



## RCB eye dominance over inconsistent Delhi Capitals

**G UNNIKRIHSHAN** ■ Bengaluru

Almost a month into IPL 2026, Royal Challengers Bengaluru have evolved into the most complete unit in the competition and they will be eager to strengthen their hold on this tag when they face the struggling Delhi Capitals here on Saturday.

Focus has largely remained on Virat Kohli, and the batting talisman has not disappointed his fans either, holding the Orange Cap for the time being. But even Kohli would acknowledge that the RCB batting no longer solely depends on him.

Skipper Rajat Patidar, Devdutt Padikkal, Phil Salt and Tim David have all left

their indelible marks on RCB's victories this season with buccaneering batting efforts, and they will be eager for an encore against DC.

Patidar, in particular, has been impressive with his awesome six-hitting spree, leading the chart with 21 maximums from five matches and three ahead of the marauding Vaibhav Sooryavanshi of Rajasthan Royals.

These efforts have probably freed up Kohli to pursue his craft, calm in the knowledge that there are more shoulders to carry the side's batting.

In contrast, the Capitals are still searching for capable shoulders to scaffold their batting.



They have some experienced batters such as KL Rahul, Pathum Nissanka, Tristan Stubbs, David Miller and Nitish Rana but none of them have been consistent so far, and even a fifth place on the table with four points looks like an exaggeration at this point.

Young batter Sameer Rizvi alone has shown some stomach for fight, scoring two half-centuries and those general failures have aptly reflected in their defeats in the last two matches.

In fact, their two wins this season have come against Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders, both of whom have been struggling more than DC.

Skipper Axar Patel too has been a big letdown this season, managing just three wickets and as many runs across four matches.

Similarly, inconsistency plagues them in bowling too. Star left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav looks totally out of sorts having taken just three wickets after leaking nearly 10 runs an over, while pacers Mukesh Kumar and T Natarajan's good moments have been few and far between.

It will be a tough job for them to contain RCB's batting line-up which is currently firing from all cylinders.

RCB also has a capable bowling unit under Australian quick Josh Hazlewood. They

have found the perfect line and length to be effective at the Chinnaswamy.

Vice-captain Jitesh Sharma hinted as much.

"I think this year we are very smart about the wicket, we are adjusting to the wicket, we are tactically working, and I think that's why we are winning all the games at home. I think that shows that we are working smartly and efficiently," Jitesh said after the previous match against Lucknow Super Giants here.

Unless Delhi's batters find their own cricketing smarts, the contest will be a lopsided one as it has been the case with the other three previous matches here. (PTI)

## Canada's T20 World Cup match against NZ under ICC scrutiny

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ■ New Delhi

The ICC is investigating Cricket Canada for alleged breach of its anti-corruption code, including the national team's loss to New Zealand in a T20 World Cup match held on February 17 in Chennai, a media report has stated.

The game at Chepauk, which Canada lost by eight wickets, has come under scrutiny from the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) following allegations of corruption highlighted in a recently-aired documentary.

Electing to bat, Canada had posted 173/4, before New Zealand chased it down in just 15.1 overs. Glenn Phillips (59 not out off 39 balls) and Rachin Ravindra (76 not out off 36) sealed the win to confirm the Black Caps' Super Eight berth.

According to ESPNcricinfo, the ACU is probing multiple allegations linked to Cricket Canada and "two active investigations that span elements of Cricket Canada and allegations of breaches of the ICC's anti-corruption code at international and domestic level as well".

The allegations came into light in a 43-minute documentary, Corruption, Crime and Cricket, produced by Canadian investigative programme 'the fifth estate' and aired by CBC on Friday.

The film makes wide-ranging claims about corruption and governance issues in Canadian cricket.

As per the documentary, the World Cup match against



New Zealand is under scrutiny, particularly the fifth over of the chase bowled by Canada captain Dilpreet Bajwa.

Appointed captain just three weeks before the tournament, Bajwa, a batting all-rounder who bowls off-spin, came on to bowl with New Zealand at 35/2.

He began the over with a no-ball, followed it with a wide down the leg side, and went on to concede 15 runs.

"Consistent with its established operating procedures, the ACU is not in a position to comment on the substance of any allegations contained within it (the documentary)," Andrew Ephgrave, interim General Manager of the ICC's Integrity Unit, said in a statement to ESPNcricinfo.

"Governance matters in relation to ICC Members are considered by the ICC, where they fall under its jurisdiction, in accordance with the ICC's

standard constitutional processes.

"The ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit operates across three core functions: intelligence, prevention and education, and investigation. These functions operate concurrently and are applied wherever there is a credible basis to believe the integrity of the sport may be at risk."

Canada had started with pace in the match through Jaskaran Singh and Dillon Heyliger, who conceded 15 and 14 runs respectively.

Spin was introduced in the third over, when Saad bin Zafar bowled a wicket maiden, while Heyliger picked up a wicket in the fourth over.

The second investigation relates to a leaked phone recording involving former Canada coach Khuram Chohan, in which he alleges that senior (now former) board members pressured him to select certain players.

## We need to take some tough calls: Hardik Pandya

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ■ Mumbai

Skipper Hardik Pandya did not mince his words after Mumbai Indians crashed to their fourth successive defeat in IPL 2026, warning about taking a few "difficult calls" and reminded his misfiring teammates of the need to take "ownership" of the team's poor outings.

In their latest debacle, the five-time champions lost to Punjab Kings by seven wickets and are now languishing ninth on the table with just two points. "To be very honest, I don't have much to say right now. I think we really need to go back on the drawing board and see where we are lacking. Is it individuals? Is it as a group? Is it planning? We'll just figure it out and see what we can do next," said Pandya after another morale-shattering loss on Thursday night.

Indirectly, Pandya might have been



hinting at the faltering show of MI seniors like Suryakumar Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah and Tilak Varma.

"No, I think we need to see, do we need to make some difficult calls or do we need to keep continuing and hope that we'll turn things around. These are some harsh questions

which eventually we need to answer and yeah, ownership has to be taken," he said. Suryakumar has scored a fifty but his other scores have been 16, 6, 33 and 0 and Tilak Varma has a modest sequence of 20, 0, 14, 1 and 8.

The talismanic Jasprit Bumrah is yet to take a wicket in five games and has given away runs at 8.63 per over.

However, Pandya credited the opposition for out-thinking them in all departments of the game.

"I think we need to give credit to them as well. The ball started reversing. In the second inning the dew came and it slightly got better but having said that, they just outbeat us. They bowled better, they batted better, they fielded better definitely and that talks to us again.

Punjab captain Shreyas Iyer, who made a 35-ball 66 in the successful chase against MI, said staying grounded has helped the side execute their

plans with precision.

"Certainly confident and optimistic the way we have been playing. Also we have our heads on our shoulder. I am glad that today we came out and got that victory," said Iyer. He also praised the coming of age of Prabhshimran Singh, noting that the opener has consistently provided fluent starts and on Thursday carried the team through with an unbeaten knock.

"He (Prabhshimran) has certainly raised up his bar, even though he was getting runs, he was giving us excellent starts, this year he has been more mature, match by match he is getting more mature," added Iyer.

Prabhshimran, who made an unbeaten 80 off 39 balls, said self-belief helped him overcome a lean phase in the Powerplay and take on the bowling more aggressively later in the innings.

## MI's bowling lacks penetration: Mahela Jayawardene

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ■ Mumbai

Head coach Mahela Jayawardene backed Jasprit Bumrah despite the pace ace going wicketless in five matches on the trot, but rued Mumbai Indians' general ineffectiveness with the ball, especially in the Power Play segment.

Bumrah was smacked for 41 runs in four overs as Punjab Kings chased down the target of 196 with 21 balls and seven wickets to spare in their IPL contest here on Thursday.

"Bumrah is bowling well, it is just where we are not putting pressure in the powerplay," Jayawardene told reporters after the match.

"They (opposition) know

they don't need to take too much risk against Bumrah. We tried a few different things which he is trying as well but they are batting well. I can't put a finger (on something) and say that he hasn't taken a wicket."

The former Sri Lankan captain revealed that Bumrah carried a niggle at the start of the IPL 2026 but has pulled up well since.

"I think initially because he had a slight niggle which came from the World Cup," he replied to a query on Bumrah's inconsistent pace.

"We wanted to build him up (and) over the last few games his speeds have gone up. We've looked at all that so he's very comfortable. Sometimes, you need a bit of luck as well.



"(Bumrah) bowled some really good balls initially to Shreyas (Iyer) but wasn't lucky enough. Once he starts taking wickets he might not be able to stop him doing that," Jayawardene added.

different surfaces and that's something that we need to work (on) and see what we need to do," he said.

The head coach said Rohit Sharma's injury is not serious and the team management doesn't want to push him as it is "still early stages" of the tournament.

"He started running yesterday (Wednesday), he batted (as well) — taking it day to day to see how he feels. He knows his body better than anybody else. It's nothing serious, but at the same time, we don't want to push and it's early season still so the medical staff will take that call," he said.

Jayawardene refuted that skipper Hardik Pandya is under pressure with MI losing their fourth match in a row.

## Balanced SRH face resurgent Chennai Super Kings

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ■ Hyderabad

Having unleashed two exciting pace prospects in Praful Hinge and Sakib Husain, a balanced Sunrisers Hyderabad will head into their IPL match against Chennai Super Kings with renewed confidence, here on Saturday. Drafted in place of seasoned campaigners Harshal Patel and Jaydev Unadkat, the uncapped duo made an instant impact, reducing Rajasthan Royals to 9 for 5 inside the first three overs, pushing them to their first loss of the season. The 24-year-old Vidarbhya pacer Hinge has been the stand-out bowler after dismantling the Royals' top-order consisting Dhruv Jurel, Lhuan-der Pretorius and skipper Riyan Parag in his fiery first two overs. He finished with 4/34.

Generating bounce from a back-of-a-length spot, Hinge was impressive, while Husain, an unheralded 21-year-old from Bihar who was previously overlooked by Kolkata Knight Riders, complimented him well on debut. Using clever variations in the middle overs, Husain also returned with four wickets as Rajasthan were bowled out for 159 while chasing 216.

The emergence of the young duo has lifted SRH's pace attack, which had been a concern early in the season, and brought better balance to a side otherwise loaded with batting firepower in Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Ishan Kishan



and Heinrich Klaasen. Fresh from their breakout performances, Hinge and Husain will look to pile more pressure on CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad, who has struggled for runs this season. His highest so far is 28 across five innings. However, there is some relief for CSK with

Sanju Samson rediscovering his T20 World Cup form, smashing an unbeaten century against Delhi Capitals and following it up with a 48 in their win over Kolkata Knight Riders.

With Gaikwad out of touch, CSK could consider pushing him down the order and promoting young Ayush Mhatre, who has impressed with two fifties in his last four innings.

After a poor start with three consecutive defeats, the five-time champions — still without MS Dhoni, who is expected to be fit for the next game in Mumbai — have bounced back with two successive wins.

However, their bowling resources have taken a hit with left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed ruled out of the season due to a quadriceps injury sustained in the win over KKR. Already missing

Dhoni and Nathan Ellis, CSK will need to reshuffle their pace attack, with Mukesh Choudhary emerging as a like-for-like new-ball option, while Ramakrishna Ghosh is also another alternative.

After losing three of their first four matches, SRH have bounced back in style at home, and the emergence of the young pace duo will further boost their confidence.

CSK too carry new-found momentum with back-to-back wins and will aim to strategise following the loss of Khaleel and secure their first away victory of the season in a crucial mid-table contest.

World Cup-winning former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has been roped in by a UAE-based real estate developer for a brand partnership.

The campaign, titled 'Against All Odds', traces Yuvraj's journey, aligning it with BNW Developers' growth in the UAE.

Yuvraj said the collaboration reflects his philosophy of carving an individual path to success.

"It's about taking charge and winning on your own terms. This film is for anyone who's been underestimated and proved people wrong,"

he was quoted as saying in a press release.

Commenting on the partnership, BNW Developers Chairman and Founder Ankur Aggarwal said the association reflects a shared belief in challenging the status quo.

"Partnering with Yuvraj Singh is about aligning with a standard of excellence that resonates globally... As we set new benchmarks for luxury

in the UAE, Yuvraj's journey of evolution serves as the ideal reflection of our ambition," Aggarwal said.

The campaign also builds on BNW's engagement with cricket through initiatives such as the annual BNW Legends Cup, which brings together the broker community and features leading international cricketers at its finals.

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