



Sri Lanka to open ICC World Cup campaign against Canada today



● Sri Lanka's first World Cup match:

v West Indies at Manchester on June 7, 1975 Result: West Indies won by 9 wickets (with 39.2 overs to spare (SL 86 all out; WI 87 for 1).

● Sri Lanka's maiden World Cup win:

v. India at Manchester on Jun 18, 1979 Sri Lanka beat India by 47 runs (SL 238 for 5 in 50 overs; India 191 all out)

● Sri Lanka team's STRENGTH:

Sri Lanka could boast of the best and the most balanced bowling attack amongst all participating teams. They have the best economy rate out of all teams. Kumar Sangakkara and his men have a considerable match-winning talent and an experienced side that could make the best use of home conditions.

● Canada's first World Cup match:

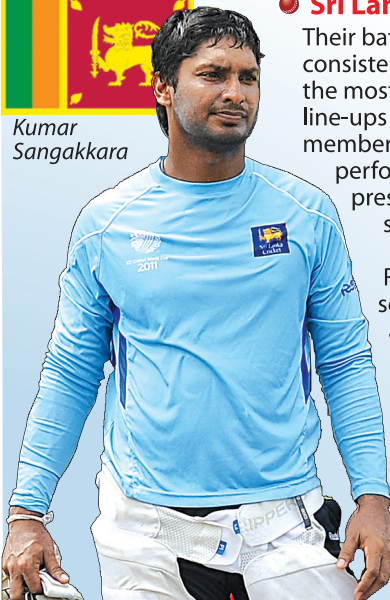
v Pakistan at Leeds on June 9, 1979 Result: Pakistan won by 8 wickets (with 19.5 overs to spare) (Can 139 for 9; Pak 140 for 2)

● Canadian team for World Cup:

The provisional 30-member squad for Canada consisted of 13 players of Asian origin. Since making their World Cup debut in 1979, Canada has not been able to make their presence felt in the big league.



Kumar Sangakkara



● Sri Lanka team's WEAKNESSES:

Their batting has not been consistent and have one of the most unpredictable batting line-ups amongst the ICC full member teams. The team's poor performance in absorbing pressure as a batting unit is something to worry. Sri Lanka has a poor Strike Rate – the second-worst amongst the top eight teams.



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