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Congratulations Team Saurashtra on becoming Runners Up of Prestigious Ranji Trophy 2018-19. Journey to the Final has been exemplary and remarkable. Superlative team performance and some great individual performances made this journey exemplified. The Team showed excellent character, guts and tremendous team spirit from the beginning to get their 3<sup>rd</sup> Finals in last 7 years. Earlier Team Saurashtra had become Runners Up in 2012-13 and 2015-16.

This season of Ranji Trophy shall be memorable for Team Saurashtra and its players. Team Saurashtra broke record of Highest Run Chase in Ranji Trophy when they successfully chased 372 runs against Uttar Pradesh in Quarter Final. That was one of the humongous win in history of Ranji Trophy. Debutant Harvik Desai had scored his first century in Ranji Trophy in this memorable match and was rightly declared Man of the Match. Harvik Desai scored 781 runs in the season with 1 Ton and 6 half tons; and finished as 2<sup>nd</sup> highest run maker for Saurashtra. The Turner Dharmendrasinh Jadeja captured 59 wickets in the season and finished as 2<sup>nd</sup> highest wicket taker in the season. He took 59 wickets bowling 500.2 overs with 5 times five wickets (or more) haul. He is so far highest wicket taker in a season from Saurashtra. He also took hat-trick in this season; earlier Nyalchand Shah (1961-62) and Siddharth Trivedi (2011-12) have taken hat-trick for Saurashtra. Skipper Jaydev Unadkat passed 200 wickets milestone in Ranji Trophy when he captured wickets in the match against Karnataka. He achieved his best bowling analysis in First Class Cricket when he captured 7 wickets in an innings against Chhattisgarh. He took 39 wickets in the season with 3 five wicket hauls; and finished as 2<sup>nd</sup> highest wicket taker for Saurashtra. Former Skipper Jaydev Shah declared his retirement in the league match against Karnataka. He passed 5000 runs in first class cricket when he reached 48 runs in the match against Gujarat. He scored 427 runs in the season playing 5 matches before retirement, with 1 Ton and 2 half Tons including 165 runs against Baroda and 97 runs against Karnataka and finished as 5<sup>th</sup> highest run getters for Saurashtra. Pride of Saurashtra The Wall Cheteshwar Pujara crossed 14500 runs milestone in First Class Cricket when he reached 44 runs against Uttar Pradesh. His remarkable innings against Karnataka in Semi Final and Uttar Pradesh in Quarter Final helped his team to have mammoth run chase. He was rightly declared Man of the Match in Semi Final for his super Ton. Sheldon Jackson played some excellent innings including the Ton in Semi Final and very valued 73 runs in Quarter Final to have successful Run chases and making his team to reach final. He scored 854 runs in the series with 2 Tons and 7 half Tons; and finished as highest run getters for Saurashtra. He crossed 4000 runs milestone in Ranji Trophy when he reached 24 runs against Vidarbha. Wicket Keeper Snell Patel scored 760 runs in the season including 1 Ton and 6 half Tons; and finished as third highest run getters for Saurashtra. His Ton in the first innings of Final shall remain very memorable one. He crossed 1000 runs milestone in Ranji Trophy when he scored 10 runs against Mumbai. Arpit Vasavada scored 515 runs in the season playing 11 matches with 1 Ton and 2 half Tons, finished as 4<sup>th</sup> highest run getters for Saurashtra. He passed 2500 runs milestone in first class matches when he reached 15 runs against Maharashtra. The pride of Saurashtra, The Allrounder Ravindra Jadeja could play only 1 match of the season, against Railways. As always gave remarkable performance by taking 4 wickets in the first innings and 3 in second innings; and also scoring 178 runs not out in the first innings and 48 not out in second innings, making his team to 3 wickets win. And thus rightly declared as Man of the Match. The Pacer Chetan Sakariya made his debut and took 29 wickets in 8 matches he played with 2 times five wicket haul and finished has third highest wicket taker for his team. Another debutant Vishvarajsinh Jadeja played some remarkable innings, including one Ton and 3 half Tons. He scored 392 runs in the season. The Spinner Kamlesh Makwana played 8 matches and took 22 wickets. He equally gave values to his team with his bat scoring 275 runs in the season. He passed 2000 runs milestone in First Class Cricket when he scored 10 against Railways. Prerak Mankad gave valued contribution with both ball and bat; scoring 387 runs and taking 9 wickets in the season. He passed 1000 runs when he scored 47 against Uttar Pradesh.

Head Coach Sitanshu Kotak gave much valued guidance, confidence and motivation to the team with his exceptional Cricketing experience. He alongwith captains and teammates decided good strategies and game-plans to reach the final. Dr. Arjunsinh Rana, Niraj Odedara, Jaydev Shah and Abhishek Thacker played their respective roles as Team Manager, Assistant Coach, Mentor and Physio to assist and support their team well.

Journey of this season ended, but it is beginning of yet another Journey, as always. Keep the josh high Team Saurashtra; many more glorious moments await.

