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CNW Men's 1st Grade

A stunning innings from Sheffield coach Marc Simonds has put his team in the box seat after day one of the eagerly anticipated top-of-table-clash against Ulverstone on Saturday.

Coming in at 6-147, Simonds went on the attack as batting partner Alex King dropped anchor at the other end, smashing 133 from 119 balls in an innings that included 13 fours and seven sixes as the pair added 111 for the seventh wicket.

The Mountaineers finished with an imposing final score of 330 with contributions earlier in the day from Ethan Clark (56) and James Jennings (44), while Rhys French was the leading wicket-taker for the Black Caps with 3-45.

Left with 11 overs to see out the day, Ulverstone reached 1-32 with Jordan Kelly (17 not out) and Toby Hutton (4 not out) to resume the sizeable run chase next Saturday.

There was also a century at the Devonport Oval as Blake Wolstenholme led third-placed Devonport to its best day at the crease in over five years against Wynyard.

The left-hander survived some sloppy fielding by Tigers to post his maiden first grade ton for the Orions, helping the home team amass 6-326 before declaring in the shadows of stumps.

Wolstenholme combined with captain Eli Sheehan to put on 135 for the opening wicket, with the off-season recruit going on to make 104 off 180 balls with 11 fours and one six.

There were also half-centuries to Judd Broomhall (57) and Bailey Philpott (53) which helped the hosts add 153 runs in the last session.

Brodie Peach (2-71) was the only multiple wicket-taker for the visitors, who were left to rue nine dropped catches throughout the day.

At West Park, Burnie's surge towards snatching a spot in the finals continued to gather momentum following a dominant opening day against Latrobe.

Thanks to Jack Hayes (3-15), the Hurricanes were in early trouble at 3-13 and then 4-54 but recovered through the efforts of English import Spencer Grove (74) and Jonty Blake (34) to be 4-141.

The Demons struck back with 4-21 through Kaleb Williams (3-41) and Duncan Grey (3-63), however, some handy runs from the tail got the hosts through to 215.

With just under a session remaining, Latrobe's batting crumbled again under pressure from Tyler Johns (3-13) and Kurt Lamprey (2-12) and they limped to stumps at 8-95. Grey (25 not out) and Daniel Williams (1 not out) resume next week needing to produce some heroics if the Demons are to stay in the race for finals.





CNW Men's Second Grade

An unbeaten century from Drew Allan has kept alive Ulverstone's hopes of a semi-final spot after day one of its clash against Sheffield.

The Black Caps veteran finished on 128 not out from 143 balls as his team batted all day to compile 7-281 at UCI Oval.

Allan was aided at the top of the order by fifties from Andrew Van Tatenhove (52) and Harry Dale (51) as the third-placed Mountaineers were unable to find regular breakthroughs despite the best efforts of Jacob Woodcock (3-53)

Devonport has rebounded from its outright loss to Burnie last week with a dominant first day at Wynyard.

Four wickets from Josh Collins (4-35) and 3-13 from Brad Moore saw the Tigers bundled out for 104 on home turf, with opener Orson Poole (37) the only batsman to threaten.

In reply the Orions were able to sew up first innings points and will resume day two at 2-126 with Alex Forbes (60 not out) and Moore (34 not out) looking to add to their partnership of 95.

The match between Latrobe and Burnie will be a Saturday/Sunday affair next week due to the Latrobe Recreation Ground being used for a Greater Northern Raiders home game this weekend.

CNW Women's First Grade

Reigning premiers Wynyard have survived a major scare to book its spot in next Saturday's grand final following a tense three-wicket victory at home over Latrobe in the semi-final.

Accurate bowling from the Tigers restricted the Demons to just 9-69, with Hannah Magor (21) and Rachel Kirkwood (16) the top scorers, while Wynyard coach Kalea Leary claimed 3-16 and April Allison 2-6 from their four overs each.

But any hopes the Tigers had of an easy run chase were soon dashed as Kirkwood turned it on with the ball, taking three wickets including the key wicket of Montana Bradley for 11 to leave the hosts staggering at 6-45 in the 10th over.

Wynyard were able to steady from there, however, only losing one more wicket as Brooke Chandler and Charlotte Clayton got them over the line in a 17-run partnership with nine balls to spare.

The Tigers will now take on Sheffield in a repeat of last season's decider under lights at the Devonport Oval from 6pm.

CNW Under 16s

The top two teams all season, Latrobe and Burnie, will meet in the Under 16s decider after both won their rain-affected semi-finals.

The Demons booked their spot with a 45-run win over Devonport at the Devonport Oval.





Batting first after winning the toss, 38 from opener Tait Jeffrey and 24 from Angus Sanderson led the minor premiers to a score of 6-126 before rain brought a halt to the innings after 31 overs.

Josh Collins continued his fine weekend with the ball by taking 4-36, while Nathan Davis added 2-30.

Despite 27 from Davis, the Orions were always behind the eight-ball during the run chase and were all out for 81 as Byron Hart and Jimmy Tueon returned the figures of 3-15 and 3-20 respectively.

In the other semi-final, terrific performances from Burnie duo Jacob Granger and Zachary Burns powered their team past Ulverstone at West Park.

Granger led from the outset, opening the batting and posting a score of 98 from 120 balls as the Hurricanes finished their 40 overs at 4-180. He fell on the penultimate ball of the innings with what would have been a well-deserved century in sight.

After rain reduced the target to 145, Burns decimated the Black Caps middle order, taking 5-21 from seven overs to bowl them out for 85 in the 31st over.

Tate Burns top-scored for Ulverstone with 27.

CNW Under 18s T20 Grand Final

Burnie has made up for the disappointment of last season's loss in the grand final by comfortably defeating Wynyard by 54 runs in Friday evening's decider at West Park.

Led by Max Hay's 25 and plenty of contributions from the rest of the batting order, the Hurricanes posted a total of 7-110 from their 20 overs.

The Tigers were never in the hunt during the chase, skittled for just 56 as Spencer Grove claimed 4-12.

