



Riyan Parag to lead RR for first-three games



The Rajasthan Royals will be captained by Riyan Parag for the first three IPL 2025 matches. Although the Assam hitter serves as the team's temporary leader, regular captain Sanju Samson will play in the games, albeit just as a batter, maybe suggesting that he will play an impact role.

Samson made the announcement of Parag's captaincy during a casual team talk, which was captured on camera and shared on social media by the Rajasthan Royals.

Speaking to the team, Samson stated, "I'm not yet fully fit for the next three games."

This team has a lot of leaders. Some wonderful folks have taken excellent care of this environment over the past few years. Riyan will be the team's captain for the next three games. I anticipate that everyone will stand by him and support him.

Samson is making a full recovery from the injury he received to his right index finger during the recent home Twenty20 International match against England. The wicket-keeper batsman has recovered quickly after undergoing surgery for the same reason. Samson will represent RR in the IPL captains' meeting in Mumbai, while Parag is expected to oversee the first three games.

Samson was among the prominent Indian players whose recuperation from injuries was being closely monitored in the run-up to the IPL. The 30-year-old's fitness had improved satisfactorily while batting, but he had experienced obvious discomfort when taking wickets. Samson was expected to receive a partial clearance in the update that *khelojito* indicated last week because he had not yet demonstrated his ability to pass the wicket-keeping fitness tests. Their normal captain will have to wait until the third game is over before he can go to the NCA for another fitness test in order to be retained, according to the most recent information from the RR camp.