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- This is the second title win of the Saurashtra team in the last three seasons.

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- Unadkat took 9 wickets, while Chetan Sakaria took 6 wickets.

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