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2024/25 WBBL PERTH SCORCHERS V SYDNEY THUNDER

Today's Match – Between the teams

Today's match is the twenty-second between the teams since the commencement of the WBBL in the 2015/16 season. Before this season, the teams have met 20 times in the home and away seasons resulting in 11 wins to the Stars and eight to the Thunder; one match yielded a No Result. The teams have played in two semi-finals for one win each. Summary scores are set out below:

Date	Location	Summary details of Match
27/12/15	WACA Ground, Perth	Sydney Thunder 3/139 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 117 (19.1 overs) by 22 runs.
28/12/15	WACA Ground, Perth	Perth Scorchers 3/152 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Thunder 2/156 (19.4 overs) by eight wickets .
21/01/16	Adelaide Oval (Semi-Final Match)	Sydney Thunder 6/118 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 9/110 (20 overs) by eight runs.
20/01/17	Lilac Hill Park, Perth	Sydney Thunder 6/145 (20 overs) lost to Perth Scorchers 5/149 (20 overs) by four runs.
21/01/17	Lilac Hill Park, Perth	Perth Scorchers 4/131 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Thunder 5/134 (19.1 overs) by five wickets.
07/01/18	Lilac Hill Park, Perth	Sydney Thunder 6/145 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 6/144 (20 overs) by one run.
08/01/18	WACA Ground, Perth	Sydney Thunder 4/134 (20 overs) lost to Perth Scorchers 2/136 (18.1 overs) by eight wickets.
01/02/18	Perth Stadium (Semi-Final Match)	Perth Scorchers 2/148 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 8/121 (20 overs) by 27 runs.
29/12/18	Lilac Hill Park, Perth	Sydney Thunder 5/179 (20 overs) lost to Perth Scorchers 4/180 (19.5 overs) by six wickets.
30/12/18	Lilac Hill Park, Perth	Perth Scorchers 7/127 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 5/124 (20 overs) by three runs.
10/11/19	Rolton Oval, Adelaide	Perth Scorchers 5/151 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 6/144 (20 overs) by seven runs.
12/11/19	WACA Ground, Perth	Perth Scorchers 6/116 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 105 (19.4 overs) by 11 runs.
04/11/20	Blacktown Olympic Park Oval, Sydney	Sydney Thunder 4/144 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 120 (19.4 overs) by 24 runs.
15/11/20	Sydney Showground	Perth Scorchers 8/131 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 97 (18.3 overs) by 34 runs.
24/10/21	University of Tasmania Stadium, Launceston	Perth Scorchers 2/186 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 9/105 (20 overs) by 81 runs.
11/11/21	Rolton Oval, Adelaide	Perth Scorchers 2/184 (20 overs); Sydney Thunder 1/21 (2.30overs); No Result.
16/10/22	Blacktown Olympic Park Oval, Sydney	Sydney Thunder 8/88 (20 overs) lost to Perth Scorchers 1/89 (14.5 overs) by nine wickets.
22/10/22	WACA Ground, Perth	Sydney Thunder 4/166 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 9/141 (20 overs) by 25 runs.
12/11/23	Junction Oval, Melbourne	Perth Scorchers 4/159 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Thunder 8/117 (20 overs) by 42 runs.
18/11/23	Cricket Central, Sydney	Perth Scorchers 8/116 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Thunder 1/120 (16.1 overs) by nine wickets.

The most recent match between the two teams was this season on November 12, 2024, at the Drummoyne Oval, Sydney. More detailed summary scores of the match are set out below:

PERTH SCORCHERS 7/171 (20 overs) (SFM Devine 49, D Hemalatha 41; AMC Jayangani 2/18, S Ismail 2/31) **defeated SYDNEY THUNDER 97 all out** (19.3 overs) (PES Litchfield 27; AL Edgar 3/19, E Hoskin 2/10, CC Ainsworth 2/15) **by 74 runs**. *Player of the Match*: Chloe Ainsworth.

Womens' Twenty20 Big Bash League: A Review of WBBL01-09 (Seasons 2015/16-2023/24)

Placement after Home and Away series

	WBBL01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
TEAM	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Strikers	7th	8th	4th	6th	2 nd (RU)	6th	4 th (RU)	2 nd (C)	1 st (C)
Heat	6th	3 rd	5th	3 rd (C)	1 st (C)	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd (RU)
Hurricanes	2 nd	4th	8th	8th	7th	8th	6th	4 th	6th
Renegades	8th	7th	6th	4th	4th	7th	2 nd	7 th	8th
Stars	5th	5th	7th	7th	8th	1 st (RU)	5th	6 th	7th
Scorchers	4th	2 nd (RU)	3 rd (RU)	5th	3 rd	4th	1 st (C)	5 th	2 nd
Sixers	3 rd (RU)	1 st (C)	1 st (C)	1 st (RU)	5th	5th	8th	1 st (RU)	5th
Thunder	1 st (C)	6th	2 nd	2 nd	6th	3 rd (C)	7th	8 th	4th

C= Champions and RU = Runners-Up

Summary Scores from Final in each Season WBBL01-09

WBBL01 2015/16	At MCG, 15/01/2016. Toss: Sixers. Sydney Sixers 7/115 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Thunder 7/116 (19.3 overs) by three wickets.
WBBL02 2016/17	At WACA Ground, Perth, 28/01/2017. Toss: Sixers. Sydney Sixers 5/124 (20 overs) defeated Perth Scorchers 7/117 (20 overs) by seven runs.
WBBL03 2017/18	At Adelaide Oval, 04/02/2018. Toss: Scorchers. Perth Scorchers 99 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Sixers 1/100 (15 overs) by nine wickets.
WBBL04 2018/19	At Drummoyne Oval, Sydney, 26/1/2019. Toss: Sixers. Sydney Sixers 7/131 (20 overs) lost to Brisbane Heat 7/132 (19.2 overs) by three wickets.
WBBL05 2019/20	At Alan Border Field, Brisbane, 8/12/2019. Toss: Heat. Adelaide Strikers 7/161 (20 overs) lost to Brisbane Heat 4/162 (18.1 overs) by six wickets.
WBBL06 2020/21	At North Sydney Oval, 28/11/2020. Toss: Stars. Melbourne Stars 9/86 (20 overs) lost to Sydney Thunder 3/87 (13.4 overs) by seven wickets.
WBBL07 2021/22	At Perth Stadium, 27/11/2021. Toss: Strikers. Perth Scorchers 5/146 (20 overs) defeated Adelaide Strikers 6/134 (20 overs) by 12 runs.
WBBL08 2022/23	At North Sydney Oval, 26/11/22. Toss: Strikers. Adelaide Strikers 5/147 (20 overs) defeated Sydney Sixers 137 (20 overs) by ten runs.
WBBL09 2023/24	At Adelaide Oval, 02/12/23. Toss: Strikers. Adelaide Strikers 5/125 (20 overs) defeated Brisbane Heat 8/122 (20 overs) by three runs.

League Table for Season 2023/24 (WBBL09)

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Pts	NetRR
Adelaide Strikers	14	11	3	0	22	1.154
Perth Scorchers	14	8	6	0	16	0.784
Brisbane Heat	14	8	6	0	16	0.203
Sydney Thunder	14	7	6	1	15	0.298
Sydney Sixers	14	7	7	0	14	-0.253
Hobart Hurricanes	14	6	7	1	13	-0.597
Melbourne Stars	14	6	8	0	12	-0.779
Melbourne Renegades	14	2	12	0	4	-0.978

Notes: Points awarded: Won 2, Tie 1, Lost 0, NR 1. Net Run Rate (NetRR) is runs per over scored less runs per over conceded. Where matches are rain-affected the overs of the team batting first are adjusted to the overs of the team batting second or adjusted to the team's full allocation if all out; no result matches are ignored.

Match Result Summary – Seasons WBBL01-09

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Titles won	R-up
Adelaide Strikers	135	70	59	6	2	2
Perth Scorchers	138	80	54	4	2	1
Brisbane Heat	129	44	78	7	0	0
Sydney Thunder	129	49	74	6	0	0
Sydney Sixers	128	51	68	9	0	1
Hobart Hurricanes	135	71	59	5	1	2
Melbourne Stars	135	78	53	4	2	3
Melbourne Renegades	133	62	60	11	2	0

Notes: NR denotes a match in which there was No Result achieved. The number of matches played by teams differs as some have played more finals matches.

A review of the above tables suggests that the Sydney Sixers have been the best-performed team in the WBBL to date, winning the title twice and being runners-up three times. Three other teams have won two titles (Adelaide Strikers, Brisbane Heat and Sydney Thunder), while the Perth Scorchers have won one. The Melbourne Stars have been runners-up once; neither the Hobart Hurricanes nor the Melbourne Renegades have made it through to the deciding match to date.

The Sydney Sixers have topped the ladder after the home and away series on four occasions. The Adelaide Strikers, Brisbane Heat, Melbourne Stars and Sydney Thunder have each topped the ladder once, while the Hobart Hurricanes and Melbourne Renegades have yet to do so (finishing second being their best result). The Brisbane Heat and the Perth Scorchers have yet to finish below sixth position after the home and away series. The other six teams have finished on the bottom of the ladder at least once. The Heat have the best record in total matches won in WBBL01-09 closely followed by the Sixers. The Sixers have the lowest number of defeats. In the 2020/21 season the Sydney Thunder won the pennant. They had finished sixth the previous season (2019/20). This represents the best “turnaround” in performance in the tournament to date.

Australian Womens’ Domestic Twenty20 (T20) A Brief History

Victoria Spirit (4/135) defeated the New South Wales Breakers (6/118) by 17 runs in an unofficial women’s domestic T20 match that was organised by Cricket Victoria and held at the Punt Road Oval on December 20, 2006. Victoria batted first with *Player-of-the-Match* Catherine Fitzpatrick top scoring with 42 runs off 30 balls (1 six, 4 fours) to push the home team to a defendable score. She was supported by Sarah Edwards 37 (32 balls, 1 four) and Rachael Haynes 25 (31 balls, 3 fours). In reply for NSW Lisa Sthalekar top scored with 36 (26 balls, 6 fours) supported by Kate Blackwell’s 30 (22 balls, 4 fours). Vic Spirit’s Clea Smith was the only multiple wicket-taker in the match with figures of 2/19 off four overs. Although she went wicketless, Vic Spirit’s Catherine Fitzpatrick was the most economical bowler in the match; conceding only 14 runs from her four overs. The Victorians’ tight bowling was a significant factor in the result.

In the 2007/08 season a series of five matches were played as part of a women’s interstate T20 tournament played in November 2007. Each state played two matches, but no final was programmed. The state teams participating were New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

In the 2008/09 season the women’s domestic T20 competition was expanded with two tournaments being staged. The Women’s Interstate T20 tournament consisted of a series of five matches played by the same states that had played the previous season. Each state played two matches but there was no final. The second tournament was the Cricket Australia Women’s Cup. This was the first extended Australian women’s T20 tournament and was contested by Queensland 2nd XI, New South Wales 2nd XI, Victoria 2nd XI, South Australia 2nd XI, Western Australia 2nd XI and Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) (1st XIs). The tournament comprised 21 matches with the seven teams playing each other once. New South Wales won the cup and Victoria was runner-up.

In 2009/10 one T20 tournament was played - the inaugural Australian Women’s T20 Cup. It commenced with seven first-eleven teams from the six states and the ACT competing in 21 matches with all teams playing each other once. At the end of the round-robin series New South Wales and Victoria had each won five matches but the former had a superior run rate. In the final, however, Victoria defeated New South Wales to win the Cup. From 2010/11 onwards the same teams contested the tournament, but there were further refinements. In 2010/11 the competition was extended to 42 matches, each team playing its six competitors twice. Semi-finals were added to the programme in 2013/14 but were deleted for the following season. At the end of the 2014/15 season Victoria had won three times (2009/10-2011/12), New South Wales twice (2012/13 and 2014/15) and Queensland once (2013/14).

In July 2015 Cricket Australia announced the establishment of the Australian Women’s Big Bash League, known as the WBBL, beginning in season 2015/16. The tournament is contested by eight clubs across six states (two teams each in Victoria and New South Wales and one in the other states). Until the current season, the fixture comprised 56 qualifying matches played at major centres around Australia with all teams playing each other twice. In 2024/25 the number of qualifying matches has been reduced to 40 (in line with the Men’s BBL schedule) with each team playing four teams once and three twice. To ensure that there is no reduction in the domestic season for women in 2024/25, Cricket Australia introduced a nine-team T20 tournament, known as the T20 Spring Challenge, this year as a lead up to the WBBL season. The Spring Challenge was played from October 11 to 20 in Sydney and Adelaide, and featured teams aligned with the eight Big Bash clubs plus the ACT Meteors.

Up until the 2021/22 season, the qualifying matches were followed by semi-finals and a final. Since then, the finals arrangements have been as follows:

- Knockout: Teams finishing three and four after the home and away matches – loser eliminated
- Challenger: Team finishing second after the home and away matches and winner of the Eliminator – loser eliminated
- The Final: Team finishing first after the home and away matches and winner of the Challenger.

Beth Mooney

	M	Inn	Runs	HS	Avg	50s	100s	SR	NO	4s	6s	Ct	St
WBBL	132	131	4665	102	47.12	41	3	124.63	32	548	48	64	0

Born in Shepparton in Victoria in 1994, Mooney moved to Hervey Bay in Queensland with her family when she was 10 years old. After playing a wide variety of sports as a child, she eventually took up cricket as her major sport. A left-handed batter, she made her debut for the Queensland Fire in the National Women’s Cricket League in 2010 and subsequently played for the Brisbane Heat in the WBBL from the 2015/16 season to the 2019/20 season. She then moved to the Perth Scorchers. She played her first game for Australia in a T20 International against India in January 2016 and made her maiden century in a One Day International against New Zealand in February 2017. A consistent performer for the national team in all forms of the game ever since, Mooney made her Test debut against England in November 2017. Although she has mainly made her name as a batter, she also has some experience as a wicketkeeper. She was a member of the Australian teams that won the Women’s T20 World Cup in 2018 in the West Indies, 2020 in Australia and 2023 in South Africa. She was also a member of Australia’s winning team in Women’s One Day International World Cup in New Zealand in 2022 and the Australian T20 team that won the Gold Medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. In addition to playing in the WBBL and for Australia, Mooney has played in competitions in New Zealand, England and India.

WBBL 01-09: Perth Scorchers v Other Teams

Highest Innings Totals

Score	Opponent	Season	Location
194/2	Melbourne Renegades	2021/22	WACA
192/3	Brisbane Heat	2022/23	Allan Border Field
192/4	Melbourne Renegades	2022/23	Junction Oval
189/6	Sydney Sixers	2023/24	North Sydney Oval
188/6	Brisbane Heat	2017/18	Brisbane Heat

Lowest Completed Innings

Score	Opponent	Season	Location
76	Adelaide Strikers	2017/18	Treagar Park
90/7	Melbourne Stars	2018/19	Casey Fields
94/9	Brisbane Heat	2016/17	WACA
99	Sydney Sixers	2017/18	Adelaide Oval
100	Adelaide Strikers	2015/16	Adelaide Oval

WBBL 01-09: Sydney Thunder v Other Teams

Highest Innings Totals

Score	Opponent	Season	Location
204/4	Brisbane Heat	2023/24	North Sydney Oval
200/6	Melbourne Renegades	2017/18	North Sydney Oval
192/4	Brisbane Heat	2018/19	North Sydney Oval
190/5	Melbourne Renegades	2023/24	Junction Oval
190/5	Sydney Sixers	2023/24	North Sydney Oval

Lowest Completed Innings

Score	Opponent	Season	Location
88/8	Perth Scorchers	2022/23	Blacktown Olympic Park
95	Melb. Renegades	2022/23	Manuka Oval
95	Hobart Hurricanes	2022/23	Blacktown Olympic Park
96/5	Melbourne Stars	2021/22	Utas Launceston
96	Brisbane Heat	2019/20	Drummoyle Oval

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Best Batting Scores – All Teams

Player	R	B	4s	6s	Team	Opposition	Location	Season
GM Harris	136*	59	12	11	Heat	Scorchers	North Sydney Oval	2023/24
SS Mandhana	114*	64	14	3	Thunder	Renegades	Blundstone Arena, Hobart	2021/22
AK Gardner	114	52	9	10	Sixers	Stars	North Sydney Oval	2017/18
AJ Healy	112*	69	17	2	Sixers	Strikers	Hurstville Oval	2018/19
AJ Healy	111	52	15	6	Sixers	Stars	North Sydney Oval	2020/21
AJ Healy	107*	64	12	4	Sixers	Scorchers	Junction Oval	2022/23
RH Priest	107*	68	10	7	Hurricanes	Stars	Blundstone Arena, Hobart	2021/22
AJ Healy	106*	53	13	4	Sixers	Stars	WACA Ground, Perth	2019/20
SFM Devine	106	62	14	4	Scorchers	Heat	Allan Border Field, Brisbane	2023/24
AJ Healy	106	66	13	3	Sixers	Strikers	Hurstville Oval	2017/18

Best Bowling Analyses – All Teams

Player	Ov	M	Rns	Wkts	Team	Opposition	Ground	Season
M Schutt	3.3	0	19	6	Strikers	Thunder	North Sydney Oval	2022/23
A Wellington	4	1	8	5	Strikers	Heat	Adelaide Oval	2021/22
A Wellington	3.5	0	8	5	Strikers	Renegades	Karen Rolton Oval	2022/23
HJ Darlington	4	0	10	5	Thunder	Stars	North Sydney Oval	2023/24
MR Strano	4	1	15	5	Renegades	Stars	MCG	2015/16
AE Satterthwaite	4	0	17	5	Hurricanes	Thunder	Blundstone Arena	2016/17
LG Smith	4	0	17	5	Thunder	Scorchers	WACA Ground	2022/23
HK Matthews	3.4	0	19	5	Hurricanes	Heat	Blundstone Arena	2016/17
EA Perry	3.5	0	22	5	Sixers	Renegades	WACA Ground	2023/24
SF Day	4	0	25	5	Stars	Sixers	Jubilee Park, Melb.	2023/24
SFM Devine	4	0	41	5	Strikers	Stars	Adelaide Oval	2018/19

Career Batting (WBBL01-09)

Player	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	Balls	StRte	100	50	4	6
BL Mooney	132	131	32	4665	102	47.12	3743	124.63	3	41	548	34
EA Perry	124	121	33	4265	103	48.46	3989	106.91	2	28	466	68
SMF Devine	121	120	19	3747	106	37.09	2922	128.23	4	22	356	143
EJ Villani	127	124	16	3403	100	31.50	2973	114.46	1	25	455	30
MM Lanning	89	88	14	3009	101	40.66	2504	120.16	1	30	348	57
AJ Healy	116	114	6	2986	112	27.64	2215	134.80	5	15	388	69
M du Preez	110	106	9	2674	88	27.56	2323	115.10	0	19	267	43
GM Harris	119	116	10	2577	136	24.31	1979	130.21	3	12	305	82
AK Gardner	125	120	10	2504	114	22.76	2047	122.32	1	13	249	89
KM Mack	131	119	23	2468	89	25.70	2358	104.66	0	11	279	5

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