF draft constitution provides for inclusion of five players in Executive Committee

NEW DELHI: The draft constitution of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has proposed several radical changes, including the provision for inclusion of at least five former national players in the 14-member Executive Committee and removal of the office bearers through a no-confidence motion. The draft constitution, prepared by retired Justice L Nageswara Rao has been submitted to the Supreme Court. An SC bench comprising Justices PS Narasimha and Joymalya Bagchi on March 25 commenced final hearing on pleas related to the finalisation of the AIFF Constitution. The matter is likely to be taken up by the bench for further arguments and final disposal on April 2.

### New Zealand beats Pakistan by 73 runs in 1st ODI

NAPIER (New Zealand): Mark Chapman scored 132 and Daryl Mitchell 76 in a 199-run partnership as New Zealand made 344-9 and went on to beat Pakistan by 73 runs Saturday in the first One-Day International. Chapman posted his third one-day international century and rebuilt the innings with Mitchell after New Zealand had been three wickets down in the 13th over, struggling against bounce and swing from the Pakistan fast bowlers. Muhammad Abbas, the first Pakistan-born player to play for New Zealand, made 50 from 24 balls — the fastest half century by a player on debut in one-day internationals. Babar Azam led Pakistan's run chase with 78 from 83 balls but when he was out Pakistan slumped, losing seven wickets for 22 runs. Pakistan was 249-3 in the 39th over and still well on target. Jacob Duffy ran out Tayyab Tahir (1) and bowled Irfan Khan first ball as Pakistan slumped to 253-6 in the 40th over. Pakistan's hopes faded as wickets dwindled and the run-rate rose. Pakistan was 271-9 when Salman was out for 58 from 48 balls. The second match in the three-match ODI series is next Wednesday in Hamilton.

## LOCAL BEAT

### GFA Div I League: Chapora YS down Albert Developers

MAPUSA: Chapora Yuvak Sangh registered a well-deserved 3-0 win over Albert Developers in the Goa Football Association's Division I League match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Saturday. All the goals came in the second session of play. Though Albert Developers dominated in the second half they conceded silly goals from defenders mistakes. Chapora Yuvak Sangh's Sammesh netted a brace scoring in the 59th and 85th minute. Nakul made it 3-0 by scoring in the 94th minute with a neat placement.

### GFA U-19: Sesa FA take it easy against FC Goa

MAPUSA: Sesa FA cruised past FC Goa 4-0 in the Goa Football Association U-19 League match played at the field of dreams, Guirim, on Saturday. Sesa FA took the lead in the 7th minute before adding a second in the 16th minute. Sesa FA midfielder Salman was sent off in the 39th minute by the referee. However, Sesa FA were not rattled by the one player down. After the break, Sesa FA scored two more goals, one from a penalty spot kick and the other from a well-worked set-piece to make it, 4-0.

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