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**Raina, Guptil, Pietersen and Marsh to be a part of the Legends League Cricket Players Draft.**

**Draft to be held at the iconic Qutub Minar.**

**Over 200 players feature in the pool for the upcoming season.**

**New Delhi, October 17, 2023**: The draft for the highly anticipated Legends League Cricket (LLC), which is to be played across five cities in India from November 18 to December 9, will feature over 200 players from across 12 countries. Taking place at the Qutub Minar, with franchisee representatives along with marquee players and coaches attending virtually, the Legends League Cricket Players Draft promises to be a grand affair which will be a unique fusion of culture and sports held at an iconic location, featuring a multitude of cricketing stars.

Some of the recently retired players such as New Zealand batter Martin Guptill, Aaron Finch and Shaun Marsh from Australia, will be a part of Legends League Cricket for the first time. Cricketing legends from across the world - Ravi Bopara, Kevin Pietersen, Nuwan Kulasekara, Morne Morkel, Xavier Doherty, and Dirk Nannes will also be participating in the draft. These players form the latest addition to the league’s dynamic player roster and are set to ignite the cricketing world with their presence.

Aaron Finch, Suresh Raina, Robin Uthappa, Hashim Amla, Praveen Kumar, Pragyan Ojha, Upul Tharanga, Abdur Razzak, and Lendl Simmons who have played LLC Masters Season 2 in Doha are all aligned to participate in the draft. Legends such as Brett Lee, Ross Taylor, S. Sreesanth, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Daniel Vettori, Farveez Maharoof, William Porterfield, and Liam Plunkett, who were a part of the previous season will also be a part of the pool for the upcoming season.

The defending champions, India Capitals, have retained their captain Gautam Gambhir and the highest wicket taker of last season Pravin Tambe along with Ashley Nurse to solidify their squad. The Runners-up of the previous season, Bhilwara Kings, have retained their captain, Irfan Pathan along with their star players Yusuf Pathan and Shane Watson. The Manipal Tigers have retained Harbhajan Singh, their captain along with Mohammad Kaif and Corey Anderson. Gujarat Giants have announced their retentions – Universe Boss Chris Gayle, Parthiv Patel and Kevin O’Brien. With the league expanding and two new franchisees joining, they will announce their pre-signings prior to the draft.

**Raman Raheja, Co-Founder & CEO, of Legends League Cricket said**, "The Players Draft for the upcoming season of Legends League Cricket is poised to be an absolute spectacle with an exceptional player pool featuring cricketing legends such as Suresh Raina, Shaun Marsh, and Brett Lee. The inclusion of some newly retired players like Finch & Guptil adds a fresh dimension to it."

After the remarkable success last season in India, the upcoming edition of Legends League Cricket is set to raise the bar for excitement. With a robust lineup of 19 thrilling matches on the horizon, fans can look forward to an unparalleled cricketing extravaganza that will be played across Ranchi, Dehradun, Jammu, Vizag, and Surat. It will be a cricketing journey that promises to be unforgettable.