

## **Will We or won't we?** **-by Gurjeet**

That is the question. Hamlet was faced with a daunting question. To be or not to be? We are faced with a similar question. Will we or won't we? Of course I am talking of lifting the Cricket Trophy 2001!

The making of our team was comical enough. The event had just been published on the web and was the talk of the town. We were all at work. I was just returning from the restroom and saw a group discussing something animatedly. As I approached the group I heard Atlur, Ravi and Santosh talking of lifting the Troppi! Have I spelt it wrongly? Nope. That's the way it has been to us from the day one. It is referred to as the Troppi! Soon enough the group also roped me in and asked which team I was playing for. I said that I was not part of any team yet and would play for the first team that asked me. And so it turned out that I was part of a team yet unnamed. Anil had called up Atlur and said he also was part of our team. I was told that we also had Vishwanaath in our team and he would get another player. The player was to be Raghavendra. The last player was decided as Nagraj who happened to be Santosh's roommate. It was a small matter that nobody asked him whether he wanted to play or not! And to top it all, his name came out as Nagabhushan in the final list! We also got a bonus player in Srinath who was put in our team by the organizers. We were not sure till the day we played our first match who this elusive Srinath was. It turned out that he was a very good hard hitting left handed batsmen. Thank God for small mercies!

Then we turned to the all-important task of naming our team. By that time it was decided that Vishy would be the Captain. At around 4:00 that day we all suddenly got a mail from the captain saying that India Seniors had been registered with the tournament Organizers. Seniors? Who? Me? a Senior? I wanted a change of the team name immediately. Atlur and I went over to the Captain and demanded an explanation for being made to feel like oldies! And then the Captain argued that India seniors is the name of the team which has all the best players in India and we cooled down a bit. But he went on to add rather bluntly that we were the most senior members in the TCS community and started asking our age! The cheek of him! We had to remind him of the adage that being young at heart is what matters! But, I guess nobody had the strength to argue with him anymore and India Seniors it was to be.

Now having crossed the hurdle of the league matches the question remains. Will we or won't we? Any body wants to bet on us? What are our odds? What say Raghu Ji?

To hell with the odds! GO SENIORS!