

# MELBOURNE STARS V SYDNEY SIXERS



## BBL|08 FEBRUARY 10, 2019 FACT SHEET

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## Twenty20 Big Bash League (BBL)

The BBL is an Australian professional Twenty20 cricket league which was established in the 2011/12 season by Cricket Australia. The competition, which comprises eight city-based franchises is now in its eighth year (BBL|08). In the first season, the eight teams played each other once in the qualifying stage, then semi-finals and the final, resulting in 31 matches. After increases in the length of subsequent seasons, BBL|08 has been extended to be a full home and away season for the first time, with each team playing each other twice at both a home venue and an away venue. There are 56 matches in the qualifying stage being played between December 19, 2018 and February 10, 2019, with semi-finals on February 14 and 15, and the final on February 17, 2019, resulting in 59 matches for the season.

## Results of Previous BBL Matches Between Today's Teams

In the seven BBL seasons to date, the Stars and the Sixers have played each other eight times at the qualifying stage and have not met in a final. Summary results of the eight matches are below.

SCG	BBL 01 Dec 27, 2011	Sixers 9/166	Stars 8/164	Sixers won by two runs Player of the Match: Dwayne Bravo (Syd)
MCG	BBL 02 Dec 21, 2012	Stars 6/177	Sixers 5/156	Stars won by 21 runs Player of the Match: Glenn Maxwell (Melb)
SCG	BBL 03 Dec 29, 2013	Stars 5/200	Sixers 9/123	Stars won by 77 runs Player of the Match: Glenn Maxwell (Melb)
MCG	BBL 04 Jan 5, 2015	Sixers 6/150	Stars 4/150	Scores level; Stars won Super Over Player of the Match: James Faulkner (Syd)
SCG	BBL 05 Dec 27, 2015	Sixers 6/139	Stars 5/143	Stars won by five wickets Player of the Match: Glenn Maxwell (Melb)
MCG	BBL 06 Jan 21, 2017	Stars 8/156	Sixers 7/160	Sixers won by three wickets Player of the Match: Sean Abbott (Syd)
MCG	BBL 07 Jan 6, 2018	Stars 7/128	Sixers 2/129	Sixers won by eight wickets Player of the Match: Nathan Lyon (Syd)
SCG	BBL 07 Jan 23, 2018	Stars 5/189	Sixers 5/190	Sixers won by five wickets Player of the Match: Joe Denly (Syd)

## **Team Squads**



## **Melbourne Stars**

**Glenn Maxwell (Capt),** Michael Beer, Jackson Bird, Scott Boland, Liam Bowe, Dwayne Bravo (West Indies), Jackson Coleman, Travis Dean, Ben Dunk, Sebastian Gotch, Evan Gulbis, Peter Handscomb, Sandeep Lamichhane (Nepal), Nic Maddinson, Jonathan Merlo, Matt Parkinson (England), Marcus Stoinis, Daniel Worrall, Adam Zampa. Coach: Stephen Fleming



## **Sydney Sixers**

**Moises Henriques** (*Capt*), Sean Abbott, Joe Denly (England), Ben Dwarshuis, Jack Edwards, Mickey Edwards, Daniel Hughes, Nathan Lyon, Peter Nevill, Steve O'Keefe, Lloyd Pope, Jordan Silk, Henry Thornton, Greg West. Coach: Greg Shipperd

Of today's teams, the Sydney Sixers have been more successful in BBL matches played prior to BBL|08, winning the competition in 2011/12, being runners-up in 2014/15 and 2016/17 and reaching the finals in 2013/14. The Melbourne Stars were runners-up in 2015/16, reached the finals in five seasons, and finished eighth in 2017/18.

The Sydney Sixers have signed young leg spinner Lloyd Pope (born December 1, 1999) for his first BBL season. Pope has quickly demonstrated his prodigious talent on the big stage. Representing Australia in the 2018 Under 19 Cricket World Cup, he took 8/35 in Australia's quarter final against England, the best bowling figures in the tournament's history. Playing for South Australia in the 2018/19 Sheffield Shield season, in his second first-class match he took 7/87, becoming the youngest bowler to take a seven-wicket haul in the Sheffield Shield.



### Lloyd Pope in action

## Glenn Maxwell - Outstanding Performances as Player of the Match

Glenn Maxwell has been Player of the Match three times in the eight times these teams have played each other prior to BBL|08, his outstanding performances demonstrating his versatility as an all-rounder, with explosive batting and effective spin bowling. His fast reactions have brought about spectacular saves and memorable catches.



his four overs.

In BBL|02 on December 21, 2012, with the Stars batting first and the score at 2/17, Maxwell blasted 82 runs off 50 balls in 49 minutes (strike rate 164), hitting 6 fours and 3 sixes in a wonderful 118 run partnership from 69 deliveries with Brad Hodge, to reclaim the ascendancy for the Stars.

Seen here in action in BBL|03 against the Sixers on December 29, 2013, Maxwell hit 37 runs off 18 balls, demonstrating a wide range of shots including consecutive reverse sweeps to the boundary. His 20 minutes at the crease produced 3 fours and 2 sixes, with an incredible strike rate of 205.56. With the Sixers then batting, Maxwell created further havoc by being involved in the run out of Marcus North, catching Brett Lee, and taking three wickets for 26 runs from

In BBL|05 on December 27, 2015, again demonstrating his power hitting, Maxwell scored 50 runs off 36 balls, with 5 fours and a strike rate of 138.89. He also captured the wicket of Brad Haddin.



Located in the home team change-room for Melbourne Stars matches is their "honours board". Instead of the traditional centuries and five wicket hauls of the Test honour boards on permanent display in the change-rooms, this records four different milestones achieved in T20 matches.

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