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Victoria defeats Northern Territory in the Under 17 National Championships

The Northern Territory under 17's had a tough day against the southern powerhouse Victoria.

After winning the toss the NT team lost regular wickets to be teetering at 6-61.

However a rearguard 50 partnership from Ben Whyte and Matt Wall added respectability to the NT score.

Whyte was dismissed for a very well compiled 34 runs and Wall continued to punish the Victorian attack.

Wall found an ally in young Thomas Andrews (12) as they pushed the NT total to 9-187 after 50 overs.

Wall remained 64 not out in a fine mature innings.

The NT bowlers found the going tough against the committed Victorian openers.

Brandon Fildes claimed the first wicket and the introduction of Joel Bock saw immediate rewards when he took two wickets.

Thomas Andrews continued his fine form with the ball as he also claimed two wickets.

However the Victorian run chase came to an end when they claimed victory in the 40th over and thus also claiming a bonus point.

The NT team have a rest day tomorrow and take on South Australia on Thursday in their first two day match.