



Press Release

Kumar Sangakkara takes over the reins of KXIP

January 15, 2010, New Delhi: Kings XI Punjab today appointed Kumar Sangakkara as its new captain for DLF IPL 2010. The Sri Lankan player replaces Yuvraj Singh who had led the team for the last two seasons' with great efficiency and passion.

A talented left-handed batsman and a vigilant wicket-keeper, Kumar is currently serving as captain of the Sri Lankan Cricket team and is recognized as the driving force behind Sri Lankan team in the past couple of years. His exemplary performances in the last two editions of IPL have made him one of the favorite players of the team.

"I'm privileged to be given such an honor and opportunity to lead the team. The team has had a good run under the captaincy of Yuvraj and I enjoyed playing under his leadership in the IPL. This is a huge responsibility and I hope I am able to live up to the team's expectations. We are all geared up and look forward to playing some great cricket in the upcoming season and aim for a win," said Sangakkara at a tele -conference today.

Speaking on this new appointment, the promoters Kings XI Punjab added "Kumar has excelled as the captain of the Sri Lankan team and we at Kings XI Punjab have a great amount of respect for his ability on the field, his professionalism and leadership skills off the field. Kings XI Punjab is excited about the upcoming season and we as a team are universally determined for this to be our year."

Commenting on Yuvraj Singh, they further added, "Yuvraj Singh, has been an inspiring captain during the first two seasons, we have been blessed to have him guide us during inception of our franchise and his performance has been nothing short of excellent. We know Yuvraj is supportive of Kumar and is looking forward to delivering the legendary batting and bowling performance that Yuvraj is so well known and respected for. Kings XI Punjab looks forward to delivering the best performance this season for our fans and supporters in India and around the world."



"We are happy to announce Kumar Sangakkara as our team captain for IPL 2010. Sangakkara is an exceptional cricketer with exceptional cricketing skills and we believe that under his leadership KXIP will reach new heights. KXIP has already started its campaign for DLF IPL 2010 with the action packed cricket tournament KXIP Cup that just concluded yesterday in Mohali. Keeping with our values this was a great opportunity for promoting upcoming cricketers. The passion and excitement that one saw was truly outstanding," said Anil Srivatsa, CEO, KXIP at the tele – conference.

KXIP looks forward to the upcoming season of IPL 2010 and is all geared to give the best of cricketainment to the cricket lovers of the country. The team is seen as the most balanced one with a mix of domestic and foreign players and is ready to take up the IPL 2010 by a storm.

About Kings XI Punjab

Kings XI Punjab is part of the eight competing teams promoted by the DLF Indian Premier League. It is held and promoted by a consortium which includes industrialists Mohit & Gaurav Burman, Karan Paul, Ness Wadia and leading Indian actress Preity Zinta along with other investors. The team is led by Kumar Sangakkara as Captain and the team coach is Tom Moody.

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