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Australia rose to the pinnacle of ODI cricket for the sixth time in their history with a six-wicket win over India in the final of the ICC World Cup 2023 yesterday. The 132,000-capacity crowd at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad looked on in dismay as the Pat Cummins-led side first dictated terms with ball and in the field before Travis Head's 137 off 120 balls sealed off the victory with 42 balls to spare. Australia, who had lost to India in the group stage, peaked at the right time as they ended the 10-game winning streak of India, the most dominating side in the tournament.

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SCORES IN BRIEF

India: 240 all out in 50 overs (Sharma 47, Kohli 54, Rahul 66; Starc 3-55, Hazlewood 2-60, Cummins 2-34)

Australia: 241 for four in 43 overs (Head 137, Labuschagne 58 not out; Bumrah 2-43)

Result: Australia won by six wickets

Player-of-the-final: Travis Head

Player-of-the-tournament: Virat Kohli

ROLL OF HONOUR

1975 West Indies	2003 Australia
1979 West Indies	2007 Australia
1983 India	2011 India
1987 Australia	2015 Australia
1992 Pakistan	2019 England
1996 Sri Lanka	2023 Australia
1999 Australia	



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Memorable 13 of the 13th World Cup



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The 13th edition of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup came to a close with Australia beating hosts India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday. With the showpiece event in the rearview mirror, The Daily Star Sports looks at 13 moments that mesmerised the fans in the past 46 days.

Head turns up
Travis Head became only the fourth player to win the player-of-the-match award in the semifinal and final of a World Cup. It was his 120-ball 137, laced with 15 boundaries and four maximums, that helped the Aussies chase down India's 241 with ease to win the final

Kohli's 50th 100
Undoubtedly, it was superstar Virat Kohli who provided the best moment when he surpassed his idol Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI tons in the semifinal against New Zealand in Mumbai. Tendulkar applauded from the stands as Kohli reached his 50th ODI ton in just his 277th innings. Kohli (765 runs in 11 matches) also became the first player to cross the 700-run mark in a single edition of the World Cup.

down the 291-run target.

Mathews runs out of time
Performance-wise, Bangladesh do not have much to show for this World Cup. But the Tigers created history when skipper Shakib Al Hasan had Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews timed out, on account of the all-rounder taking more than the mandated two-minute timeframe to take guard, for the first time in



Ravindra stars
Rachin Ravindra of New Zealand has been the breakout star as the 24-year-old racked up 578 runs in 10 matches, including three hundreds and two fifties to finish as the fourth-highest run-getter.

The Shami factor
An injury to Hardik Pandya opened the doors for India's Mohammed Shami, who sat out the first four matches only to take everyone by surprise to finish the tournament at the top of the wicket-takers list with 24 wickets in just seven matches.

Maxwell's 40-ball ton
Before his freak 201 not out against Afghanistan, Glenn Maxwell wreaked havoc in a game against the Netherlands when he smashed a 40-ball century -- the fastest in World Cup history -- in Delhi.

Proteas' record 428
South Africa explosively opened their World Cup 2023, piling up 428 for five -- the highest-ever score by a team in World Cup history -- against a hapless Sri Lanka at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi.

Pakistan leave their mark
Pakistan created history in Hyderabad when they chased down a 345-run target, thanks to tons from Abdullah Shafique and Mohammad Rizwan, to script the highest successful chase in World Cups.

Lankans fold for 55
Sri Lanka were utterly humiliated when they capitulated for just 55 -- their lowest-ever total in a World Cup game -- by India in a group game in Mumbai. India cruised to 302-run victory -- the second largest victory in World Cups.

by six wickets and clinch their sixth World Cup title. In the semifinal against South Africa, Head took two crucial wickets and also scored 62 to guide Australia to victory.

Maxwell 201 not out
To pull Australia out from the cusp of defeat at 91 for seven, Glenn Maxwell played one of the best innings the format has ever witnessed in Mumbai. Withstanding cramps and the scoreboard pressure, Maxwell smashed a 128-ball 201 as he singlehandedly saw the Aussies chase

international cricket in a pool fixture in Delhi.

Incredible Afghans
Coming into the World Cup with just a solitary win in the tournament's history, the Afghans surprised many with the incredible run that saw them beat defending champions England, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan to finish sixth on the table.

Dutch stun Proteas



A pro-Palestinian protester broke through security cordons to invade the pitch during ICC World Cup final in Ahmedabad yesterday, stopping play briefly while he hugged India superstar Virat Kohli. Wearing a face mask in the colours of the Palestinian flag, and a T-shirt with the slogan "Stop Bombing Palestine", the unnamed young protester ran onto the pitch in the 132,000-seat mega-stadium. He was escorted off the pitch by security officers, and play swiftly resumed.

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