

AROUND THE IPL · LAST NIGHT

League stage complete. RR beat MI by 30 at Wankhede to take the last playoff place, which made KKR v DC at Eden Gardens a dead rubber. DC won it by 40.

🏏 RR clinch **No. 4** on 16 pts

🏏 PBKS out on **15**

🏏 Top three level on **18**

🏏 Most league-stage runs: **Sai Sudharsan 637**

🏏 Most wickets: **Bhuvneshwar, Rabada 24**

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FINAL TABLE AND PLAYOFFS

TEAM	W-L-NR	PTS	NRR
1. 🏏 RCB	9-5	18	+0.783
2. 🏏 GT	9-5	18	+0.695
3. 🏏 SRH	9-5	18	+0.524
4. 🏏 RR	8-6	16	+0.189
5. 🏏 PBKS	7-6-1	15	+0.309
6. 🏏 DC	7-7	14	-0.651
7. 🏏 KKR	6-7-1	13	-0.147
8. 🏏 CSK	6-8	12	-0.345
9. 🏏 MI	4-10	8	-0.584
10. 🏏 LSG	4-10	8	-0.740

QUALIFIER 1
🏏 RCB v 🏏 GT
Tue 5/26 · Dharamsala · winner to final

ELIMINATOR
🏏 SRH v 🏏 RR
Wed 5/27 · New Chandigarh · loser out

QUALIFIER 2
Q1 loser v Eliminator winner
Fri 5/29 · New Chandigarh

FINAL
Q1 winner v Q2 winner
Sun 5/31 · Ahmedabad

TALKING POINTS

- 🏏 RR took the last playoff place with a 30-run win at Wankhede and 16 points. 🏏 PBKS finish 5th on 15: they started 6-0-1, then won 1 of their last 7.
- 🏏 RCB, 🏏 GT and 🏏 SRH all finished on 18 points and were separated only by NRR (0.783, 0.695, 0.524).
- 🏏 Scoring kept rising. The league stage produced **61 totals of 200+** (48 in 2025, 41 in 2024) and 1,349 sixes in 70 games (1,223 in 2025).
- 🏏 Late-season shift: across each team's last five games, death-over scoring rose to 11.27 rpo (10.51 before) and drops rose to 1.62 per game (1.26 before).
- 🏏 League-stage leaders: Sai Sudharsan has 637 runs and Gill 616, both for 🏏 GT. Bhuvneshwar (econ 8.07) and Rabada (9.19) have 24 wickets each.
- 🏏 Qualifier 1 form: 🏏 GT are 4-1 in their last five with the league's best net run rate over that span (+0.86). 🏏 RCB are 3-2 with a net rate of -0.27.

🏏 RR
8-6

205/8
20 ov

FINAL · M69
RR by 30 runs

175/9
20 ov

MI
4-10

Winner took the last playoff place · 🏏 RR play 🏏 SRH in Wednesday's EliminatorRR PP 54/3 · MID 78/2 · DTH 73/3 | MI PP 49/4 · MID 98/1 · DTH 28/4

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai · 15:30 IST · MI won toss, chose to field · 32°C, RH 67%, dew spread 6.7°C · POTM Jofra Archer

RR were 119/5 after 13 overs and still made 205. MI were 147/5 after 15, needing 59 off 30, and managed 28/4 from there.

RECAPJofra Archer did both jobs: a career-high 32 off 15 at No. 7 (previous best 30) and **4-0-17-3** with 13 dots. He removed Rohit (0) and Naman Dhir inside the powerplay.

KEY CALLParag held Archer's last over back for the **16th**, with MI at 147/5. It went for 3 and removed Hardik (34 off 15). MI scored 8 for 2 in the two overs after the 15-over timeout.

PHASESRR scored **73/3 in the death overs** (14.60 rpo against a season rate of 9.70) with only 1 dot ball, after a 54/3 powerplay (season 11.74). MI's death overs: 28/4 (5.60).

OFF-SCRIPTDasun Shanaka batted **No. 5** (usually No. 8) and made a career-high 29 off 15 with three sixes, in a 45-run 4th-wicket stand with Jurel off 27 balls.

MATCHUPJurel took **24 off 10** from Ghazanfar, whose three overs went for 15 each (3-0-45-1; season econ 9.6). Jaiswal took 19 off 10 from Chahar.

FIELDINGMI missed five run-out chances and Suryakumar dropped Archer on 4. RR dropped Suryakumar on 27 (he made 60, a season high) and Hardik on 0 (34).

XI / IMPACTJadeja (usually No. 6) came in at No. 9 as the Impact sub for Shubham Dubey and made 19* off 11. MI brought in Rohit for Raghu Sharma for the chase for the 3rd time in five games. Hardik batted No. 7 and did not bowl.

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🏏 DC
7-7

203/5
20 ov

FINAL · M70
DC by 40 runs

163
18.4 ov

KKR
6-7-1

Dead rubber after RR's afternoon win · 🏏 DC finish 6th, 🏏 KKR 7thDC PP 53/1 · MID 87/2 · DTH 63/2 | KKR PP 55/1 · MID 78/5 · DTH 30/4

Eden Gardens, Kolkata · 19:30 IST · KKR won toss, chose to field · 30°C, RH 86%, dew spread 2.5°C, 0.8 mm rain · POTM Kuldeep Yadav

DC made 203 without anyone passing 60, from five stands of 35 to 47. KKR were 87/2 at the 8.3-over timeout and lost 8 for 76 after it.

RECAPKuldeep Yadav came on as DC's Impact sub for KL Rahul after the first innings and took **4-0-29-3**. He removed Green, then Rahane (63 off 39) and Rinku (0 off 1) in a 14th over that cost 3.

KEY CALLAxar moved himself up to **No. 4** (usually No. 6) and made 39 off 25. He then bowled the 15th over for 4 runs and a wicket and took two catches at the finish.

PHASESDC scored 63/2 in the death overs (12.60 rpo) with 6 sixes. Over their last five games DC's death overs are **+28.4 runs per game**, 2nd only to GT.

OFF-SCRIPTKartik Tyagi went **4-0-55-0** (season econ 9.4), including 20 in the 11th. Narine's 4-0-38-1 was far above his season economy of 6.36; KL Rahul took 21 off 9 from him.

MATCHUPSaurabh Dubey returned a career-best **4-0-28-2** (previous best 2/34) with 13 dots. Porel faced 7 balls from him, scored 0 and was out.

FIELDINGKKR dropped three: Porel on 18, Sahil Parakh on 7 (he went on to a career-high 24) and Ashutosh on 17. DC dropped Allen on 4 and ran one out with a direct hit in the 18th.

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PLAYOFF WEEK AHEAD	
TUE 5/26	Qualifier 1: 🏆 RCB v 🏏 GT, Dharamsala, 7:30 PM IST. The winner goes to the final. The season series is 1-1; GT won the second meeting by 4 wickets, chasing 156 in 15.5 overs. RCB's only game at Dharamsala was a 23-run win over PBKS, and the chasing side won 2 of the 3 games there.
WED 5/27	Eliminator: 🏏 SRH v 🏏 RR, New Chandigarh, 7:30 PM IST. SRH won both meetings, by 57 runs and then by chasing 229. The chasing side won 3 of 4 at New Chandigarh; RR chased 228 there on 4/28.
FRI 5/29	Qualifier 2, New Chandigarh: the Qualifier 1 loser plays the Eliminator winner.
SUN 5/31	Final, Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. GT won 5 of their 7 league games there.

OFFSEASON WATCH · ELIMINATED SIX	
PBKS	One point short. PBKS conceded 13.59 rpo in the death overs over their last five games (worst in the league; 10.98 before) and 12.8 sixes per game.
DC	Won their last three, but finished 7-7 with an NRR of -0.651. Over the last five games their bowlers conceded the fewest death-over runs (9.34 rpo).
KKR	A 6-2 finish after an 0-5-1 start. KKR's net run rate over their last five games was 2nd in the league (+0.65), led by Finn Allen (239 runs, SR 221.3).
CSK	Lost their last three and went 0-6 against the top four . Anshul Kamboj conceded 13.98 rpo over the last five games (8.49 before).
MI	4-10. Corbin Bosch took 11 wickets in the last five games; before that he had played only one game.
LSG	Finished last at 4-10, yet scored the league's fastest powerplays over their last five games (13.13 rpo). Mitch Marsh made 307 runs in that span and their average opening stand was 86.4.

SEASON LEADERS · LEAGUE STAGE						
BATTER	INNS	RUNS	SR	BOWLER	WKTS	ECON
🏏 Sai Sudharsan	14	637	157.7	🏆 Bhuvneshwar Kumar	24	8.07
🏏 Shubman Gill	13	616	161.7	🏏 Kagiso Rabada	24	9.19
🏏 Heinrich Klaasen	14	606	159.5	🏏 Jofra Archer	21	8.77
🏏 KL Rahul	14	593	174.4	🏏 Anshul Kamboj	21	10.53
🏏 Vaibhav Sooryavanshi	14	583	232.3	🏏 Rashid Khan	19	8.72
🏏 Ishan Kishan	14	569	178.4	🏏 Eshan Malinga	19	9.28