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IPL AUCTION Michael Clarke and Ricky Ponting sold for base price of \$400,000

GLENN 'MAX' A MILLION

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While three-time World Cup winner Ricky Ponting and his sensational successor Michael Clarke were paid scant attention, India's business tycoons threw in a surprise by engaging in a tug-of-war over an obscure Aussie. This is IPL auction and established names do not always sell!

While Kane Richardson, who recently made his ODI debut for Australia only as a last-minute replacement for injured Mitchell Starc, was bought by Pune Warriors for \$700,000 — seven times his base price; his illustrious countrymen Ponting and Clarke had to settle for their base price of \$400,000 after attracting just one bid each.

Ponting went almost unsold until owner of Mumbai Indians, Nita Ambani, raised her hand at the last minute and saved the veteran from embarrassment. Pune Warriors would be thanking their stars after having bought a potential captain in Clarke at a bargain price.

The lone millionaire of the day was emerging Aussie all-rounder Glen Maxwell, who went to Mumbai after a frenetic bidding with newcomers Sunrisers Hyderabad. The 24-year-old right-hander, who also bowls offspin, is



Mumbai Indians' Nita Ambani (left) is all smiles after buying Australian Glenn Maxwell for \$1 million at the auction. IPL chief Rajeev Shukla, BCCI joint secretary Anurag Thakur and Delhi Daredevils coach T.A. Sekar are also seen at a press conference. — JAISON G

no stranger to IPL as he has already played for Delhi Daredevils, but did not make much impact. However, his recent form — scoring 145 in six innings at strike rate of 152.63 in the Big Bash League — made him the hottest pick.

Mumbai's chief mentor Anil Kumble said Maxwell was on top of their target

list. "I knew Maxwell before he played for his country. He is an exceptional talent and it will be exciting to see him play," said Kumble.

South African all-rounder Christopher Morris (Chennai Super Kings, \$625,000) and Lankan mystery spinner Sachithra Senanayaka (Kolkata Knight Riders,

\$625,000) are the other surprise gainers.

It was a good payday for the Indians. Of the seven local players up for grabs, only the ageing Wasim Jaffer didn't find a buyer. Abhishek Nayar, who is fresh from playing a key role in Mumbai's Ranji Trophy triumph, was the most sought-after Indian as almost all the teams

showed interest in the all-rounder. He was eventually picked by Pune Warriors for \$675,000 (base price \$100,000).

Royal Challengers Bangalore strengthened their bowling department by adding Rudra Pratap Singh. Jaydev Unadkat, Pankaj Singh and West Indian Ravi Rampaul. Delhi bought only three

players, all of them all-rounders — Johan Botha, Jesse Ryder and Jeevan Mendis. Sunrisers too concentrated on utility players as they took Sri Lankan Thisara Perera and West Indian Darren Sammy among four others. As Ravi Bopara and Matt Prior will not be available for full period of the tournament, the English, as

expected, had no takers. Interestingly their names were brought back to the bag during the afternoon session upon some teams' request. They, however, went unsold.



Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell went from golden duck — he was clean bowled by Darren Sammy off the first ball he faced in the ODI against West Indies at Perth on Sunday — to golden goose in just over an hour at the IPL auction in Chennai

The player nicknamed the Big Show may now have to be rechristened The Big Dough after landing a bizarre \$51 million deal with the Mumbai Indians

Maxwell's cavalier 51 off 35 balls against the West Indies in Perth on Friday caught the eye of IPL scouts and must surely have trebled his auction price

Maxwell plays for Melbourne Stars in Australia's Big Bash League (BBL). He scored 145 in six innings at strike rate of 152.63 in this season's BBL.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Christopher Morris	All-rounder	\$625,000	
Dirk Nannes	Bowler	\$600,000	
Ben Laughlin	Bowler	\$20,000	
Akila Dananjaya	All-rounder	\$20,000	
Jason Holder	Bowler	\$20,000	

Bought 5 players; Spent: \$1,285,000 Remaining purse: \$1,846,087; Squad 22 (11 foreigners)



Christopher Morris

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Thisara Perera	All-rounder	\$675,000	
Darren Sammy	All-rounder	\$425,000	
Sudeep Tyagi	Bowler	\$100,000	
Clinton McKay	Bowler	\$100,000	
Nathan McCullum	Bowler	\$100,000	
Quinton De Kock	WK	\$20,000	

Bought 6 players; Spent: \$1,420,000 Remaining purse: \$5,583,696; Squad 26 (11 foreigners)



Thisara Perera

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Sachithra Senanayaka	All-rounder	\$625,000	
Ryan McLaren	Bowler	\$50,000	

Bought 2 players; Spent: \$675,000 Remaining purse: \$1,508,696; Squad 23 (11 foreigners)

MUMBAI INDIANS			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Glenn Maxwell	All-rounder	\$1,000,000	
Nathan Coulter-Nile	Bowler	\$450,000	
Ricky Ponting	Batsman	\$400,000	
Phillip Hughes	Batsman	\$100,000	
Jacob Oram	All-rounder	\$50,000	


Bought 5 players; Spent: \$2,000,000 Remaining purse: \$341,739; Squad 28 (11 foreigners)



Ricky Ponting

PUNE WARRIORS INDIA			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Ajantha Mendis	Bowler	\$725,000	
Kane Richardson	Bowler	\$700,000	
Abhishek Nayar	All-rounder	\$675,000	
Michael Clarke	Batsman	\$400,000	

Bought 4 players; Spent: \$2,500,000 Remaining purse: \$804,130; Squad 33 (11 foreigners)



Kane Richardson

KINGS XI PUNJAB			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Manpreet Gony	Bowler	\$500,000	
Luke Pomersbach	Batsman	\$300,000	

Bought 2 players; Spent: \$800,000 Remaining purse: \$6,072,826; Squad 23 (8 foreigners)

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Jaydev Unadkat	Bowler	\$525,000	
Rudra Pratap Singh	Bowler	\$400,000	
Moises Henriques	All-rounder	\$300,000	
Ravi Rampaul	Bowler	\$290,000	
Pankaj Singh	Bowler	\$150,000	
Daniel Christian	All-rounder	\$100,000	
Christopher Barnwell	All-rounder	\$50,000	

Bought 7 players; Spent: \$1,835,000 Remaining purse: \$711,522; Squad 31 (10 foreigners)

DELHI DAREDEVILS			
Player	Type	Bought For	
Johan Botha	All-rounder	\$450,000	
Jesse Ryder	All-rounder	\$260,000	
Jeevan Mendis	All-rounder	\$50,000	

Bought 3 players; Spent: \$760,000 Remaining purse: \$655,978; Squad 26 (11 foreigners)

RAJASTHAN ROYALS			
Player	Type	Bought For	
James Faulkner	All-rounder	\$400,000	
Fidel Edwards	Bowler	\$210,000	
Kusal Janith Perera	WK	\$20,000	

Bought 3 players; Spent: \$630,000 Remaining purse: \$7,071,304; Squad 21 (10 foreigners)

BARGAINS			
Player	Team	Base Price	Bought For
Ricky Ponting	Mumbai	\$400,000	\$400,000
Michael Clarke	Pune	\$400,000	\$400,000



SNUBBED			
Player	Type	Base Price	
Doug Bollinger	Bowler	\$200,000	
Matt Prior	WK	\$200,000	
Ravi Bopara	All-rounder	\$100,000	
Martin Gupthill	Batsman	\$100,000	
Vernon Philander	Bowler	\$100,000	
Upul Tharanga	Batsman	\$100,000	
Kevin O'Brien	All-rounder	\$50,000	