

## Ranji Trophy: Lad resurrects Mumbai

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Delhi's Gautam Gambhir (right) walks back to the pavilion after being dismissed during their Ranji Trophy Group B. PTI



The much talked about, but largely absent fighting attitude of the Mumbai Ranji Trophy team was finally on display at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday.

Struggling at 167/5 after electing to bat first at their home ground against table toppers Karnataka, Mumbai put on a fighting 175-run unbeaten stand to end the day at 342/5. Young guns **Siddhesh Lad (94 n.o.)** and Nikhil Patil (85 n.o.) **perhaps played the most crucial knocks of their short careers to help Mumbai keep their quarter-finals hopes alive.**

The visitors started strongly with captain Vinay Kumar striking in the first over to remove Shrideep Mangela. Vinay kept the pressure on to remove Shreyas Iyer (20) while Shreyas Gopal got the big wicket of Mumbai captain Aditya Tare, who departed after a stroke filled 72 off 92 balls.

Reeling at 128/3, off-spinner Udit Patel struck twice in seven balls getting rid of senior Mumbai players Abhishek Nayar (36) and Suryakumar Yadav (19). It was then that the two youngsters played some delightful strokes against the spinners and slowly helped Mumbai fight their way back. Karnataka would have been in a commanding position had Manish Pandey not dropped Lad on 13.

Scores: Mumbai 342/5 in 90 overs (**S. Lad 94 batting**, N. Patil 85 batting, A. Tare 72; V. Kumar 2/65, U. Patel 2/68) vs Karnataka.