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NTIS Cricketer Selected for SACA Squad

Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) cricketer Darcy Short has been selected in the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Pre Rookie squad, with the chance to be selected in the South Australian team during the 2009/10 Futures Cup Under 23 Competition.

NTIS Head Cricket Coach Shane McDermott said South Australian players selected for the Futures Cup will be sourced from all areas, including the Pre Rookie Squad, the Under 19's, the Senior Redbacks squad and Grade Cricket.

"SACA has selected a Pre Rookie Squad of players who fall under the age of 23 and are not currently in either the Senior Redbacks squad or the Under 19 squad," Mr McDermott said.

"The Pre Rookie squad has been formed to continue the development of these young players and will look to train alongside the Senior Redbacks squad once a week.

"Darcy's inclusion in the squad is an example of the expanding pathway opportunities that are available for young talented Territory cricketers, and of the strong relationship between NT Cricket and the SACA."

Mr McDermott said he is delighted with Darcy's selection and has commended his talent as one of the Territory's future guns.

"Darcy is an outstanding young batsman who demonstrates great flare," Mr McDermott said.

"He is developing well within the NTIS cricket program and learning on a daily basis how to ensure he can be consistently successful within all forms of the game.

"Darcy's been rewarded for another great year representing the NTIS and the Palmerston Cricket Club, along with his excellent performances in the Australian Indigenous team that toured England earlier this year.

"His selection in the SACA Pre Rookie Squad will only further enhance his development and experience, particularly training with the senior Redbacks squad.

"Meanwhile Darcy will be rigorously preparing in Darwin with the NT Under 19 and Senior Squads for the Under 19 National Championship and the Australian Country Championship being held in December and January respectively."

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