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



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



Ireland

Andrew Balbimie (captain), Mark Adair, Curtis Campher, Gareth Delaney, George Dockrell, Stephen Doherty, Fionn Hand, Josh Little, Barry McCarthy, Conor Olphert, Simi Singh, Paul Stirling, Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Craig Young.

The Lead-up

The six group matches at the Super 12 stage of the tournament to be played at the MCG leading up to the finals 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.

Afghanistan 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. Ireland qualified as a result of being runner-up in Group B of the tournament First Round.

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

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. Ireland has competed in six tournaments to date (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2021). It has only progressed beyond the first round in the 2009 tournament when it reached the Super 8s and is yet to reach the final stages in a tournament. Ireland has played 18 World Cup matches, winning four and losing 11 with three yielding a No result.

Afghanistan and Ireland played their first T20I in the same match in Colombo in February, 2010. Afghanistan has gone on to play 105 around the cricket world, winning 68, losing 36 with one tie. Ireland has played 138 matches, winning 57, losing 72 with two ties and seven matches have ended in a no result. The two countries have met on 23 occasions; Afghanistan winning 16, Ireland 6 with 1 match tied. Today's meeting is their first in an ICC T20 WC. Summary scores from their most recent meeting in a T20I are set out below:

At Civil Service Cricket Club, Stormont, Belfast, August 17, 2022: **AFGHANISTAN 5/95** (15 overs) (Usman Ghani 44; MR Adair 3/16, JB Little 2/14), **lost to IRELAND 3/56** (6.4 overs) **by seven wickets** (Duckworth/Lewis method). The *Player of the Match* was Mark Adair

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

Highest Innings Totals

Score	Overs	RPO	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
190/4	20.0	9.50	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah (UAE)	25 October, 2021
189/4	20.0	9.45	Ireland	Netherlands	Sylhet, Bangladesh	21 March, 2014
186/6	20.0	9.30	Afghanistan	Zimbabwe	Nagpur, India	12 March, 2016
180/4	19.0	9.47	Ireland	Scotland	Hobart	19 October, 2022
172	20.0	8.60	Afghanistan	South Africa	Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai	20 March, 2016
170/5	20.0	8.50	Afghanistan	Scotland	Nagpur	08 March, 2016
164/7	20.0	8.20	Ireland	Zimbabwe	Sylhet, Bangladesh	17 March, 2014

Lowest Completed Innings Totals

Score	Overs	RPO	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
68	16.4	4.08	Ireland	West Indies	Providence, West Indies	30 April, 2010
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
112	19.4	5.69	Afghanistan	England	Perth	22 October, 2022
112/8	18.0	6.22	Ireland	India	Nottingham	10 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
73	48	6	3	Najibullah Zadran	Afghanistan	New Zealand	Abu Dhabi (UAE)	07 November, 2021
72*	32	7	2	C Campher	Ireland	Scotland	Hobart	19 October, 2022
68	53	6	3	Mohammad Shahzad	Afghanistan	Hong Kong	Chattogram, Bangladesh	18 March, 2014
66*	48	6	2	PR Stirling	Ireland	West Indies	Hobart	21 October, 2022
62	47	3	4	Asghar Afghan	Afghanistan	Sri Lanka	Kolkata, India	17 March, 2016
61	39	5	3	Mohammad Shahzad	Afghanistan	Scotland	Nagpur	08 March, 2016
60	34	9	1	PR Stirling	Ireland	Zimbabwe	Sylhet, Bangladesh	17 March, 2014

Highest Batting Partnerships

Score	Wkt	Ov.	Players	Team	Opponent	Venue	Date
119*	5	9.3	C Campher, GH Dockrell	Ireland	Scotland	Hobart	19 Oct 2022
101	4	7.3	KJ O'Brien, AD Poynter	Ireland	Netherlands	Sylhet, Bangladesh	21 Mar 2014
98	5	10.4	Mohammad Nabi, Samiullah Shunwari	Afghanistan	Zimbabwe	Nagpur, India	12 Mar 2016
87	3	8.4	Najibullah Zadran, Rahmanullah Gurbaz	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah, UAE	25 Oct 2021
82	2	10.1	Asghar Afghan, Mohammad Shahzad	Afghanistan	Scotland	Nagpur, India	08 Mar 2016
80	1	8.2	WTS Porterfield, PR Stirling	Ireland	Zimbabwe	Sylhet, Bangladesh	17 Mar 2014
80	1	11.2	EC Joyce, WTS Porterfield	Ireland	UAE	Sylhet, Bangladesh	19 Mar 2014

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
4/9	2.2	3.85	Rashid Khan	Afghanistan	Scotland	Sharjah, UAE	25 October, 2021
4/18	3.0	6.00	AR Cusack	Ireland	Sri Lanka	Lord's	14 June, 2009
4/20	4.0	5.00	Mohammad Nabi	Afghanistan	Hong Kong	Nagpur, India	10 March, 2016
4/23	4.0	5.75	JB Little	Ireland	Sri Lanka	Abu Dhabi	20 October, 2021
4/26	4.0	6.50	C Campher	Ireland	Netherlands	Abu Dhabi	18 October, 2021
3.7	2.0	3.50	GH Dockrell	Ireland	Netherlands	Dharamsala	13 March, 2016

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