

English version of IPL with Stanford support

Texan billionaire Allen Stanford, who has bankrolled Twenty20 cricket in the Caribbean, will be holding talks with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Wednesday to stage a multi-million pound English version of the Indian Premier League.

There is a possibility that England might host such an event in June and July every year, as it is the only Test-playing nation in season at that time in the calendar.

'Looking at all options is pure commercial commonsense,' said Professional Cricketers' Association chief executive Sean Morris.

'There is no proof yet that the global TV market is strong enough to have a lot of different leagues. But it is genuinely achievable to make it attractive for everyone to play in.'

'If we have got the right format and scheduling that will be an attractive product to the wider TV audience and that is where most of the money will come from,' he added.

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