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Chicago Kingsmen Arrive in Darwin for Historic Top End T20 Series

One of the most decorated and consistent T20 franchises in the United States, the **Chicago Kingsmen**, have touched down in Darwin after travelling more than 15,000 kilometres to compete in the 2025 Top End T20 Series.

Fresh from dominating American competition in recent years, including their triumph as 2024 Minor League Cricket Champions, the Kingsmen's participation marks another milestone in the incredible growth of the Top End T20 Series.

International sides Nepal, Pakistan Shaheens, Bangladesh 'A' and the Chicago Kingsmen will be joined by the Hobart Hurricanes, Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Strikers, Melbourne Stars, Melbourne Renegades, ACT Comets, and NT Strike.

The arrival of the Kingsmen caps off a stellar international line-up, including Nepal, Pakistan Shaheens, Bangladesh 'A' joined by Australian teams, Hobart Hurricanes, Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Strikers, Melbourne Stars, Melbourne Renegades, ACT Comets, and NT Strike, in what promises to be one of the most exciting cricket events ever staged in the Northern Territory, let alone Australia.

With such an extraordinary depth and breadth of cricket talent, both nationally and internationally, Territorians are in for a once-in-a-lifetime sporting spectacle.

NT Cricket CEO, Gavin Dovey said the calibre of competition has set a new standard for the Top End T20 Series.

"The growth of cricket in the U.S over the past few years has been enormous, from sold out T20 World Cup matches in New York to the return of cricket to the Olympics in LA28, it's an emerging market grabbing everyone's attention.

"Major League Cricket's investors include the largest media conglomerate in India, the chief executive of Microsoft, and the former chief executive of Adobe, so it's fair to say English cricket now has serious franchise competition in the summer months.

"The Kingsmen are a T20 franchise who have been at the forefront of that American journey so we couldn't be more excited to welcome them to the Northern Territory.

"The Top End T20 Series was created as a vehicle to market and promote the Northern Territory to a global audience, and the arrival of a United States T20 Franchise is yet another example of the power and scale of our winter cricket opportunity."

Tristan Cribb, Executive General Manager Commercial, Airport Development Group, said the event is a showcase of what makes Darwin a unique sporting destination.

“The arrival of the Chicago Kingsmen and our other world-class teams not only celebrates cricket but highlights Darwin’s growing reputation as a destination for major sporting events. ADG is proud to partner with Northern Territory Cricket to bring such high-quality talent to the Top End, and we’re excited to see the series grow year after year.”

Airport Development Group, as a major partner of Northern Territory Cricket, is proud to help bring the gentleman’s game to Darwin at the highest level. The 2025 Top End T20 Series is set to raise the benchmark for regional cricket tournaments and solidify its place on the international cricket calendar.

Welcome one and all – and in the spirit of cricket, let the games begin.