

# THE 2026 PRICE LEADERBOARD

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**Cameron Green**  
All-Rounder  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹25.2 Cr

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**Matheesha Pathirana**  
Bowler  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹18.0 Cr

3

**Kartik Sharma**  
Uncapped  
Base: ₹30 Lakh

₹14.2 Cr

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**Prashant Veer**  
Uncapped  
Base: ₹30 Lakh

₹14.2 Cr

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**Liam Livingstone**  
All-Rounder  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹13.0 Cr

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**Mustafizur Rahman**  
Bowler  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹9.2 Cr

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**Josh Inglis**  
Wicketkeeper  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹8.6 Cr

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**Auqib Dar**  
Uncapped  
Base: ₹30 Lakh

₹8.4 Cr

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**Ravi Bishnoi**  
Bowler  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹7.2 Cr

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**Jason Holder**  
All-Rounder  
Base: ₹2 Cr

₹7.0 Cr

# THE RECORD BREAKER CAMERON GREEN

# ₹25.2 CRORE

(Base Price: ₹2 Cr)

**THE 'PERFECT BALANCE' ASSET:** Green commands the highest fee because he solves two problems at once: batting stability and bowling depth.

**MARKET FORCE:** In the T20 format, the 'pace-bowling all-rounder' is the scarcest resource, driving the bidding war to historic highs.



TATA IPL 2026

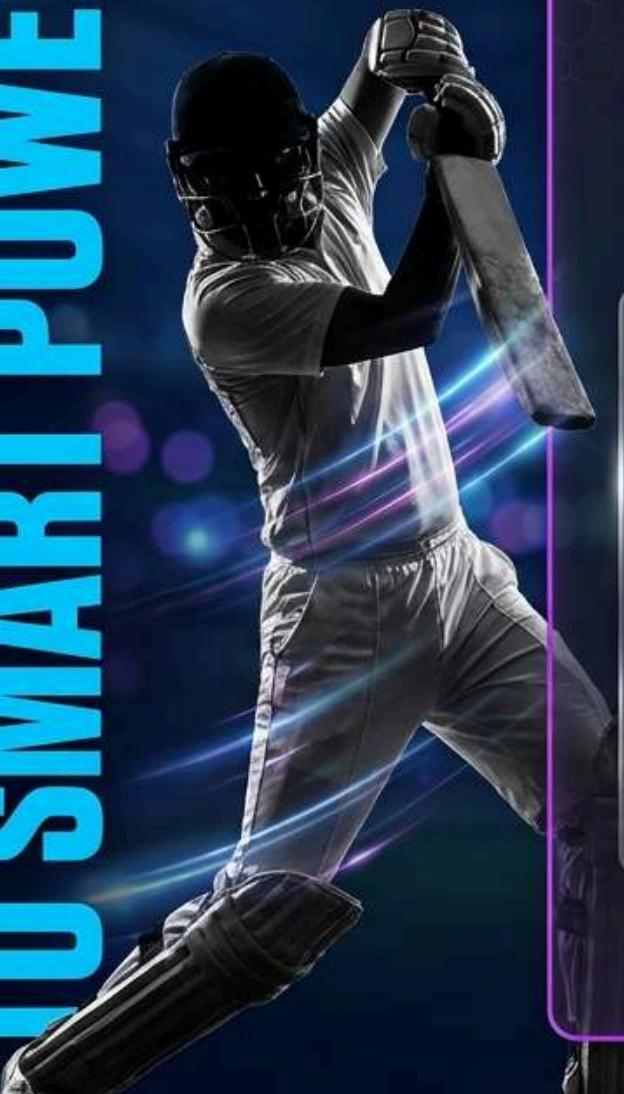
# AUCTION ANALYSIS STRATEGIC BIDS & TOP BUYS

Beyond the Hammer: Breaking Down the  
Market Forces and Billion-Dollar Bids.



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# FROM STAR POWER TO SMART POWER



## Strategy Brief

**Core Statement:** The 2026 Auction redefined value. Records were shattered, but the spending wasn't reckless—it was calculated.

### THE STICKER SHOCK

Winning bids defied expectations, with some players fetching massive multipliers over their base price.



### THE STRATEGY

Teams pivoted from buying pure 'fame' to securing 'match-winning impact' and 'future planning.'



### THE OUTCOME

A market driven by data, focusing on death-over specialists and the scarcity of all-rounders.



# THE PREMIUM ON DEATH OVERS



Matheesha Pathirana

**SOLD FOR  
₹18.0 Cr**

“The Golden Arm”

Mustafizur Rahman

**SOLD FOR  
₹9.2 Cr**



## Strategic Insight:

**SCARCITY VALUE:** Teams paid a premium for unique actions and the ability to close matches. Reliable death bowling is now harder to find than top-order batting, pushing Pathirana to #2 on the global leaderboard.

# THE UNCAPPED REVOLUTION

KARTIK SHARMA



₹14.2 Cr

Uncapped

PRASHANT VEER



₹14.2 Cr

Uncapped

AUQIB DAR



₹8.4 Cr

Uncapped

## NARRATIVE:

The glass ceiling for uncapped talent has been shattered. Teams are no longer hesitant to spend heavy portions of their purse on domestic Indian talent.

## OBSERVATION:

These bids represent a shift toward long-term franchise investments rather than short-term fixes.

# INTERNATIONAL IMPACT & MID-MARKET VALUE



**Josh Inglis**

₹8.6 Cr - Wicketkeeper



**Liam Livingstone**

₹13.0 Cr - Power Hitter



**Jason Holder**

₹7.0 Cr - All-Rounder

## OVERSEAS GAME-CHANGERS

Foreign players remain pivotal, but teams are selective. Money flows to those who offer specific tactical advantages like Holder's height or Livingstone's strike rate.

## PROVEN PERFORMERS

Unlike speculative uncapped bids, these prices reflect payment for performance consistency on the global stage.

# AUCTION VERDICT: KEY TAKEAWAYS



**1**

## TALENT OVER TENURES

Young Indian talent is now valued as highly as international experience.

**2**

## THE ALL-ROUNDER TAX

Teams must pay a premium for squad balance.

**3**

## PRICE DECOUPLING

Base price is irrelevant to final market value.

**4**

## DATA DOMINANCE

Strategy has moved from gut-feel celebrity buys to data-backed performance metrics.

# THE VALUATION MULTIPLIER

₹14.2 Crore  
(Bid)

47X INCREASE ↑

₹30 Lakh  
(Base)



STARTING LINE

Base price no longer determines final value.  
The market dictates the price based on  
potential, not past international caps.



FINISH LINE

# THE IMPACT ON SEASON 2026

**EXPECTATIONS:** The high price tags have raised the stakes. Fans should expect high-intensity matches and close finishes.

**THE NARRATIVE:** The 2026 season will be defined by whether the '**Record Breakers**' (Green/Pathirana) can justify their fees and if the '**Uncapped Millionaires**' (Sharma/Veer) can handle the pressure.

**THE AUCTION IS OVER. THE REAL GAME BEGINS NOW.**



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