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Five fifties in a season since he made his debut for Saurashtra Ranji trophy team, Harvik Desai had a dream start to his first class career. But who would not like to have a hundred against his name at the earliest?

When Harvik was going to open in the 2nd innings of the crucial Quarter final game of Saurashtra against Uttar Pradesh, there was a mountain to climb. Not a single team had ever won a Ranji trophy game by chasing this many runs in the 4th innings in the history of First class cricket in India. He along with Snell Patel gave a perfect start to chase down this improbable target. 132 runs stand for the first wicket in the end was proved to be foundation for Team Saurashtra's historic run chase. And the young man Harvik had also achieved his personal mile stone of 100 mark along the way. What a time to score his first hundred!!!

Harvik Desai a young wicket keeper Batsman from Bhavnagar attracted early attention in the local cricket when he performed exceedingly well for his school. Playing for St Xaviers School, he consistently put up a show to ensure that his team wins almost all the time. Coming from a very humble back ground Harvik worked very hard at the Sir BCC cricket academy in Bhavnagar. His father Manish Desai also used to be a cricketer and has played school cricket in Bhavnagar and was also a wicket keeper batsman. Vishnu Makwana a junior coach at the Sir BCC academy helped this young cricketer by feeding him balls for hours and making him keep to different bowlers in the nets. People could see Harvik's commitment and dedication towards the game. In no time he was among the best. His consistent performance in Cooch Behar trophy earned him a place in India U-19 team. He was selected for the Indian team for the U-19 World Cup and contributed big in winning the Title.

Saurashtra cricket Association and its selectors are always keen to spot young talents and give them proper and adequate opportunity to excel. He was rightly made part of the senior team very soon. And now he has justified the trust and confidence placed on him by the selectors and team management. Being part of this spirited team and having a captain and coach fully behind Harvik, he can only get better from here. Best wishes Young man...-

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