



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

BIG BASH LEAGUE  
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MELBOURNE STARS V SYDNEY THUNDER  
LIBRARY FACT SHEET

## Introduction

The Big Bash League (BBL) was established in Australia in the season 2011-12 (BBL01) with the same eight teams that presently exist. Initially the teams played each other once during the season (28 matches) prior to there being two semi-finals and a final. Over the years the number of matches per season has been progressively increased and from the 2019-20 season (BBL09) each team has played the seven others twice; a 56-match home and away series. The same season also saw the introduction of the final five and the playing of The Eliminator, The Qualifier, The Knock-Out, The Challenger and The Final.

Based on performance in the BBL to date the teams playing this evening's match present an interesting comparison:

- The Stars, after the first 11 seasons of the tournament (BBLs 01-11), have won 52.0% of matches played; exceeded only by the Scorchers and the Sixers. The Thunder's winning percentage of 41.1 is the lowest.
- The Stars have played in the finals in eight of the 11 seasons to date compared to the Thunder's four; three of which have featured the expanded final series. Notwithstanding, the Thunder has recorded a tournament win (BBL05) while the Stars have yet to do so.
- The Stars' three wins from 12 in finals matches (25%) is well below its 52.0% winning rate in all matches played. In comparison the two most successful teams in finals, the Scorchers and the Sixers have won 64.7% and 66.7% of finals matches respectively.
- The Perth Scorchers have won four finals and the Sydney Sixers three while the Thunder (one final win) is joined by the Strikers, Heat and Renegades leaving the Stars and the Hurricanes yet to break through.

## Twenty20 Big Bash League: A Review of BBL01-BBL11 (Seasons 2011/12-2021/22)

Season	Adelaide Strikers	Brisbane Heat	Hobart Hurricanes	Melbourne Renegades	Melbourne Stars	Perth Scorchers	Sydney Sixers	Sydney Thunder
BBL01 (2011/12)	6th	5th	Btn SF	7th	Btn SF	R/Up	Won	8th
BBL02 (2012/13)	5th	Won	6th	Btn SF	Btn SF	R/Up	7th	8th
BBL03 (2013/14)	7th	5th	R/Up	6th	Btn SF	Won	Btn SF	8th
BBL04 (2014/15)	Btn SF	8th	5th	6th	Btn SF	Won	R/Up	7th
BBL05 (2015/16)	Btn SF	6th	7th	5th	R/Up	Btn SF	8th	Won
BBL06 (2016/17)	6th	Btn SF	7th	5th	Btn SF	Won	R/Up	8th
BBL07 (2017/18)	Won	7th	R/Up	Btn SF	8th	Btn SF	5th	6th
BBL08 (2018/19)	7th	5th	Btn SF	Won	R/Up	8th	Btn SF	6th
BBL09 (2019/20)	Btn K-o	7th	Btn Elim	8th	R/Up	6th	Won	Btn Chall
BBL10 (2020/21)	Btn Elim	Btn Chall	6th	8th	7th	R/Up	Won	Btn K-o
BBL11 (2021/22)	Btn Chall	7th	Btn Elim	8th	6th	Won	R/Up	Btn K-o

## Today's Match: The Squads



### Melbourne Stars

**Adam Zampa (captain)** Joe Burns, Hilton Cartwright, Joe Clarke (Nottinghamshire, Karachi Kings, Welsh Fire Men), Brody Couch, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Sam Elliott, Liam Hatcher, Clint Hinchliffe, Campbell Kellaway, Nick Larkin, Glenn Maxwell, Cam McClure, Tom O'Connell, Marcus Stoinis, Beau Webster, Trent Boult (New Zealand, Rajasthan Royals, Mumbai Indians, Northern Districts), Luke Wood (England, Quetta Gladiators, Bangla Tigers), Tom Rogers.



### Sydney Thunder

**Jason Sangha (captain)**, Ben Cutting, Oliver Davies, Brendan Doggett, Matthew Gilkes, Alex Hales (England, Hyderabad Sunrisers, Mumbai Indians, Islamabad United), Baxter Holt, Nathan McAndrew, Blake Nikitaras, Usman Qadir (Pakistan, Southern Punjab, Peshawar Zalmi, St Lucia Kings), Alex Ross, Rilee Rossouw, Daniel Sams, Gurinder Sandhu, Tanveer Sangha, David Warner, Sam Whiteman.

## MELBOURNE STARS v SYDNEY THUNDER: Results for BBL01-11

- At MCG, December 17, 2011: **MELBOURNE STARS 7/153** (20 overs) (DJ Hussey 52; DE Bollinger 2/22, SJ Coyte 2/26) **lost to SYDNEY THUNDER 4/154** (19 overs) (DA Warner 102\*; JP Faulkner 2/20) **by six wickets**. *Player of the match*: David Warner
- At MCG, January 08, 2013: **MELBOURNE STARS 8/145** (20 overs) (BJ Hodge 39, DJ Hussey 32; CH Gayle 2/5, GS Sandhu 2/33) **defeated SYDNEY THUNDER 132** (19.4 overs) (CH Gayle 65; JP Faulkner 3/24, AD Mascarenhas 2/27) **by 13 runs**. *Player of the match*: Chris Gayle
- At Stadium Australia, January 01, 2014: **SYDNEY THUNDER 6/155** (20 overs) (MEK Hussey 66, EJG Morgan 31; JW Hastings 3/31) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 3/156** (19.1 overs) (BJ Hodge 64\*, MS Wade 44) **by seven wickets**. *Player of the match*: Brad Hodge
- At Sydney Showground, January 17, 2015: **SYDNEY THUNDER 8/106** (20 overs) (AC Blizzard 45; MA Beer 2/14, CJ McKay 2/14, JM Bird 2/15, JW Hastings 2.23) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 2/107** (14.3 overs) (KP Pietersen 67) **by eight wickets**. *Player of the match*: Kevin Pietersen
- At MCG, December 20, 2015: **SYDNEY THUNDER 6/178** (20 overs) (UT Khawaja 109\*; GJ Maxwell 2/28, JW Hastings 2/32) **defeated MELBOURNE STARS 5/177** (20 overs) (KP Pietersen 76, JP Faulkner 45\*; AD Russell 2/28) **by one run**. *Player of the match*: Usman Khawaja
- Final**. At MCG, January 24, 2016: **MELBOURNE STARS 9/176** (20 overs) (KP Pietersen 74; SR Watson 2/17, CJ Green 2/37) **lost to SYDNEY THUNDER 7/181** (19.3 overs) (UT Khawaja 70; MP Stoinis 3/30, A Zampa 2/32) **by three wickets**. *Player of the match*: Usman Khawaja.
- At Sydney Showground, January 04, 2017: **MELBOURNE STARS 8/166** (20 overs) (KP Pietersen 60, GJ Maxwell 34; SR Watson 3/23, CJ Green 2/26, Fawad Ahmed 2/30) **lost to SYDNEY THUNDER 4/168** (20 overs) (EJG Morgan 71, BW Hilfenhaus 2/39) **by six wickets**. *Player of the match*: Eoin Morgan
- At MCG, January 20, 2018: **MELBOURNE STARS 6/147** (20 overs) (PSP Handscomb 57, SE Gotch 31; CJ Green 31) **lost to SYDNEY THUNDER 3/149** (16.1 overs) (SR Watson 49\*, Usman Khawaja 44, JM Vince 40; DJ Worrall 2/32) **by seven wickets**. *Player of the match*: Shane Watson
- At Manuka Oval, Canberra, December 21, 2018: **SYDNEY THUNDER 5/181** (JJ Sangha 63\*, DR Sams 34; A Zampa 2/23, S Lamichhane 2/36) **defeated MELBOURNE STARS 6/74** (eight overs – D/L method) (DR Sams 3/5) **by 15 runs**. *Player of the match*: Daniel Sams
- At Carrara, January 05, 2019: **SYDNEY THUNDER 8/135** (20 overs) (DR Sams 42; SM Boland 2/28, MP Stoinis 2/29) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 2/137** (17.2 overs) (NCR Larkin 41\*, GJ Maxwell 41\*, MP Stoinis 34) **by eight wickets**. *Player of the match*: Marcus Stoinis
- At Sydney Showground, January 02, 2020: **SYDNEY THUNDER 7/142** (20 overs) (AI Ross 40; Haris Rauf 3/24, GJ Maxwell 2/17) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 7/143** (19.4 overs) (NCR Larkin 65, MP Stoinis 58; DR Sams 3/25, NJ McAndrew 2/22, CH Morris 2/24) **by three wickets**. *Player of the match*: Nick Larkin
- At MCG, January 08, 2020: **SYDNEY THUNDER 5/145** (20 overs) (MR Gilkes 41, CJ Ferguson 35, Usman Khawaja 33; Haris Rauf 3/22) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 4/148** (17.5 overs) (GJ Maxwell 59\*, MP Stoinis 50) **by six wickets**. *Player of the match*: Haris Rauf
- The Challenger final**. At MCG, February 6, 2020: **MELBOURNE STARS 2/194** (20 overs) (NCR Larkin 83\*, MP Stoinis 83; CH Morris 2/30) **defeated SYDNEY THUNDER 8/166** (20 overs) (AI Ross 58, AJ Nair 30; Haris Rauf 3/17, NM Coulter-Nile 2/29, A Zampa 2/43) **by 28 runs**. *Player of the match*: Nick Larkin
- At Manuka Oval, Canberra, December 12, 2020: **MELBOURNE STARS 8/169** (20 overs) (MP Stoinis 61, GJ Maxwell 39; DR Sams 2/24, TS Sangha 2/26, CJ Green 2/42) **defeated SYDNEY THUNDER 9/147** (CJ Ferguson 54, AD Hales 46; LC Hatcher 3/28, A Zampa 2/10, HWR Cartwright 2/34) **by 22 runs**. *Player of the match*: Adam Zampa
- At Manuka Oval, Canberra, December 29, 2020: **SYDNEY THUNDER 7/219** (20 overs) (AD Hales 71, CJ Ferguson 51, Usman Khawaja 37; A Zampa 3/49, B Stanlake 2/19) **defeated MELBOURNE STARS 144** (19.5 overs) (CJ Green 4/34, TS Sangha 2/17, CP Tremain 2/27) **by 75 runs**. *Player of the match*: Alex Hales
- At MCG, December 10, 2021: **MELBOURNE STARS 4/165** (20 overs) (NCR Larkin 52\*, HWR Cartwright 42; TS Sangha 2/29) **defeated SYDNEY THUNDER 5/161** (20 overs) (MR Gilkes 56, SW Billings 43; NM Coulter-Nile 2/27) **by four runs**. *Player of the match*: Nick Larkin
- At Sydney Showground, December 12, 2021: **SYDNEY THUNDER 5/151** (20 overs) (AJ Ross 77\*; Qais Ahmad 2/17, BL Couch 2/26) **lost to MELBOURNE STARS 4/155** (17.1 overs) (AD Russell 42\*, GJ Maxwell 40, MP Stoinis 31; TS Sangha 2/20) **by six wickets**. *Player of the match*: AD Russell
- At Manuka Oval, Canberra, December 13, 2022: **MELBOURNE STARS 8/122** (20 overs) (Fazal Haque 2/20, DR Sams 2/21, GS Sandhu 2/23) **lost to SYDNEY THUNDER 9/123** (20 overs) (NM Coulter-Nile 3/19, BJ Webster 2/19, TA Boult 2/21, A Zampa 2/27) **by one wicket**. *Player of the match*: Gurinder Sandhu

### STARS V THUNDER – RESULTS SUMMARY

Location	Played	Stars Won	Thunder Won	Tied
MCG	8	4	4	-
Stadium Australia	1	1	-	-
Sydney Showground	4	3	1	-
Manuka, ACT	4	2	2	-
Carrara Oval, Qld	1	1	-	-
	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>

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