



WBBL|04
MELBOURNE STARS
 v
SYDNEY SIXERS



MONDAY
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FACT SHEET

Women's Big Bash League 2018/19

1st December 2018 **Sydney Sixers Women** 7/165 (20) v **Melbourne Stars Women** 3/166 (17.2) Junction Oval

Women's Big Bash League 2017/18

21st January 2018 **Melbourne Stars Women** 7/106 (20) v **Sydney Sixers Women** 5/107 (18) Casey Fields No 4

9th December 2017 **Sydney Sixers Women** 4/242 (20) v **Melbourne Stars Women** 7/156 (20) North Sydney Oval

Women's Big Bash League 2016/17

18th December 2016 **Sydney Sixers Women** 8/111 (20) v **Melbourne Stars Women** 3/115 (16.5) Casey Fields No 4

17th December 2016 **Sydney Sixers Women** 8/122 (20) v **Melbourne Stars Women** 3/124 (17.2) Casey Fields No 4

Women's Big Bash League 2015/16

19th December 2015 **Sydney Sixers Women** 9/80 (20) v **Melbourne Stars Women** 3/81 (15.5) Drummoyne Oval

18th December 2015 **Melbourne Stars Women** 1/104 (16.1) v **Sydney Sixers Women** 9/101 (20) Drummoyne Oval



Prior to today's match (one of only two WBBL at the MCG this season), the Sixers and Stars have met on seven occasions. Surprisingly, given the relative success of the two sides, the Stars hold the upper hand, having won five of these encounters, the most recent on December 1, 2018. In this match, Nicola Hancock took 4 for 22, including the prize wicket of Ellyse Perry, bowled for 58. This is her best bowling performance to date. South African Lizelle Lee (left), made an unbeaten 102 off just 56 balls, the first century by a Stars' player. Her innings included 16 fours, the most in an innings in the WBBL up to that date. This was Lee's second T20 century after her 104 in August, 2018 for Surrey Stars in the Women's Cricket Super League. Lee is one of two South Africans playing with the Stars this season. Her compatriot, Mignon du Preez, played for the Stars in WBBL01 and again last season. A right hand batter she has a strike rate of 104.13 and a high score of 65 not out for the Stars. An experienced international, she has represented South Africa in all forms of the game on over 170 occasions.

Leading the list of WBBL century makers is Sixers' all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner. In December, 2017, against the Melbourne Stars, Gardner made 114 off just 52 balls at North Sydney Oval. This included an incredible 9 fours and 10 sixes. By way of contrast, in the corresponding game this season, Gardner was out second ball without scoring, caught by centurion Lee, bowled Holly Ferling. Ferling is new to the Stars this season, having played the previous three seasons with Brisbane Heat. To date she has taken 27 wickets in the WBBL with best figures of 4 for 8 against the Perth Scorchers in 2015.

Despite this recent loss, the Sixers remain the most successful team in the WBBL having won the title in 2016/17 and 2017/18, and runners-up in 2015/16. The captain, Ellyse Perry, has arguably been the most dominant player in the WBBL. In November, 2018, during the Women's T20 World Cup (won by Australia), Perry became the first Australian cricketer, male or female, to play 100 T20 Internationals, and also the first to take 100 International T20 wickets. On December 7, 2018, against the Perth Scorchers, Perry equalled Lizelle Lee's season high score of 102 not out. Not to be outdone, Perry's team-mate, Alyssa Healy (right), set a new season mark of 112 on December 28, 2018, as well as a new record of 17 fours in an innings. Perry won the Batting award in the 2017/18 season and leads the competition with over 1900 runs to date. Team-mate Sarah Aley has taken 71 wickets at an average of 14.83, and is also leading the competition.

In the World Cup Final against England, Perry was joined by Sixers team-mates, Alyssa Healy and Ashleigh Gardner. Healy was named Player of the Tournament for her brilliant batting and wicket-keeping. Gardner was a major contributor to the victory with bowling figures of 3 for 22 and 33 runs from 26 deliveries, which included three sixes. This



performance won her Player of the Match honours. There were no Melbourne Stars players in the World Cup Final although Australian captain Meg Lanning captained the Stars in 2015/16 and 2016/17, scoring the most runs in both seasons. Recovering from shoulder surgery in 2017/18, this season she is playing with Perth Scorchers.

All-rounder with the Stars, Angela Reakes, has played with both teams. She spent her first three seasons with the Sixers, moving to Melbourne for BBL|04. Nicola Hancock returns to Melbourne after playing with the Hobart Hurricanes in 2017/18. She began her WBBL career in 2015/16 with the Melbourne Renegades.

For the Sixers, Lauren Cheatle joined this season from Sydney Thunder. She is a NSW squad member and made her T20 International debut in 2016 against India at just 17 years of age. Lauren is a left-arm fast medium bowler, her best performance to date being 4 for 20 when with the Sydney Thunder.

Who am I?

I am a cricket all-rounder and Australian Rules footballer. I was the youngest player to debut in the WBBL, when, at just 15 years of age, I played for the Renegades, but I now play with the Stars. My best bowling figures are 4 for 17, considerably better than my brother's best 1 for 32. I come from a cricketing family, my father having represented Victoria. I am.....(answer below)



Today's Match The Team Squads

Melbourne Stars

Kristen Beams (captain), Makinley Blows, Elly Donald, Mignon du Preez (South Africa), Georgia Elwiss (England), Nicole Faltum, Holly Ferling, Nicola Hancock, Alana King, Lizelle Lee (South Africa), Katie Mack, Erin Osborne, Chloe Rafferty, Angela Reakes and Annabel Sutherland.

Sydney Sixers

Ellyse Perry (Captain), Sarah Aley, Ashleigh Gardner, Alyssa Healy, Marizanne Kapp (South Africa), Carly Leeson, Sara McGlashan (New Zealand), Lauren Smith, Dane Van Niekerk (South Africa), Erin Burns, Lauren Cheatle, Clare Iemma.



Result Summary: 2015/6 – 2017/18 (WBBL 1-3)

	P	W	L	Ab	% Won
Sydney Sixers	48	32	16	0	66.67
Sydney Thunder	45	27	17	1	60.00
Perth Scorchers	47	25	22	0	53.19
Brisbane Heat	43	22	21	0	51.16
Melbourne Stars	42	19	23	0	45.23
Adelaide Strikers	43	17	24	2	39.53
Hobart Hurricanes	44	17	26	1	38.63
Melbourne Renegades	42	16	26	0	38.09

Note: Total matches played includes finals.

Who am I? answer ...Annabel Sutherland

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