

**FRIENDSHIP CUP 2015
AWARDS PRESENTATION
WRITEUPS**

BEST SUPPORTER

And we want to start the presentation by recognizing the best supporter

A lot of people helped in organizing this years event.

While everyone's contribution was invaluable, there was this one person who just showed up voluntarily for every game to drive the proceedings.

Be it sitting continuously to do scoring for hours or walking around for 30 overs to take pictures, he just did it without complaining!

Behind all the flawless data you see in the score cards, and the sharp pictures you see in the gallery, our friend stands right there!

We could not have made it this far without his help.

Guys, please allow us to recognize **MONAPPA** for his outstanding support to this year's friendship cup.

BEST CATCH

And here is the award for the best catch of the tournament.

The nominees are

Avinash

Avinash took a diving catch against challengers to dismiss dilip when he ran from keepers position to the square leg.

He also took an excellent catch against spartans in the deep, to dismiss aravind when everyone thought it was going to be a six

Aravind

Against challengers, with an injured hand and positioned deep, he took an excellent catch, right in the edge to dismiss Sunil.

Chethan

Chethan ran for more than 30 yards to pluck a skier from umesh, in the game against challengers. He ran all those yards so fast and made it look easy in the end.

Winners

And the winners are **Aravind & Avinash !**

BEST EMERGING PLAYER

And here is the award to recognize the best emerging player of this tournament

Not many knew about him until he played his first game for challengers.

Right from the first game he made his presence felt when he was involved in an important partnership during challengers chase.

In his second game against challengers, when the chips were down, he came to the rescue taking challengers to a fighting total.

He made substantial contribution with the bat in the third game too and effected a spectacular turnaround with his bowling when warriors were cruising in their chase.

Overall, he was instrumental in taking challengers to semi-final this season and we believe he would be a great asset to any team in the future.

Guys, please allow us to present the best emerging player award to **Kiran** for his outstanding all around contribution.

MOST EXCITING PLAYER

This is an interesting category. An award for the most exciting player!

Everyone here is exciting in their own way!

From ABD who gets a roar from the crowd every time he goes to bat to the Band of Brothers whose relationship fuels trash talk everywhere.

From the challenger captain who unleashes beamers when messed with, to the warriors keeper who etched his name in history when he called for bad-light.

From the striker captain who would make the batsman go deaf when he is keeping, to the funny one who has nicknamed everyone in the ground except bat, ball and stumps.

We have all kinds.

From lover boys like aravind to hyperactive boys like balaji.

From sledgers to silent killers, the list is endless.

But there is one, there is one without whom, there wouldn't be any fun.

Love him or hate him you just cannot ignore him!

The batting powerhouse of CSK and the mentor of Warriors,

Please allow us to invite **Velumani** to accept the most exciting player award...

And for those who were wondering who the band of brothers are,
Its Velumani, Nirmal, Raghu and Sriram.

DREAM TEAM OF THE 2015 SEASON

And before we move to the big ones, we wanted to announce the poll results for the Dream XI of 2015.

Thanks a lot to those who participated in the polls. We had players from all teams nominated; from bijili, to shotguns to titans. We also had interesting choices for captains and vice captains.

But in the end, we could select only a playing XI

Just to let you know, we decided not to factor in the votes that were cast for Balaji and Madhavan as they are not here for the Friendship Cup.

Had they been here, we believe, they would have been strong candidates.

We've tried to throw in lots of fun and pun in this, but no offence is intended.

Players who are called out, please come to the front. We'll have a photo session with the dream team later, after all the awards are presented.

Opener 1:

And in the opening slot is a shotgun who doesn't know how to bat right handed. Torments his opponents with batting. His teammates, even more with his PT master type rules.

Walks to office but runs to the ground.

An all-around player.

But lacks a bit of general knowledge though.

Yes, he still thinks, Sourav Ganguly invented cricket.

The hefty lefty who can muscle through any opposition.

The one and only **Raghu kumar!**

Opener 2:

And accompanying Raghu for the opening is the most funniest one in the team!

An accomplished cricketer!

Yes,

Shrek, Master shifu, bandoda, kannathuri, bull vijay, binary vijay, chicago shekarappa,

Drummer maddy, Naidu uncle, kettachelvan are some of his accomplishments.

His recent accomplishment being winning the RC League for Dravidians!
One of the best. If not, the best!
Voted by most as the **Vice Captain** of the dream team, The one and only **Chethan!**

No 3:

And at No 3 Slot is one of the tallest one from dravidians.
Comes with a mysterious wood to bat.
We tried our best to get rid of it. Even Managed to break one but he keeps bringing out a new one every time.
An aggressive batsman who stands tall at the crease and packs a punch!
The one and only **Sunil!**

No 4:

And at No 4 is the most patient, soft-spoken and forgiving one in the team.
Fielder drops a catch? Misses a run-out?
Umpire does not give wide? Does not give out?
No problem.
Nothing bothers him.
Has one bad habit though.
Always shouts for an easy 3 when he not in the middle.
But when he is , does not even run more than 1.
Never steady but always ready.
The one and only **Velu!**

No 5:

And at No 5 is a raging bull who always loves to be in one state or the other.
Either this.
Or that.
In Last year's friendship cup,
It was either a 0
Or a 1.
But this year,
It was
Either a small six
Or a big six.
Totally unorthodox but totally effective.
The one and only **Vijay!**

No 6:

And at No 6
Is one of the organizers.
And since he wouldn't let me tease him
And since i may not get my 40 bucks he owes me,
I have no option,
But to introduce him as
The one and only **Raj!**

No 7:

And at No 7 is the mainstay of CSK's batting.
Loves the switch hit.
Last year, drove his teammates crazy with that shot.
But this year,
Drove his opponents crazy with the same.
Talks soft, but hits hard!
Voted also to do wicketkeeping for the dream team, The one and only **Naresh!**

No 8:

And at No 8 is someone
Who prefers to walk and kill
Rather than run and die
Has impressive numbers.
Not just in the ground
But also, when doing the rounds
His highest is **90**
His average remains **60**
And his age is not even **30**
Go check the criclubs website
Or sit with him on a saturday evening
You'll find out,
The stats are very much the same :-)
The **jhonny walker**
Who can walk the talk
And talk the walk
The one and only **Suresh Kannan!**

No 9:

And at No 9, is the shortest one from shotguns.

Totally got the message wrong in the last few games, when he was told to get a 50.

The captains are to blame here.

They should've been clear.

Whether it was with the bat

Or with the ball.

Jokes aside, bowls with a big stride and delivers when the situation demands.

A must pacer in any team.

The one and only **Sriram!**

No 10:

And at No 10, is this fearless spartan.

When the going gets tough,

He gets going.

And when he gets going,

the batsmen start going

He bowls a good ball, the batmen get out.

He bowls a bad ball, the batmen still get out.

He bowls a no ball, the batsmen would still run themselves out.

He bowls only 18 balls in a game.

But when he does ,

Puts 22 more to shame!

Voted by most as the **Captain** of the Dream Team

The one and only **Rinkal!**

No 11:

And the one who is opening the bowling at No 11,

Let's try to describe his run-up here.

Starts with a moon walk.

Followed by a rope-walk.

Then runs North.

Then Turns West.

Then a bit of East.

Then back to North.

And when he is done,

The batsman walk SOUTH!

The one one and only

Dancing raja,

Rocket raja,

Karthick raja!

No 12:

And super subbing the dream team, is someone who did something shocking!

Let's see what he did.

First he complained to the scorer.

Then to the umpire.

Then to his captain.

Then to his opponents.

He even complained,

to his 20 odd girlfriends

Now, What the heck did he complain?

That he is a batsman,

And not a bowler.

The whole town knows now.

He is not just a bowler.

And not just a batsman.

And how right was he!

And how wrong were we!

A special guy with special skills for special situations.

The one and only **Rakshith!**

BEST BATSMAN

And now is a big one, the award for the best batsman of the tournament. Just to let you know performances in playoffs were not considered for this.

The nominees are,

Naresh:

Naresh scored 69 runs in the league games with a highest score of 57 not out. He Played an inspiring captain's knock in the 1st game against challengers. Came in at no 7 when the scorecard read 37/6, steadied the innings to drive spartans to safety and cut loose in the end to finish with an unbeaten 57.

Vijay:

Vijay scored 136 Runs in the league games with a highest score of 86 not out. In the second game against challengers, scored a quickfire 25 to set up a perfect platform for the strikers to post a big total. In the third game against spartans, it was all his show as he plundered 86 runs in just 32 balls to take strikers to a beyond par total

Kiran:

Kiran scored 78 Runs in the league game with a highest score of 35. He instrumented challengers chase in the 1st game against spartans when he was involved in a 40 run partnership for the 5th wicket. In the second game against strikers, he helped challengers post a competitive total with a responsible innings of 35. He continued his good form in the third game as well when he scored a critical 24 before he was run-out.

Rakshith:

Rakshith scored 140 Runs in the league games with a highest score of 54. In the first game against strikers, came in as No 7 and scored valuable 47 runs to take Warriors to a respectable total. In the second game against challengers, he was pivotal in warriors chase when he scored his maiden fifty. In his third game against spartans, scored a quickfire 39 to take warriors to the super-over clash
And the winner is **VIJAY** who with his stunning batting took strikers directly to the final.

BEST BOWLER

And now we have the award for the best bowler of the tournament.

Performances in playoffs were not considered for this too.

The nominees are,

Umesh

Umesh took 5 wickets for 43 runs in the league games.

He continued his fine form this season with yet another solid performance.

He did what he knew best; sticking to his line and length and knocking out batsmen at regular intervals. He took 3 in his first game and 2 in his third.

Nirmal

Nirmal finished as the highest wicket taker in the league stage with 7 wickets.

After an average performance in the first, he fought back strong to claim 4 wickets in the second. He continued his fine form in the third as well picking up two more wickets.

Strikers had a smooth sailing in the league stage courtesy of nirmal's performances.

Chethan

Chethan took 5 wickets for 56 runs in the league games.

It was business as usual for him as he bowled tight and provided important breakthroughs when needed for strikers. He took 2 wickets in the first game and three wickets in the third.

Karthick Raja

Karthick raja took four wickets for 49 runs in the league games.

He went wicketless in the first game but kept the runflow in check. After a patchy second game, he came back strong in the third, knocking out three wickets to take challengers to the semis.

And the winner is **Nirmal** who with his solid bowling ensured a 3 out of 3 strike for strikers

MAN OF THE SERIES

**And here is the final one for the day, the big one!
The award for the Man of the Series!**

The nominees are

Vijay

Vijay scored 136 runs in the league stage at a whopping strike rate of 226. He could not bowl or field because of his injury but his batting exploits alone helped him finish as one of the top contenders.

Naresh

Naresh finished as a top performer for spartans scoring 69 runs and taking three wickets. He also excelled as a fielder and wicketkeeper effecting 7 outs that included 5 catches.

Chethan

Chethan was consistent personified in whatever roles he performed for strikers. He scored 62 runs in the league stage and was dismissed only once. He took 5 wickets and effected 4 dismissals in the field.

Rakshith

Rakshith was the top performer for warriors with his all around performance. He also finished as the top run getter in the league stage with 140 runs. He took 4 wickets and effected 5 dismissals in the field.

And the Man of the Series award goes to **Rakshith** for setting the tournament on fire and inspiring warriors to final glory