

FIXTURES

GROUPINGS

GROUP A

GROUP B

AUSTRALIA | BANGLADESH | ENGLAND | NEW ZEALAND

INDIA | PAKISTAN | SOUTH AFRICA | SRI LANKA

DATE	MATCH	VENUE	BANGLADESH TIME
1-JUN	ENGLAND V BANGLADESH	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	3:30PM
2-JUN	AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	3:30PM
3-JUN	SRI LANKA V SOUTH AFRICA	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	3:30PM
4-JUN	INDIA V PAKISTAN	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	3:30PM
5-JUN	AUSTRALIA V BANGLADESH	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	6:30PM
6-JUN	ENGLAND V NEW ZEALAND	SOPHIA GARDENS, CARDIFF	3:30PM
7-JUN	PAKISTAN V SOUTH AFRICA	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	6:30PM
8-JUN	INDIA V SRI LANKA	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	3:30PM
9-JUN	NEW ZEALAND V BANGLADESH	SOPHIA GARDENS, CARDIFF	3:30PM
10-JUN	ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	3:30PM
11-JUN	INDIA V SOUTH AFRICA	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	3:30PM
12-JUN	SRI LANKA V PAKISTAN	SOPHIA GARDENS, CARDIFF	3:30PM
14-JUN	1ST SEMIFINAL - TBC V TBC	SOPHIA GARDENS, CARDIFF	3:30PM
15-JUN	2ND SEMIFINAL - TBC V TBC	EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM	3:30PM
18-JUN	FINAL - TBC V TBC	KENNINGTON OVAL, LONDON	3:30PM

AUSTRALIA

The only team to have won the trophy twice, Australia will be coming into this edition with hopes of adding a third. That is partly due to the presence of stalwarts like Steve Smith, David Warner and Mitchell Starc, but throughout the order there are players who can turn a game around on any given day. The conditions in England will also suit the Aussies, who are used to playing on fast pitches such as those expected to be on show. The team has it all with firepower and experience and they will surely be a contender, as they almost always are.

SQUAD

Steven Smith (C), David Warner, Pat Cummins, Aaron Finch, John Hastings, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Moises Henriques, Chris Lynn, Glenn Maxwell, James Pattinson, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade (WK), Adam Zampa



FIXTURES

June 2 v New Zealand, June 5 v Bangladesh, June 10 v England

BEST RESULT

Champions 2006, 2009



KEY PLAYER

STEVEN SMITH

Smith is one of the standout batsmen in world cricket, having made his mark on every format regardless of conditions. Although his average in ODIs in England – 27.90 – is lacking to say the least and he has just one score above 50, the Australian skipper will be hoping to turn things around this time.

MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	45	65
95	3101	164	43.67	10	16	263	30

X-FACTOR

CHRIS LYNN

Although a relatively unknown quantity in international cricket, Australia batsman Chris Lynn has been a revelation in franchise T20 leagues. Adjudged the most valuable player of the last two seasons of Big Bash League, the right-hander is waiting to show his big-hitting exploits to the world.



ROLL OF HONOUR

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP
1998	SOUTH AFRICA	WEST INDIES
2000	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA
2002	INDIA/SRI LANKA	N/A
2004	WEST INDIES	ENGLAND
2006	AUSTRALIA	WEST INDIES
2009	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND
2013	INDIA	ENGLAND

BANGLADESH STATS

Bangladesh will be playing in their first Champions Trophy since 2006, having failed to qualify since then.

Bangladesh have won just one of their seven games in the Champions Trophy, against Zimbabwe in 2006.

Shahriar Nafees is Bangladesh's leading run-getter in the tournament. He has 166 to his name. Mohammad Rafique is Bangladesh's leading wicket-taker in the tournament with 6.

tournament's leading run-scorer, with 791 in 17 matches.

New Zealand posted the highest score in the tournament, making 347 against USA in 2004.

USA hold the unwanted honour of making the lowest score in the tournament, being bowled out for 65 against Australia in 2004.

Kumar Sangakkara is the most dangerous keeper in the tournament, with 33 dismissals.

TRIVIA

This is the only ICC tournament that South Africa have won, doing so in the inaugural edition in 1998.

The Champions Trophy is the only ICC event where Pakistan have managed to beat India, doing so twice.

Before the Champions Trophy in 2013, the ICC announced that it would be the tournament's last iteration. However, the decision was reversed in January 2014.

OVERALL STATS

The leading wicket-taker in the ICC Champions Trophy is Kyle Mills of New Zealand. He has 28 wickets in 15 matches.

Sri Lanka's Farveez Maharoof recorded the best bowling figures in a match, taking six wickets for 14 runs against West Indies in 2006.

Hard-hitting West Indian Chris Gayle is the



BANGLADESH

Coming off a wonderful 2015, where they reached the World Cup quarterfinals and defeated sides like India, Pakistan and South Africa at home, the up-and-coming team in world cricket will be hoping to make their mark on the Champions Trophy. The Tigers have not done quite so well outside their hunting grounds, but a four-pronged pace attack will be relishing the chance to showcase their skills on England and Wales' pitches. They also pack some might firepower with Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarkar and Sabbir Rahman in the side, backed up by some crafty spinners, and they will look to hit the ground running against England in the opener.

SQUAD

Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarkar, Imrul Kayes, Muschirul Rahim, Shakib Al Hasan, Mahmudullah Riyad, Sabbir Rahman, Mosadddek Hossain, Mehedi Hasan, Sanjmal Islam, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza (C), Mustafizur Rahman, Tasnim Ahmed, Rubel Hossain, Shafiqul Islam.

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June 1 v England, June 5 v Australia, June 9 v New Zealand

BEST RESULT

Group stage [2002, 2004]

KEY PLAYER

SHAKIB AL HASAN

It is no secret that Shakib Al Hasan has starred in most of Bangladesh's big wins. So if the Tigers create some magic, the source will probably be Shakib. The world's top all-rounder has the ability to play the world's best with the bat and out-think even well-set batsmen with the ball.

MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	WKTS	BEST	ECON
173	4815	134*	34.64	6	34	224	5-47	4.38

X-FACTOR

MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN

The asking run-rate is climbing, the chasing batsmen are becoming tense – this is the environment in which Mustafizur Rahman thrives. If Bangladesh can create such a scenario, then it is almost a certainty that Mustafizur's variations will make the difference.



NEW ZEALAND

While players from most nations were busy playing in the Indian Premier League, New Zealand geared up for the Champions Trophy with a tri-series in Ireland, which are likely to mirror the pitches in England and Wales. Despite sending an under-strength side to Ireland, they beat group opponents Bangladesh with ease, which will bode well for them after Kane Williamson, Martin Guppitt and pacers Tim Southee and Trent Boult join up with the team. The bowling department is well-equipped with spinners and pacers, while the batting line-up has solidity and explosiveness, so perhaps the Kiwis can go one step further than they did in the 2015 World Cup.

SQUAD

Kane Williamson (C), Corey Anderson, Trent Boult, Neil Broom, Colin de Grandhomme, Martin Guppitt, Lou Latham, Mitchell McClenaghan, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Jeetan Patel, Luke Ronchi, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ross Taylor.



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June 2 v Australia, June 6 v England, June 9 v Bangladesh

BEST RESULT

Champions 2000 (ICC KnockOut)

KEY PLAYER

KANE WILLIAMSON

One of the top four batsmen in the world, Williamson will be expected to score consistently while holding down the fort alongside hard-hitters. When in full flow, his defence is impenetrable and he can slog with the best of them, leaving the fortunes of his side in his hands.

MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	45	65
111	4361	145*	45.90	8	29	411	36

X-FACTOR

MITCHELL SANTNER

Mitchell Santner will be hoping that opposition batsmen see him as a scoring opportunity. Just when they might be thinking about filling their boots after the pacers' spells, Santner's accurate left-arm spin – which bagged a five-for in Ireland recently – may spoil those plans. He is also a handy lower-order



ENGLAND

Having never won the tournament, England come into this year's edition with a rejuvenated squad playing perhaps the most exciting attacking brand of ODI cricket in the world at the moment, and the home advantage, making it their tournament to lose. They crashed out of the 2015 World Cup after a loss to Bangladesh and they will be hoping to make a statement when they face the Tigers in their first game, the tournament opener, on June 1. The explosiveness in batting is evident in the team, but it is backed up by more technically sound players and a range of bowlers perfectly suited to the conditions.

SQUAD

Eoin Morgan (C), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Jake Ball, Sam Billings, Jos Buttler, Alex Hales, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, David Willey, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood.



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June 1 v Bangladesh, June 6 v New Zealand, June 10 v Australia

BEST RESULT

Runners-up (2004, 2013)

KEY PLAYER

JOE ROOT

Another of the world's very best, Joe Root will be looking to inspire England to their maiden title on the back of his performances. He has been consistent in England as well – eight 50s and three 100s at an average of 42.32 in the country can attest to that.

MAT	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	45	65
88	3544	125	47.89	9	21	293	28

X-FACTOR

BEN STOKES

After fetching the highest payment at the IPL auction, Stokes went on to dominate the competition. On his day, Stokes can win a game against any team singlehandedly, owing to his power with both bat and ball. He is the form player and all eyes will be on him, but by now he's used to that.

