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2024/25 BIG BASH LEAGUE MELBOURNE STARS V SYDNEY SIXERS

BETWEEN THE TEAMS.

The Stars and sixers have played on 22 occasions with the Sixers winning 14 to the Stars eight (including one “superover” win after a tied match at end of the regulation 20 overs.)

LAST TIME THEY MET.

At MCG, January 6, 2024: **MELBOURNE STARS 4/156** (20 overs) (DW Lawrence 36, MP Stoinis 34*, GJ Maxwell 31; TR Murphy 2/15) **lost to SYDNEY SIXERS 3/160** (18.1 overs) (JM Vince 79, DP Hughes 41; SM Boland 2/38) **by seven wickets.** *Player of the match:* James Vince.

HEAD TO HEAD BBL 1 TO 13

Date	M	Season	Venue	Win	Margin	Inn1			Inn2			Overs
27 Dec 2011	9th	2011/12	SCG	Sydney Sixers	2 runs	Sixers	166	9	Stars	164	8	20
21 Dec 2012	13th	2012/13	MCG	Melb Stars	21 runs	Stars	177	6	Sixers	156	5	20
29 Dec 2013	8th	2013/14	SCG	Melb Stars	77 runs	Stars	200	5	Sixers	123	9	20
05 Jan 2015	17th	2014/15	MCG	Melb Stars	'superover' (scores tied)	Sixers	150	6	Stars	150	4	20
27 Dec 2015	10th	2015/16	SCG	Melb Stars	5 wickets	Sixers	139	6	Stars	143	5	20
21 Jan 2017	32nd	2016/17	MCG	Sydney Sixers	3 wickets	Stars	156	8	Sixers	160	7	20
16 Jan 2018	30th	2017/18	MCG	Sydney Sixers	8 wickets	Stars	128	7	Sixers	129	2	20
23 Jan 2018	36th	2017/18	SCG	Sydney Sixers	5 wickets	Stars	189	5	Sixers	190	5	20
27 Dec 2018	10th	2018/19	SCG	Melb Stars	5 wickets	Sixers	130	9	Stars	132	5	20
10 Feb 2019	56th	2018/19	MCG	Melb Stars	94 runs	Stars	168	6	Sixers	74		20
12 Jan 2020	34th	2019/20	MCG	Melb Stars	44 runs	Stars	219	1	Sixers	175	7	20
20 Jan 2020	45th	2019/20	SCG	Sydney Sixers	21 runs	Sixers	143	4	Stars	125	5	14
31 Jan 2020	58th	2019/20	MCG	Sydney Sixers	43 runs	Sixers	142	7	Stars	99		20
08 Feb 2020	61st	2019/20	SCG	Sydney Sixers	19 runs	Sixers	116	5	Stars	97	6	12
26 Dec 2020	15th	2020/21	Carrara	Sydney Sixers	1 wicket	Stars	193	5	Sixers	194	9	20
26 Jan 2021	56th	2020/21	MCG	Sydney Sixers	5 wickets	Stars	177	6	Sixers	180	5	20
05 Dec 2021	1st	2021/22	SCG	Sydney Sixers	152 runs	Sixers	213	4	Stars	61		20
15 Dec 2021	13th	2021/22	MCG	Sydney Sixers	7 wickets	Stars	177	5	Sixers	182	3	20
26 Dec 2022	15th	2022/23	SCG	Sydney Sixers	7 wickets	Stars	150	5	Sixers	151	3	20
06 Jan 2023	31st	2022/23	MCG	Sydney Sixers	6 wickets	Stars	173	5	Sixers	176	4	20
26 Dec 2023	13th	2023/24	SCG	Melb Stars	4 wickets	Sixers	154	8	Stars	155	6	20
06 Jan 2024	26th	2023/24	MCG	Sydney Sixers	7 wickets	Stars	156	4	Sixers	160	3	20

JACKSON BIRD – PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS

Jackson Bird has been a veteran campaigner for the Sydney Sixers and has lined up for his ninth season with the club. He is a two-time BBL champion being in the side that won the BBL09 and BBL10 titles.

A fast bowler, Bird started his BBL career with the Melbourne Stars, moving back to his home state New South Wales prior to the BBL05 season. He returned to the Stars for BBL08 but returned to the Sixers at the end of that season and has remained with them since.

He has become a fixture in New South Wales' Sheffield Shield side and has amassed over 370 Shield wickets in his time with Tasmania and his home state.

Sixers' General manager Rachael Haynes has said of Bird:

“Now coming into his ninth season with the club, he’s a Sydney Sixer through and through...we’re really pleased with the shape of our bowling group and Jackson provides a terrific option for us depending on the needs of the side, which gives us great flexibility throughout the season.”

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Highest team scores in matches between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Sixers

Score	W	For	Season	Venue	Balls	R/100b	=6BO	R/6bO	Mins	R/hr	Ave	Sch B	I	Result	Date
219	1	Stars	2019/20	MCG	120	182.50	20.0	10.95	88	149.32	219.00	120	1	W	12 Jan 2020
213	4	Sixers	2021/22	SCG	120	177.50	20.0	10.65	88	145.23	53.25	120	1	W	05 Dec 2021
200	5	Stars	2013/14	SCG	120	166.67	20.0	10.00	96	125.00	40.00	120	1	W	29 Dec 2013
194	9	Sixers	2020/21	Carrara	119	163.03	19.5	9.78	104	111.92	21.56	120	2	W	26 Dec 2020
193	5	Stars	2020/21	Carrara	120	160.83	20.0	9.65	99	116.97	38.60	120	1	L	26 Dec 2020
190	5	Sixers	2017/18	SCG	105	180.95	17.3	10.86	78	146.15	38.00	120	2	W	23 Jan 2018

Lowest team completed scores in matches between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Sixers

Score	W	For	Season	Venue	Balls	R/100b	=6BOv	R/6bO	Mins	R/hr	Ave	Sch B	Result	Date
61	10	Stars	2021/22	SCG	67	91.04	11.1	5.46	57	64.21	6.10	120	L	05 Dec 2021
74	10	Sixers	2018/19	MCG	82	90.24	13.4	5.41	67	66.27	7.40	120	L	10 Feb 2019
99	10	Stars	2019/20	MCG	108	91.67	18.0	5.50	86	69.07	9.90	120	L	31 Jan 2020

Highest scores in matches between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Sixers

Player	Score	For	Season	Venue	Date	BF	R/100b	ForCd	V..Cd	LocCd	Posn.	MIInn
Stoinis, MP	147	* Stars	2019/20	MCG	12 Jan 2020	79	186.08	164	166	1	1	1
Maxwell, GJ	103	Stars	2021/22	MCG	15 Dec 2021	57	180.70	164	166	1	4	1
Philippe, JR	99	* Sixers	2021/22	MCG	15 Dec 2021	61	162.30	166	164	1	1	2
Hughes, DP	96	Sixers	2020/21	Carrara	26 Dec 2020	51	188.24	166	164	1	4	2
Vince, JM	91	* Stars	2022/23	MCG	06 Jan 2023	59	154.24	166	164	1	2	2

Four+ wicket hauls in matches between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Sixers

Player	W	RC	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Balls	Ave	SR	R/6bO	ER	Mdns	I	Result
O'Keefe, SNJ	4	14	Sixers	1	2021/22	SCG	24	3.50	6.00	3.50	58.33	0	2	W

Three+ wicketkeeping dismissals in matches between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Sixers

Player	HM	for	I	M	Season	Venue	Date	Ct	St	Byes	Op R	Score
Gotch, SE	3	Melbourne Stars	1	58	2019/20	MCG	31 Jan 2020	1	2	2	142	4
Philippe, JR	3	Sydney Sixers	2	1	2021/22	SCG	05 Dec 2021	2	1	2	61	83
Harper, SB	3	Melbourne Stars	1	13	2023/24	SCG	26 Dec 2023	2	1	1	154	17

MOISES HENRIQUES

Moises Henriques was a member of the Sydney Sixers' inaugural side in 2011/12. He was prominent in the Sixers' victory in that year's final, making 70 off 41 balls. He has remained with the side ever since as well as representing New South Wales in the domestic competition. Since 2009 he has also played for the Kolkata Knight Riders, the Delhi Daredevils, the Royal Challengers Bangalore, the Sunrisers Hyderabad, the Punjab Kings as well as County sides Glamorgan and Surrey.

In June 2015, while playing for Surrey, Henriques collided with teammate Rory Burns when running for a catch. Both players were knocked unconscious and Henriques suffered a broken jaw. Both players were taken to hospital and the game was abandoned. In the Big Bash League, Henriques captained the Sydney Sixers to consecutive title victories in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons. In 2013 Henriques was selected in Australia's Test team during its tour of India, making 68 in the first innings of the first Test and going on to make 81 not out in the second innings. After a break, he was again called up for Test duties with the national side for its 2020 series against India.

Henriques was the first cricketer born in Portugal to represent Australia in international cricket. A genuine all-rounder, he says that he couldn't choose between batting and bowling as his preferred strength, and says he looks to South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis for inspiration.

Henriques was involved in a contentious dismissal when these two sides met in BBL13. The Stars' Tom Rogers was given out on 20 when Henriques leapt in the air and took a one-handed catch but the ball hit the ground when he landed although it was still in his grasp. Cricket's rule is that a catch cannot be claimed until the fielder has full control of his body and therefore the ball cannot touch the ground in that time. Despite this, the third umpire after viewing several replays did not change the on-field decision of out. The Stars went on to win by four wickets, ending a seven-game losing streak.

A BOWLER'S DREAM

It was in October 2023 when bowler Glen Parker, playing for Brighton in the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association against Hoppers Crossing hit the record books. He had been hit for ten runs in his previous over and was determined not to let this happen again. He didn't. Instead, he took five wickets in successive deliveries, four bowled and one leg before wicket, all in the same over.

Surprisingly, he is not the first Victorian to do this. Nick Gooden, playing for Yallourn North against Latrobe in the Central Gippsland Cricket Association did the same in 2019. He ended up taking eight wickets from ten balls!