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# THE PICTURES *that count*



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1. The World Cup gets off to a rollicking start, courtesy a high-voltage opening ceremony at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka
2. Tillakaratne Dilshan raises his bat to acknowledge the crowd after his superlative hundred against England in the quarterfinal at Colombo
3. Shahid Afridi's Pakistan becomes the first team to beat Australia in World Cups in 12 years. But the Pakistan dream would soon turn sour too
4. Heart-stopping. England and India fight to an incredible high-scoring tie at Bangalore in the group stages
5. Bangalore is the scene again as England fall prey to the pink locks of Ireland's Kevin O'Brien
6. Munaf Patel is ecstatic after cleaning up Abdul Razzaq with a beauty to vanquish arch-rivals Pakistan in the semifinal at Mohali
7. Legendary off-spinner Muttiah Muralidaran is carried around the R Premadasa following his last match at home against New Zealand
8. Lasith Malinga's toe-crushers prove too much for the hapless Kenyans as he cleans them up with a hattrick
9. Bangladesh did not give away hattrick, but the team did not last too long after Tamim Iqbal fell prey to a pumped up West Indies
10. Kemar Roach was one of the few bright points for the Caribbean, with a hattrick against the Netherlands
11. South Africa choke again, as the dismissal of Johan Botha signals a rapid end to their quarterfinal against a rampant New Zealand
12. Yuvraj Singh celebrates putting a patched-up Australia out of the World Cup
13. Virender Sehwag hammers a straight-drive off the back-foot to showcase India's domination over Bangladesh on Day One
14. New Zealand's Ross Taylor cavorts through the covers during his sensational blitz against Pakistan
15. A tearful Shakib Al Hasan embraces a steely Mohammadullah Riyad after the latter saw Bangladesh home in a tense tie against England
16. The boy who epitomised the World Cup. Teenaged beggar Titu saved for months to buy himself a Bangladesh team jersey. His love for the Tigers was rewarded when Tamim Iqbal donated him his World Cup kit



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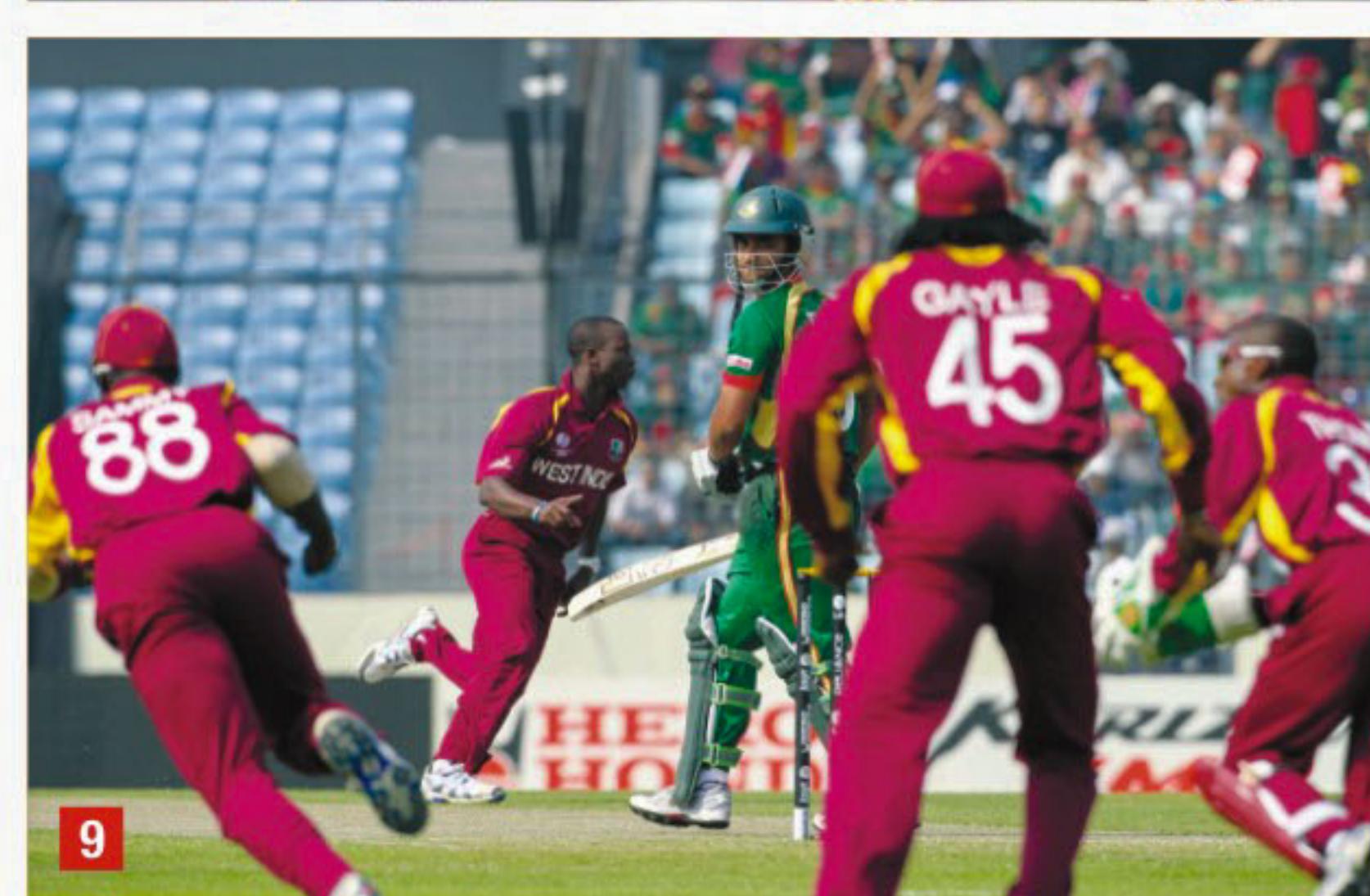
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