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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Strike battle hard in heat**

A scorching 42 degree heat made conditions tough for the Strike in round six of the Australian Country Cricket Championship in Albury Wodonga.

After winning the toss the NT sent in the East Asia Pacific side on what looked to be a wicket that may play some demons early.

The Strike team were off to a good start having the opposition 2/29 off 10 overs.

It was then an uphill battle in hot conditions when the wicket flattened out to be a batsman's paradise going to lunch 3/124.

Bowlers struggled to bowl consistent lines and lengths during the day.

Key spinner Udarra Weerasinghe produced a marathon effort by bowling 36 overs straight, 9 maidens and taking three for 96.

Young Matthew Hanna assisted with keeping the opposition to 337 on a small ground and lightning outfield with taking 3 wickets for 64 (16 overs).

NT managed to dismiss the side in 92 overs which allowed them 5 overs to bat prior to the close of play.

Openers Blain Cornford and Martin Brown battered superbly to compile a very positive 31 runs without loss at the end of the day.

The batters are all excited about the opportunity they are challenged with requiring a further 307 for victory.

The temperature is expected to increase tomorrow which will work in the Strike's favour.

It will be vital for a couple of the top order to step up and score big runs tomorrow to get the side over the line.