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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)

| 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)

| 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

| 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)

| 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)

| 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 | |



Ravi Bopara

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