

History of past World Cup finals

From Lloyd's century to Australia's recent dominance

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Whether in Melbourne, Mumbai or Marylebone, the ICC World Cup final is an occasion like no other.

On Sunday the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground will host its fifth World Cup final as hosts England face 2015 finalists New Zealand for the right to call themselves the best in the world.

Whichever team comes out on top, the coveted trophy will be handed to a new winner as the 12th edition of the tournament reaches a dizzying climax.

We take a stroll down memory lane and look at World Cup finals gone by. **1975: LLOYD LEADS BY EXAMPLE** Runs made with backs to the wall are gripping to watch and Clive Lloyd coined the original. The West Indies captain came to the crease with his side struggling on 50 for three against Dennis Lillee's Australia. Under glassy skies and in front of a feverish Lord's crowd, Lloyd struck a masterful counter-attacking century and Keith Boyce took four wickets to crown Windies the inaugural winners. **1979: RICHARDS STRIKES AGAIN** Just as Lloyd bailed them out four years earlier, it was the turn of Viv Richards to extricate West Indies from a poor start and propel them to glory. His 138 from 157 balls was a brutal innings by modern standards and helped set a target of 286 – well beyond hosts England.

1983: INDIA'S SUMMER India's vaunted bowling attack wrested the World Cup from the grasp of West Indies as Kapil Dev masterminded a memorable triumph. Dev's outfit only managed 183 first up and Windies looked destined for a third straight

victory, but Mohinder Amarnath and Madan Lal exploited swinging conditions to get home by 43 runs.

1987: ADVANCE AUSTRALIA An Australia side that Steve Waugh would later label 'rank outsiders' pulled off an unlikely triumph in India and Pakistan, the first time the World Cup was staged outside England. The Eden Gardens final against the English would be immortalised for Mike Gatting's ill-judged reverse sweep when his team were well-placed and David Boon's gutsy 75, the backbone of his country's inaugural triumph.

1992: CORNERED TIGERS ROAR Imran Khan asked his team to fight and they scrapped for every inch until the skipper himself dismissed Richard Illingworth to clinch perhaps the World Cup's most remarkable victory. Seemingly down and out after one win in their first five, Pakistan surged to five straight wins – inspired by Imran, whose 72 in the final earned his nation a maiden triumph.

1996: DE SILVA'S SERVICE In what is still the finest all-round performance in a World Cup final, Aravinda de Silva took two catches and snaffled three wickets to restrict Mark Taylor's Australia to 241 in Lahore. Alongside Asanka Gurusinha's measured half-century, de Silva struck a masterful 107 to get Sri Lanka over the line by seven wickets, etching a fifth name onto the World Cup trophy.

1999: WARNE BLOWS PAK AWAY In the World Cup win that sparked an era of one-day dominance, Shane Warne spun Australia to a comprehensive defeat of Pakistan at Lord's. The 1992 winners were

bowled out for 132 as Glenn McGrath, Tom Moody and Warne strangled Wasim Akram's men.

2003: AUSTRALIA BACK-TO-BACK Australia secured successive World Cup wins with a contrasting but equally emphatic victory over India at the Wanderers. They smote 359 from their 50 overs – then their second highest-ever score in the format – with Ricky Ponting and Damien Martyn sharing a partnership of 234 runs. India were dismissed for 234.

2007: GILCHRIST GOES BIG A rain-reduced repeat of the 1996 showpiece was dominated by Gilchrist, whose 149 remains the highest-ever score in a World Cup final. Australia's threepeat was never in doubt after Kumar Sangakkara and Sanath Jayasuriya were dismissed chasing 281, extending Australia's winning streak to 29 games.

2011: DHONI DOES IT FOR INDIA India's World Cup win is one of the most significant moments in the game's history, sparking scenes of jubilation not seen since. Mahela Jayawardene scored the sixth hundred in a World Cup final but ended on the losing side – due to MS Dhoni's perfectly-timed 91 in the chase and 97 from Gautam Gambhir.

2015: AUSTRALIA ROMP HOME Australia claimed a fourth win in five tournaments at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. It was a final triumph to stand alongside any as a relentless bowling performance saw them dismiss New Zealand for 183 in 45 overs. In reply, David Warner's quickfire 45 and half-centuries from Steve Smith and captain Michael Clarke took them home.



(Anti-clockwise from Top L) West Indies legend Clive Lloyd holds aloft the trophy after winning the first World Cup in 1975. His side would go on to repeat the feat four years later. Australia won the latest edition, taking home their record-extending fifth World Cup trophy on home soil. The last two winners -- including India in 2011 -- have claimed the trophy on home soil and England will be looking to continue that trend today and take home cricket's greatest prize for the first time, but New Zealand will be hoping not to let two consecutive finals go in vain. PHOTO: ICC

BCB names U-19 squad for UK tour

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday announced a 16-member Under-19 squad, led by Akbar Ali, for the tri-nation one-day series in the United Kingdom.

The tri-nation series involves host England, India and Bangladesh. The young Tigers are scheduled to depart for the United Kingdom on July 15.

The Bangladesh team are going to take part in a warm up game against the Young Lions Invitational XI on July 18 before facing hosts England in the opening game of the tournament on July 22 at the New Road in Worcester.

Towhid Hridoy was named as vice-captain while the likes of leg-spinner Rishad Hossain, pacer Shoriful Islam and Mritunjoy Chowdhury were also named in the squad.

Navid Newaz and his troops have already begun their preparations for the upcoming ICC Under-19 World Cup in South Africa slated for next year. This tour is part of the preparations for the young Tigers, who are eyeing a top four spot in the event.

The Bangladesh Under-19 team had made the semifinal previously in 2016.

Squad: Akbar Ali (C), Tanzid Hasan, Prantik Nawrose, Tawhid Hridoy (VC), Shoriful Islam Parvez Hossain, Shamim Hossain, Shahadat Hossain, Rakibul Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mritunjoy Chowdhury, Avishek Das, Mahmudul Hasan, Tanzim Hasan, Mohammad Shahin.

England's flamboyance or Kiwis' calm?

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After more than a month's excitement and drama, peppered with plots and sub-plots, rain interruptions, near-misses, heartbreaks of close defeats and a number of individual and team records, the World Cup has produced two worthy finalists in hosts England and New Zealand.

More importantly, today's grand finale at cricket's Mecca will present the world with new champions for the first time since Sri Lanka gatecrashed the party and won the title in 1996.

England making it to the final was no surprise as far as the pre-tournament form book was concerned. But for New Zealand to come all the way to the final was a bit of surprise despite the fact that they were losing finalists four years ago at the MCC ground in Australia.

Four years ago, England were eliminated from the group stage conceding a shock defeat against Bangladesh. Since then they have transformed into an altogether different side under the leadership of their Irish-born captain Eoin Morgan.

Their no-holds-barred approach has made them the most attractive and



The front page of yesterday's New Zealand Herald.

successful one-day team over the last four years. And a victory in the final will provide a logical conclusion to that aggressive attitude, which most of teams cherish, but seldom succeed in striking

THIRD EYE

that balance between desire and execution.

Now the burning question is whether England will swagger into Lord's today with that mindset and execute it in the middle. England have the most potent firepower at the top with Jason Roy in his destructive element.

They have got Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler in particular down the order to take a total somewhere beyond what other teams could think humanly possible.

But take out these three exciting components and England are still as conventional as other teams. Roy missed two games due to injury during the World Cup and England suffered but England bulldozed five-times champions Australia in the semifinal, where Roy acted as a marauder.

For New Zealand to counter the free-flowing England attack, their opening bowlers hold the key. This is certainly not the best New Zealand team to have made a final. But they are different under ice cool captain Kane Williamson, who has not only been scoring runs heavily but

also providing those steely nerves when it matters most.

Their victory against India in a nail-biting semifinal at Old Trafford was anything but a that of a team's which is oozing self-belief in extreme adversity.

The small yet proud cricketing nation from the southern hemisphere turned up at the World Cup reeling from the shock of the Christchurch terror attack that claimed the life of 51 Muslim worshippers.

New Zealand Prime minister Jacinda Arden won admiration across the world for the way she took the whole nation under one umbrella to overcome one of the darkest episodes in the history of an otherwise peaceful nation.

In Williamson, the Kiwis has got a down to the earth yet ruthlessly effective leader. When his teammates were huddling around him in joy after that semifinal victory against India, he was seen just smiling.

In cricket, leadership means a lot. He has so far proved to be the best of the leaders in this World Cup. So don't be surprised if Williamson holds that glittering piece of glory instead of Morgan after the gentleman's game is over.

The advantage is held by the team that loses (the previous game referring to the group match between the sides) because I think it's very hard not to subconsciously think, 'well, we've beaten these guys before'.

All Blacks mentor Steve Hansen on why the Kiwis hold the advantage in the final.

FIZZ'S GRAND CEREMONY



Wedding reception of Bangladesh's ace left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman was held in a grand fashion in his hometown Satkhira yesterday. Mustafizur had tied the knot with Samiha Parvin Shimu -- a student of Dhaka University -- on March 22 of this year. Although back then it was only a plain and simple ceremony which was only attended by close friends and relatives, this time the 23-year old's wedding reception was celebrated in a grand fashion. Arrangements for about 2,500 people were made in yesterday's ceremony. PHOTO: KALYAN BANARJEE

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