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### MEDIA RELEASE

**Monday January 4, 2010**

#### **Northern Territory under 17 cricket team have tough day at the beginning of the national championships**

The NT under 17 cricket team commenced their national championships campaign yesterday when they challenged their Territory rival, ACT, in the first of two Twenty20 matches in Adelaide.

Captain Arnout Faveere won the toss and sent the ACT side into bat.

Brandon Fildes struck in the third over of the match and was supported by Pat Gallow from the other end.

Matt Wall was introduced early and the combination of Gallow and Wall slowed the ACT run rate.

Gallow claimed the excellent figures of 2-13 from his four overs with one maiden.

Wall was equally impressive, conceding 16 runs from his four overs.

The introduction of Joel Bock and Thomas Andrews continued the fall of regular wickets as the ACT were restricted to 8/107 from their allotted 20 overs.

Bock claimed 1-13 (4 overs) and young Thomas Andrews claimed the impressive figures of 3-14 from his 4 overs.

The NT run chase started poorly when Faveere was dismissed in the first over for 0.

A quick fire 21 (12 balls) from Gavin Lycett steadied the ship but his dismissal lead to the run chase stalling.

Wall (28 runs from 42 balls) and Paul Carbone (30 runs from 40 balls) put NT in sight of victory. However quick wickets and an increasing run rate proved too much as NT fell short of the run chase when they finished 9/101 from 20 overs.

#### **Game 2 Northern Territory v Western Australia**

The second Twenty20 match for the first day saw NT take on the strong WA outfit.

WA won the toss and immediately dominated a weary NT attack. Fildes took an early wicket, however the WA batsmen displayed excellent running between wickets to run the NT infield ragged.

WA amassed a very strong total of 7/170 from their 20 overs.

All the NT bowlers came under fire, but again Thomas Andrews belied his age to take 2-28 (4 overs).

Bock, Wall and Fildes took one wicket each.

Two good runouts were also executed.

The NT run chase was always going to be under pressure and the early loss of Wall did not help the NT team.

Wickets steadily fell as the WA bowlers bowled very accurately.

Faveere (23 runs from 31 balls), Mitch Mullen (11 from 13 balls) and Ben Whyte (19 runs from 18 balls) and Brandon Fildes (13 runs from 18 balls) were the main contributors to the NT total of 9/99 from its 20 overs.

The NT Team take on NSW in 50 over match at Woodville Oval today (Monday 4).

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