

# ICC Men's T20 World Cup Final Preview: India vs South Africa

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A month-long Men's T20 World Cup cricket tournament is about to end with a blockbuster final between two unbeaten sides India and South Africa. Both teams will face each other at Bridgetown, Barbados on 29th June, 8:30 PM BST.

Match Details

Match

Date (BST)

Teams

Time (BST)

Venue

55

29/6/2024

South Africa vs India

8:30 PM

Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados

Preview of the 2024 T20 World Cup Final between India and South Africa

It is a fascinating and fitting World Cup final in so many ways. The battle for the trophy is supposed to be between the two undisputed best teams in the world. And no one's more fitting for that other than the two unbeaten teams of the tournament.

South Africa is making their debut appearance in the 2024 T20 World Cup final. Previously, they failed to win the World Cup

semi-finals twice but got 3rd time lucky this time in the ongoing tournament against Afghanistan. India, on the other hand, won the initial edition of the tournament in 2007 hosted by South Africa, but failed to repeat it afterward. India lost one final (2024) and two semi-finals (2016 and 2022) since winning the 2007 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. In 2024, team India are on their mission for their 2nd T20 World Cup championship.

This time, South Africa appears to be unbeatable. Not only do they have a wonderfully balanced team in every department, but they also have a propensity to deliver the desired outcome in every case. They have a perfect winning record and are the only team participating in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 to do so. Additionally, South Africa are not reliant on a single player, just like any champion team. Only one of their batters is among the top 15 run-scorers in this World Cup. This may be primarily due to the kinds of pitches they were playing on. However, it is quite unexpected given the number of superstars in their bowling lineup that they have only one bowler in the top 5.

However, there will be cause for concern with their close matchups. This concern might be erased from their head after a dominant win against Afghanistan. They showed in that match why they were the better side and gave a silent warning to the Indian team as well.

Across this World Cup tournament, India appears to be the most coordinated and skilled team. They played flawlessly and won the majority of their games comfortably to advance to the semi-finals. As of now, they appear to be the overwhelming favorite to win the trophy because of the way they have dominated their opponents. Up to this point, they have depended on the collective output. In almost every situation during the games, almost every player of the team contributed significantly as per their might. They are now a team that faces no fear and is capable of defeating anyone in any circumstance. They can now at last sense that their 11-year

wait for an ICC trophy is about to come to an end. But they will desperately hope for Virat Kohli's form to be back in line despite they may not even require his assistance very much.

#### India Performance in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

Played

8

Won

7

Lost

0

Tie/NR

1

Highest Run-scorer

Rohit Sharma (248)

Highest Wicket Taker

Arshdeep Singh (15)

#### South Africa Performance in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

Played

8

Won

8

Lost

0

Tie/NR

0

Highest Run-scorer

Quinton de Kock (204)

Highest Wicket Taker

Anrich Nortje (13)

#### India vs South Africa Head-to-Head T20I Records So Far

Head-to-Head Records in T20I

Matches Played

India Won  
South Africa Won  
TIE/NR  
26  
14  
11  
1

## Head-to-Head Records in T20 World Cup

Matches Played

India Won  
South Africa Won  
TIE/NR  
6  
4  
2  
0

India have mostly proven to be the better side when these two teams faced each other in the World Cup.

## Probable Lineups

### India

Rohit Sharma (Captain), Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Kuldeep Yadav

### South Africa

Reeza Hendricks, Quinton de Kock, Aiden Markram (Captain), Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Tristan Stubbs, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Tabraiz Shamsi

## Key Players to Watch in India Team

Rohit Sharma

Following a quiet start to the competition, Rohit Sharma really turned things up when it mattered the most. With his explosive 92-run innings against Australia and fiery 57 runs against England, he has shown his urge to be the first captain in 11 years to lead India to an ICC trophy glory. The Indian captain's role has become increasingly important in the last few matches. He has a century against South Africa in his career as well. India will undoubtedly be hoping that their captain performs as well as he did against Australia.

Jasprit Bumrah

India's strike bowler will be crucial in this match. He is the best at getting wickets early on. In a match where they need to pick up the likes of Quinton De Kock and Aiden Markram early, he is the most key player for the team. Although he has been poor against South Africa, he along with India would be eager to change it this time.

Kuldeep Yadav

By taking significant wickets in the middle overs and keeping the opposition away from settling down, Kuldeep Yadav has been one of the most instrumental bowlers for India. He has completed his work to perfection so far and now needs to do it again. A middle-order consisting of Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen, and David Miller need to be dispatched early, or else India could be in serious trouble. Kuldeep Yadav must take care to prevent that from occurring.

Key Players to Watch in South Africa Team

Anrich Nortje

He has been a major factor in South Africa's success in this competition. The captain handed him the bowl, and he did a good job of it wherever the opposition tried to establish a solid foothold in the match. After witnessing what Rohit Sharma can do in the last two matches, taking his wicket would

be South Africa's primary goal in this match. South Africa will rely on Anrich Nortje, who is an expert in this field.

### Heinrich Klaasen

Right now, he is probably one of the game's best hitters. He can easily alter how the match plays out. The Indian spinners are benefited from the pitches regardless of the condition. In the middle overs, the Indian spinners have been the best and Heinrich Klassen would be essential to maintaining South Africa's run rate in the face of India's lethal spin attack.

### Quinton de Kock

Of course, the top run-scorer for South Africa have a huge role to play in their first-ever final. He averages 44.57, the most in his career, against India. If he gives the Proteas a good start, South Africa might be able to cope better against Indian spinners. He would love that too.

### Verdict

The India vs South Africa final is going to be an exciting and competitive match where both teams could win given the option. There is not much differentiating point between the two finalists. However, India is a slight favorite because of their experience in playing finals over the years compared to South Africa, for whom it is the first time in history. This controlling nerve might be the only point between these two where India have an advantage. But for the fans, they should sit tight to witness an epic battle between the two invincibles of the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.