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Northern Territory Under 17's hold on for draw against Tasmania

The Northern Territory representative team finished the Australian Under 17 Championships on a high note after holding Tasmania to draw in its final two day match of the tour.

Play of the match was abandoned on the first day due to rain and therefore day 2 required a declaration from Tasmania to bring the match to life.

The declaration came after Tasmania batted 70 overs of the allotted 115 overs for the day to be 7-189.

Thomas Andrews continued his strong form with the ball to claim 3 wickets (3-55).

He was ably supported by Brandon Fildes (2-17) & Luke Robins (1-15).

This left Northern Territory to chase down the Tasmanian total with a minimum of 34 overs available.

The run chase started cautiously and gained momentum when Paul Carbone was joined by Arnout Faveere.

This pair increased the run rate to give NT a sniff of victory until the loss of Carbone and 3 more quick wickets meant that NT had to defend for the last six overs to save the match.

This was achieved successfully with Faveere (36 runs) and Joel Bock remaining not out.

The championship dinner provided two memorable highlights, with NT claiming the 'Spirit of Cricket Award' which they shared with Victoria and Thomas Andrews capping off a fine championship by being named in the 'Team of the Championship.'