At this crucial juncture of the World cup 2015 let me have my go at the world cup 2015

Although it’s very difficult to predict the winners at this point, this is my take:

**India** struggled to win each match in the entire tour of Australia and they are bleeding hard in the battle field to defend the Cup.

**Australia** whooped off as a star favorite but after a loss to New Zealand dampened the hopes of a few but they might strike hard if they use the loss as a wakeup call.

**New Zealand**: Advantage of playing on the home ground, getting a 4 on 4, where one team struggles to reach 150, NZ chase the target within 15 overs.

**Sri Lanka**: Sangakkara, about to retire from the ODI's after this world cup, considering his current game, I think he can easily continue for the next 5 to 7 years. Jayawardene is yet to make mark in this tournament but I feel he is being a responsible leader in encouraging his team to lead to a Knockout and from there he would handle the show. Sri lanka has Dilshan and Lahiru Thirimanne, both complementing the seniors very well and Anglo Methews in the middle order making sure that the flow of runs continue.

**Bangladesh** : With a match against Australia cancelled because of rain, they earned a point which makes them stand at no. 3 in pool A. With one win under their belt and one more game to go, they might surprise us by making it to the 2nd round.

**South Africa**: Some spell of scoring 400 in each match? A major contender leader in the race for the Cup, with Amla up the order along with de Kock and du Plessis followed by AB de Villers this team needs no introduction. We shouldn’t be surprised if they end up scoring 500 in the match.

**West Indies** : A slow start to the tournament but they are catching up. Gayle scoring 200 diverted all the attention from Ab de Villiers. With Sammy down the order the explosion can be epic. With 2 wins and 2 losses they are surviving but being led by an inexperienced captain might not be favorable to them.

**Pakistan**: A new team with the only experienced players such as Afridi, Misbah and Younis khan, they are catching up with their form. 2 Wins and 2 losses, and both the wins were against the non test playing nations. A high potential team, and thus can’t be taken lightly.

One common factor among all the teams is their impeccable batting. Other teams such as Ireland, Zimbabwe, UAE, Scotland, and Afghanistan can’t be overseen. These nations have nothing to lose and that’s what brings best out in them. Every mistake, a learning curve and every win, a result of effort rewarded. So this tournament is wide open. Sit back, enjoy the Tournament and support your team. Good luck India.