



## Marcus Stoinis named permanent captain for Melbourne Stars



Following fellow all-rounder Glenn Maxwell's resignation at the end of the previous season, the Melbourne Stars have named Marcus Stoinis as their next permanent captain. Stoinis will be the seventh full-time captain of the Stars.

Stoinis, who took the lead in a match last year when Maxwell was not there, expressed gratitude for the position and duty that will be placed on him moving ahead. "Being granted the role full time is a wonderful honor," Stoinis said, adding that he had a taste of captaining the team in 'Maxi's' absence last year and enjoyed the experience.

"The Stars have been such a mainstay in my life every summer for the last ten years, and I genuinely believe we can bring some much needed success to the club with the group we have put together this season, both on and off the field," he continued.

Prior to the 2018–19 season, Maxwell assumed leadership of the Stars and guided them to two finals, where they placed second each time. They had a late drop to miss the playoffs last season, but they were on track to contend for a finals berth as well. After leading the Stars for five seasons, Maxwell was sidelined by injury in 2022–2023. In addition to leading the squad with 65, he has played the most games with 103.

Stoinis has also been a member of the Stars for a long time; he is only two games away from being the second player to play in 100 games for the squad. In addition to becoming the team's all-time top run scorer (2656 runs), Stoinis signed a three-year deal at the end of the previous campaign.

Blair Crouch, general manager of the Stars, stated, "I want to acknowledge and thank Maxwell for all his efforts in managing the side over the past five seasons and he will continue to be a tremendous resource for everyone at the club."

"Marcus has long been a member of our leadership team and showed his leadership skills last year. "Having someone who has been with the Stars since our very first days lead our club in BBL|14 is fantastic," he continued.

On December 15, Stoinis will begin his full-time rule when the team plays the Perth Scorchers at home in the season opener.