



SEASON 12

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TEAMS



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PROLOGUE

With the Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 Player Auction, we are set to embark on a fresh round of competitive participation that has already elevated kabaddi to a national spectacle as India's very own indigenous modern sport. Through the past eleven seasons of our League, we have created a value proposition that evokes envy from several other sports leagues and a legacy that all PKL stakeholders can justly take pride in.

Each season of our League is heralded by its Player Auction. It is a launch-pad for the PKL teams to bring into play their strategy, determination, and ambition to become high-performers for the upcoming season.

It is also the stage for hundreds of champion kabaddi athletes to find respect, affirmation, and opportunity for the finest competition of their sport and thereon start on the road to stardom and fame. As ever, the highest quality broadcast by JioStar and streaming by JioHotstar delivers a fantastic connection between the Teams and millions of kabaddi fans across the country.

We look forward to the forthcoming two days of the PKL Season 12 Player Auction enabling our Teams with top quality squads for a highly competitive PKL Season 12.



ANUPAM GOSWAMI

Business Head - Mashal & League Commissioner
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PROLOGUE

The Pro Kabaddi League, founded in 2014, is a historic initiative of Mashal Sports, which took our indigenous sport to new levels of professionalism. This bold step highlighted the modern, international and competitive face of Kabaddi throughout the country and beyond, with games televised live on prime-time TV for millions to view across India and the world.

As the Technical Director of the Pro Kabaddi League since its inception, I have been fortunate to witness and be an integral part of eleven seasons that have filled me with immense pride and satisfaction. What began as a vision to elevate our indigenous sport has grown into a movement that has revolutionized kabaddi forever.



Over the past eleven seasons, the sport has undergone remarkable evolution: refined governance structures, enhanced officiating standards, and sophisticated rule implementations. These innovations have elevated the level of competition and made kabaddi ready for the global stage.

The athletes entering the Season 12 auction are both beneficiaries and torchbearers of this progress. Many have emerged from humble beginnings to become masters of their craft, blending raw power with tactical brilliance in ways once unimaginable.

As we step into this new chapter, our commitment remains steadfast: to uphold the integrity of kabaddi while expanding its global reach. The Pro Kabaddi League will continue to be a lasting symbol of sporting excellence.

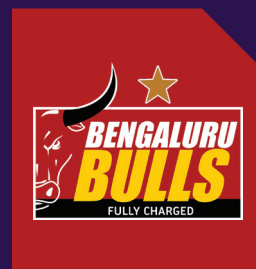
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Technical Director,
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PRO KABADDI LEAGUE TEAM SNAPSHOTS



Bengal Warriorz are the 2019 Champions of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL). They are owned by Capri Global Holdings. The Founder, Rajesh Sharma is the Managing Director for Capri Global Capital, a listed NBFC. Jinisha Sharma, is the Director of Capri Sports, and Apurv Gupta is the CEO for Bengal Warriorz. Bollywood superstar, Akshay Kumar is a co-owner of Bengal Warriorz franchise. The team is one of the initial eight teams in the PKL since Season 1, having finished 3rd in Season 5 in 2017 and 4th just a season before in 2016.



Owned by WL League Pvt Ltd, the Bengaluru Bulls have participated in each of the PKL seasons so far. Kirthi Muralikrishnan is the CEO at Bengaluru Bulls. The franchise won the PKL title in Season 6 and finished as runners-up in Season 2. The team will be aiming for their second title under the watchful eyes of new Head Coach BC Ramesh in Season 12.



The Dabang Delhi K.C. franchise is owned by DoIT Sports Management (India) Pvt Ltd, founded by Mrs. Radha Kapoor, Indian businesswomen & entrepreneur. Prashant Mishra is the CEO of Dabang Delhi K.C. Hailing from the Capital city; the franchise won the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title in Season 8 and have finished in the upper echelons of the points table on four occasions over the last 11 seasons.



The Gujarat Giants, an Ahmedabad-based Kabaddi team owned by Adani Sportsline, have been a formidable force in the Pro Kabaddi League since their debut in 2017. Known for their rallying cry Garjega Gujarat, the team stormed into the finals in their first two seasons. Backed by Adani Sportsline's commitment to nation-building, the franchise champions the growth of indigenous sports by fostering talent at the grassroots level.



Owned by JSW Sports, the Haryana Steelers made their entry in the Pro Kabaddi League in Season 5. JSW Sports is the sports arm of the JSW Group, a \$24 billion conglomerate with a presence across India, USA, South America, Europe & Africa. Parth Jindal is the Founder & Director, JSW Sports and Divyanshu Singh is the CEO, Haryana Steelers. Under the watchful eye of Manpreet Singh, they won their first PKL trophy in Season 11.



The Jaipur Pink Panthers is owned by actor and producer Abhishek Bachchan. The franchise has won the PKL title twice and finished as runners-up in Season 4. Bunty Walia is the CEO at the Jaipur Pink Panthers.



The Patna Pirates is owned by KVS Energy and Sports Limited, which is owned by Rajesh Shah. Mr. Shah has held several roles, including as Dean's Council at the Harvard Kennedy School in 2003. He has been on the boards of Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. He was also president of CII. Pawan Rana is the CEO of the most successful side in the Pro Kabaddi League - Patna Pirates recorded a hat-trick of titles after winning the third, fourth and fifth seasons. They have also qualified for the playoffs - eight out of 11 times, and reached the final in Season 11.



Puneri Paltan is owned by Insurekot Sports Pvt Ltd, which is owned by Suresh Kotak & family. ISPL is committed to promoting sports in India. Established in 2014, ISPL, through its various initiatives aims to contribute to the betterment of sports in the country. Kailash Kandpal is the CEO at Puneri Paltan. The franchise from Pune lifted its maiden PKL title in Season 10.



The Tamil Thalaivas franchise is owned by Magica Sports Ventures Pvt Ltd, which is owned by Nimmagadda Prasad - an Indian industrialist from Telangana. He has ventures in the pharmaceutical industry. Sushen Vashishth is the CEO at the Tamil Thalaivas. The team made history in Season 9 after qualifying for the playoffs for the first time.



The Telugu Titans franchise is owned by Veera Sports, led by Srinivas Sreeramaneni, Nedurumalli Gautam and Mahesh Kolli. Trinadh Reddy is the CEO at Telugu Titans. The franchise will be looking to break the first-title jinx this year under the experience of head coach Krishan Kumar Hooda in Season 12.



The U Mumba is owned by Unilazer Ventures Pvt. Ltd, which is owned by Ronnie Screwvala - Indian entrepreneur and film producer. Suhail Chandhok is the CEO at U Mumba. The franchise emerged as champions in Season 2 and as runners-up in Season 1 & 3. U Mumba returned to the playoffs in PKL 11. They will be led by head coach Rakesh Kumar in season 12.



UP Yoddhas is owned by GMR Sports, a subsidiary of GMR Group, which is a prominent Indian Infrastructure conglomerate with global footprint. Under the able guidance and mentorship of Kiran Kumar Grandhi, Corporate Chairman of GMR Group and leadership of PKSV Sagar, CEO-GMR Sports, the UP Yoddhas have demonstrated remarkable success, making to the playoffs in six out of seven seasons since its inception in 2017. This impressive track record highlights the team's competitive prowess and the strategic effectiveness of its leadership, reinforcing the team's strong performance in the league.

PKL 12 PLAYER AUCTION SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – MAY 31

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:30 pm	Media Registration + High Tea
7:30 pm	Category A&B Auction
7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (During Breaks)	Press Briefings with Team Management
10:00 pm	Dinner

DAY 2 – JUNE 1

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:30 am	Media Registration + Breakfast
10 am	Category C&D Auction
1 pm	Lunch
10 am to 6:00 pm (During Breaks)	Press Briefings With Team Management

PLAYER-WISE CATEGORY DIVISION

For the auction, both domestic and overseas players will be divided into four categories: A, B, C, and D. Within each category, players will be further classified as 'All-Rounders', 'Defenders', and 'Raiders'. The base prices for each category are:

CATEGORY	BASE PRICE
Category A	30 lakhs
Category B	20 lakhs
Category C	13 lakhs
Category D	9 lakhs

TOTAL SALARY PURSE AVAILABLE TO EACH FRANCHISE: INR 5 Crores

RETAINED PLAYER LIST

ELITE RETAINED PLAYERS

TEAM	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5	PLAYER 6
BENGAL WARRIORZ	VISHWAS S	-	-	-	-	-
BENGALURU BULLS	-	-	-	-	-	-
DABANG DELHI K.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-
GUJARAT GIANTS	HIMANSHU SINGH	HIMANSHU	-	-	-	-
HARYANA STEELERS	RAHUL SETHPAL	VINAY	-	-	-	-
JAIPUR PINK PANTHERS	REZA MIRBAGHERI	-	-	-	-	-
PATNA PIRATES	HAMID MIRZAEI NADER	THIYAGARAJAN YUVARAJ	-	-	-	-
PUNERI PALTAN	ABINESH NADARAJAN	GAURAV KHATRI	PANKAJ MOHITE	-	-	-
TAMIL THALAIVAS	MOEIN SHAFAGHI	HIMANSHU	SAGAR	-	-	-
TELUGU TITANS	SHANKAR BHIMRAJ GADAI	AJIT PANDURANG PAWAR	-	-	-	-
U MUMBA	SUNIL KUMAR	ROHIT	AMIR MOHAMMAD ZAFARDANESH	SATISH KANNAN	-	-
UP YODDHAS	SUMIT	BHAVANI RAJPUT	SAHUL KUMAR	SURENDER GILL	ASHU SINGH	-

RETAINED YOUNG PLAYERS

TEAM	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5
BENGAL WARRIORZ	-	-	-	-	-
BENGALURU BULLS	-	-	-	-	-
DABANG DELHI K.C.	-	-	-	-	-
GUJARAT GIANTS	PARTEEK DAHIYA	RAKESH	-	-	-
HARYANA STEELERS	SHIVAM ANIL PATARE	JAIDEEP	JAYA SOORYA NS	VISHAL S. TATE	-
JAIPUR PINK PANTHERS	ABHISHEK KS	-	-	-	-
PATNA PIRATES	SUDHAKAR M	-	-	-	-
PUNERI PALTAN	ASLAM MUSTAFA INAMDAR	MOHIT GOYAT	DADASO SHIVAJI PUJARI	ADITYA TUSHAR SHINDE	-
TAMIL THALAIVAS	NITESH KUMAR	NARENDER	RONAK	VISHAL CHAHAL	AASHISH
TELUGU TITANS	ANKIT	PRAFUL SUDAM ZAWARE	-	-	-
U MUMBA	MUKILAN SHANMUGAM	-	-	-	-
UP YODDHAS	HITESH	GAGANA GOWDA HR	SHIVAM CHAUDHARY	-	-

EXISTING NEW YOUNG PLAYERS

TEAM	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4
BENGAL WARRIORZ	YASH MALIK	MANJEET	DEEP KUMAR	SUSHIL KAMBREKAR
BENGALURU BULLS	CHANDRANAİK M	LUCKY KUMAR	MANJEET	PANKAJ
DABANG DELHI K.C.	SANDEEP	MOHIT	-	-
GUJARAT GIANTS	-	-	-	-
HARYANA STEELERS	SAHIL	MANIKANDAN N	VIKAS RAMADAS JADHAV	-
JAIPUR PINK PANTHERS	RONAK SINGH	NITIN KUMAR	SOMBIR	RITIK SHARMA
PATNA PIRATES	AYAN	NAVDEEP	DEEPAK	SAHIL PATIL
PUNERI PALTAN	-	-	-	-
TAMIL THALAIVAS	ANUJ KALURAM GAWADE	DHIRAJ RAVINDRA BAILMARE	-	-
TELUGU TITANS	SAGAR	CHETAN SAHU	NITIN	ROHIT
U MUMBA	AJIT CHOUHAN	DEEPAK KUNDU	LOKESH GHOSLIYA	SUNNY
UP YODDHAS	JAYESH VIKAS MAHAJAN	GANGARAM	SACHIN	KESHAV KUMAR

PKL MILESTONE MOMENTS

2014

SEASON
1

20TH MAY

The first-ever PKL Auction.

26TH JUL

U Mumba square off against Jaipur Pink Panthers in the PKL opener.

31ST AUG

Jaipur Pink Panthers win the first-ever PKL title.

2015

SEASON
2

25TH MAY

PKL hosts International Player's draft.

2016

SEASON
3 & 4

**30TH JAN - 05TH MAR &
25TH JUN - 31ST JULY**

Two seasons of PKL organized in one year.

13TH MAY

PKL Player Auction broadcasted on television for the first time.

Mohit Chhillar becomes the first player to cross the INR 50 Lakh mark after being signed by Bengaluru Bulls.

28TH JUNE - 31ST JULY

The first ever professional Women's Kabaddi Challenge (WKC) was hosted.

2017

SEASON
5

12TH MAY

PKL includes four more teams; tournament expands to 12 teams.

28TH JUL – 28TH OCT

Season 5 becomes the biggest professional league in Indian sporting history in terms of geographical outreach.

Future Kabaddi Heroes (FKH) Program launched in 2017- Stars such as Naveen Kumar, Nitesh Kumar, Rohit Gulia emerge.

28TH OCT

Patna Pirates clinch a hat-trick of PKL titles.

2018

SEASON
6

30TH MAY

INR 1 crore mark breached in PKL Auction - Rishank Devadiga, Fazel Atrachali, Rahul Chaudhari, Nitin Tomar, Deepak Niwas Hooda and Monu Goyat become crorepatris in Season 6.

2019

SEASON
7

13TH JUL

The first-ever PKL All-Star match takes place - Indian 7 vs World 7 - World 7 win by a margin of 1 point.

SEP - OCT

Pardeep Narwal becomes the first-ever player to score 1000 points in PKL; Mohammad Nabibakhsh becomes first overseas captain to win a PKL trophy after leading Bengal Warriors to victory.

2021

SEASON
8

22ND DEC

PKL Season 8 begins; first contact sport held in a bio-bubble; entire tournament successfully completed at one venue - Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Centre.

2022SEASON
9**5-6TH AUG**

Pawan Sehrawat becomes the first player to breach the INR 2 Crore mark after being signed by Tamil Thalaivas.

16TH NOV

Pardeep Narwal becomes the first player to score 1500 raid points.

17TH DEC

Jaipur Pink Panthers becomes the second team to win two PKL titles.

2023SEASON
10**9-10TH OCT**

Pawan Sehrawat breaks his own record for the most expensive buy at the PKL Auction.

15TH JAN

Bengal Warriors and Bengaluru Bulls play 1000th PKL match in Jaipur.

1ST MAR 2024

Pro Kabaddi League becomes the second sporting league to complete 10 seasons in India.

2024SEASON
11**15TH AUG**

A record breaking eight players walk away with more than INR 1 Crore as their price at the PKL Auction in Season 11.

28TH DEC

Pro Kabaddi makes its debut in Australia as the PKL Melbourne Raid took some of the biggest names in the game to the John Cain Arena for a couple of riveting games.

(NOV 7 - DEC 27)**Longest Unbeaten Streak**

Dabang Delhi K.C. create a new record for the longest unbeaten streak in Pro Kabaddi League's history in Season 11 as they script an incredible 15-match streak.

29TH DEC

Haryana Steelers defeats three-time champions Patna Pirates in the Final to win the PKL title for the first time ever.

PKL AUCTION - KEY STATS

HIGHEST BUYS IN PKL PLAYER AUCTIONS OVER THE YEARS

SEASON	PLAYER	AMOUNT	TEAM
SEASON 1	RAKESH KUMAR	12.80 LAKHS	PATNA PIRATES
SEASON 2	HADI OSHTORAK	21.1 LAKHS	TELUGU TITANS
SEASON 3	NO AUCTION	NO AUCTION	NO AUCTION
SEASON 4	MOHIT CHHILLAR	53 LAKHS	BENGALU RU BULLS
SEASON 5	NITIN TOMAR	93 LAKHS	UP YODDHAS
SEASON 6	MONU GOYAT	1.51 CRORE	HARYANA STEELERS
SEASON 7	SIDDHARTH DESAI	1.45 CRORE	TELUGU TITANS
SEASON 8	PARDEEP NARWAL	1.65 CRORE	UP YODDHAS
SEASON 9	PAWAN SEHRAWAT	2.26 CRORE	TAMIL THALAIVAS
SEASON 10	PAWAN SEHRAWAT	2.605 CRORE	TELUGU TITANS
SEASON 11	SACHIN TANWAR	2.15 CRORE	TAMIL THALAIVAS

*Season 2 - (Player Auction was held only for international players in Season 2).

PKL AUCTION - KEY STATS

TOP 10 BUYS OF ALL TIME

NAME	TEAM	PRICE (INR)	SEASON
PAWAN SEHRAWAT	TELUGU TITANS	2.605 CRORE	SEASON 10
MOHAMMADREZA SHADLOUI	PUNERI PLATAN	2.35 CRORE	SEASON 10
PAWAN SEHRAWAT	TAMIL THALAIVAS	2.26 CRORE	SEASON 9
SACHIN	TAMIL THALAIVAS	2.15 CRORE	SEASON 11
MANINDER SINGH	BENGAL WARRIORZ	2.12 CRORE	SEASON 10
MOHAMMADREZA SHADLOUI	HARYANA STEELERS	2.07 CRORE	SEASON 11
GUMAN SINGH	GUJARAT GIANTS	1.97 CRORE	SEASON 11
PAWAN SEHRAWAT	TELUGU TITANS	1.725 CRORE	SEASON 11
VIKASH KANDOLA	BENGALURU BULLS	1.70 CRORE	SEASON 9
PARDEEP NARWAL	UP YODDHAS	1.65 CRORE	SEASON 8

SUPERFANS - POWERED BY PASSION

Since 2014, the passionate fans of Kabaddi and the Pro Kabaddi League have shaped the sport into what it is today. From Day 1, their thunderous cheers in packed stadiums have made a powerful impact. There's no doubt - they are an integral part of the PKL family, both in India and around the world.

To celebrate this incredible community, PKL launched the SuperFans initiative - an exclusive platform that brings our most dedicated fans even closer to the game. It's more than just a title; it's a badge of honour that unlocks unmatched access and unforgettable experiences. These SuperFans also serve as powerful advocates, amplifying the spirit and reach of Kabaddi across communities.

In Season 11, SuperFans got the chance to meet PKL stars, create engaging content, and enjoy VIP matchday experiences - watching the action unfold while seated next to their favourite players. Now, the Season 12 Player Auction presents another one-of-a-kind opportunity: SuperFans will experience the intensity and strategy of the auction in the presence of PKL's biggest stars, offering a rare, behind-the-scenes look at one of the league's most pivotal events.

As we look ahead, the SuperFans initiative will continue to grow - finding new ways to deepen the bond between players and fans, and ensuring that those who fuel the league with their passion stay at the very heart of the Pro Kabaddi story.



THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of Mashal Sports, we would like to formally thank you for your support over the last eleven years. The Pro Kabaddi League started with a dream of becoming one of the most loved sporting leagues in the world, and we are so grateful to witness the tournament enjoy a huge fan-following today.

Today, Do-or-Die raids, Super Raids, Super Tackles, Lights, and Mats are synonymous with the sport of kabaddi, however, a very efficient team tested each one of the innovations in the league before bringing them to you. With heartfelt gratitude, Mashal Sports would like to thank everyone involved in the tournament since Season 1 for taking the Pro Kabaddi League to the greatest of heights.

Witnessing kabaddi players evolve into superstars and exemplary role models in the past eleven years has been truly remarkable. Nevertheless, our journey is far from over. Although we have successfully met our targets over the last eleven seasons, we have set even loftier ambitions for the forthcoming decade. To realize these aspirations, your sustained support will be of utmost importance to us.

**Yours Sincerely,
Mashal Sports**

