

MEDIA RELEASE

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Eight new players make NTIS Cricket Squad for 2008/2009

Northern Territory Institute of Sport Cricket Head Coach, Shane McDermott, today announced the 15 man squad to comprise the NTIS Cricket Program for 2008 / 2009.

In addition to the squad a further five players have been allocated an Associate Scholarship to also be involved in the cricket specific program phases.

Eight new players move into the squad in 2008. Senior players Bradley Rossborough (Tracy Village) and Brodie Field (Darwin) have relocated to Darwin to join the Program. Exciting young wicket keeper Paul Carbone (Tracy Village) at age 15 is the youngest junior member alongside other new additions such as Patrick Gallow (Southern Districts), Benjamin Cox (Darwin), Matthew Robertson (Tracey Village), Matthew Hanna (Palmerston), and Arnout Faveere (Palmerston).

The players continuing from 2007 are talented players such as Cameron Francis (Pints), Lindzee Peckham (Darwin), David Parrington (Southern Districts), Darcy Short, Adam Bayly, Jonathon Crowe, Craig Jensen all from the Palmerston Cricket Club.

Alex Bleakley has been allocated an Associate Scholarship this year due to other commitments along with Daniel Gardiner, Samuel Jennings, Joel Robertson and Jaques van der Nest who will be involved in an Alice Springs based program.

The Program is a joint initiative of the NT Institute of Sport and the NT Cricket Association. The squad will undertake a nine-month coaching and competitive program built around the Under 19 and 17 National Championships to be held in NSW in December and in WA (January 09) respectively.

New coach Shane McDermott who was recruited from Bangladesh where he was working with the National Team, is excited about the youth of the squad and the quality of assistant specialist coaches who will help with the Program.

Selected players from the squad will make there debut as official Scholarship holders at this weekend's Twenty 20 round against Darwin at the Freds Pass Cricket Ground at 11.00am on Sunday 15 June.

Ends

Photo opportunity:

Squad will get together for their first induction tonight (Wednesday 11 June).

Where: NTIS Arafura Stadim Marrara, Abala Rd.

When: 5.30pm

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