

Dhoni plays a stylish cameo alongside Dube to guide Super Kings to 5-wkt win

PTI, LUCKNOW: The iconic MS Dhoni played a nice little cameo alongside Shivam Dube to guide Chennai Super Kings to a much-needed five-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants and break their five-match losing streak in the IPL, here, on Monday.

Dhoni (26 not out off 11 balls; 4x4s, 1x6) and Dube (43 not out off 37 balls; 3x4s, 2x6s) shared a match-winning stand of 57 runs for the sixth wicket to chase down a target of 167 with three balls to spare.

This was after LSG skipper Rishabh Pant returned to form with a half-century to guide his side to 166 for 7. Pant (63 off 49 balls) struggled initially but grew in confidence as the innings progressed and together with Abdul Samad (20) shared 53 runs for the fifth wicket off 33 balls.

Shaik Rasheed (27 off 19) and Rachin Ravindra (37 off 22) got CSK's chase off to a flier with a brilliant 29-ball 52-run opening stand.

While Ravindra showed his class on the off side, Rasheed was elegant on the leg side, finding the fence at will to bring up CSK's 50 in the 5 over. Debutant Rasheed's entertaining knock came to an end when he skied an Avesh Khan short ball while trying to hoick it on the leg side.

Aiden Markram then had Ravindra trapped in front of the wicket while Rahul Tripathi failed to cash in on a reprieve as he edged a Ravi Bishnoi delivery back to the leg-spinner.

Bishnoi bowled superbly, and his efforts yielded result as he dismissed Ravindra Jadeja with a flighted delivery, and Markram took a fine catch at long on.

With CSK needing 56 off 30, in came Dhoni and he smashed Avesh through the off side for a four, and deliberately nicked the next ball



LSG skipper Rishabh Pant returned to form with a half-century to guide his side to 166 for 7

After surviving two chances -- first when he was caught off a no ball and then a close LBW call off Jadeja in the 14th over -- Badoni got out when the left-arm spinner foxed him completely and Dhoni did the rest behind the stumps

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past the keeper to the third man fence to bring down the equation to 44 of 24 balls. It was vintage Dhoni on display as he swung his bat to hit a one-handed six off Shardul Thakur and then got a boundary off Avesh.

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Earlier, coming off five successive losses, CSK made a dream start after electing to bowl. Left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed (1/38) struck the first blow in the opening over when he dismissed Markram with Rahul Tripathi taking a brilliant diving catch after sprinting backwards. Two overs later, Anshul Kamboj removed the dangerous Nicholas Pooran LBW.

Mitchell Marsh, returning to the side after sitting out of the last match due to personal reasons, took the attack to the opposition and smashed Khaleel for a four and six in consecutive balls.

Pant, who has struggled in the tournament so far, came out with intent and looked to get back to form with some unorthodox but confident hitting, which included a reverse scoop six off a length delivery from Jamie Overton.



Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni and Shivam Dube share a light moment during an Indian Premier League T20 match against Lucknow Super Giants, at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, in Lucknow, on Monday

SCOREBOARD

Lucknow Super Giants: Aiden Markram c Tripathi b Ahmed 6, Mitchell Marsh b Jadeja 30, Nicholas Pooran lbw b Kamboj 8, *Rishabh Pant c Dhoni b Pathirana 63, Ayush Badoni st Dhoni b Jadeja 22, Abdul Samad run out (Dhoni) 20, David Miller not out 0, Shardul Thakur c Rasheed b Pathirana 6. **Extras:** 9. **Total:** 166-7. **Fall of wickets:** 6-1, 23-2, 73-3, 105-4, 158-5, 158-6, 166-7. **Bowling:** Khaleel Ahmed 4-0-38-1, Anshul Kamboj 3-0-20-1, Jamie Overton 2-0-24-0, Ravindra Jadeja 3-0-24-2, Noor Ahmad 4-0-13-0, Matheesha Pathirana 4-0-45-3.

Chennai Super Kings: Shaik Rasheed c Pooran b Khan 27, Rachin Ravindra lbw b Markram 37, Rahul Tripathi c and b Bishnoi 9, Ravindra Jadeja c Markram b Bishnoi 7, Shivam Dube not out 43, Vijay Shankar c Khan b Rathi 9, *MS Dhoni not out 26. **Extras:** 10. **Total:** 168-5. **Fall of wickets:** 52-1, 74-2, 76-3, 96-4, 111-5. **Bowling:** Digvesh Rathi 4-0-23-1, Akash Deep 1-0-13-0, Avesh Khan 3.3-0-32-1, Shardul Thakur 4-0-56-0, Ravi Bishnoi 3-1-18-2, Aiden Markram 4-0-25-1.

Man-of-the-match: MS Dhoni

TODAY'S IPL FIXTURE

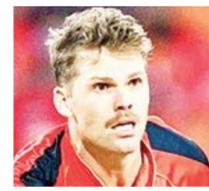
Punjab Kings vs Kolkata Knight Riders, at the New PCA Cricket Stadium, Tira-Punjab, at 7.30 pm

Injured Ferguson ruled out

PTI, MULLANPUR: Lockie Ferguson is all but ruled out for the remainder of the IPL with Punjab Kings fast bowling coach James Hopes saying that the pacer's chances of returning towards the back end of the tournament are low.

The New Zealand quick hobbled off after bowling just two deliveries against Sunrisers Hyderabad last week. The 33-year-old, who pulled the side of his left leg, is out indefinitely.

"Ferguson is out indefinitely, I think, and us getting him back by the end of the tournament is a very low percentage. I think he's done a real decent injury to himself," Hopes told reporters.



The setback is a significant blow to Punjab, with Ferguson having been a key part of their bowling department, particularly in the middle overs. Punjab's fielding, too, has been under scrutiny, with multiple dropped catches costing them dearly this season.

"That (last game) was a bit disappointing for us. We knew going into it that it was going to be an extremely high-scoring game. We got a great score on the board, but then, unfortunately, our inability to take catches that night made the match disappear on us."

"I think we've dropped 12 catches in the tournament now... If we had taken those catches, I think we could be sitting here with a four-and-one record, but we can't do anything other than keep the boys working on it, and keep them trying to improve in the field."

Mhatre to replace Gaikwad in CSK, SRH sign Ravichandran for Zampa

PTI, NEW DELHI: Chennai Super Kings have picked Ayush Mhatre as a replacement for their injured skipper Rituraj Gaikwad, while Sunrisers Hyderabad have signed Smaran Ravichandran in place of Adam Zampa for the remainder of the Indian Premier League, the event's organiser said on Monday.

Mhatre has played nine first-class matches and seven List A games, scoring 962 runs. The right-handed batter, who represents Mumbai

in domestic cricket, joins CSK for Rs 30 lakh. Gaikwad has been ruled out of the tournament after suffering a fracture on his elbow.

SRH, on the other hand, have signed up Karnataka left-handed batter Ravichandran, who has played seven first-class games, 10 List A matches and six T20s and has over 1100 runs. Ravichandran joins SRH for Rs 30 lakh.

Zampa has been ruled out of the ongoing event with an unspecified injury.

sportspopup

Archery World Cup Stage 1: Dhiraj bags individual bronze, men's team wins silver

AUBURNDALE (USA): India wrapped up their campaign at the Archery World Cup Stage 1 with a creditable four medals, including a silver in the men's recurve team event and a bronze by rising star Dhiraj Bommadevara in the individual recurve category, here on Sunday. The 23-year-old Army archer Dhiraj showed exceptional grit and composure to clinch the bronze medal match, bouncing back from a 2-4 deficit to beat Andres Temino Mediel of Spain 6-4 in a tense five-setter. Earlier in the day, he was also part of the Indian trio alongside veterans Tarundeep Rai and Atanu Das that settled for silver after a 1-5 loss to China in the team final. India's medal tally from the tournament stood at four -- gold in the compound mixed team, bronze in compound men's team, silver in recurve men's team and bronze in recurve men's individual (Dhiraj).

DC skipper Axar fined Rs 12L maintaining slow over-rate

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals skipper Axar Patel was fined Rs 12 lakh for maintaining slow over-rate during his team's 12-run defeat at the hands of Mumbai Indians in an IPL game. MI scored 205 for 5 in 20 overs while DC were all out for 193 in 19 overs. "Delhi Capitals captain Axar Patel has been fined after his team maintained a slow over-rate during Match No. 29 of the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 against Mumbai Indians at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi. As this was his team's first offence of the season under Article 2.22 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which pertains to minimum over-rate offences, Patel was fined INR 12 lakhs," the BCCI said in a release. While this was DC's first defeat in the tournament, Axar continued to struggle, having gone wicketless in five matches and managing only 67 runs with the bat.

Five new players called up for Indian women hockey team's tour of Australia from April 26

NEW DELHI: Five new players got their first senior national call-ups as Hockey India on Monday announced a 26-member women's squad for the upcoming five-match tour of Australia, scheduled to take place from April 26 to May 4. India will take on Australia A in the first two games, followed by three matches against the senior Australia team. All the five matches will be played at the Perth Hockey Stadium. The tour will be a crucial preparatory assignment ahead of the team's European leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25, set to be held in June. Five players -- Jyoti Singh, Sujata Kujur, Ajmina Kujur, Pooja Yadav and Mahima Tete -- have earned a call-up to the senior team.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIXTURES

QUARTER-FINALS LEG 2

WEDNESDAY

Aston Villa vs PSG, at the Villa Park Stadium, Birmingham-England, at 12.30 am. Aggregate: 1-3
Dortmund vs Barcelona, at the Signal Iduna Park Stadium, Dortmund-Germany, at 12.30 am. Aggregate: 0-4

THURSDAY

Real Madrid vs Arsenal, at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid-Spain, at 12.30 am. Aggregate: 0-3.
Inter Milan vs Bayern Munich, at the San Siro Stadium, Milan-Italy, at 12.30 am. Aggregate: 2-1

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