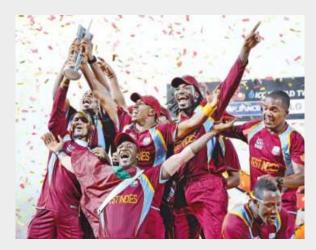
T20 WORLD CUP LENS



Windies' World Cup after 33 years!

West Indies vs Sri Lanka Final 2012 T20 World Cup in Colombo

When West Indies players broke out their famous 'Gangnam Style' celebration after securing a 36-run victory against Sri Lanka, their emotions were apparent, captivating and most importantly fitting, given that the once mighty ruler of world cricket had finally won a World Cup after 33 long years. The last time the Windies played a World Cup final was way back in 1979, in which they came out victorious. But, over the years, the dominance had faded. With glory days long past gone, the Marlon Samuels-inspired victory that day finally resurrected some of the Windies' lost pride.



When minnows stole the show

Netherlands vs Ireland First Round Group Stage game 2014 T20 World Cup in Sylhet

A first round group stage encounter between two minnows -- the Netherlands and Ireland -- would not probably garner much attention from cricket fans. But how a T20 game can provide the pinnacle of thrill and amusement, despite not being a much-hyped contest, was demonstrated that day. In order to progress to the Super 10, the Netherlands had to chase down a mammoth 190-run target, that too inside 14.2 overs. And the Dutch pulled it off with three balls to spare -etching their names in the T20 glory books forever. Stephan Myburgh's fiery 63, Wesley Barresi's unbeaten 40 and Tom Cooper's 15-ball 45 will always remain fresh in fans' memory.



6,6,6,6!

England vs West Indies Final 2016 T20 World Cup in Kolkata

Nineteen needed off the last over, and West Indies' Carlos Brathwaite pulled off something stupendous. With Marlon Samuels, the one who dragged the Windies to a fighting position with his 66-ball 85, at the wrong end, Brathwaite decided to take matters into his own hands. Having equalled the score with three sixes on the trot, one would expect a sensible single to ensure the title. But Brathwaite's temerity could not be questioned, let alone be contained. He relied on his muscle power and ended the game with another colossal six, ensuring that the Windies would go on to become the only team with two T20 World Cup titles.

