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ICC MEN'S T20WC 2022
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NEW ZEALAND V AFGHANISTAN
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Today's Match The Squads



New Zealand

Kane Williamson (captain), Finn Allen, Trent Boult, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Martin Guptill, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee.



Afghanistan

Mohammad Nabi (captain), Najibullah Zadran, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Azmatullah Omarzai, Darwish Rasooli, Farid Ahmad Malik, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Hazratullah Zazai, Ibrahim Zadran, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Naveen ul Haq, Qais Ahmad, Rashid Khan, Salim Safi, Usman Ghani. **Standby Players:** Afsar Zazai, Sharafuddin Ashraf, Rahmat Shah, Gulbadin Naib.

The Lead-up

This is the second of six group matches at the Super 12 stage of the tournament to be played at the MCG leading up to the finals. The group matches are:

India v Pakistan	Sunday, 23 October, 2022	7.00 pm
England v Ireland	Wednesday, 26 October, 2022	3.00 pm
New Zealand v Afghanistan	Wednesday, 26 October, 2022	7.00 pm
Afghanistan v Ireland	Friday, 28 October, 2022	3.00 pm
England v Australia	Friday, 28 October, 2022	7.00 pm
India v Zimbabwe	Sunday, 6 November, 2022	7.00 pm

The semi-finals will be played in Sydney at the SCG on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 and in Adelaide on Thursday, 10 November 2022 with the final being played at the MCG on Sunday, 13 November, 2022.

Today's teams automatically qualified for the 2022 tournament as a result of playing at the Super 12 stage of the 2021 tournament and their ICC rankings at 15 November, 2021. They are among the eight countries entering the 2022 tournament at the Super 12 stage.

For more detailed information on the progression of all countries' teams to the final stages of this tournament readers are directed to *The MCC Library Record Vol. 9, No 3, Oct/Nov 2022, The ICC Men's T20 World Cup Australia 2022*; copies of which can be procured from the MCC Library or accessed through the MCC website at <http://tinyurl.com/mccfactsheets>.

The two Countries in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup to date

New Zealand has participated in the seven tournaments played to date; reaching the second of the final rounds (Groups E and F in 2007 and 2009 and Super8s, 10s and 12s) on each occasion. It has reached the semi-finals on three occasions; going on to be runner-up once (2021) and being eliminated at semi-final stage twice (2007 and 2016). Afghanistan played its first tournament in 2010 and has played in each succeeding tournament since. It has yet to make the semi-finals. It has, however, improved its performance over the years; not proceeding beyond the first round in 2010, 2012 and 2014 tournaments but reaching the second round of the 2016 and 2021 events. Afghanistan is a relative new-comer to elite-level international cricket; having achieved Test status in June 2018, along with Ireland.

The two teams have met only once in a T20I match. That match was played at Abu Dhabi in the UAE in November, 2021 during the final group stage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. New Zealand comfortably won the match, went on to win their semi-final against England but were defeated by Australia in the Final. Summary scores of the New Zealand – Afghanistan match referred to above are set out below:

At Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, November 7, 2021: **AFGHANISTAN 8/124** (20 overs) (Najibullah Zadran 73; TA Boult 3/17, TG Southee 2/24) **lost to NEW ZEALAND 2/125** (18.1 overs) (KS Williamson 40*, DP Conway 36*) **by eight wickets**. The *Player of the Match* was Trent Boult (New Zealand).

The two Countries in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup: Statistics

Highest Innings Totals

Score	Overs	RPO	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
198/5	20.0	9.90	New Zealand	Ireland	Trent Bridge, Nottingham	11 June, 2009
191/3	20.0	9.55	New Zealand	Bangladesh	Pallekele, Sri Lanka	21 September, 2012
190/4	20.0	9.50	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah (UAE)	25 October, 2021
190	20.0	9.50	New Zealand	India	Johannesburg, Sth Africa	16 September, 2007
186/6	20.0	9.30	Afghanistan	Zimbabwe	Nagpur, India	12 March, 2016
180/5	20.0	9.00	New Zealand	Pakistan	Mohali, India	22 March, 2016
174/7	20.0	8.70	New Zealand	Sri Lanka	Pallekele, Sri Lanka	27 September, 2012

Lowest Completed Innings Totals

Score	Overs	RPO	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
60	15.3	3.87	New Zealand	Sri Lanka	Chattogram, Bangladesh	31 March, 2014
72	17.1	4.19	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Mirpur, Bangladesh	16 March, 2014
80	17.2	4.61	Afghanistan	England	Colombo (RPS), Sri Lanka	21 September, 2012
80	16.0	5.00	Afghanistan	South Africa	Bridgetown, Barbados	05 May, 2010
99	18.3	5.35	New Zealand	Pakistan	The Oval, London	13 June, 2009
110	17.0	6.47	New Zealand	Sri Lanka	Trent Bridge, Nottingham	16 June, 2009
115/8	20.0	5.75	Afghanistan	India	Gros Islet, West Indies	01 May, 2010

Highest Individual Batting Scores

Score	B	4s	6s	Player	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
123	58	11	7	BB McCullum	New Zealand	Bangladesh	Pallekele, Sri Lanka	21 September, 2012
93	56	6	7	MJ Guptill	New Zealand	Scotland	Dubai, UAE	03 November, 2021
85	48	10	3	KS Williamson	New Zealand	Australia	Dubai, UAE	14 November, 2021
80	48	10	3	MG Guptill	New Zealand	Pakistan	Mohali, India	11 March, 2016
73	48	6	3	Najibullah Zadran	Afghanistan	New Zealand	Abu Dhabi (UAE)	07 November, 2021
72*	47	4	4	DJ Mitchell	New Zealand	England	Abu Dhabi (UAE)	10 November, 2021
68	53	6	3	Mohammad Shahzad	Afghanistan	Hong Kong	Chattogram, Bangladesh	18 March, 2014

Highest Batting Partnerships

Score	Wkt	Ov.	Players	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
105	4	12.1	MJ Guptill, GD Phillips	New Zealand	Scotland	Dubai, UAE	03 November 2021
98	5	10.4	Mohammad Nabi, Samiullah Shunwari	Afghanistan	Zimbabwe	Nagpur, India	12 March 2016
94	2	10.5	JEC Franklin, BB McCullum	New Zealand	Bangladesh	Pallekele, Sri Lanka	21 September 2012
87	3	8.4	Najibullah Zadran, Rahmanullah Gurbaz	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah, UAE	25 October 2021
82	3	11.0	DP Conway, DJ Mitchell	New Zealand	England	Abu Dhabi, UAE	10 November 2021
82	2	10.1	Asghar Afghan, Mohammad Shahzad	Afghanistan	Scotland	Nagpur, India	08 March 2016
78	3	5.5	BB McCullum, LRPL Taylor	New Zealand	Bangladesh	Pallekele, Sri Lanka	21 September 2012

Best Bowling in an Innings

Bwlg.	Overs	Econ.	Player	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
5/20	4.0	5.00	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah, UAE	25 October, 2021
4/7	2.5	2.47	MR Gillespie	New Zealand	Kenya	Durban, South Africa	12 September, 2007
4/9	2.2	3.85	Rashid Khan	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah, UAE	25 October, 2021
4/11	4.0	2.75	MJ Santner	New Zealand	India	Nagpur, India	15 March, 2016
4/20	4.0	5.00	Mohammad Nabi	Afghanistan	Hong Kong	Nagpur, India	10 March, 2016
4/20	4.0	5.00	DL Vettori	New Zealand	India	Johannesburg, South Africa	16 September, 2007
3/5	2.0	2.50	SB Styris	New Zealand	Zimbabwe	Providence, West Indies	04 May, 2010

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