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Rain delays in the opening day of the Australian Under 19 National Cricket Championship see NSW and Vic defeat NT.

Day 1 of the Australian U19 National Cricket Championships proved to be a challenge for the Northern Territory team as they were drawn to play both Victoria and NSW in the Twenty20 format.

In the first game of the day, Victoria won the toss and elected to bat on a great Manuka wicket with a fast outfield. With a tough first up performance, the NT side applied themselves well with the ball restricting the Victorian side to 8/150 from their 20 overs.

David Parrington (1-25 from 4 overs), Matt Wall (0-27 from 4 overs), Matthew Robertson (2-29 of 4 overs), Darcy Short (1 -19 from 3 overs) and Kieran Toner (1-13 from 2 overs) were the pick of the bowlers.

The NT run chase started positively with the side reaching 2-31 from 4 overs. Unfortunately due to a rain interruption, the Duckworth Lewis system was applied and the NT side were set a revised target of 102 runs from 12 overs left to chase.

After the break, the Victorians proved to be too strong and restricted the NT team to 7 – 68 in reply. Darcy Short was the pick of the batters scoring 23 runs from 21 balls.

In the afternoon game, the Duckworth Lewis system was again utilised when NT took on NSW. NT won the toss and elected to bat. Another positive start saw NT move to 54 runs after 10 overs with the openers Craig Jensen and Jonathon Crowe batting with purpose and poise. Jensen was dismissed in the 11th over and this led to a steady loss of wickets until rain again intervened in the 17th over with the NT total being 5 – 87. Crowe (21 runs) and Jensen (31 runs) were the main batting contributors.

With the rains continuing throughout the remainder of the day, play eventually resumed with NSW required to chase down the revised target of 34 runs off 5 over's. This proved to be a mere formality for the strong NSW line up and was chased down with relative ease.

Day 2 of the championship would see the NT side take on Queensland in a 50 over match.

For comprehensive Championship scores and results please visit:

<http://mycricket.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/RoundResults.aspx?entityid=15094&save=0>

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