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CNW Men's T20 Cup Final

Congratulations to the Ulverstone Cricket Club on taking out last night's Sportspower Burnie T20 Grand Final at UCI Oval by 22 runs against Devonport.

After being sent into bat in front of a healthy home crowd, the Black Caps lost Jordan Kelly early before Josh Walmsley (43 off 40 balls) and captain Brayden DeVries (64 off 50 balls) combined for an 89-run stand that set up the innings.

Rhys French added a quickfire 35 not out off 21 balls at the end that helped the home side score 50 runs in the last four overs and gave them a final score of 3-159.

Sam O'Mahony was the only multiple wicket-taker for the visitors with 2-17.

The Orions' replay started well with 10 runs off the first over, but the bowling of Toby Hutton (3-14) brought them undone from there as the spinner claimed the wickets of Oliver Knowles and O'Mahony in consecutive overs.

Dilan Sandagirigoda (28 off 20 balls) and Jade Doherty (19 off 24 balls) added 36 for the third wicket and looked to be getting Devonport back in the game before more spin, this time from Brandon King (2-33), sent them back to the changerooms.

From there Ulverstone was firmly in control of the final and save for some late hitting from Orions coach Miles Barnard (38 from 22 balls), they bowled their opponents out for 137 with one ball remaining.

DeVries was named player of the match for his classy half-century.

The triumph was Ulverstone's eighth Twenty20 title since the competition began in 2008-2009, and their first since the 2020-2021 season.

Thank you to Sportspower Burnie for their continued long-term support of this competition.

