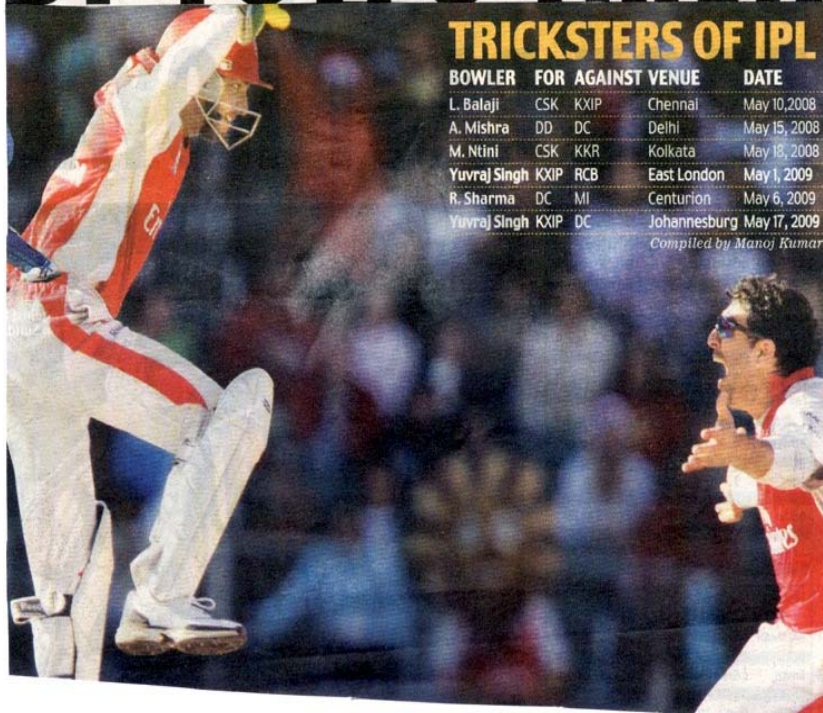




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BOWLER	FOR	AGAINST	VENUE	DATE
L. Balaji	CSK	KXIP	Chennai	May 10, 2008
A. Mishra	DD	DC	Delhi	May 15, 2008
M. Ntini	CSK	KKR	Kolkata	May 18, 2008
Yuvraj Singh	KXIP	RCB	East London	May 1, 2009
R. Sharma	DC	MI	Centurion	May 6, 2009
Yuvraj Singh	KXIP	DC	Johannesburg	May 17, 2009

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YUVRAJ Singh's sensational second hat-trick of the tournament coupled with Irfan Pathan's twin blows in the last over handed Kings XI Punjab a one-run win against Deccan Chargers in their IPL match in Johannesburg to keep their semi-final hopes alive.

Put into bat, Punjab scored a modest 134 for seven, built largely around Kumar Sangakkara's 43-ball 56, and then rode on Yuvraj's hat-trick to restrict Hyderabad to 133 for eight.

Deccan, though, looked like to have run away with the match with Rohit Sharma hitting a quickfire 26-ball 42 and his side needing just four runs from five balls before he was out in the third ball of the last over.

RP Singh and Jaskaran Singh could score just two runs to give Kings XI a one-run victory.

Earlier, Yuvraj came to his team's rescue when Deccan was cruising towards the modest target of 135 with 65 for two wickets after 10 overs.

# Hat-trick by skipper seals 1-run win to keep Kings XI's semis hopes alive



Opener Herschelle Gibbs departed in the last delivery of the first over after the strategy break off Yuvraj as the South African's powerful cut found Piyush Chawla at backward point who pouched a sharp catch.

Yuvraj sizzled again in his next over sending dangerous looking Andrew Symonds (25 off 25) packing as wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara first fumbled with the ball but finished it up with a

brilliant stumping. Yuvraj's very next delivery then disturbed Venugopal Rao's (0) stumps as the left-arm spinner completed his second hat-trick in the Twenty20 event, with the first one coming against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Earlier, Punjab got off to a disastrous start losing three early wickets in Sunny Sohal (9), Luke Pomersbach (1) and Australian Simon Katich (11) within first five overs. Sohal started on an attacking note by cracking a six in the first over off paceman Ryan Harris, but fell to RP Singh in the next over as another ambitious shot found Rohit at fine-leg.

Katich, looking dangerous after hitting two fours, only complicated things for Punjab when he offered an easy catch to Pragyan Ojha off Andrew Symonds, leaving the team struggling at 26 for 3.

Yuvraj (20 off 18) then paired up with Sri Lankan wicket-keeper batsman Sangakkara (56 off 43) to mark a short recovery before Rao cleaned bowled the Punjab skipper. For Deccan left-arm paceman RP Singh (3-26) was the best bowler of the day, picking up three wickets for 26 runs.

Chasing the modest target of 135, Gilchrist started on a sizzling note, cracking three boundaries and lofty hit the fence to pick up 18 runs of Irfan's second and innings' fourth over.

Gilchrist was the first to depart stumped by Sangakkara off Powar and T Suman followed suit (0) without troubling the scorers to see Deccan reel at 34 for two. Gibbs (26) then joined hands with Symonds to keep the scoreboard ticking and take the Hyderabad outfit to 65 for two at the halfway mark.



**ROHIT SHARMA**

**42**

Runs in 26 balls  
3 FOURS AND 3 SIXES

Rohit has been in amazing form both with the bat and ball in the second season of the IPL and almost pulled off an improbable win for Deccan. Will go to the T20 World Cup on a high.