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Fantasy Big Bash guide

Adelaide *Strikers*

Off-Season

Added: Brad Hodge, Ben Laughlin, Kieron Pollard, Alex Ross, Chadd Sayers, Craig Simmons

Lost: Callum Ferguson, Alex Hales, Michael Klinger, Jimmy Peirson, Nathan Reardon

Likely X11

Craig Simmons
Tim Ludeman
Brad Hodge
Travis Head
Kieron Pollard
Johan Botha
Michael Nesar
Ben Laughlin
Kane Richardson
Jon Holland
Shaun Tait
Chadd Sayers (12th)

Fixture

R1 – Melbourne Stars @Adelaide oval

R2 – Perth Scorchers @TheFurnace

R3 – Hobart Hurricanes @Adelaide Oval

R4 – Brisbane Heat @Gabba

R5 – Perth Scorchers @Adelaide Oval

R6 – Bye

R7 – Sydney Thunder @Adelaide Oval

R7 – Sydney 6ers @SCG

R8 – Melbourne Renegades @Etihad stadium

Rest of squad

Alex Ross, Gary Putland, Adam Zampa, Trent Lawford, Jono Dean

Bargain: *Tim Ludeman \$41,500 – Strikers need an opener to fill the role of Hughes (R.I.P champ) I think Ludeman will be tipped to get it and at a bargain price.*

Avoid: *Chadd Sayers \$32,000 – I have seen this guy listed on a few benches but I would avoid I can not see him get game time ahead of the likes of Tait, Richardson, Laughlin.*

Watch List: *Brad Hodge \$61,000 – showed he still has plenty to offer smashing 84no off 42 balls in a New Zealand competition, only a few weeks ago.*

Brisbane Heat

Off-Season

Added: Samuel Badree, Nick Buchanan, Ryan Duffield, Andrew Flintoff, Simon Milenko, Jimmy Peirson, Nathan Reardon.

Lost: Chris Hartley, Nathan Hauritz, Ryan Harris, Craig Kieswetter, Ben McDermott, Luke Pomersbach, Chris Sabburg.

Likely x11

Joe Burns

James Peirson

Peter Forrest

Chris Lynn

Dan Christian

Nathan Reardon

James Hopes

Ben Cutting

Daniel Vettori

Sam Badree

Alister McDermott

Cameron Gannon (12th)

Rest of squad

Mark Steketee, Nick Buchanan, Ryan Duffield, Simon Milenko, Shane Watson (Aust duty), Mitchell Johnson (Aust duty), Andrew Flintoff (U/A for first half)

Fixture

R1 - Thunder @ANZ Stadium

R2 - Bye

R3 - Stars @Gabba

R4 - Hurricanes @Blundstone Arena

R4 - Strikers @Gabba

R5 - Scorchers @TheFurnace

R6 - 6ers @Gabba

R7 - Renegades @Etihad Stadium

R7 - Hurricanes @Gabba

R8 - Bye

Bargain: Joe Burns \$50,900 – Burns should open and has scored some big scores this season which includes a top score of 183 runs in the Sheffield shield.

Avoid: Andrew Flintoff \$80,000 – now I have seen this guy in A LOT of teams, his not playing the first half of the season so take him out.

Watch List: Sam Badree \$72,500 – Badree is one of the best T20 spin bowlers in the world and I highly recommend you trade him in after the Heats Round 2 bye.

Hobart Hurricanes

Off-Season

Added: Alex Hales, Dom Michael, Jake Reed, Darren Sammy.

Lost: Aiden Blizzard, Doug Bollinger, Ben Laughlin, Luke Butterworth, Shoaib Malik, Dimitri Mascarenhas, Owais Shah.

Likely x11

Alex Hales

Ben Dunk

Tim Paine

George Bailey

Travis Birt

Jonathan Wells

Darren Sammy

Evan Gulbis

Cameron Boyce

Xavier Doherty

Ben Hilfenhaus

Sam Rainbird (12th)

Rest of squad

Joe Mennie, Timm Van der Gugten, Jake Reed, Dominic Michael.

Fixture

R1 - Stars @MCG

R2 - 6ers @Blundstone Arena

R3 - Strikers @Adelaide Oval

R4 - Heat @Blundstone Arena

R5 - Renegades @Blundstone Arena

R6 - Thunder @Spotless Stadium

R6 - Scorchers @Blundstone Arena

R7 - Heat @Gabba

R8 - Bye

Bargain: Alex Hales \$59,600 – If Hales is not picked in the England ODI side he could be the steal of the competition, He enjoys batting in Hobart scoring 49 runs off 19 balls in a rain affected game in his last game at Blundstone arena.

Avoid: Travis Birt \$64,100 – his lazy and chucks his wicket away anyone who has had him in BBL2 & BBL3 season will know to put on your NEVER AGAIN list

Watch List: Sam Rainbird \$32,000 – The Hurricanes are screaming out for fast bowlers which they lack with Bollinger and Laughlin leaving in the off season. Is Rainbird the man?

Melbourne Renegades

Off-Season

Added: Callum Ferguson, Jesse Ryder, Matthew Wade, Andre Russell.

Lost: Jake Reed, Jos Buttler, Andrew Fekete, Matthew Gale, Daniel Harris, Michael Hill, Solomon Mire, Muttiah Muralitharan, William Sheridan.

Likely x11

Aaron Finch
Matthew Wade
Tom Cooper
Ben Rohrer
Callum Ferguson
Andre Russell
Dwayne Bravo
Aaron O'Brien
Nathan Rimmington
James Pattinson
Jayde Herrick
Fawad Ahmed (12th)

Fixture

R1 - 6ers @SCG
R2 - Scorchers @TheFurnace
R3 - Thunder @Etihad Stadium
R4 - Stars @Etihad Stadium
R5 - Hurricanes @Blundstone Arena
R6 - Stars @MCG
R7 - Heat @Etihad Stadium
R8 - Strikers @Etihad Stadium

Rest of squad

Alex Doolan, Peter Nevill, Jesse Ryder (U/A for first half), Peter Siddle (Aust duty).

Bargain: Matthew Wade \$66,800 – Moving over from the Stars Wade will be the number one keeper and if his giving the opening role he should be a lock.

Avoid: Callum Ferguson \$41,500 – Ferguson left Strikers for more batting time but it's hard to see him getting a top 4 spot with Finch, Ryder, Cooper, Rohrer, Wade all better batsman. Also his the Shaun Higgins of Cricket, He will break down at some stage.

Watchlist: None after locking in Finch and Wade i see no one else i like here from a fantasy point of view rest of the team will share the points.

MELBOURNE Stars

Off-Season

Added: Michael Beer, Luke Feldman, Kevin Pietersen.

Lost: Brad Hodge, James Muirhead, Matthew Wade, Mohammad Hafeez, Lasith Malinga.

Likely x11

Luke Wright
Cameron White
Kevin Pietersen
Glenn Maxwell
David Hussey
James Faulkner
Peter Handscomb
Jon Hastings
Clint McKay
Jackson Bird
Michael Beer
Scott Boland (12th)

Fixture

R1 - Strikers @Adelaide Oval
R1 - Hurricanes @MCG
R2 - Bye
R3 - Heat @Gabba
R4 - Renegades @Etihad Stadium
R5 - 6ers @MCG
R6 - Renegades @Etihad Stadium
R7 - Bye
R8 - Thunder @Spotless Stadium
R8 - Scorchers @MCG

Rest of squad

Marcus Stoinis, Luke Feldman, Clive Rose, Daniel Worrall, Alex Keath, Rob Quiney.

Bargain: David Hussey \$59,100 – if Stars over look Beer as the spinner then expect Hussey to bowl some overs and with batting in the top 4 he should be scoring very highly fantasy wise.

Avoid: Cameron White \$63,300 – going to go out on a limb and say avoid I start with this guy every season and he always burns me in the end. Maybe use him for the double game first week then trade.

Watch List: Clint McKay \$36,800 – At this price and with Stars having a double in the first round he should be a lock if named, if he can get a wicket or two each game that's 20-40pts a game minimum.

Perth scorchers

Off-Season

Added: Michael Carberry, Michael Klinger, James Muirhead, Andrew Tye.

Lost: Michael Beer, Patrick Cummins, Ryan Duffield, Craig Simmons, Tim Armstrong, Liam Davis, Simon Katich, Alfonso Thomas, Tom Triffitt.

Likely x11

Michael Klinger
Michael Carberry
Shaun Marsh
Adam Voges
Sam Whiteman
Ashton Turner
Ashton Agar
Yasir Arafat
Jason Behrendorff
Joel Paris
Brad Hogg
James Muirhead (12th)

Rest of squad

Hilton Cartwright, Andrew Tye, Nathan Coulter-Nile (injured), Mitch Marsh - (on Aust Duty)

Bargain: Joel Paris \$32,000 – Had a very good Matador Cup taken 13 wickets in 6 games with Coulter-Nile in doubt for the Opening rounds and Mitch Marsh in the Aust test team Paris should play early on and will be a very nice cash cow.

Avoid: NATHAN COULTER-NILE – do I even need to give a reason? He cost me \$10k!!!

Watch List: Ashton Turner \$44,600 – very handy with the ball and Bat and priced cheap and should be on your watch list ready for Round 2 double game. Watch warm up games.

Fixture

R1 - Bye

R2 - Strikers @The Furnace

R2 - Renegades @The Furnace

R3 - 6ers @SCG

R4 - Thunder @The Furnace

R5 - Strikers @Adelaide Oval

R5 - Heat @The Furnace

R6 - Hurricanes @Blundstone Arena

R7 - Bye

R8 - Stars @MCG

Sydney 6ers

Off-Season

Added: Doug Bollinger, Ryan Carters, Dwayne Smith

Lost: Josh Lalor, Ravi Bopara, Mark Cosgrove, Daniel Smith, Chris Tremlett.

Likely x11

Michael Lumb
Dwayne Smith
Nic Maddinson
Moises Henriques
Marcus North
Ryan Carters
Sean Abbott
Stephen O'Keefe
Mitchell Starc
Brett Lee
Doug Bollinger
Jordan Silk (12th)

Fixture

R1 - Renegades @SCG
R2 - Hurricanes @Blundstone Arena
R2 - Thunder @ANZ Stadium
R3 - Scorchers @SCG
R4 - Bye
R5 - Stars @MCG
R6 - Heat @Gabba
R7 - Strikers @SCG
R8 - Thunder @SCG

Rest of squad

Ben Dwarshuis, Trent Copeland, Steven Smith (Aust duty), Brad Haddin (Aust Duty), Josh Hazlewood (Aust Duty), Nathan Lyon (Aust duty).

Bargain: Nic Maddinson \$49,700 – I am expecting big things from Maddinson this season and should be the leading run scorer for 6ers, also handy he has a double game week in Round 2.

Avoid: Michael Lumb \$61,200 – or as I like to call him Michael Dumb he will shoot to 20 runs as fast as he can then chuck his wicket away like his had enough. If you want to pick him just use him for the double in round 2 then cut ties with him.

Watch List: Sean Abbott \$50,600 – if he gets over recent events he could be a bargain for the double game week in Round 2, Sean champions always bounce back.

Sydney Thunder

Off-season

Added: Aiden Blizzard, Patrick Cummins, Chris Hartley, Nathan Hauritz, Jacques Kallis, Josh Lalor, Craig Kieswetter, Andrew McDonald, Hameed Kerkhah, Chris Green, Ahillen Beadle.

Lost: Ryan Carters, Luke Feldman, Andrew Tye, Michael Clarke, Scott Coyte, Blake Dean, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Jason Floros, Jeremy Maher, Ajantha Mendis, Carl Sandri, David Warner, Chris Woakes.

Likely x11

Usman Khawaja

Mike Hussey

Aiden Blizzard

Eoin Morgan

Cameron Borgas

Jacques Kallis

Chris Hartley

Nathan Hauritz

Gurinder Sandhu

Patrick Cummins

Dirk Nannes

Chris Tremain (12th)

Rest of squad

Daniel Hughes, Jake Doran, Kurtis Patterson, Josh Lalor, Craig Kieswetter (Replacement for Morgan), Ahillen Beadle, Chris Green, Hameed Kerkhah, Andrew McDonald.

Bargain: Nathan Hauritz \$41,500 – Only real spinner in the Thunder team, a lot of people will say his “Shit” but let’s face it the saying goes in local cricket “Shit gets wickets” which is fantasy gold.

Avoid: Dirk Nannes \$61,700 - While Dirk is quick and gets the odd wicket or two he does tends to go for a lot of runs causing no bonus points for Economy.

Watch List: Pat Cummins \$59,400 – If Cummins can stay injury free he should be considered his a wicket taker and in some very good form.

Fixture

R1 - Heat @ANZ Stadium

R2 - 6ers @ANZ Stadium

R3 - Renegades @Etihad Stadium

R4 - Scorchers @The Furnace

R5 - Bye

R6 - Hurricanes @Spotless Stadium

R7 - Strikers @Adelaide Oval

R8 - Stars @Spotless Stadium

R8 - 6ers @SCG

Ladder and predictors

1st - Melbourne Stars - The stars have the best batting line up with the likes of Wright, White, Pietersen, Maxwell, Hussey (see the reason i have them ranked 1st) i would back them in 9 times outta 10 to chase down any score their oppents put up, Only weakness i see is the bowling after Bird and Faulkner its pretty much down hill.

Highest run scorer: Kevin Pietersen Highest wicket taker: Jackson Bird

2nd - Melbourne renegades - I have the Renegades ranked 3rd in the batting and 4th in the bowling i think they have a good even squad to finish 2nd, The big Qustions i have on them is in the second half of the season when they lose Finch, Bravo, Russell and co to international duty.

Highest run scorer: Matthew Wade Highest wicket Taker: Nathan Rimmington

3rd - Sydney 6ers - the 6ers are normally a top 4 side having finished 2nd in BBL3 and 3rd in BBL1, with the likes of Dwayne Smith, Maddinson, Lumb, Lee etc i see no reason not to expect them to be around the same spot this season.

Highest run scorer: Nic Maddinson Highest wicket taker: Bollinger

4th - Adelaide Strikers - The Strikers went out in the off season and brought in some big hitting fire power with the likes of Brad Hodge, Simmons and pollard. I have the Strikers as the number one bowling team in the comp with the likes of Tait, Richardson, Laughlin, Botha its not hard to see why they are ranked 1st, only down side i see is if the big hitters fail who stands up? -

Highest run Scorcner: Brad Hodge Highest wicket taker Ben Laughlin

5th- Brisbane Heat - I have the heat here due to their bowling line up rank 2nd. How ever i do have some concens due to so many unkowns in the top order Lynn's injury problems, Peirson opening can he handle it?, A out of form Forrest which only leaves Joe Burns, Dan Christian and Nathan Reardon to steer the ship.

Highest run scorer: Joe Burns Highest wicket taker Ben Cutting

6th - Hobart Hurricanes - I was tossing up with the Hurricanes being last due to the fact they have one of the worst bowling line ups in the comp losing Laughlin is a massive loss the only reason they are 5th and not last is due to the batting order of Hales,dunk,Bailey,Paine.

Highest run scorcer: Ben Dunk Highest wicket taker Darren Sammy

7th - Sydney Thunder - I think this is the season where Thunder will not finish on the bottom of the ladder. After a massive clean out in the off season they added in Kallis and Cummins expect Thunder to cause a few upsets this season, .

Highest run scorer and highest wicket taker: Jacques Kallis (overating much?)

8th - Perth Scorchers - Big call here after winning the comp last season but i just don't rate the Perth team this season they lack batting depth to put any kinda score on to win games.

Highest run scorcer: Michael Klinger Highest wicket taker: Jason Behrendorff

	Ladder	Batting	Bowling
1	Melbourne Stars	Melbourne Stars	Adelaide Strikers
2	Melbourne Renegades	Hobart Hurricanes	Brisbane Heat
3	Sydney 6ers	Melbourne Renegades	Perth Scorchers
4	Adelaide Strikers	Sydney 6ers	Melbourne Renegades
5	Brisbane Heat	Sydney Thunder	Sydney 6ers
6	Hobart Hurricanes	Adelaide Strikers	Sydney Thunder
7	Sydney Thunder	Perth Scorchers	Melbourne Stars
8	Perth Scorchers	Brisbane Heat	Hobart Hurricanes