

Record buy Starc returns to IPL

Australian fast bowler Mitchell Starc, returning to the IPL after an eight-year hiatus, joins the Kolkata Knight Riders after becoming the most expensive auction purchase in IPL history

MOST EXPENSIVE IPL PLAYERS

Starc's World Cup-winning compatriot **Pat Cummins** also topped previous record, set by England's **Sam Curran** in 2023

Crore* / US\$

Mitchell Starc	<i>Kolkata, 2024</i>	24.75 / 2.98m
Pat Cummins	<i>Hyderabad, 2024</i>	20.50 / 2.47m
Sam Curran	<i>Punjab, 2023</i>	18.50 / 2.23m
Cameron Green	<i>Mumbai, 2023</i>	17.50 / 2.11m
Ben Stokes	<i>Chennai, 2023</i>	16.25 / 1.96m
Chris Morris	<i>Rajasthan, 2021</i>	16.25 / 1.96m
Yuvraj Singh	<i>Delhi, 2015</i>	16.00 / 1.93m
Nicholas Pooran	<i>Lucknow, 2023</i>	16.00 / 1.93m

*1 crore = 10 million rupees

IPL FRANCHISES

Best finish

Player to watch

Chennai Super Kings	5-time winner	<i>Ravindra Jadeja, IND</i>
Delhi Capitals	Final 2020	<i>Rishabh Pant, IND</i>
Gujarat Titans	Winner 2022	<i>Rashid Khan, AFG</i>
Kolkata Knight Riders	Winner 2012, 2014	<i>Mitchell Starc, AUS</i>
Lucknow Super Giants	Eliminator 2022, 2023	<i>KL Rahul, IND</i>
Mumbai Indians	5-time winner	<i>Rohit Sharma, IND</i>
Punjab Kings	Final 2014	<i>Sam Curran, ENG</i>
Rajasthan Royals	Winner 2008	<i>Sanju Samson, IND</i>
RC Bangalore	Final 2009, 2011, 2016	<i>Cameron Green, AUS</i>
Sunrisers Hyderabad	Winner 2016	<i>Pat Cummins, AUS</i>