

# Defining moments in IPL history

If things had been normal, the final of this year's IPL would have taken place on the Sunday that just passed. But with the COVID-19 pandemic throwing the sporting calendar into disarray, we are far from certain as to when the IPL would take place. In such a scenario, the next best thing is to relive popular moments from the past. Here, we bring you a few of the best matches in IPL history...

### BAZ DELIVERED AFTER THE BUZZ



Even before the first edition of IPL began in 2008, there was a lot of buzz surrounding the tournament. But not even in their wildest imagination would the organisers have hoped for the start that the event eventually got. On the opening night, New Zealand's Brendon McCullum (nickname Baz) showed how the IPL could change cricket as we knew it forever. Playing for Kolkata Knight Riders, McCullum scored an unbeaten 158, which included 13 sixes and 10 fours. Royal Challengers Bangalore were never in the game during their chase of 223, and were bowled out for a paltry 82.

### FINAL FRONTIER

#### MAMMOTH TARGETS CHASED DOWN

Kolkata Knight Riders have won the IPL on two occasions, in 2012 and 2014. Chasing big targets is no easy feat in any match, and it is definitely more difficult in the final of a tournament. KKR, however, made it look easy in both 2012 and 2014 as they chased down targets in excess of 190 on both occasions. Manvinder Bisla was KKR's hero in 2012 when his 48-ball 89 helped them overhaul CSK's total of 190 with an over to spare! Manish Pandey (above) did the star turn in 2014 when his 94 off 50 balls helped KKR achieve the target of 200 against Kings XI Punjab with three balls to spare.



### DHONI'S DHARAMSALA PUNCH

Chennai Super Kings' Mahendra Singh Dhoni has a reputation for finishing matches and it was on display in match 54 of the 2010 IPL. There was a lot riding on the result of this match, as CSK needed a victory to progress to the semi-finals of the tournament. The setting for this game was the picturesque stadium at Dharamsala and Kings XI Punjab, who were the hosts, scored 192 for three in their 20 overs. Having slipped to 27 for two in the chase, CSK recovered and needed 16 off the last over from Irfan Pathan to win the match. Dhoni, who was on strike, needed just four deliveries to finish things off. There was an uncharacteristic show of emotion by Dhoni after the victory, as he punched the side of his helmet and let out screams of joy. His unbeaten 54 from just 29 balls helped CSK book their place in the semi-finals. After defeats in the final and semi-final in 2008 and 2009 respectively, CSK won the title for the first time in 2010.



### GAYLE FORCE



Chris Gayle calls himself the Universe Boss and on days when he goes berserk, there is really no argument as to why he shouldn't be called so. Playing for Royal Challengers Bangalore in a game against Pune Warriors India in 2013, he was at his destructive best, showing one and all what he is capable of when in the mood. Gayle scored an unbeaten 175 from just 66 balls in that match, propelling his side to 263 for five, the highest score in the history of the tournament. Along the way, he smashed the IPL record for highest individual score, fastest hundred and most sixes. He even picked two wickets with the ball, as Pune were restricted to 133 for nine in their 20 overs.

PHOTOS: THE HINDU, PTI

### FINE MARGINS, BIG WINS



On the last two occasions when Mumbai Indians won the IPL – in 2017 and 2019 – they won it by just one run. Seemingly down and out on various occasions during both the matches, MI somehow emerged victorious in the end. Defending just 129 in the 2017 final, it was Mitchell Johnson who delivered the final over for Mumbai, leaving Rising Pune Supergiants stranded at 128. The script was similar in the 2019 final as Chennai Super Kings finished one run short of MI's total of 149. Lasith Malinga (centre) bowled the final over and even picked a wicket off the final ball.

### JOSEPH DAZZLED ON DEBUT



While the big run chases and the stellar batting displays are remembered, the contributions of bowlers are often relegated to a lower level in the IPL. West Indies' Alzarri Joseph reminded the fans that even defending a small total can be impressive and bowlers too can grab the spotlight. Making his IPL debut with Mumbai Indians in 2019, Joseph needed just one ball to get his first wicket in the tournament as he dismissed Sunrisers Hyderabad's David Warner off his first delivery. MI were defending only 136, but Joseph's 6 for 12 meant that they won the match by 40 runs! Joseph's bowling figures were the best in IPL history, bettering Sohail Tanvir's 6 for 14 that was set in the first edition of IPL in 2008.

## LEISURE CORNER

### Welcome to the Wondrous Society

Through this column, explore must-read books before turning 17...

If you have grown tired of reading and re-reading "Harry Potter", here's something new. Author Jessica Townsend's debut fantasy series "Nevermoor" is a Potter-like adventure you will not be able to put down.

**What it's about:** The first book in the series, "Nevermoor: Trials of Morrigan Crow" released in 2017 and bagged two major book awards.

It is a remarkable story of the feisty Morrigan Crow, who is destined to die on her 12th birthday, unless she becomes a member of the prestigious Wondrous Society.

With the help of her eccentric friend Captain Jupiter North, a vampire dwarf and a giant talking



feline, Morrigan takes part in a series of near-impossible trials to gain admittance to the magical society. Will she succeed and escape her grim fate?

**Why you will love it:** It took Townsend 10 years to write this imaginative tale. She even moved to London to

get ideas for the "magical, dangerous city" of Nevermoor. The second instalment, "Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow" released last year and it will be followed by "Hollowpox: The Hunt for Morrigan Crow" to be out in October.

## QUEST

### Itching to know more?

From the terrapin to the tiny flea, these snippets provide interesting information.

#### How is a terrapin different from a tortoise and a turtle?

The terms tortoise, turtle and terrapin are often interchangeably used to refer to cold-blooded scaly reptiles that lay eggs. Members of these species may be given different names depending on their habitat and the country in which they live. Generally, tortoises live on land and consume a strictly vegetarian diet. Turtles, on the other hand, live in or near water and their diet includes meat.

Terrapins are omnivores and live both on land and in water. They are actually a species of water turtles, who live in brackish, swampy areas. In Britain, sea-dwelling reptiles are called turtles, those that live in brackish or fresh water are called terrapins and those that live on land are called tortoises.

Americans tend to refer to all aquatic species as turtles, all land-dwelling reptiles as tortoises and a particular turtle species that inhabits brackish water (diamondback terrapin) is called terrapin. In Australia, all marine and freshwater species are called turtles while all terrestrial reptiles are referred to as tortoises.



#### All about fleas

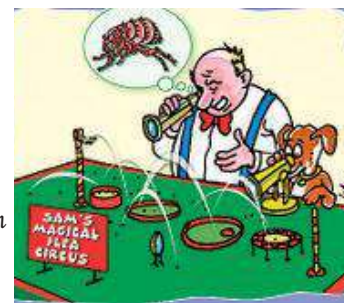
From practically wiping out the population of London to evolving into a domestic pest, the flea has scratched out quite a nasty reputation for itself. Like its fellow pest, the mosquito, it carries a disease only if it feeds on an infected mammal. The bubonic plague of 1665 that broke out in an overpopulated London, was carried to humans by fleas infesting sewer rats.

The domestic pest we are familiar with is not as terrible but it is a scourge! Adult fleas have a taste for mammal blood while their larvae savour flakes of discarded human skin. And if that isn't yucky enough, the female flea gobbles 15 times her own body weight, in blood, on a daily basis.

Strangely, fleas aren't always treated as pests. For instance, the London Natural History Museum has a collection of dressed up fleas! A popular collector's item of 19th-Century Mexico, the fleas are meticulously dressed as bridal couples, woodcutters and more.

The Ig Nobel award for Biology in 2018 went to researchers who determined that fleas living on dogs jump farther than those residing on cats!

(Content provided by Amrita Bharati)



## TECH BYTES

### What are browser hijackers?

Browser hijackers are a type of malware that modify a user's browser settings maliciously, or without their permission. They aren't serious attacks like other malware such as Ransomware, but can be annoying. Usually, browser hijackers redirect you to other windows. Next time you are browsing, if you click on a link to open a window and



several other windows open with it, it is a browser hijacker. Sometimes they can contain spyware to steal your password or banking details. So refrain from clicking on any unwanted window.

Browser hijackers can be avoided by installing software that can prevent the opening of unwanted windows. Most antivirus software come with it, while several web browsers offer extensions that can prevent it.

## ARTIVITY

Artwork by M.Pranjivan Raj, Class 2, Shree Niketan Patasala, Varadarajapuram, Chennai

Read the newspaper and create an original artwork based on a news item that interests you and send your entry to school@thehindu.co.in with the subject - Artivity. Select entries will be published. Please mention your name, class, school and city.

