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Greater Northern Cup

Ulverstone maintained its perfect start to the Greater Northern Cup roster after its bowling attack led them to a comprehensive six-wicket win over Riverside on Saturday.

While captain-coach Matt Varner struck twice in his first outing for the season, it was the spin twins of Jakob Smith (4-29) and Brandon King (3-32) that did the most damage for the Black Caps at UCI Oval, combining for seven wickets to tear through the middle order of the Blues and bowl them out for just 115 in the 44th over.

Despite the loss of three late wickets, the home side were never troubled in reply, with an unbeaten 43 from Toby Hutton and 37 from opener Jordan Kelly giving them the win inside 25 overs and earning the team a double bonus point.

The result was the only highlight on an otherwise tough day for Coastal teams, with Devonport, Burnie, Wynyard and Latrobe all falling to Cricket North opponents.

The Orions were no match for Launceston at the NTCA Ground, going down by 88 runs.

A four-wicket haul from Toby Bellchambers wasn't enough to stop the Lions amassing an above-par score of 6-246, with Alistair Taylor (116) and Archie Clayton (74) combining for an 187-run partnership for the fourth wicket.

Devonport coach Miles Barnard (49) top-scored in the chase, but his team were never in the hunt and were all out for 158 after 42 overs.

The first game for the season at West Park didn't go the way the Hurricanes would have liked as South Launceston claimed a four-wicket victory.

Nick Revell (61), in his 200th first grade game, and Shaun Redman (54) had the home side well-placed at 3-136, but they lost their next seven wickets for just 40 runs to be all out in the 49th over.

The Knights looked to be in trouble at 4-48, but half-centuries from Jeremy Jackson (57) and Ethan Arnott (63no) helped the visitors pass the target with five balls to spare.

Wynyard were outclassed by a strong Westbury outfit at Ingamells Oval, with the home side winning by six wickets.

Batting first, the Tigers' top six all made starts, headed by Mason Hodgetts (37no) but couldn't find that one batsman to go on and compile a big innings as they posted a respectable score of 173.

In the chase, a pair of 70s to Cooper Kedey and Daniel Murfet saw the Shamrocks reach the target with 14.5 overs to spare.

In the final match for Saturday, Latrobe's bowling attack was put to the sword by Mowbray in the clash at Invermay Park.

Thanks to a 208-run stand for the opening wicket between Max Symons (68) and Luke Scott (153no), the Eagles amassed in an imposing total of 4-297.

After impressing in their first outing, the Demons' batting line-up were always on the back foot and were bundled out for 119 after 31 overs as former Tasmanian spinner Jarrod Freeman (4-11) proved difficult to get away.

While they were disappointing on Saturday, Devonport bounced with a vengeance on Sunday with a 64-run triumph over Burnie at West Park in a rescheduled game from round one.

The result was fuelled by a dominant century from opener Miles Barnard, who showed he is set for a big season with an innings of 124 from 144 balls, which included 13 fours and two sixes as the Orions compiled 9-213.

The Hurricanes appeared to be in control at 2-94, thanks in part to 41 from Nick Revell, but another worrying collapse of 8-55, which included Barnard's direct-hit run-out of Revell, saw the home team all out for 149 in the 41st over.

Men's Second Grade

Round two of the second grade competition was also staged on Sunday, with wins going to Devonport, Burnie and Latrobe.

An innings of 113 from Brad Moore ensured the Orions made it two from two in their premiership defence in a 62-run win at Ulverstone.

Burnie cruised past Wynyard's target of 203 with 26 balls to spare and seven wickets in hand, while the clash between Sheffield and Latrobe came down to the last ball, with the Demons hanging on to win by four runs at Byard Park.

Under 16

Sunday also saw the opening round of the Under 16 boys roster, with an unbeaten century to Nicholas Ready giving Latrobe a big win over Sheffield, Wynyard scraping in by one wicket over Devonport thanks to in part to a five-wicket haul from Nate Stewart, and Burnie defeating Ulverstone by 18 runs in a low-scoring affair.