

# Thrilling Matches In Global T20 Cricket Tournament



KING CITY, Ont. – Australian’s Peter Siddle and Moises Henriques led from the front with bat and ball, as Montreal Tigers secured their first victory of the tournament with a 15 run win over Edmonton Royals on Wednesday, in day six of Global T20 Canada action at Maple Leaf Cricket Club.

Edmonton won the toss and not surprisingly chose to field on the first match being played, on the third pitch of the wicket square.

Once more their much vaunted opening pair of Dwayne Smith (8) and Sunil Narine (9) departed early, along with number three batsman, George Worker from New Zealand (7) as Montreal were reduced to 30/3 in the sixth over.

**Match 7: Toronto Nationals vs. Winnipeg Hawks**

Dwayne Bravo’s all-round performance and Rassie van der Dussen’s match-winning innings aided Winnipeg Hawks and Vancouver Knights, respectively, to secure victories Monday.

The results, in which both teams batting first won their respective match, breaks the early tournament trend where the teams chasing were predominantly ending up on



the winning side.

Toronto won the toss and sent the Hawks into bat and immediately struck an early blow, as Australia star David Warner (1), for the third straight match, departed early, run out brilliantly by New Zealander Anton Devcich.

However, the pair of West Indian Lendl Simmons and Australian Ben McDermott consolidated after Warner’s departure in a 77-run second wicket partnership.

But just as the duo were looking to get comfortable at the crease, they were dismissed in consecutive overs as Toronto

slipped from 78/1 to 80/4 in the 11th over.

**Match 5: Vancouver Knights vs. Winnipeg Hawks**

Match-winning innings by Babar Hayat and Fabian Allen propelled Vancouver Knights and Cricket West Indies B Team to victories on Canada Day over Winnipeg Hawks and Edmonton Royals, respectively, on day four

Winnipeg won its opening encounter by 48 runs after posting a total of 203 runs against Montreal.

**Match 3: Toronto Nationals vs. Edmonton Royals**

A quartet of excellent half centuries from Andre Fletcher, Canadian Nitish Kumar, Brandon King and Nicholas Pooran highlighted for the day, as Edmonton Royals and Cricket West Indies B secured victories on day three of Global T20 Canada action at the Maple Leaf Cricket Club Ground.

In the days first game Sohail Tanvir followed the tournament trend of winning the toss and electing to field first and immediately Edmonton Royals asserted an early advantage.

Left-arm Pakistani quick duo of Tanvir and Mohammad Irfan struck in the opening two overs dismissing batting pair of Johnson Charles (5) and Hong Kong’s Nizakat Khan without scoring.

When Steve Smith (10) perished caught on the mid-wicket boundary off Canadian medium pacer Satsimranjit Dhindsa, To-

ronto Nationals had slumped to 41/4 at the end of the power-play six over period.

**Match 2: Montreal Tigers vs. Winnipeg Hawks**

Winnipeg Hawks got their Global T20 Canada campaign off to a convincing start with a comfortable 46-run victory over Montreal Tigers at Maple Leaf Cricket Club in the second day of competition.

Similar to the opening game on Thursday, where Toronto Nationals skipper Daren Sammy won the toss and chose to field, Montreal Tigers captain and Sri Lanka legend Lasith Malinga did the same in blazing hot conditions.

Malinga immediately set the tone for his side by claiming the big wicket of David Warner (1), bowling the star Australian with a delivery that seemingly kept low and beat him for pace.

**Match 1: Toronto Nationals vs. Vancouver Knights**

Anton Devcich struck a destructive 92 not out to lead Toronto Nationals to opening day victory over Vancouver Knights by six-wickets in the inaugural Global T20 Canada at the Maple Leaf Cricket Club Ground. The two sides representing Canada’s most famous cities were led by former West Indies captains Daren Sammy and Chris Gayle and it was Sammy who won the toss and elected to first field on the small venue and pitch which neither side knew whether winning or losing toss had an added advantage.



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## Canadians Get A Shot At Great Cricket

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The inaugural Global has kicked off while the sporting world is transfixed on 2018 FIFA World Cup action.

In Global T20 Canada, the aim of the league is to give Canadian players a chance to be influenced by and learn from some of the best players in world cricket.

The Toronto Nationals duo of Canada captain Nitish Kumar and spin bowler Nikhil Dutta who was first Canadian selected in draft have brought the league’s vision into reality in the first few matches. As the two most high profile Canadian players, expectation are high on them.

During the exciting opening match between Toronto Nationals and Vancouver Knights where bowlers on both sides were smashed everywhere, Dutta was the bowler to have a good day with figures of 4-0-26-2.