

World Cup Cricket, India 2011



India beat Sri Lanka to win the World Cup, with skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni guiding the run chase. India became the first team to win batting second in a final since Sri Lanka beat Australia by eight wickets in 1996.

Earlier in the day, Malinga removed Virender Sehwag, lbw for a duck on the second ball, and Tendulkar for 18. But Gambhir and Virat Kohli (35) combined to revive the innings in an 82-run partnership which took some momentum away from the Sri Lankans.

Dhoni promoted himself up the order with the total at 114-3 when a captain's steadying influence was required. Dhoni and Gambhir combined for 118 balls before Thisara Perera finally ended the first century stand of the match. That left India requiring 52 runs from 52 balls with six wickets in hand. Yuvraj Singh, named the player of the tournament for his contributions with bat and ball, held his nerve with Dhoni and finished not out 21. Dhoni scored an unbeaten 91, sharing a 109-run stand with Gautam Gambhir (97) and finishing with a giant six, as India chased down Sri Lanka's 274-6 to win by six wickets.