


Dominators 2025 Season Review

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- From Finalists to Future Champions



Season Overview

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- Competition: NECA Division E 2025
- Record: 11 Wins – 4 Losses
- Standing: Runner-Up 🏆

- Matches: 15 (12 league + 3 playoffs)
- Man of the Season: Ankit Mittal – 400+ runs & 20 wkts

Batting Highlights

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- Top Run Scorers:
 - Ankit Mittal – 273 (league) + 134 (playoffs), SR 190+, HS 118
 - Nikhil Sharma – 246 @ Avg 30.8, HS 66
 - Sagar Saxena – 156, HS 58
 - Prem Akkaram – 114, HS 52, SR 140
 - Ramesh Aineni – 108, Avg 27

Bowling Highlights

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- Key Bowlers:
 - Mohit Agnihotri – 19 wkts, Econ 6.0, SR 13.6
 - Ankit Mittal – 16 wkts, Econ 4.9, SR 14.9
 - Anup Gunjan – 12 wkts, Econ 5.2
 - Satish Harikesavan – 9 wkts, Econ 5.0
 - Wajahat Sheikh – 7 wkts, Econ 4.3

Playoff Journey

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- Quarterfinal vs Milford Bears – Won by 52 runs (Ankit 118, Wajahat 4/12)
- Semifinal vs GG Challengers – Won by 5 wkts (Wajahat MoM, Nikhil 29*)
- Final vs Hopkinton Wildcats – Lost by 21 runs (Satish 2/17, Anup 2/20)

Strengths

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 - Bowling depth: 6 regular wicket-takers
 - All-round core: Ankit, Mohit, Wajahat
 - Role clarity and adaptability
 - Consistency across phases

Areas to Improve

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 - Powerplay batting: Target >50 in 6 overs
 - Death bowling: Reduce late-innings runs
 - Lower-order hitting: Train finishers
 - Strike rotation and running between wickets
 - Automate data analytics tracking

Key Player Highlights

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 - Ankit Mittal – MVP (400+ runs, 20 wkts)
 - Wajahat Sheikh – 9 playoff wkts @ <4 econ
 - Nikhil Sharma – Consistent anchor
 - Sushant Ingle – Emerging pacer
 - Satish Harikesavan – Controlled under pressure

2026 Roadmap

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- 1. Win powerplays consistently
- 2. Sharpen death overs (specialized drills)
- 3. Develop finisher pool (Prem, Ramesh, Wajahat)
- 4. Automate analytics & match review
- 5. Expand practice simulations

Closing Message

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- “2025 was the season we proved we belong at the top.”
- The Dominators stand for discipline, depth, and data-driven cricket.
- 2026 is about finishing the job — turning finalists into champions.





FINAL MATCH DEEP DIVE – 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP

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- Hopkinton Wildcats vs Dominators – 14 Sept 2025
- Venue: Hopkinton Athletic Field
- Result: Wildcats won by 21 runs
- Scores: HWC 134/7 (20 ov), DOM 113/9 (20 ov)
- Man of the Match: Amit Narayan Yashwantrao (33 off 29, 1/14)

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- Powerplay: 39/0 – steady start, 6 wides kept score moving.
- Middle overs (7–15): 68 runs, 5 wickets. Satish & Anup took control.
- Death overs (16–20): 27 runs, disciplined finish.
- Key contributions: Vipin K (36 off 27), Amit N (33 off 29), Divya (16*).
- Top bowlers: Satish (4–0–17–2), Anup (4–0–20–2), Ankit (4–0–29–2).

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- Powerplay: 31/1 – Slow start, wickets fell at key moments.
- Middle overs (7–15): 62 runs, 5 wickets. Sagar (18 off 6) gave brief momentum.
- Death overs: Only 20 runs scored, could not accelerate.
- Top scorer: Nikhil Sharma 15(26), Sagar Saxena 18(6).
- Top bowlers (HWC): Purna Tadaka 3/39, Mahesh C 2/14, Amit N 1/14.

Momentum Summary

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- Powerplay – HWC 39/0 vs DOM 31/1: Wildcats slightly ahead.
- Middle overs – HWC 68/5 vs DOM 62/5: evenly fought, Sagar's burst neutralized.
- Death overs – HWC 27/2 vs DOM 20/3: Wildcats held nerve.
- Game defined by slow Dominators start and high dot-ball rate (38%).

Turning Points

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- 1. 6th over: Purna Tadaka removes Abhishek & Ramesh in 3 balls – momentum swing.
- 2. 10th–12th overs: Sagar's 18 off 6 raised hope, but quick wickets followed.
- 3. 15th–17th overs: Nikhil's wicket and Mahesh's 2/14 spell sealed it.
- 4. Wildcats' fielding and tight lengths defended 134 successfully.

Comparative Metrics

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- Boundaries: HWC 16 (10x4 + 6x6), DOM 13 (9x4 + 4x6).
- Dot ball percentage: HWC 33%, DOM 38%.
- Highest partnership: HWC 50 (1st wkt), DOM 25 (Abhishek–Nikhil).
- Extras: HWC 11, DOM 12.
- Wildcats utilized 5 bowlers effectively; shared wickets equally.

Tactical Insights

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- Dominators bowled like champions: 5.5 econ overall.
- Batting lacked acceleration – run rate stayed under 6 till 15th over.
- Powerplay needs intent; middle overs require rotation focus.
- Wildcats exploited scoreboard pressure effectively.
- Target of 135 was chaseable – execution, not ability, cost the game.

Takeaways for 2026

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 - Strengthen top-order partnerships for chasing stability.
 - Train for powerplay acceleration without early collapse.
 - Improve death-over batting with yorker practice.
 - Continue bowling core (Satish & Anup) as middle-overs anchors.
 - Build pressure-chase simulations during practice.

Final Reflection

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- “The final wasn’t lost in one over — it was lost in the powerplay and rebuild.”
- Dominators’ bowling unit was championship-level.
- Batting consistency and tempo management will convert close games into titles.
- 2026: The mission is clear — from finalists to champions.