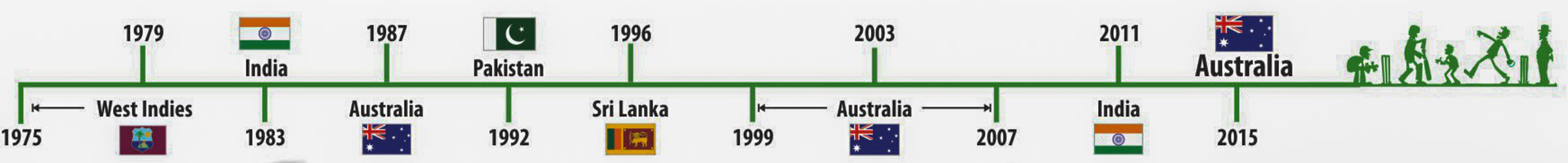


# HIGHS, LOWS & LOOKING BACK

It's over. After 44 days of endless cricket dose -- involving 14 of the best cricket-playing nations and 48 matches to savour, cricket will probably take a back seat now. But there will be plenty of moments to be cherished and plenty of awe-inspiring numbers to be crunched upon. To be fair, it wasn't always high-octane stuff over these past one and a half months; neither did every match go down to the wire. But fortunately the results were not always foregone conclusions as the 'lesser nations' often punched above their weights. There were some gigantic batting efforts: Kumar Sangakkara's four consecutive centuries, Chris Gayle's double bettered by Martin Guptill or AB de Villiers's pyrotechnique repeated time and again. But it wasn't the bat doing the talking every time. Against the tide, we've witnessed some magical spells from the likes of Wahab Riaz, Trent Boult, Mitchell Starc or our very own Rubel Hossain. In the end, there was one winner, and deservedly so: Australia.



Virat Kohli took a forlorn walk as India made a tame exit from the semi-final stage.

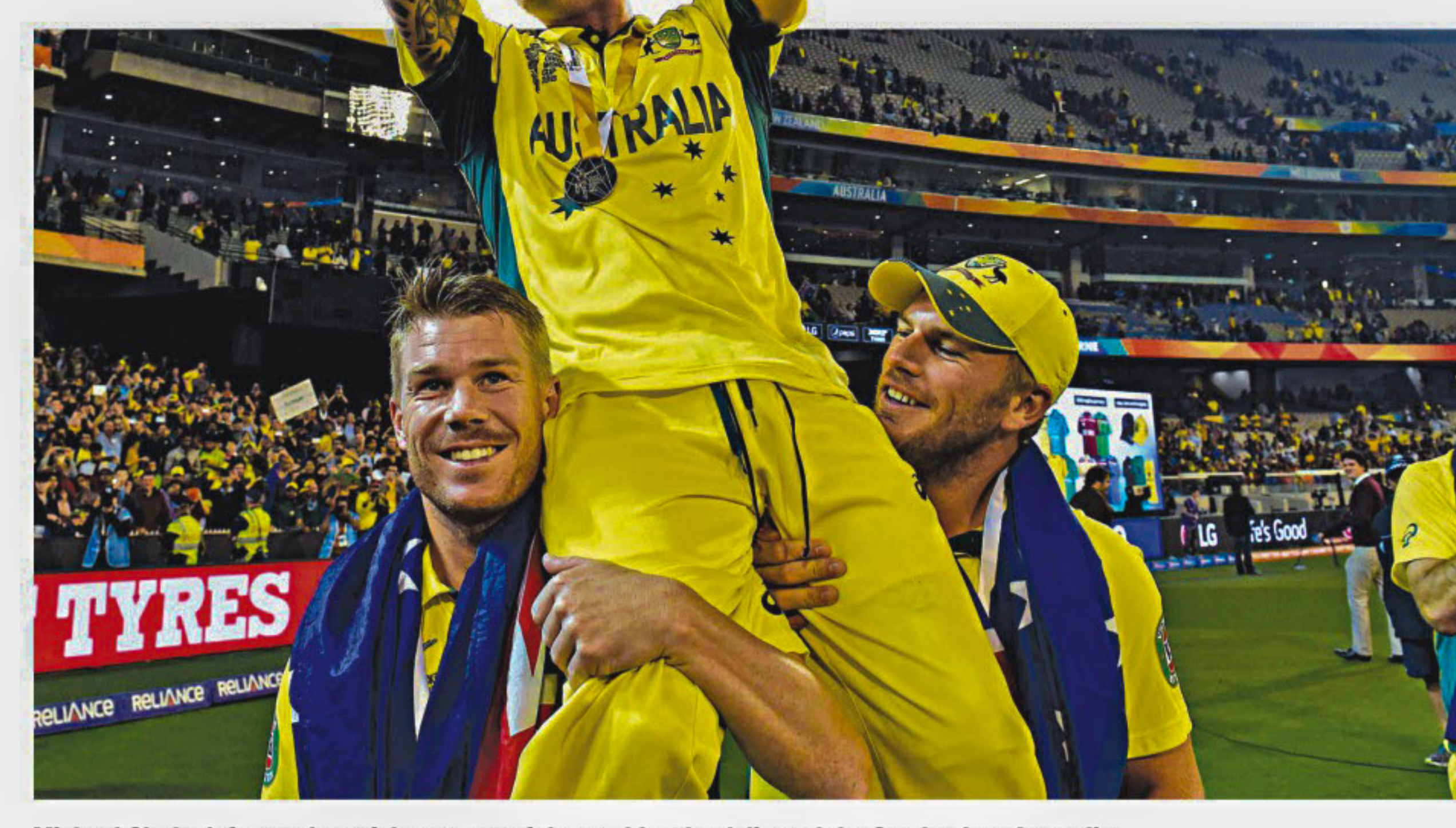
## RECORDS

- KUMAR SANGAKKARA** The only batsman to score four consecutive ODI centuries.
- BRENDON McCULLUM** Fastest 50 in World Cups: 77(25)-50 off 18 balls 4s:7, 6s: 4 SR:308.00
- AB de VILLIERS** Fastest 150 in ODIs: 162\*(66)-150 off 64 balls (4s:17, 6s: 6) SR: 245.45
- CHRIS GAYLE** First double century in the World Cup: 215 off 147. He also scored the highest number of 6s in this WC: 26
- MARTIN GUPTILL** Highest Individual Score in World Cups: 237\* off 163. He also scored the highest number of 4s in this WC: 59
- STEVEN SMITH** scored five consecutive 50s for Australia in this WC campaign

**NEW ZEALAND** chased down 298 vs South Africa, the highest total chased in any semifinal

**AUSTRALIA** scored 417-6 against Afghanistan to post the highest team total, and won the match by 275 runs, the largest victory margin

**Number of 300+ innings in this WC: 28**  
Previous record: 17 (2011 WC)



Michael Clarke left one-day cricket on top of the world as he delivered the Cup back to Australia.



Pakistan left-arm paceman Wahab Riaz's (L) unforgettable spell that left Aussie Shane Watson at his mercy and the watching world captivated with one of the best moments of this World Cup.

The rising stars of Bangladesh cricket: Sabbir Rahman (below) and Soumya Sarkar (below, left).

# THE RISING TIGERS



Mushfiqur Rahim is the fourth wicketkeeper to have scored a fifty and effected four or more dismissals in a World Cup match. The three other keepers are Brad Haddin, Ridley Jacobs and Kumar Sangakkara.

Mahmudullah is the only batsman to score a century against NZ in this WC. He is also the only Bangladeshi batsman to score a century in the WC,

and also happens to have 2 in a row. Bangladesh's highest total in the World Cup when batting first (288/7) came against NZ.

Shakib Al Hasan and Rubel Hossain both have 4 wicket hauls in the World Cup.

Bangladesh is the only Test playing nation whose batsmen had never previously scored a WC century.



**BATSMEN**

PLAYER	MAT	RUNS	AVE	S/R	100	50	4s	6s
MAHMUDULLAH	6	365	73.00	81.84	2	1	30	6
MUSHFIQUR RAHIM	6	298	49.67	105.57	4	0	26	5
SHAKIB AL HASAN	6	196	39.20	93.78	1	3	18	3

**BOWLERS**

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	OVERS	RUNS	ECON	4
TASKIN AHMED	6	9	6/28	51	325	6.37	0
SHAKIB AL HASAN	6	8	5/27	56.4	298	5.26	1
RUBEL HOSSAIN	6	8	4/31	50.3	298	5.90	1

## TOP BATSMEN

PLAYER	MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	S/R	100	50	4s	6s
MJ GUPTILL	9	547	237*	68.37	104.58	2	1	59	16
KC SANGAKKARA	7	541	124	108.20	105.87	4	0	57	7
AB DE VILLIERS	8	482	162*	96.40	144.31	1	3	43	21
B TAYLOR	6	433	138	72.16	106.91	2	1	43	12
S DHAWAN	8	412	137	51.50	91.75	2	1	48	9

## TOP BOWLERS

PLAYER	MAT	WKTS	BBI	OVERS	RUNS	ECON	MDNS	4	5
MA STARC	8	22	6/28	63.5	224	3.50	3	1	1
TA BOULT	9	22	5/27	85	371	4.36	14	1	1
UTYADAV	8	18	4/31	64.2	321	4.98	5	2	0
M SHAMI	7	17	4/35	61.0	294	4.81	7	1	0
M MORKEL	8	17	3/34	68.1	299	4.38	4	0	0



Martin Guptill, the highest run-getter of the tournament, also hit the highest individual score in World Cup, 237

## BOUNDARIES

TEAM	100s	50s	0s	4s	6s
AUSTRALIA	45	219	47	2173	467
NEW ZEALAND	45	217	55	2173	467
INDIA	45	183	36	2173	467
SOUTH AFRICA	45	183	36	2173	467
SRI LANKA	45	181	25	2173	467
WEST INDIES	45	148	28	2173	467
IRLAND	45	148	28	2173	467
ENGLAND	45	148	28	2173	467
ZIMBABWE	45	152	34	2173	467
UAE	45	152	34	2173	467
AFGHANISTAN	45	87	19	2173	467
SCOTLAND	45	87	19	2173	467

## POWERPLAY COMPARISON

POWERPLAY 1	POWERPLAY 2
4606 RUNS	2696 RUNS
150 WICKETS	73 WICKETS
953 OVERS	416 OVERS
4.83 RUN RATE	6.48 RUN RATE

## ICC WORLD CUP LEADING WICKETKEEPERS

Player	M	C	S	Dis	
Brad Haddin	Australia	8	16	0	16
MS Dhoni	India	8	15	0	15
Denesh Ramdin	West Indies	7	13	0	13
Luke Ronchi	New Zealand	9	12	1	13
Matthew Cross	Scotland	6	9	1	10

## ODIs WILL MISS THEM



Daniel Vettori's gravity-defying act was the embodiment of the Team New Zealand.

## TRIVIA

For the first time, all 4 Asian test-playing nations qualified for the WC quarterfinals.

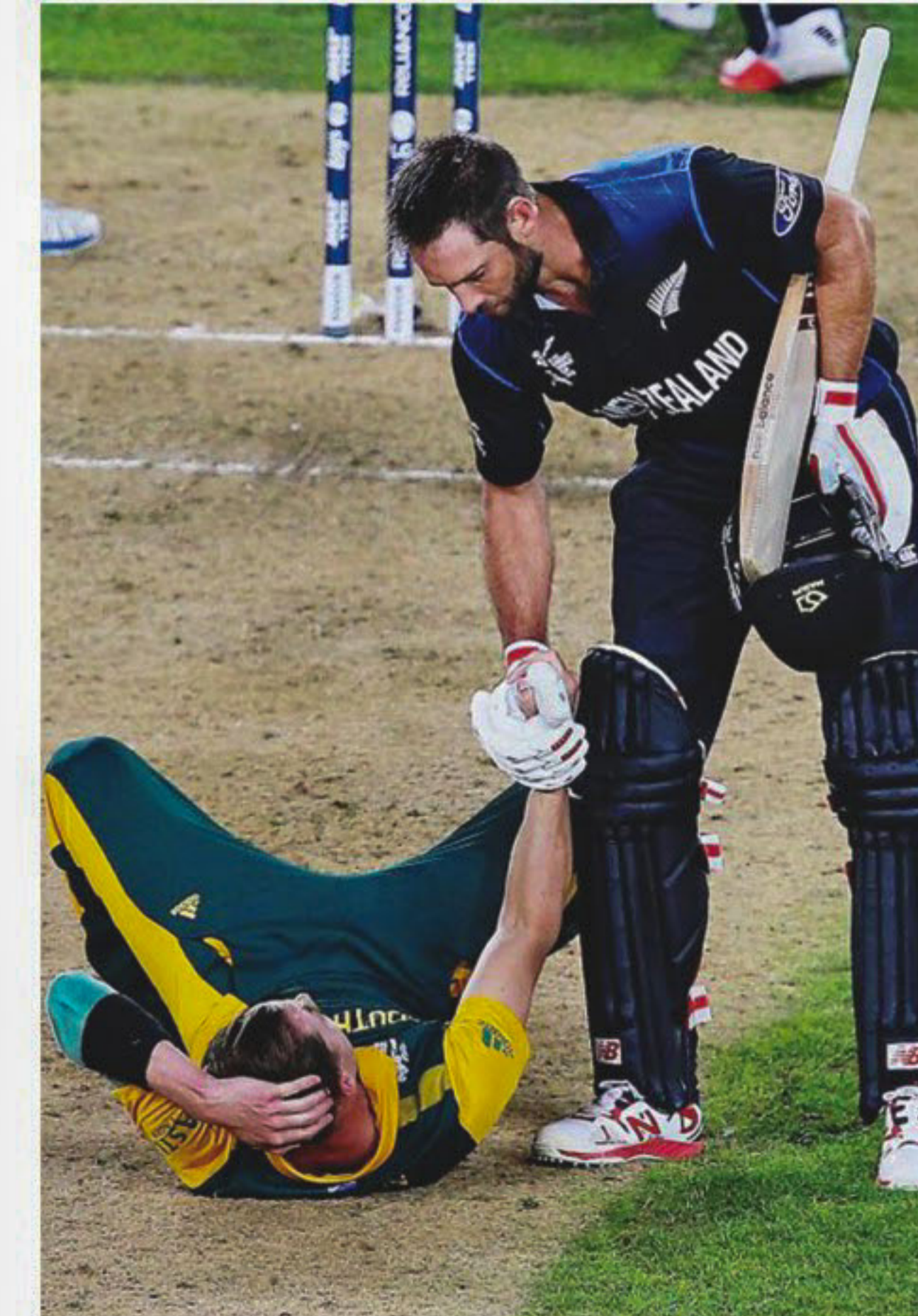
The last seven WCs have witnessed at least one Asian team contesting the final. Among those, four WCs were won by the Australians, where they beat Pakistan (1999), India (2003), Sri Lanka (2007), and New Zealand (2015). The other three WCs were won by the Asian teams, notably Pakistan (1992), Sri Lanka (1996) and India (2011). Australia has played in 6 of the last 8 ICC World Cup finals. The only final they didn't play in, besides the 2011 one, was when the WC was hosted down under.

South Africa had never won a knock-out match in the WC prior to this one. They were eliminated from the semi-final in 1992, 1999 and 2007 WCs and from the quarterfinals of 1996 and 2011. The 2003 edition, hosted by South Africa, was the only time they did not reach the knockout stage.

Taskin Ahmed, the emerging pacer of the Tigers, impressed all and sundry with his wholehearted effort.



Rubel Hossain's send-off of Virat Kohli was one of the high-points of Bangladesh's quarterfinal defeat against India.



Yet Grant Elliott helped Dale Steyn off the floor right after clobbering him for a 6 to power the Kiwis into their first ever final.