

Dhoni will play but may not keep wickets

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, skipper of [Chennai](#) Super Kings, will play against the [Bangalore](#) Royal Challengers in their Indian Premier League Twenty20 match here Wednesday, but may not keep wickets, according to the home team coach Kepler Wessels.

Speaking to the media here Tuesday, Wessels said Dhoni was ruled fit to play tomorrow, but Parthiv Patel will keep wickets.

'Dhoni will definitely play but he may not keep. We are keeping options open and will assess his condition tomorrow,' Wessels said.

Dhoni had injured his finger during the previous game against [Kolkata](#) Knight Riders and subsequently handed over the gloves to Patel.

Wessels said the final composition, however, would be decided only tomorrow after another look at the pitch.

On the Royal Challengers, who are currently at the bottom of the league table with four points from two victories, Wessels said: 'They are still a dangerous side and we will not take them lightly. They have nothing to lose, so that will make them more determined. Hence we are not under-estimating them.'

It was an oblique reference to the previous meeting between the two teams in Bangalore where the Super Kings won by 13 runs. Challengers, set a target of 179, collapsed dramatically, losing their last six wickets for just 23 runs in 3.2 overs.

He also reiterated that the remaining three games are important for the Super Kings. 'We have three games left and they are all significant for us. We cannot be complacent and obviously we would love to win at home,' he said.

When queried whether Twenty20 was a 'young man's game' and that the Challengers had many old players (aged 30-plus), Wessels sought to downplay the age factor.

'It is all about fitness and agility and so long as you can perform, age does not come into the picture. The Challengers have some very good players who can carry the day,' he said.

Wessels hastened to add that he would rather focus on his own team rather than the opposition as the Super Kings hope to come up with a final push to make it to the semi-finals.

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