ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2023: TEAM INDIA SUMMARY

Tournament Host: India Format: ODI (50 Overs) India's Final Position: Runners-up

SECTION 1: THE GROUP STAGE DOMINANCE

MATCH 1: INDIA VS AUSTRALIA (CHENNAI) Summary: India faced an early scare, losing three wickets for just two runs while chasing 200. Key Performances: Virat Kohli (85) and KL Rahul (97*) shared a massive 165-run partnership to secure the win. Result: India won by 6 wickets.

MATCH 2: INDIA VS AFGHANISTAN (DELHI) Summary: India chased down 273 with ease. Key Performances: Rohit Sharma smashed 131 off 84 balls, breaking the record for the most centuries in World Cup history (7). Result: India won by 8 wickets.

MATCH 3: INDIA VS PAKISTAN (AHMEDABAD) Summary: A dominant bowling display saw Pakistan collapse from 155/2 to 191 all out. Key Performances: Rohit Sharma led the chase with a brisk 86. Five different Indian bowlers took two wickets each. Result: India won by 7 wickets.

MATCH 4: INDIA VS BANGLADESH (PUNE) Summary: Bangladesh set a target of 257. Key Performances: Virat Kohli scored his 48th ODI century (103*) to finish the game. Hardik Pandya suffered an ankle injury that eventually ruled him out of the tournament. Result: India won by 7 wickets.

SECTION 2: MID-TOURNAMENT ASCENT

MATCH 5: INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND (DHARAMSHALA) Summary: India broke a 20-year jinx by beating New Zealand in an ICC event. Key Performances: Mohammed Shami took 5/54 in his first game of the tournament. Virat Kohli anchored the chase with 95. Result: India won by 4 wickets.

MATCH 6: INDIA VS ENGLAND (LUCKNOW) Summary: India defended a modest total of 229 on a slow pitch. Key Performances: Rohit Sharma top-scored with 87. Mohammed Shami (4/22) and Jasprit Bumrah (3/32) dismantled the England batting lineup for 129. Result: India won by 100 runs.

MATCH 7: INDIA VS SRI LANKA (MUMBAI) Summary: India posted 357 and followed it with a historic bowling performance. Key Performances: Shubman Gill (92), Virat Kohli (88), and Shreyas Iyer (82) set the stage. Shami (5/18) and Siraj (3/16) bundled out Sri Lanka for just 55. Result: India won by 302 runs.

SECTION 3: CLOSING THE LEAGUE STAGE

MATCH 8: INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA (KOLKATA) Summary: India faced the second-best team in the league. Key Performances: On his 35th birthday, Virat Kohli scored his 49th ODI century, equaling Sachin Tendulkar's world record. Ravindra Jadeja took 5/33. Result: India won by 243 runs.

MATCH 9: INDIA VS NETHERLANDS (BENGALURU) Summary: A high-scoring final group game. Key Performances: Shreyas Iyer (128*) and KL Rahul (102) both scored centuries. India posted 410/4. Result: India won by 160 runs.

SECTION 4: THE KNOCKOUTS

SEMI-FINAL: INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND (MUMBAI) Summary: A high-stakes rematch of the 2019 semi-final. Key Performances: Virat Kohli scored his 50th ODI century (117), becoming the first player to reach that milestone. Shreyas Iyer scored 105. Mohammed Shami took a record-breaking 7/57. Result: India won by 70 runs.

FINAL: INDIA VS AUSTRALIA (AHMEDABAD) Summary: India was put in to bat on a slow, dry pitch. Key Performances: Rohit Sharma gave a quick start (47), while Virat Kohli (54) and KL Rahul (66) played grinding innings. India was bowled out for 240. Travis Head scored a match-winning 137 for Australia. Result: Australia won by 6 wickets.

TOURNAMENT KEY STATISTICS

Virat Kohli: Player of the Tournament, 765 runs (Most in a single World Cup).

Mohammed Shami: Highest wicket-taker, 24 wickets (Achieved in only 7 matches).

Rohit Sharma: 597 runs and most sixes in the tournament (31).

KL Rahul: Highest average for an Indian middle-order batter (75.33)