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# Catching up with the **BPL**

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The country's biggest T20 league is taking place as we speak, but this time around it hasn't been garnering too much attention. That could be for any number of reasons, from the timing being changed because of the general elections to the lack of headline-grabbing games (at least when this was being written). Despite this, there has been a lot to appreciate so far in the tournament, which I'm going to fill you in on. **NO MOUNTAINS, ONLY MOLEHILLS** A big change this year is how low the totals have been on average. This is a result of the unpredictable Mirpur pitch combined with some very skilful bowling. Only a few of the matches so far have led to totals close to 200, so you'll be disappointed if you turn on the TV expecting to see mountains of runs being piled on. The lack of runs, however, doesn't mean that the games have been uneventful. Some of these low totals have resulted in very close matches, often being decided in the last over. The unpredictable pitch bridges the gap between batsmen and bowlers, leading to encounters that are closely fought. Even in the opening match the Rangpur Riders almost defended 98 runs.

Because of this, the going has been tougher for batsmen. Only 11 fifties have been scored so far, with the highest being Rilee Rossouw's 83, but that just makes each of those knocks more impressive. The boundaries are long and the bowling is good, so when you see a batsman smashing it out of the park you can properly appreciate the sweetness of the hitting. Speaking of big hitting, there are some seriously skilled batsmen on display this year. From old favourites like Chris Gayle and Shahid Afridi to newer ones like Rilee Rossouw and David Warner, there

are a lot of great batsmen worth looking forward to.

## UNPREDICTABILITY

Cricket is an unpredictable game, and T20's even more so. No one can predict what will happen when these teams take to the field, which is why on the same day you could see one team get bowled out below 100 in the afternoon and another score 180 in the evening. In addition there have been some unbelievable bowling performances out of the blue, like when Taskin Ahmed got three wickets in an over. Not to mention how Aliss Islam dropped a couple of easy catches on BPL debut only to redeem himself by picking up a hat-trick. To top it all off, there's even been a super over. Definitely not things you see every day.

## SEATS GALORE

For some reason or the other, not too many people have been going to the stadium to watch the matches. Because of this, you can be sure of finding a seat for any game of the tournament. If you're ever at a loss for things to do, grab some of your friends and head over to the game. Tickets can be bought right next door at the Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium, so you don't need to travel far and wide to get your hands on them. With the weather still being a little chilly, you can enjoy a day out with friends all while experiencing the best domestic cricket the country has to offer.

The BPL runs till February 8<sup>th</sup>, so there's still plenty of time to get your favourite franchise's jersey and celebrate some good cricket. Who knows, you could even be seeing some future national heroes in action.

Wasique Hasan remembers the green grass of home, but home is 12000 km away. Pay your respects at: [fb.com/hasique.wasan](https://fb.com/hasique.wasan)

# Real life implementation of tech features

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Yes, wishful thinking. But the writer here is immensely optimistic and hopelessly imaginative.

We all have had our fair share of incidents in life where we have wished for a way to redo something, right a wrong or even get things done with the snap of the fingers (even Thanos took an axe to the heart to achieve that feat so stop kidding yourself). However, technology has spoiled us with so many of its countless possibilities that the writer wonders, what if some of the technological features of today could actually be implemented in real life, but differently? And if so, then which of the features would appropriately serve the cause?

## AUTOCORRECT

Sure, it's a pretty cool and effective feature as far as flawless typing is concerned but ever wonder how your life would have turned out if you could just autocorrect some of your decisions? Taking decisions on your own is never an easy task. Making the wrong choices is always part of the learning process. But sometimes our choices can lead up to a messy situation of epic proportions. Wouldn't really hurt to have a suggestion box hanging above our head to help take the right decision, would it?

## DETECTORS

Face detectors can alert you of the invaders who try to slither their way past your device's privacy settings. But they can't help detect the invaders with ill intentions who break past your resistance into your lives, can they? Imagine having a detector at your exposal which will signal you of the potential danger and help you keep that away before your decision to let them in has already caused collateral damage. Remember HYDRA's Project Insight from 'The Winter Soldier'?

[Spoiler Alert] Pretty much the same thing but includes no villainous plot of genocide.

## INFORMATION BAR

"Uncle! Can you help us retrieve the ball that's stuck up on that tree?" Nobody deserves to be addressed as 'uncle' at the age of 15. And as one can assume, for yours truly, trauma coupled with sleepless nights followed that disastrous encounter. All of that happened because of the misinterpretation of age. Granted, it's often tricky to accurately guess a random person's age. This is why mankind needs the information bar more than ever. We need information about a person's age, blood group hovering over our heads for all the right reasons. Time to take a page out of the book of all those football videogames, don't you think?

## BITMOJI

Welcome to the world of re-imagining yourself in the avatar that you have always wanted to! But there is a catch! This is not the real life. While experimenting with your cartoon looks sounds fun, it also makes you realise how much different (and albeit better) you COULD look.

## WIRELESS CHARGING

Much like how you had to plug your phone to a socket and leave it for a while to let it recharge before wireless charging was introduced, one can be hopeful to be able to recharge themselves on the go when feeling physically drained. Leading a life with the 'blessings' of a busy and hectic schedule is bound to take a toll. And at times there really isn't any window of opportunity to take a minute and breathe. Since everybody has to get things done on the go already, why not this too? Maybe we can sleep without closing our eyes, or just absorb energy from the air without really eating, the impossibilities are endless.

Your move, science!

