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NT locked in enthralling battle with Tasmania

The fourth match of the NT Under 19 campaign commenced yesterday against Tasmania. The Tasmanian skipper won the toss and elected to bat on a true wicket, small ground and fast outfield.

The Tasmanian innings started poorly when they lost two early wickets with the score on 19 runs.

A fifty run 3rd wicket partnership stabilised the Tasmanian innings until a brilliant direct hit by Jacques Vandernest dismissed the dangerous Tasmanian skipper Tom Triffitt for 68 runs. This run out lifted the spirits of the NT team.

A steady fall of wickets due to tight bowling from Matt Wall and Darcy Short had the Tasmanians struggling at 7 – 137.

Steady partnerships from the Tasmanian lower order, coupled with a loss of focus by the NT bowlers allowed the opposition to be ultimately dismissed for 241 runs in just over 2 sessions.

Wall, with 3-91 (24 overs) was the pick of the bowlers, with the remaining wickets shared.

The NT run chase started badly when Arnout Faveere was dismissed in the first over for a duck. Inform Darcy Short strode to the wicket and along with Craig Jensen, purposefully turned the game in NT's favour with a 95 run partnership.

Short was dismissed for a confident 78 runs (from a total of 95 – with 16 boundaries).

Another quick wicket fell soon after when Jensen was dismissed with the score on 98 runs.

Coach McDermott sent out Night Watchman Matt Robertson to join skipper Alex Bleakley with 20 minutes remaining. Both batsmen showed great application to see the NT side being 3-111 at stumps.

This will set up an intriguing battle on day 2 of this match.

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