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#### **Northern Territory Strike make history by winning the Australian Country Cricket Championships**

The Northern Territory Strike has set a historic precedent by claiming victory in their debut at the Australian Country Championships in Albury Wodonga

Going into the final day of the championships the Northern Territory and New South Wales were equal leaders on the ladder both with a total of 19 points, separated only by percentage.

The results of their respective matches: Northern Territory v Western Australia and New South Wales v Victoria, would determine the championship winner.

Northern Territory needed to claim first innings points or an outright win against Western Australia in their 2 day match to claim the championship.

New South Wales was required to achieve an outright victory against Victoria to take out the title.

The Strike's comeback against Western Australia after a difficult first day of play resulted in NT securing the first innings points and take poll position.

At stumps Northern Territory was 4/200 with Martin Brown 100 not out.

All eyes then turned to New South Wales in their final match.

Requiring 20 wickets on the final day of play, New South Wales could not deliver on the goal and pulled stumps knowing an outright victory was out of reach.

Strike Coach Ken Vowles is ecstatic with the championship win and is proud the players backed up their skill and ability with the championship win.

"I am very proud of the Strike players and their fantastic achievement in winning a national championship, "Vowles said.



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He further stated that "they have demonstrated great skill, determination and sportsmanship and it is the most significant and outstanding achievement a Northern Territory cricket team has ever had."

NT Cricket's CEO, Andrew Ramsay who watched the NT team take out the national title today said "The Association is very proud of the senior Strike Team. They have played excellent cricket and represented themselves and the Territory in the best possible way."

This is the first time the Northern Territory has won a national championship and demonstrates the quality and level of cricket in the Territory.

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