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The Indian team led by Virat Kohli is on a rampant march - they have ticked all the boxes so far and could not have asked for a better match in the middle of their campaign. For all their flair and poetry, Afghanistan have struggled to hit their straps this World Cup and this could be India’s chance to further drill home their dominance. (Complete coverage of ICC Cricket World Cup 2019)

For a nation which absolutely adores batting, India’s rise and now dominance in world cricket is primarily because of the rise in bowling stocks. The fact that Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri manage to walk around with vigour and sound confident is all due to the bowling attack the skipper has up his sleeves and like they say, batsmen win you matches, bowlers win you tournaments.

So, now is the perfect time to pause and look back - to the victorious 2011 World Cup campaign, when India had Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Yuvraj Singh along with a young Virat Kohli. Runs were scored, batsmen were consistent and yet the side stuttered on few occasions. This is where the bowlers stood up, the seamers led by Zaheer Khan led the way, the spinners led by Harbhajan Singh controlled the mid-innings and they both combined in the death overs.

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We take a look at the numbers and scratch the surface here in 2019, and they are eerily similar.

We now take a look at the next similarity: Bowlers’ wickets/match ratio:

While the 2011 World Cup was played on home soil, where the spinners were expected to dominate proceedings, this particular edition has seen the resurgence of wrist-spinners, which is the reason behind these numbers which follow:

And now, finally the pace contingent. Zaheer Khan was the go-to man for MS Dhoni back in 2011. He invariably picked up wickets with the new ball, and was given the ball when it started to reverse in the back end of the innings, and kept shutting out the opposition batting orders.

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The Virat Kohli-led Indian cricket team will look to continue their winning run in the ICC World Cup 2019 when they take on Afghanistan in Southampton on Saturday. India have won three out of their four matches with the encounter against New Zealand getting abandoned due to rain. On the other hand, Afghanistan has lost all five games so far but shown signs of improvement, including against England where it used all 50 overs for the first time this tournament. India will be missing Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Shikhar Dhawan who were ruled out due to injury. Ahead of the match, here’s a look at the India vs Afghanistan, ICC World Cup 2019 Statistical Preview -

• 286: Average 1st innings score at this venue in the last 5 completed ODIs.

• 4/6: 4 of the last 6 matches at this venue have been won by the chasing side.

• 0/5: This is Afghanistan’s longest losing streak in ODIs: They have lost their last 5 ODIs on the trot.

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• 17-2: India’s win-loss record (17 wins, 2 losses) in the Cricket World Cup since the start of the 2011 World Cup. Their two defeats have come against Australia (2015 WC SF) and South Africa (2011 Group Stage at Nagpur).

• 1-10: Afghanistan’s record in the World Cup: They have won just 1 of their 11 matches in this competition.

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o Kane Williamson average more in ENG: 74.28

• 63: More runs for KL Rahul to reach 500 in ODIs.

• 68: More runs for Gulbadin Naib to reach 500 ODI runs.

• 16.72 vs 74.67: Rashid Khan’s bowling average in ODIs (16.72) versus that in the World Cup (74.67).

• 59.56 vs 44.94: Virat Kohli’s career batting average (59.56) vs that in World Cups (44.94).

• 22.56 vs 32.67: Jasprit Bumrah’s bowling average in ODIs (22.56) versus that in 2019 (32.67).

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• 1: More wicket for Hardik Pandya to reach 100 international wickets.

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• 4: More wickets for Hardik Pandya to reach 50 ODI wickets.

• 5: More wickets for Mohammad Nabi to reach 200 international wickets.

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o He will be the second Afghan bowler to this landmark after Rashid Khan (210).

• 104: More runs for Virat Kohli to reach 20,000 international runs.

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Actor Anushka Sharma has joined her husband and Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli ahead of India’s clash against Afghanistan on Saturday in the ongoing World Cup in England and Wales. The couple was spotted in London and pictures are now going viral online.

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Actor Anushka Sharma has joined her husband and Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli ahead of India’s clash against Afghanistan on Saturday in the ongoing World Cup in England and Wales. The couple was spotted in London and pictures are now going viral online.

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