



Irfan Pathan connects with Kings XI Punjab fans over live chat on mig33

The all-rounder, bowled over his fans on the chat too!!!

- “Wasim Akram and Kapil Dev are my heroes,” reveals Irfan
 - “You are very cute!”, say women to Irfan
- “Both, mother and sister support brother Yousuf”, says Irfan

05 May 2009 – Irfan Pathan, the Kings XI Punjab all rounder, connected with his fans via live mobile chat on Kings XI Punjab’s fan club on mig33, the leading global mobile community.

The live mobile chat took place on 4th May at 9:00 PM (5.30 pm South Africa Time), from Durban. Fans found themselves in a direct and engaging chat, with the Indian all-rounder from their mobile phones. The chats provided on mig33’s platform is part of Kings XI Punjab’s effort to connect to their fans across the globe, especially in India.

The event took place from Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, the team’s Hotel. Fans and supporters of Kings XI Punjab and Irfans’ had an opportunity to congratulate him on his outstanding performance in the last few matches. Irfan has been among the most successful all-rounder in the 2nd season of the IPL. He has not only performed well with the bat, but has also played a crucial role in Kings XI Punjab’s win over Kolkata Knight Riders on Sunday May 2nd, 2009

Fans bowled an array of questions including whether there was any rivalry with his brother and on his marriage plans. Though Irfan ducked the questions on his wedding plans, he did confirm he was dating someone. He praised the legends Wasim Akram and Kapil Dev, both of whom he considers as his mentors. Irfan also mentioned how Wasim Akram helped him with his bowling action. He also talked about his familiarity of



playing in a T20 format in South Africa and on his experience of being a part of the celebrated Kings XI Punjab Team.

While Irfan did thank a few women who complimented him and called him cute, Cricket was very much what Irfan preferred to discuss. He also let out how in his family his father supports him while Yousuf enjoys his mother's and sister's support and how he and Yusuf share notes about cricket.

Post event, Irfan mentioned that this was the first time he could engage with the fans real-time. He said that while there have been instances where he has replied to the letters or emails of the fans, the Kings XI Fan Club on mig33 is a unique opportunity to engage with Fans with such a strong feeling of connectivity. "I look forward to more of such chats", he added.

Earlier, Preity Zinta, Bollywood star and co-owner of Kings XI Punjab launched the fan group on mig33 and chatted with her fans; the event was a huge hit with fans.

Kings XI Punjab fans in India can sign up to the Kings XI Fan Club on Mobile by sending "KXIP" to 57575 or by downloading mig33 directly from their phone's browser (m.mig33.com/kxip). mig33 works on over 2,000 different mobile phone models.

Fans can also go to **KXIP's mobile WAP site by typing www.kxip.in** in the browsers of their GPRS enabled mobiles and downloading the mig33 fan club integrated there.

Kings XI Punjab fans in South Africa can sign up to the Kings XI Fan Club on Mobile by sending "KXIP" to 31273 or by downloading mig33 directly from their phone's browser (m.mig33.com/kxip). mig33 works on over 2,000 different mobile phone models.

On joining the mobile fan club, KXIP fans can get access to all the cricket action 'live', as they chat with other fans on their mobile phones in dedicated chat rooms. Fans get live



ball-by-ball commentary, receive important news updates from the team, meet new friends and buy official KXIP virtual merchandise in the mig33 content store. Members also get access to the KXIP Chat Stadium and chat live with their cricket heroes.

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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 Burman, Karan Paul, Ness Wadia and leading Indian actor Preity Zinta. The team is led by Yuvraj Singh, who is also the icon player & captain. At the helm is Coach Tom Moody. The team is a heady mix of leading national and international players like Brett Lee, James Hopes, Shaun Marsh, Luke Pomersbach, Simon Katich, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Burt Cockley, Ravi Bopara, Yuvraj Singh, Irfan Pathan, Sreesanth, R Powar, V.R.V. Singh, P. Chawla, Karan Goel, Uday Kaul, Wilkin Mota, Ajitesh Argal, Tanmay Srivastava, Sunny Sohal, Ryan Ninan, Ravikant Shukla, Ranadeb Bose, Vikramjeet Malik, Taruwar Kohli and Amanpreet Singh.

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