

## T20 WC winners to get 1.6 million US dollars

ICC  
 The ICC announced that the winning side at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 in Melbourne on November 13 would receive prize money of \$1.6 million, with the runners-up guaranteed half the amount.

At the end of the 16-team tournament that runs for nearly a month, the losing semi-finalists will each get \$400,000 from the \$5.6 million total prize pool.

The eight teams who exit at the Super 12 stage will receive \$70,000 each. Like last year at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021, a win in each of the 30 games in the Super 12 phase will be worth \$40,000.

The eight teams that made it directly to the Super 12 phase are Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa.

The other eight teams -- Namibia, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, UAE in Group A and West Indies, Scotland, Ireland and Zimbabwe in Group B -- are split into two groups of four and will play the first round. For any win in the first round, prize money of \$40,000 will be awarded, with the 12 matches amounting to \$480,000.

The four teams knocked out in the first round will get \$40,000 each.

PRIZE MONEY	Winners	\$ 1,600,000
	Runners-Up	\$ 800,000
	Losing Semi-finalists	\$ 400,000X2
	Super 12 Wins	\$ 40,000X30
	Super 12 Exit	\$ 70,000X8
	First Round Win	\$ 40,000X12
	First Round Exit	\$ 40,000X4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,600,000</b>



The Hockey Champions Trophy (HCT) came one more step closer to reality as the franchises-based tournament's logo was unveiled in a glitzy event in the capital yesterday where celebrities from the entertainment industry rubbed shoulders with sportspeople. The inaugural edition of the six-team competition is scheduled to get underway on October 28 at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## Tigers leave for New Zealand

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh left for Christchurch yesterday to take part in a tri-nation series also involving hosts New Zealand and Pakistan, boarding a flight at 11:55pm.

The Tigers are expected to reach Christchurch on October 2 ahead of the opening game of the series against Pakistan at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch, the venue for all the games, on October 7. Bangladesh will then face New Zealand in their second game on October 9. The final is scheduled

for October 14.

Skipper Shakib Al Hasan, who was engaged in the Caribbean Premier League, will join the team directly in New Zealand.

The tri-nation series in New Zealand will play a crucial role in the Tigers' preparations ahead of the mega-event in Australia, which they will travel to directly from New Zealand.

Bangladesh won two T20Is against the UAE last week and the think-tank will be hoping to form the perfect team combination for the upcoming tri-nation with the

upcoming flagship event in mind.

Two stand-by players were also named, with batter Soumya Sarkar and pacer Shoriful Islam in the squad for the tri-nation series as back-ups.

Left-arm seamer Shoriful proved instrumental against the UAE in the first game, picking up three wickets, but Soumya did not feature in that series.

The team management once again opted for the makeshift opening pair in the form of Mehedi Hasan Miraz and Sabbir Rahman against the UAE.

## India to host MotoGP in 2023

AFP, Buriram

India will stage a MotoGP race for the first time from 2023, organisers said on Friday, in a bid to expand the sport outside its traditional heartlands.

The inaugural event is scheduled to take place at Buddh International Circuit in Uttar Pradesh, to the south of New Delhi, on September 22-24 next year.

The track has already played host to Formula One, staging three F1 grands prix between 2011 and 2013.

"We have a lot of fans in India and we're excited to be able to bring the sport to them," Carmelo Ezpeleta, chief executive of MotoGP organiser and promoter Dorna, said in a statement.

"India is also a key market for the motorcycle industry and therefore, by extension, for MotoGP as the pinnacle of the two-wheeled world."

With its 1.4 billion population and more than 200 million motorcycles, Indian authorities hope the event can bring a foreign investment boom.

Sports minister Anurag Thakur hailed the announcement as a historic day for his country's sporting sector.

Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh chief minister, added: "It's a matter of great pride for Uttar Pradesh to host such a global event."

India's inclusion got the nod from top riders.

"I think the circuit is quite beautiful and fast," reigning MotoGP world champion Fabio Quartararo of France told reporters after practice sessions at Buriram, Thailand.

"It can be a good circuit for us. I like the layout."

It comes days after Dorna announced that Kazakhstan will also feature on the MotoGP calendar, on July 7-9, 2023.

Next year MotoGP will feature two races -- a sprint on Saturday and the grand prix on Sunday.

Faced with a dip in attendances at certain European grands prix, MotoGP is looking to bounce back by expanding its global audience.

MotoGP already has races in Asia in Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Malaysia.

Earlier this month, Dorna signed a memorandum of understanding with Saudi Arabia to soon host one of the rounds of the world championship, without specifying a date or circuit. The provisional 21-race calendar for 2023 was released on Friday with the action scheduled to kick off on March 24-26 and the season-ending race in Valencia on November 24-26.



PHOTO: TWITTER  
 Gabriel Jesus of Arsenal and Richarlison of Tottenham Hotspur are in terrific form of late and the two Brazilians could decide the outcome for today's London Derby.

## Arsenal, Spurs seek to prove title credentials

AFP, London

Arsenal and Tottenham will be fighting for much more than local bragging rights on Saturday as the north London rivals aim to prove they are serious contenders for the Premier League title.

As top-flight action returns following the international break, Arsenal sit top of the table after an unexpectedly strong start, while unbeaten Tottenham are just one point behind in third place.

With Liverpool, Chelsea and Manchester United still recovering their equilibrium after turbulent starts to the season, a path has opened up for the north London clubs to gate-crash the title race.

If a title challenger was expected to emerge from either end of the Seven Sisters Road, it was Tottenham who were the more likely candidates after snatching a top-four finish from their bitter rivals and neighbours in dramatic fashion last term.

Arsenal were in pole position to qualify for the Champions League when they moved four points clear

of Tottenham with just three games left.

But Mikel Arteta's side blew their chance as a disastrous 3-0 defeat at Tottenham was followed by a devastating loss against Newcastle, ruining their hopes of returning to the Champions League for the first time since the 2016/17 season.

Buoyed by pipping Arsenal, Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy bowed to Antonio Conte's demands, sanctioning a close season spending spree that further enhanced the feelgood factor around the club.

With Conte refusing to let his players rest on their laurels, Tottenham have continued to progress in their second season under the demanding Italian.

Conte showed his ruthless side in Tottenham's last game when he dropped Son Heung-min after his eight-match goalless run and was rewarded with a hat-trick from the South Korean after sending him on as a substitute in the 6-2 rout of Leicester.

While Tottenham's rise underlines Conte's managerial

acumen, it is arguably Arteta who has done the more impressive work this term.

Arsenal's implosion in the final week of last season could have been a hammer blow to Arteta's gradual rebuild of a club mired in mediocrity since well before the end of Arsene Wenger's reign.

The eccentric side to Arteta's personality was on display during the "All or Nothing" television documentary that captured the Spaniard's fight to steer the club through troubled waters last season.

But Arteta's quirks should not obscure the astute way he has infused Arsenal with energy and enthusiasm by promoting a group of talented youngsters, while also shipping out Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang following disciplinary problems.

Revisited by the recent signings of Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko, as well as the development of Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli, Arsenal have enjoyed the benefits of a relatively benign fixture list so far.

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