



T20 action back in North-West

POTCHEFSTROOM will once again play host to Varsity Cricket for six days of red-hot action from January 29 to February 3.

North-West University will be out to defend their T20 title in the eight-team competition.

The first round of fixtures features a repeat of last year's final as NWU take on last year's runners-up, UP-Tuks (University of Pretoria).

UWC (University of the Western Cape) will play their Western Province rivals Maties (University of Stellenbosch), while UJ (University of Johannesburg) will look to get the better of the Port Elizabeth-based Madibaz (Nelson Mandela University).

The first day will end with a match-up between CUT (Central University of Technology) and UCT (University of Cape Town).

After two years of heartache, NWU lifted the elusive trophy last year, defeating UP-Tuks by four wickets.

NWU captain Wihan Lubbe led by example after picking up the player of the match and best bowler of the match awards.

CUT join the competition this year after knocking out Kovsies (University of the Free State) at the University Sports South Africa qualifier in October.

The power-play-plus rule promises to spark up the competition once again.

The rule gives the batting team double points during an over of their choice and allows the batting side to select the bowler they would like to face.

The rule also states that if a wicket is lost, the batting side lose five runs.

