

**DO SUPPORTERS PREFER NATIVE PLAYERS? EVIDENCE FROM INDIAN
PREMIER LEAGUE (IPL)**

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ABSTRACT

We study the existence of supporters personal preference towards players in Indian Premier League (IPL), a cricket league played in India. Perfect information on players help us in separating personal preference from their productivity and experience. Relying on the data of Playing XI vote in the IPL, we analyze whether personal preference exist between Indian and foreign players. Our analysis do not find any evidence of discrimination in voting. Supporters preference towards Indian and foreign players are directly measured by their individual experience and performance. We also provide various alternative estimates to check the robustness of our findings.

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