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# Pune kid's hand in Unadkat hat-trick?

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Pune: There is no dearth of cricket experts in India, but predicting something as rare as a hat-trick almost eight days



needs different skills altogether. On April 28, **Omkar Pawar** may have had no clue when he gave Rising Pune Supergiant pacer Jaydev Unadkat tips for taking a hat-trick during a meet-and-greet programme in Pune.

On May 6, Unadkat took a hat-trick against Sunrisers Hyderabad that helped Pune win the match by 12 runs. Unadkat had taken Bipul Sharma, Rashid Khan and Bhuvaneshwar Kumar's wicket to finish the game with five wickets.

During the event, Omkar advised Unadkat not to grip the ball from its seam. He rather asked the Saurashtra bowler to

grip the ball across the seam "to get a hat-trick".

Omkar, 12, a student at the Apang Kalyankari Shikshan Sanstha (APSS), was one of the few kids to share their suggestions with the Pune cricketers during the event. Everybody present at the event, including Unadkat, Pune skipper Steve Smith and South African batsman Faf du Plessis, laughed out loud and looked amused at Omkar's confidence.

Little did they know that Omkar's words would come true in a few days.

Unadkat couldn't be contacted to confirm whether he followed Omkar's advice of changing the grip. However, the bowler shared the video of Omkar's tips on his Instagram account, testifying he didn't take the kid's words lightly.

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