

Mumbai Indians v Chennai Super Kings

Chennai Super Kings win by 103 runs

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The Story

Mumbai Indians won the toss at the Wankhede Stadium and chose to field, and that was the last decision that went their way. Chennai Super Kings batted first and reached **207 for 6**, built almost entirely on an unbeaten 101 off 54 balls from Sanju Samson, who walked out in the first over and was still there at the close. Akeal Hosein then bowled the best spell of the 2026 IPL, **4 for 17**, and Mumbai were bowled out for 104 in 19 overs. Chennai won by 103 runs, the largest victory by runs in their franchise history and the heaviest defeat by runs in Mumbai's.

The night had one clear shape. Chennai kept a firm hand on it from the powerplay and never released: 73 for 2 after six overs, 111 for 3 after ten, 149 for 4 after fifteen, then **58 off the last five** to finish at 207. Mumbai's chase was finished almost before it started, three wickets down inside three overs for 11 runs, a single 73-run stand that briefly promised a route back, and then a collapse of three wickets for three runs before the last four fell for 17. The record-book headline is the margin. Chennai's 103-run win is the **12th-biggest win by runs in IPL history**, the biggest in the 40-match Mumbai v Chennai rivalry, and the second-biggest win by runs ever recorded at the Wankhede.

How It Was Won

CHENNAI'S 207 FOR 6: ONE MAN CARRIES IT

The innings ran on a single engine. Chennai scored 73 for 2 in the six powerplay overs, 76 for 2 through the nine middle overs, and 58 for 2 in the last five, and Sanju Samson was the constant through all three phases. Ruturaj Gaikwad made 22 off 14 to open, and a first-wicket stand of 32 off 20 balls ended when Gaikwad was caught by Tilak Varma off AM Ghazanfar in the third over. Sarfaraz Khan then struck 14 off 8, adding 40 off just 16 balls with Samson, before Mitch Santner bowled him in the sixth over with the score at 72 for 2. Shivam Dube (5 off 8) and Dewald Brevis (21 off 11) both fell inside the middle overs, Dube bowled by Ghazanfar in the ninth and Brevis caught by Jasprit Bumrah off Ashwani Kumar in the eleventh, but the run rate never dipped. The two big powerplay overs were the difference between a good start and a flying one: **19 off the second over and 19 off the fourth**, both from Hardik Pandya, carried Chennai from 26 for 0 to 51 for 1.

Kartik Sharma gave Samson his most patient partner, the pair putting on 43 off 35 balls, and Kartik was caught by Santner off Bumrah in the seventeenth over at 165 for 5. Jamie Overton then smashed 15 off 7, and Akeal Hosein stayed with Samson for an unbroken seventh-wicket stand of 26 off 13 balls that took the total past 200. Krish Bhagat's final over went for 16 as Samson farmed the strike and found the fence. Chennai finished with 19 fours and 12 sixes against 41 dot balls, and only two Mumbai bowlers finished under eight an over: Ghazanfar, who took **2 for 25** from four, and Bumrah, who took 1 for 31 from four.

MUMBAI'S CHASE: THREE DOWN IN THREE OVERS, THEN GONE

Chasing 208, Mumbai never found a floor. The powerplay produced 29 for 3, the middle overs 65 for 4, and the last four overs just 10 for 3. The damage came immediately. Danish Malewar fell first ball, caught by Samson off Hosein in the opening over for a golden duck. Mukesh Choudhary bowled Quinton de Kock for 7 in the second, and Hosein bowled Naman Dhir for 0 in a wicket maiden third over. Mumbai were **11 for 3 after 2.3 overs**.

Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma then gave the only substantial answer of the innings, a fourth-wicket stand of 73 off 56 balls that carried the score to 84 for 4. Suryakumar made 36 off 30 with five fours and Tilak 37 off 29 with five fours, and for a short stretch the required rate looked climbable. It was not. Overton's tenth over went for 13, and then the innings broke apart: Hosein returned to bowl Tilak in the twelfth over, Noor Ahmad took Hardik Pandya and Sherfane Rutherford in successive balls of the thirteenth, and Hosein had Suryakumar caught by Sarfaraz Khan in the fourteenth. Mumbai lost **three wickets for three runs** across overs 13 to 14, sliding from 84 for 4 to 87 for 7. Shardul Thakur and Krish Bhagat ground out 13 runs in 23 balls for the eighth wicket, but the last three fell for four runs and the innings closed at 104 in the nineteenth over, Gurjapneet Singh bowling Bumrah and Samson taking the catch.

Turning Points

THREE WICKETS FOR 11 RUNS INSIDE THREE OVERS (OVER 1 TO OVER 3, 0 FOR 0 TO 11 FOR 3)

A chase of 208 is a rate problem before it is anything else, and Mumbai lost the platform before they could set one. Hosein's opening over took Malewar first ball, caught by Samson, and cost seven. Choudhary's second over bowled de Kock for 7 and cost four. Hosein's third over was a **wicket maiden**, bowling Naman Dhir for 0. From 0 for 0 to 11 for 3 in 17 balls, Mumbai had burned two of their top three for ducks and given the chase a required rate near 12. The match was now Chennai's to lose.

CHENNAI'S 19-RUN POWERPLAY OVERS (OVER 2 AND OVER 4, 26 FOR 0 TO 51 FOR 1)

With the ball, Hardik Pandya's two overs went for 38 and set the tone of the innings in exactly the wrong direction for Mumbai. The second over leaked **19**, lifting Chennai to 26 for 0; the fourth leaked **19** again, taking them to 51 for 1 despite the loss of Gaikwad. In a match where the eventual margin was 103, those two overs did the early damage: they gave Samson a platform he never surrendered and forced Mumbai to chase a total that grew with every phase.

NOOR AHMAD'S DOUBLE-WICKET OVER (OVER 13, 84 FOR 4 TO 85 FOR 6)

The only moment Mumbai had genuine hope was the Suryakumar-Tilak stand, and Noor Ahmad snuffed the follow-up in one over. With Hosein having bowled Tilak at the end of the twelfth, Noor had Hardik Pandya caught by Mukesh Choudhary and Sherfane Rutherford caught by Anshul Kamboj off consecutive balls in the thirteenth. The over returned **2 runs and 2 wickets**, and Mumbai went from 84 for 4 to 85 for 6. Two new batters at the crease with the rate climbing is a losing equation, and it was now unavoidable.

HOSEIN ENDS SURYAKUMAR (OVER 14, 85 FOR 6 TO 90 FOR 7)

The last recognised batter had to bat through if Mumbai were to get close, and Akeal Hosein made sure he did not. In the fourteenth over, his fourth and final of the spell, he had Suryakumar Yadav caught by Sarfaraz Khan for 36, ending the innings' best individual hand and returning figures of **4 for 17** from four overs with a maiden and 14 dot balls. Mumbai were 87 for 7 in the over, effectively down to the tail, and the margin was only going to widen.

Stars of the Night

SANJU SAMSON: 101 NOT OUT OFF 54 BALLS (PLAYER OF THE MATCH)

The innings of the night. Samson made **101 not out off 54 balls** with 10 fours and 6 sixes against 13 dots, a strike rate of 187.0, and batted from the first over to the last, an unbeaten hand in a total of 207 for 6. The shape of it was patient then violent: he was central to the 40-run second-wicket stand with Sarfaraz, the 43-run fifth-wicket stand with Kartik Sharma, and the unbroken 26-run seventh-wicket stand with Hosein that pushed Chennai past 200.

It was the **joint 4th-highest score of IPL 2026** and his **5th IPL hundred**. This season it took him to 293 runs, 3rd in the IPL and the most for Chennai, with 15 sixes (5th in the IPL), 31 fours (the most in the IPL), 2 fifty-plus scores (joint 5th in the IPL), a strike rate of 178.7 (8th of 54 batters with 60 or more balls) and an average of 58.6 (6th of 54). In career terms he climbed to 4,997 IPL runs, 10th all-time, and finished the night with 89 IPL catches, 12th all-time, after two dismissals behind the stumps.

AKEAL HOSEIN: 4 FOR 17

The spell that settled the result. Hosein bowled four overs, one of them a maiden, conceded 17, took four wickets, and finished with an economy of **4.25** and 14 dot balls. He struck in his first over (Malewar, caught Samson), took a wicket maiden in his third (Dhir, bowled), broke the innings in the twelfth (Tilak, bowled) and closed the door in the fourteenth (Suryakumar, caught Sarfaraz). It was the **best bowling figures of IPL 2026** and his **first IPL four-wicket haul**.

The season line is now 5 wickets, the 4th-most for Chennai, with an economy of 6.30, the best of 56 bowlers with 60 or more balls this season, and a bowling average of 12.6, also the best of that group.

AM GHAZANFAR: 4-0-25-2

On a night when most of the Mumbai attack was taken apart, Ghazanfar was the exception. He conceded **25 off four overs** with seven dots, and took both his wickets in the middle of Chennai's innings, having Gaikwad caught by Tilak in the third over and bowling Dube in the ninth. His season now stands at 8 wickets, joint 10th in the IPL and the most for Mumbai, with a bowling average of 18.1 (11th of 56 with 60 or more balls) and an economy of 8.61 (21st of 56).

SURYAKUMAR YADAV AND TILAK VARMA: THE ONLY STAND

Mumbai's chase needed one partnership and got exactly one. Suryakumar made **36 off 30** with five fours and Tilak **37 off 29** with five fours, and together they put on 73 off 56 balls for the fourth wicket, carrying Mumbai from 11 for 3 to 84 for 4. It was the highest stand of the match behind the innings total's own supports and the only passage in which the chase looked alive; both fell to Hosein within three overs of each other. This season Suryakumar has 157 runs, 2nd for Mumbai, and Tilak 181 runs, the most for Mumbai, with a strike rate of 170.8 (13th of 54 with 60 or more balls) and 21 fours, the most for Mumbai.

FIELDING: SAMSON'S HANDS

Samson's night was not only with the bat. He held **two catches**, removing Danish Malewar in the first over and Jasprit Bumrah in the nineteenth, both off Hosein and Gurjapneet respectively, and the second was a running take to close the innings. On the other side, Naman Dhir's catch to dismiss Jamie Overton took him to 20 IPL catches, becoming the 143rd player to reach that mark, while Tilak Varma moved to 39 career IPL catches, joint 56th all-time.

The Record Book

Player	Record	Before	After
Sanju Samson (CSK)	IPL career runs	4,896 (12th)	4,997 (10th)
Sanju Samson (CSK)	IPL career fours	400 (16th)	410 (15th)
Sanju Samson (CSK)	IPL fifty-plus scores	30 (joint 15th)	31 (15th)
Sanju Samson (CSK)	IPL career catches	87 (joint 12th)	89 (12th)
Jasprit Bumrah (MI)	IPL career wickets	187 (joint 5th)	188 (5th)
Jasprit Bumrah (MI)	IPL sixes conceded	129 (25th)	130 (joint 24th)
Suryakumar Yadav (MI)	IPL career fours	466 (joint 10th)	471 (10th)
Tilak Varma (MI)	IPL career runs	1,668 (72nd)	1,705 (68th)
Tilak Varma (MI)	IPL career fours	131 (77th)	136 (75th)
Tilak Varma (MI)	IPL career catches	38 (joint 57th)	39 (joint 56th)
Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK)	IPL career sixes	96 (joint 45th)	97 (joint 45th)
Ruturaj Gaikwad (CSK)	IPL career fours	239 (joint 41st)	242 (joint 41st)
Noor Ahmad (CSK)	IPL career wickets	52 (joint 77th)	54 (joint 74th)
Dewald Brevis (CSK)	IPL career runs	496	517
Naman Dhir (MI)	IPL career catches	19	20

SAMSON CLIMBS THE RUN-SCORING LIST

His 101 not out moved him from 12th to **10th on the all-time IPL run list**, past Chris Gayle (4,990) and Robin Uthappa (4,954), to 4,997. The same innings took him past Gayle again on the fours list, 400 to 410, climbing from 16th to **15th**, and his fifty-plus scores went from a share of 15th to sole 15th with 31, passing Shreyas Iyer's 30. Two catches carried him past David Warner on the catches list, from a share of 12th to sole **12th** with 89.

THE MARGIN REWRITES BOTH RECORD BOOKS

Chennai's 103-run win is the **12th-biggest in IPL history**, behind the 146-run mark set by Mumbai over Delhi in 2017, and it is the **biggest win by runs in Chennai's history**. It is also the **heaviest defeat by runs in Mumbai's history** and the **biggest win by runs in the Mumbai v Chennai fixture**. At the Wankhede it ranks **2nd**, behind the 105-run win by Rajasthan over Delhi in 2008.

THE TOTALS IN HISTORY

Chennai's 207 for 6 is the **4th-highest total in the Mumbai v Chennai fixture**. Mumbai's 104 all out is the **2nd-lowest completed total in IPL 2026**, the **8th-lowest completed total in Mumbai's history**, the **9th-lowest at the Wankhede**, and the **3rd-lowest completed total in the Mumbai v Chennai fixture**. It was also a night of unwanted marks for Mumbai's top order: Naman Dhir's duck was his 4th in the IPL, while Danish Malewar's golden duck and Sherfane Rutherford's golden duck were their 1st and 2nd IPL ducks respectively.

BUMRAH AND NOOR MOVE UP THE WICKET LIST

Jasprit Bumrah's single wicket, Kartik Sharma caught by Santner, took him from a share of 5th to sole **5th on the all-time IPL wicket list** with 188, past Ravichandran Ashwin's 187. Noor Ahmad's two wickets lifted him from a share of 77th to a share of **74th** with 54, past Lockie Ferguson and Jason Holder on 53 and Shreyas Gopal on 52. Bumrah also conceded one six, moving from 25th to a share of 24th on the all-time sixes-conceded list with 130. Dewald Brevis passed **500 IPL runs**, reaching 517, and Tilak Varma's 37 took him from 72nd to **68th** on the all-time run list, past Karun Nair, Jonny Bairstow, Kumar Sangakkara and Manoj Tiwary.

What It Means

Team	Position before	Points before	Position after	Points after	Net run rate after
CSK	8th	4	5th	6	+0.118
MI	7th	4	8th	4	-0.736

The table flipped for both clubs. Chennai's sixth point lifted them from 8th to **5th**, and a net run rate that had been -0.780 is now **+0.118**. Mumbai stayed on four points but dropped from 7th to **8th**, their net run rate sliding from +0.067 to **-0.736**. Punjab lead the table at 5-0 with 11 points, Rajasthan are second on 10, and Mumbai now sit above only Lucknow and Kolkata.

In the cap races, Samson's 293 runs lifted him into the **Orange Cap top three**, behind Abhishek Sharma (323) and Heinrich Klaasen (320); he had been outside the top twenty before the night. He also climbed to 5th on the sixes list with 15. The Purple Cap is unchanged in its leader, Anshul Kamboj of Chennai on 14 wickets, and his wicket in the eighteenth over kept his run going: a **wicket in 10 straight matches, a career best**. Ruturaj Gaikwad's 22 extended another mark, now **9 straight innings under 30**, the longest such run of his career, with his last score of 30 or more back on 30 March 2025.

On the club side, Mumbai have now **lost three straight games at the Wankhede**, one short of the four in a row they lost there in 2017 and 2018. The head to head now reads **Mumbai 21, Chennai 19** in 40 results. And the season starts frame both clubs: Mumbai are 2-5 after seven league games, the **15th-best of 19 seasons** at that stage, while Chennai are 3-4 after seven, the **13th-best of 17**.

By the Numbers

- **103 runs**: Chennai's winning margin, the 12th-biggest win by runs in IPL history and the biggest in Chennai's.
- **207 for 6**: Chennai's total, the 4th-highest in the Mumbai v Chennai fixture.
- **104 all out in 19 overs**: Mumbai's reply, the 2nd-lowest completed total in IPL 2026.
- **101 not out off 54**: Samson's unbeaten hundred, the joint 4th-highest score of IPL 2026 and his 5th IPL hundred.
- **4 for 17**: Hosein's figures, the best in the IPL this season and his first IPL four-wicket haul.
- **11 for 3 in 2.3 overs**: Mumbai's score when their third wicket fell, the point the chase was lost.
- **73 off 56**: the Suryakumar-Tilak fourth-wicket stand, the only partnership that kept Mumbai alive.
- **58 off the last five overs**: Chennai's death-overs scoring, the surge that turned 149 into 207.
- **19 runs each**: the second and fourth overs, both from Hardik Pandya, that powered Chennai's powerplay to 73 for 2.
- **10 straight matches**: Anshul Kamboj's run of games with a wicket, a career best.
- **10th all-time**: Samson's place on the IPL run list after passing Gayle and Uthappa.
- **188**: Bumrah's IPL wicket count, now sole 5th all-time, past Ashwin.