The Ollo of cricket



ICC Cricket World Cup

2011

be made.

The countdown is already on and the entire nation is again in high spirits **1** with the hope of becoming the champions for the second time in the history of the World Cup games. Our cricketers are oozing in confidence. So, let's cheer and support them to win back the cup. The tenth edition of the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Cup Cricket Championship is scheduled to begin on February 17. The opening ceremony to this much awaited sporting event will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with the participation of the 14 contesting teams.

The idea of a World Championship cricket tournament of any kind was first conceived in 1912 when the three Test playing nations at that time, Eng- Arjuna land, Australia and South Africa made arrangements to organise one. But proudly bad weather which prevailed prevented the competition from getting off the **holds aloft** ground and the experiment was abandoned.

However, in 1975 following a highly successful domestic limited over tour- when nament in England, the idea of a World Cup cricket tournament surfaced Sri Lanka

In 1975 the World Cup tournament was played in England with six Test World playing nations, namely England, Australia, West Indies, New Zealand, India Cup. and Pakistan, joined by associate members of the ICC, Sri Lanka and East Africa. The final match was played at the world famous cricket grounds, Lords in London

The tournament which is held once in four years is conducted for the third occasion in the sub-continent. It was held jointly in India and Pakistan in 1987. Then in 1996 it was again held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It was during this time that our national team created history. They succeeded in entering the finals and the Sri Lankans beat Australia in thel decisive match played at Lahore to become the World Champions. What a great achievement it was with the entire nation celebrating the historic win.

However, matches will not be played in Pakistan in this year's tournament due to security reasons.

The Sri Lankan team led by Kumar Sangakkara seems to be a favourite side to win the 'Cup' this time along with India, because of the experience they have in playing in the sub-continent. But we know, that cricket is a glorious game filled with uncertainties. There is so much of unexpected drama, turns that takes place and so predictions cannot twists and

> until the last ball is bowled. Ranjan Anandappa



Participating countries

The 14 countries taking part have been divided into two groups.

In Group 'A'

Sri Lankan squad

Kumar Sangakkara (Captain),

T.M. Dilshan, Upul Tharanga,

Lasith Malinga.

Chamara Kapugedera, Chamara Silva, Thilan Samaraweera. Angelo Mathews, Thisara Perera, Nuwan Kulasekera, Dilhara Fernando, Ajantha Mendis, Muthiah Muralitharan, Rangana Herath.

Mahela Jayawardena (V.Captain),

Defending champions Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Canada, Kenya. In Group 'B'

India, South Africa, England, West Inlies, Bangladesh, Ireland, Netherlands.



Australians celebrating victory.







Sri Lanka Vs Canada. Hambantota. Feb. 21 - Australia Vs Zimbabwe.

Feb.23 - Pakistan Vs Kenya Hambantota.

Previous winners of the

1975. In England. West Indies beat Australia.

World Cup

1979. In England. West Indies beat

1983. In England. India beat West Indies. 1987. In India and Pakistan. Australia beat

1992. In Australia and New Zealand. Pakistan beat England.

1996. In India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka beat Australia.

1999. In England. Australia beat Pakistan. 2003. In South Africa. Australia beat India. 2004. In West Indies. Australia beat Sri

Venues and dates 🕻

The opening ceremony will take place on February 17 in Bangladesh.

Altogether 29 matches will be played in India - Mumbai, Mohali, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Kolkata, Bangalore, Chennai and New Delhi

Twelve matches will be played in Sri Lanka Colombo, Hambantota, Pallekele. Eight matches are scheduled to be played in Bangladesh - Dhaka and Chittagong.

Some of the fixtures

Feb.19 - India Vs Bangladesh. Dhaka Feb. 20 - New Zealand Vs Kenva. Chennai. Ahmedabad.

Feb. 26 - Sri Lanka Vs Pakistan. R. Premadasa Stadium

Feb. 24 - West Indies Vs South Africa.

March 1 - Sri Lanka Vs Kenya.

R. Premadasa Stadium

New Delhi

March 3 - South Africa Vs The Netherlands. Mohali

Pakistan Vs Canada. R Premadasa Stadium

March 5 - Sri Lanka Vs Australia. R. Premadasa Stadium

March 8 - Pakistan Vs New Zealand. Pallekele March 10 - Sri Lanka Vs Zimbabwe.

Pallekele

March 14 - Pakistan Vs Zimbabwe. Pallekele

Bangladesh Vs Netherlands. Chittagong. March 17 - England Vs West Indies. Chennai

March 18 - Sri Lanka Vs New Zealand. Mumhai

Ireland Vs Netherlands. Kolkata. March 19 - Australia Vs Pakistan.

R. Premadasa Stadium.

Bangladesh vs South Africa. Dhaka. March 23 - First quarter final. Dhaka

March 24 - Second quarter final. R. Premadasa Stadium.

March 25- Third quarter final. Dhaka March 26 - Fourth quarter final. Ahmedahad

March 29 - First semi final. R. Premadasa Stadium. March 30- Second semi final. Mohali.

April 2 - Final - Mumbai

History of the trophies

Prudential Cup trophy

The Prudential Cup trophy was awarded to the winners of the World Cup from 1975-1983 when Prudential plc was the primary sponsors. The trophies' designs changed when the sponsors changed until the 1999 World Cup.

Therefore, the first three World Cups had a similar trophy while 1987, 1992 and 1996 had different trophies, because of different sponsors. The ICC then decided to award its own trophy.

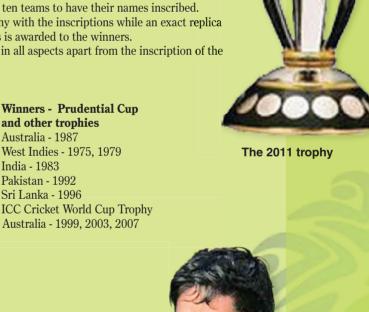
The current trophy was created for the 1999 championships and is the first permanent prize in the tournament's history. The trophy was designed and made in London.

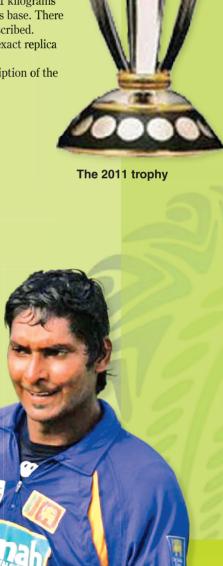
A replica of the ICC Cricket World Cup trophy is presented to the winning team of the Cricket World Cup. The current trophy which is 60 cm high, is made from silver and gold, and features a golden globe held up by three silver columns, shaped as stumps and bails. These represent the three fundamental aspects of cricket: batting, bowling and fielding, while the globe characterises a cricket ball. It is designed with platonic dimensions, so that it can be easily recognised from any angle. The trophy weighs approximately 11 kilograms and has the names of the previous winners inscribed on its base. There is still room for another ten teams to have their names inscribed. The ICC keeps the trophy with the inscriptions while an exact replica without the inscriptions is awarded to the winners. The replica, is identical in all aspects apart from the inscription of the





previous champions.





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