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Northern Territory Senior Strike fall short in close battle with Queensland

Round 4 of the Australian Country Cricket Championships saw the NT Strike team take on Queensland, at the Howlong Cricket Ground in Albury.

Queensland won the toss and elected to bat.

Lead by T Wells (46 runs) and PJ Reimers (46not out), the Bulls managed to make a competitive total of 7/203 from 50 overs.

D Short demonstrated his fine all round abilities by taking 3/41 from 9 over's for the Strike team and was backed up by a solid performance from U Weerasinghe 1/25 off 10 and G Brautigam 1/35 off 10.

In response, the NT fell agonisingly short of the Queensland's target by three runs, having been dismissed for 200 in 45.5 overs.

A 97 run partnership between T Briggs (50) and S Lavers (48) had looked to set up the NT for an improbable victory over last year's champions, but the loss of the final 6 wickets for 13 runs denied the NT.

PJ Reimers 4/44 from 9, B Weare 3/31 (10) and G Martin 3/22 (7.5) lead the Queensland attack.

The Strike takes on the ACT tomorrow in the first of their two day matches. They will be looking for a big win to cement their position in the top four.