



CRICKET NORTH WEST – REPORT No.7 (07 December 2025)

Greater Northern Cup

A century to Rhys French has helped keep Ulverstone's Greater Northern Cup semi-final hopes alive in Saturday's round nine games.

In his third game back in the first grade ranks this season, the former Black Caps coach opened the innings and peeled off 101 from 114 balls at the NTCA No. 2 Ground, in an innings that contained nine fours and two sixes, as the visitors compiled 5-257 against South Launceston.

While French did the damage at the top of the order, Jack Pearce (54 not out) and Jakob Smith (40 not out) put the icing on the cake at the back end to give Ulverstone a formidable score.

Smith then turned around and claimed season-best figures of 5-32 as the Knights were bowled out for 180 in the 48th over, leaving the fifth-placed Black Caps eight points behind Launceston with two rounds remaining.

Wynyard condemned the Lions to a second-straight loss with a thrilling three-run victory at home.

Led by veteran Gregg Sharman's 42, the Tigers had plenty of contributors in their innings of 9-200 after winning the toss and batting first.

Will Bennett's 70 had the away team well-placed at 2-103, and even at 7-193 heading into the final over, they would have fancied their chances.

But a superb final over from Fergus Gibbs (4-40), which saw him claim wickets off the first two balls and then a third off the final ball, left Launceston three runs short and gave Wynyard its second win of the campaign.

Sheffield also claimed a win over a top-four opponent after getting the better of Riverside by 70 runs under the mountain in a rain-reduced contest.

Half-centuries to James Jennings (58) and Ethan Clark (52 not out) led the Mountaineers to 4-192 in the 42nd over when Mother Nature brought the innings to a close.

Facing a DLS-revised target of 215 from 41 overs, the Blues were never in the hunt during the run chase, with all six Sheffield bowlers among the wickets as the visitors were bundled out for 122 in the 29th over. Clark completed his productive day with 3-17.

Devonport fell out of finals contention after being outclassed by Mowbray up at Invermay Park.

On a wicket offering little assistance for the bowlers, the Eagles put on 122 for the opening wicket before former State player Jarrod Freeman stole the show with an unbeaten century off just 64 balls.

Freeman brought up triple figures off the final ball of the innings, much to the delight of the home crowd, to give Mowbray a final total of 4-256.





The Orions made a promising start in reply, reaching 0-41, but despite 51 from coach Miles Barnard, they fell away badly through the middle order and were all out for 169 in the 47th over.

In the final game, Latrobe and Westbury were left to share the points after afternoon rain forced their clash to be abandoned at Ingamells Oval

The Shamrocks had been sent into bat and ended their 50 overs at 8-214 thanks to a century from opener Jordan French.

The Demons weren't able to make a start on their innings as the afternoon rain set in.

CNW Men's Second Grade

Sheffield has claimed a major scalp as it looks to rise up the ladder, taking down second-placed Burnie at West Park in Saturday's eighth round of games.

After being sent into bat, the Mountaineers were all out for 195 in the penultimate over, with Kaleb Lee's 45 the top score while Grant Lohrey topped the wicket tally for the hosts with 4-34.

The Hurricanes recovered from a poor start to be well-placed at 3-127 courtesy of Spencer Grove's 78 before the visitors hit back through Jacob Woodcock (4-33) to bowl out their opponents for 174 in the 42nd over.

Wynyard scored its second win in a row with a six-wicket victory against Latrobe.

The Demons' innings never gained any serious momentum and ended at 7-155 from their 45 overs as Aaron Charlesworth (35) and Payton Fulton (34) topped the scoresheet.

Rain reduced Wynyard's available overs to 38, however it mattered little as they reached the revised target of 139 with 21 balls to spare thanks to 42 not out from Charitha Jayampathi.

In Sunday's game at the Devonport Oval, Devonport increased its lead at the top of the ladder when it defeated Ulverstone by 113 runs.

It was a horror start for the Orions, who crashed to 3-7 after choosing to bat first, but they recovered well through Jade Doherty (92) and Brad Moore (44) to post 8-225.

The Black Caps also struggled at the top of the order, falling to 3-12 and were unable to recover from there despite Drew Allan's 41 as they were all out for 112 in the 32nd over.

CNW First Grade Women

Saturday evening's rain resulted in only one game being completed in round five.

Sheffield returned to the winners list with a 40-run win at Latrobe.

Kylie Bramich's 24 and a pair of 20's from Michelle Allen and Georgia King were the main contributions in the Mountaineers' final score of 6-107, with Esther Magor and Keah Bloomfield taking two wickets apiece.





The Demons were unable to create any meaningful partnerships through the top and middle order in their reply and finished the game at 9-67 as Melissa Longcake claimed figures of 4-9 for the visitors.

At the Devonport Oval, Wynyard were on the right path towards victory before the rain came.

Devonport managed a score of 7-96 thanks to Martina Steven's 33 before the Tigers reached 0-21 in the chase when the game was abandoned.

CNW Under 16s

Burnie extended its lead at top the ladder following an 18-run triumph over second-placed Latrobe in Sunday's headline game.

After electing to bat first, a 130-run stand for the second wicket by Jacob Granger (64) and Thomas Menger (66) gave the Hurricanes a total of 7-174 from their 40 overs, with Jimmy Tueon (3-13) and Byron Hart (3-12) the best with the ball.

George Radcliff (3-24) had the Demons on the back foot from the outset, and while opener Eamon Young tried his best at the other end with 52, Burnie always had its noses in front and bowled out Latrobe for 156 with 11 balls remaining, with Judd Ryan (3-16) also bowling well.

The closest game of the round came at the Wynyard Recreation Ground where Ulverstone squeaked over the line by one wicket against Wynyard.

Set 146 for victory after Sam Drozd's 59 led the Tigers to 8-145, the Black Caps appeared to be in control at 4-116 thanks to 33 from Jed Ling and 25 from Joel Allen.

They then reached 6-144 before a collapse of 3-0 in six balls suddenly breathed new life into the contest. Lachlan Dobson held his nerve, however, to hit the winning runs in the 37th over.

It was also a tight encounter at Byard Park as Devonport held off a short-handed Sheffield by eight runs.

Judd Broomhall's 50 was the top score in the Orions' innings of 162.

With only 10 players available, the Mountaineers had the job ahead of them at 7-65 in response, before a partnership of 65 between Maklyn Jones (58) and Rory Saunders (31) gave the team some hope.

But the Orions steadied to dismiss both batsmen and end the game with four balls remaining.

