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### Cover Story

#### Dist. 3060 (Other than Saurashtra region) Cricket Draw Position

#### ROUND 1

**Udhna**

Bye

Dhule

Vapi

Surat West

Ankleshwar

Bye

V.Vidyanagar

B.Jawaharnagar

Bye

Surat East

Surat Riverside

Kadodra

Gandevi

Bye

Bharuch

#### ROUND 2

Udhna  
W.O.

Vapi

Surat West  
W.O.

V.Vidyanagar  
W.O.

B.Jawaharnagar  
W.O.

Surat Riverside

Kadodra  
W.O.

Bharuch  
W.O.

#### QUARTER FINALS

Udhna

V.Vidyanagar  
W.O.

Surat Riverside

Bharuch

#### SEMI FINALS

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Surat  
Riverside

You can see that our club has worked its way to the semifinals

W.O. = Walk Over



## WHERE EAGLES DARE

**T**hat's an apt title for the bunch of RSR heroes who silenced the menacing Bharuchi guns on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2007. The finish was explosive with RSR winning by just one run.

The heroes set off on the mission from Surat at 8 a.m. after assembling at Rtn. Mukund's residence. They were welcomed by Rotarians from Bharuch. After breakfast the captains went for toss and it was captain of RC Bharuch who called it right and elected to field.

After a round of introduction where the Rotarians of both clubs introduced each other, our opening batsmen Sunil and Joy went to bat and starting firing all cylinders after settling down for a while. After scoring runs Joy was caught behind. Ashutosh who joined Sunil meant

business from the first ball & both these batsman sent the bowlers on a leather hunt. They were dispatched to all corners of the field. Their hard hitting and excellent running between the wickets had the opposite team sweating as they generated more heat than the blazing sun up there. Ravi Shah followed Ashutosh and dealt with the bowlers mercilessly and scored a fast 43. Raju Mehta and Ravi Jhaveri saw the bowlers off and the final score after 30 overs was 189 for 6. The target for the opposite team was 190 runs from 30 overs. The RSR team was very gustily cheered by Rotarian Jugal and Bankim Vashi with equal contribution by first lady of the club Ann Nirupa, Ann Ulka and Ann Komal.

The opposite team went in to bat and their batsmen also went after our pace bowlers. The first breakthrough was given to us by Joy, but the Baruchi guns went on firing in all directions mercilessly destroying bowler after bowler. Then Bankim Vashi came in to bowl and silenced them to a great extent. The wickets started falling at regular intervals and the run rate too came down.

By now we were sure of a nail biting finish as the asking rate was a run per ball - the equation being 28 runs in 28 balls. With the RSR supporters cheering their heroes ball after ball, the tension kept building up like an Alfred Hitchcock thriller. The see-saw battle was going on and the Bharuch team required 8 runs to win from 3 balls, the match was marred by a controversy with the leg umpire declaring a dead ball and the main umpire declaring a four. RSR players were furious and in no mood to listen to the umpires. However better sense prevailed when Rtn. Jugal calmed the players and advised them to finish the match in a sportsman spirit. The sensational moment came when the opposite team required just one run to draw the match and two runs to win the match. But Ravi Jhaveri had an ace up his sleeve and had the batsman caught on the last ball.

The players on the field jumped up like a champagne popping out of the bottle congratulating each other. Well done RSR were the cell messages received from the jubilant Rotarians who did not make it to Bharuch.

Friends, on behalf of the whole club, I'd specially like to extend my gratitude towards Ann Nilaxi and annet Chitrang Sunil Kapadia (studying in New Era High School, Panchgani) who sacrificed their family get-together which was arranged after many months for the sake of this match. Our club (the underdog) has for the first time entered the semifinals because Captain Sunil was available for the match and our players are now all geared up to bring home the tournament cup.

We now await the draw to play against one of the semifinalist from Saurashtra region RC Bhavnagar and RC Rajkot Midtown. The fourth semifinalist will be the winner of the quarterfinal clash between RC Udhna and RC Vallabh Vidyanagar. Captain Sunil and Raju Mehta have appealed to the players to practice every morning and improvise upon their weaknesses. (Do we want to miss upon this golden opportunity to bring home the cup?) They also need more cheerleaders, so friends, please come out in large numbers in the next match to applaud them. They deserve it and have done all of us proud.

Three cheers for the RSR team.

-Report by Rtn. Jasbinder Grover



*RSR semifinalist team*

## RI President elect's Theme Message

Rotarians are a varied lot. We come from dozens of countries, speak hundreds of languages, and adhere to a wide spectrum of religious, political, and philosophical beliefs.

If one strong common thread exists among our 1.2 million members, it is our willingness to share. Rotarians share their time, their talents, their expertise, and their money to successfully carry out projects that tackle a vast range of humanitarian and social issues. They share their compassion, their enthusiasm, and their commitment to help those in need and make the world better. And they share an unparalleled passion for service that has made Rotary the world's premiere service organization. It is this fundamental spirit of generosity that I have tried to capture in our theme for 2007-08: Rotary Shares. I hope that it serves as both a point of pride for all Rotarians and a motivating force for our activities in the coming year.

Sharing is a concept generally associated with promoting the greater good, but it is also an individual action, a personal choice. Each one of us decides how much of our time and energy we want to share with Rotary, which ultimately determines how much each club can share with its local community and communities abroad. For that reason, I urge you to become more personally involved in Rotary and to actively participate in both service projects and membership development. My call for individual involvement includes everyone in the family of Rotary, another emphasis that I want to continue. Our far-reaching family encompasses Rotarians and their families, Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, the widows and widowers of former Rotarians, and others who collectively work to promote Rotary's goals and ideals. Together, we can promote Rotary's programs throughout the world, handing down the ideals of service and fellowship from one generation to the next.

Continuity is essential to Rotary's success, and so health, literacy, and water will remain our service emphases for the year. For many clubs, that will mean continuing ongoing, successful projects in their communities and internationally. For those who want to start new projects, I urge you to think creatively and consider some new approaches. For example, let's look at how we can use new technologies to purify water, teach people to read, or provide safe sources of energy for homes. Then let's share those innovative solutions with other Rotary clubs that are looking for successful project ideas.

As they make plans for 2007-08, I also encourage clubs to consider the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, especially the Millennium Villages project in sub-Saharan Africa. Like our Rotary Community Corps (RCC), these villages employ a bottom-up approach to helping communities pull themselves out of extreme poverty. Let us share the knowledge we have gained in promoting self-sufficiency through RCCs to support this important goal.

Our theme for 2007-08 is reversible: Rotary Shares and so we must all share Rotary. During the first three decades of my life as a Rotarian, Rotary was growing steadily. No thanks to me, however, as I never brought in any new members. When Rotary's numbers began to drop in existing clubs, however, I suddenly realized that the organization I had come to care about so deeply would not simply continue to grow on its own. I understood then that I — and every other Rotarian — share the responsibility of bringing new members into our ranks, and it was time that I did my part.

In the coming year, I will be encouraging each one of you to do your part and share Rotary with other business and professional leaders in your community. I have set a goal for every Rotarian on my leadership team of directors, training leaders, membership coordinators, district governors, and club presidents to bring in at least one new member in 2007-08. I'm even asking all the past RI presidents to join us in this effort. Moving on from there, I have established a plan for recognizing all Rotarians who bring in new members. Working together, let us share the responsibility for Rotary's growth and make all our clubs stronger and more viable.

The dedicated Rotarians who develop dynamic project ideas and galvanize other members to action form the backbone of every club, but there are too few of them. I believe that every one of us could be that kind of Rotarian if we just take that important first step toward personal involvement — if we just say yes. Yes, I will lead that project.

Yes, I will bring in a new member.

Yes, I will share my ideas and my resources to make my club stronger.

I'm convinced that 1.2 million involved and active Rotarians can finish the job on polio eradication; carry out projects involving health, water, and literacy; promote the cause of peace to every part of the globe; and clearly and powerfully demonstrate to the world that Rotary Shares.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson

President, Rotary International, 2007-08



LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE



PRICELESS

Here's to all mothers!!!

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard.

The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house and there was no sign of the dog.

Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing.

In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened. He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared

over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife still curled up in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world did I do today?"

"Yes," was his incredulous reply.

She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

FLOWERS

A new business was opening, and one of the owner's friends sent flowers for the occasion. But when the owner read the card with the flowers, it said, "Rest in Peace."

The owner was a little peeved, and he called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist about the obvious mistake, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, "Congratulations on your new location."



ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

Dear Riversiders,

It is with great regret that I have to report that there are still many members who have not paid their second term club fees. Few members have not even paid their first term fees.

We are into the 9th month of the Rotary Year and I hope you can understand that it is difficult to run the club efficiently without proper funds. Hence I sincerely urge you to pay your dues at the earliest.

I shall be forced to print the names of the non-paying members in the next volume of Riverside Ripples.

- Treasurer Rtn. Amish Malji

APPEAL

Friends, I would like to ask you a question. Are we in Rotary just to gain or we are Rotarians also to give something in return?

It has been very disappointing for me that nobody in our strong club of 42+ members is coming forward to host an IYE student for a couple of days.

There are many Rotarians who are ready to host the student after their children's board exams are over in a fortnight. Till then I appeal earnestly to everybody to Lead The Way in showing that Rotary Cares by hosting her for a few days.

- President Rtn. Rajesh Patel

GREETINGS FROM RIVERSIDE RIPPLES



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



WILL BE DECLARED  
IN  
ITS DUE COURSE