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Northern Territory Strike wins in historic run chase

The Northern Territory Strike Team has pulled off one of the most momentous run chases in its history of senior men's cricket.

The NT team chased down 337 on the second day of round six of the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Albury Wodonga.

Resuming the day on 31 without loss they were in early trouble when Blain Corford was dismissed for 41 closely followed by Martin Brown and in form Darcy Short.

The huge total looked near impossible when the score was 3/64.

Captain Ash Williams (73) and Brett Gardiner showed some heart and determination by playing straight and sticking to the team plan on a wicket that was keeping low to take the team to lunch at 3/136.

The first ball after lunch saw Brett Gardiner dismissed for 37, which bought Tom Briggs (70) to the crease.

A gutsy 75 run partnership between Williams and Briggs kept the Strike in the hunt.

A loose shot from the skipper and a questionable LBW decision dismissing Simon Lavers (5) meant that the Strike went to tea at 6/224.

The final session was one of NT's most historic thanks to a solid partnership of 67 from Briggs and Jack Flynn.

A new ball was introduced and Briggs lofted a pull shot to midwicket and was dismissed with the Strike needing a further 53 runs for victory.

Udarra Weerasinghe (39no) joined Flynn to get the side over the line with a massive six to finish the game with only three overs remaining.

This win positions the Strike on top of the ladder on equal points with NSW.

Due to an outright win earlier in the championship if both ladder leaders win (NSW and NT) the Northern Territory will take out the championship.

The last two day game is against Western Australia commencing on Wednesday



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