

Most Valuable Players in ICC Tournaments History

ICC tournaments represent the highest level of international cricket, where pressure is immense and expectations are sky-high. While team success is crucial, certain individuals rise above the rest with consistent match-winning performances. These players don't just shine in one game – they dominate entire tournaments, earning the prestigious **Most Valuable Player (MVP)** or **Player of the Tournament** honours. In this blog, we look at the most valuable players in ICC tournaments history who left a lasting impact on the global stage.



1. Sachin Tendulkar – 2003 Cricket World Cup

The **2003 World Cup** belonged to **Sachin Tendulkar**. Scoring a phenomenal **673 runs**, Tendulkar was the backbone of India's run to the final. His aggressive yet controlled batting set the tone for India's campaign, including iconic innings against Pakistan and Australia.

Why he was valuable:

Consistency at the top, big-match performances, and leading by example in every game.

2. Glenn McGrath – 2007 Cricket World Cup

Australia's dominance in the **2007 World Cup** was powered by **Glenn McGrath's** lethal bowling. He finished as the tournament's highest wicket-taker with **26 wickets**, including a match-winning spell in the final.

Why he was valuable:

Unplayable accuracy and the ability to dismantle top batting lineups under pressure.

3. Yuvraj Singh – 2011 Cricket World Cup

The **2011 World Cup** saw one of the greatest all-round tournament performances by **Yuvraj Singh**. He scored **362 runs** and picked up **15 wickets**, playing a crucial role in India's title-winning campaign.

Yuvraj's impact was felt in almost every match, whether stabilising the innings or breaking partnerships.

Why he was valuable:

A rare combination of clutch batting, effective bowling, and electric fielding.

4. Kane Williamson – 2019 Cricket World Cup

Despite New Zealand finishing as runners-up, **Kane Williamson** was the standout performer of the **2019 World Cup**. He scored **578 runs**, often carrying his team through difficult situations with calm and composure.

Why he was valuable:

Leadership, consistency, and the ability to perform when his team needed him most.

5. Virat Kohli – 2014 T20 World Cup

[**Virat Kohli's**](#) performance in the **2014 T20 World Cup** is considered one of the greatest batting efforts in T20 history. He scored **319 runs**, including multiple match-winning chases, almost single-handedly taking India to the final.

Why he was valuable:

Chasing mastery and unmatched consistency in high-pressure T20 games.

6. Shakib Al Hasan – 2019 Cricket World Cup

Bangladesh's **Shakib Al Hasan** delivered a historic all-round performance in the **2019 World Cup**, scoring **606 runs** and taking **11 wickets**. He became the first player to score 600 runs and take 10 wickets in a single World Cup.

Why he was valuable:

All-round dominance that kept Bangladesh competitive against stronger teams.

7. Mitchell Starc – 2015 Cricket World Cup

Australia's **Mitchell Starc** terrorised batters in the **2015 World Cup**, finishing with **22 wickets**. His pace, swing, and ability to strike early made him Australia's biggest weapon.

Why he was valuable:

Game-changing spells in crucial matches, including the knockout stages.

8. Sam Curran – 2022 T20 World Cup

England's **Sam Curran** emerged as the MVP of the [**2022 T20 World Cup**](#), delivering crucial spells with the ball, especially in the death overs. His calmness and accuracy proved decisive in England's title-winning run.

Why he was valuable:

Consistency under pressure and the ability to control games with the ball.

Conclusion

The most valuable players in [ICC tournaments history](#) share one common trait – the ability to deliver on the biggest stages. Whether it's Tendulkar's brilliance, Yuvraj's all-round magic, or Kohli's chase mastery, these players defined entire tournaments with their performances.

ICC events are remembered not just for the trophies, but for these unforgettable individual contributions that shaped cricketing history and inspired generations of fans.