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Australia Hosts South Africa in Three-Match T20I Series

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Australia will host South Africa in a three-match T20 International (T20I) series from August 10 to 16, marking the return of international cricket to the Northern Territory after 17 years. The first two matches will take place at Darwin's Marrara Stadium, while the final encounter is set for Cairns.

This series serves as a crucial warm-up for both teams ahead of the 2026 T20 World Cup, scheduled to be held in India and Sri Lanka. Fans can expect intense competition as both sides fine-tune their squads and strategies in the shortest format of the game.

Australia Enters with Strong Momentum

Australia, captained by Mitchell Marsh, arrives on the back of a dominant 5–0 sweep against the West Indies in their recent home series. Travis Head continues as Marsh's opening partner, while Tim David and Cameron Green add strength to the middle order. The team aims to build on its winning momentum and test its bench strength during this series.

The bowling lineup features a blend of pace and spin with Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Ellis, and Adam Zampa. Glenn Maxwell contributes all-round skills, while Matthew Short and Mitchell Owen bring fresh energy to the squad.

South Africa Blends Youth and Experience

Led by Aiden Markram, South Africa balances seasoned veterans with promising newcomers. The pace attack is led by Kagiso Rabada, supported by Lungi Ngidi and Nandre Burger. Young talents Lhuan-dre Pretorius and Dewald Brevis have opportunities to showcase their skills on the international stage.

The Proteas seek to improve their consistency in T20 cricket, making this tour a vital testing ground before the World Cup.

Head-to-Head Record

Australia and South Africa have faced off 25 times in T20Is. Australia holds a strong advantage with 17 wins compared to South Africa's 8. On home soil, Australia has won 5 of the 7 encounters against the Proteas.

Match Schedule

- 1st T20I: August 10, 2025 – 6:45 PM local time (Darwin)
- 2nd T20I: August 12, 2025 – 6:45 PM local time (Darwin)
- 3rd T20I: August 16, 2025 – 7:00 PM local time (Cairns)

Broadcast Information

The series will be broadcast live on the Star Sports Network in India, with streaming available through the JioHotstar app. Matches will start at 2:45 PM IST.

With high crowd turnout expected in both Darwin and Cairns, cricket fans will have the chance to witness some of the sport's brightest stars and rising talents in action.

Australia Squad: Mitchell Marsh (captain), Sean Abbott, Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matt Kuhnemann, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Owen, Matthew Short, Adam Zampa

South Africa Squad: Aiden Markram (captain), Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, George Linde, Kwena Maphaka, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Nqaba Peter, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tristan Stubbs, Prenelan Subrayen, Rassie van der Dussen