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CNW Men's 1st Grade

Burnie has rocketed into the top four and gone a long way to cementing a spot in the semi-finals after completing an outright win over Latrobe in the penultimate round of two-day games on Saturday.

The Demons resumed their first innings at 8-95 at West Park and were eventually all out for 120 as Tyler Johns and Kurt Lamprey finished with figures of 4-26 and 3-24 respectively to give their team a first innings lead of 95.

Needing to put the game out of reach and still give themselves enough time to bowl Latrobe out again, the Hurricanes compiled 6-161 from 31 overs with Spencer Grove making 61 from 62 balls and Jonty Blake adding an unbeaten 31 not out off 23 balls at the end. Kaleb Williams took 4-80 for the visitors.

Set an unlikely 256 for victory, Latrobe's late-season batting woes surfaced once again as Johns (4-40) and Lamprey (3-25) claimed another seven wickets between them to bowl their opponents out for 101 in 28.2 overs.

Sheffield has all but sewn-up top spot on the ladder following an enthralling 46-run first innings triumph against fellow premiers fancy Ulverstone.

After the Mountaineers compiled 330 on day one, the Black Caps began day two at 1-32, and began the run chase well as Jordan Kelly and Toby Hutton took the score up to 1-120.

But after his century on the opening day, Sheffield coach Marc Simonds (5-107 off 35.5 overs) showed why is one of the best all-rounders in the competition, taking three of the next five wickets, including the dangerous Jordan Kelly (82) to reduce Ulverstone to 6-181.

The Black Caps dragged themselves back into contention through a 58-run partnership for the seventh wicket between Jack Pearce (50) and Connon Tuson (37), but Simonds struck again with the dismissal of Tuson and Pearce fell 16 runs later off the bowling of Harry Collier.

Ulverstone's innings finally came to a close at 284 late in the third session, with both captains happy to wrap up proceedings early.

Third-placed Devonport booked its spot in the semi finals as it wrapped up a commanding first innings victory over Wynyard at home.

Set the task of chasing down the Orions' day one score of 326, the Tigers were never in the hunt and were bowled out for 94. Young opener Maxwell Innes provided stubborn resistance with 28 from 135 balls but ended up being one of Eli Sheean's five wickets for the day.

Devonport decided not to enforce the follow-on and ended the game picking up a further two bonus points in its second innings total of 7-101 (Bailey Philpott 39).





CNW Men's Second Grade

Ulverstone's climb up the ladder into finals contention has continued after it held on to defeat third-placed Sheffield by 16 runs at UCI Oval in Saturday's conclusion to round 14 games.

Needing 282 for first innings points, the Mountaineers made an ideal start in the morning through Blake Fidler and Connor Hinrichsen, who added 79 for the opening wicket before Hinrichsen fell for 48.

Fidler (90) helped take the score along to 1-140 before the Black Caps hit back through the efforts of Drew Allen (4-39) and Ben Cox (5-55) to reduce the visitors to 9-186 and on the verge of a comfortable win.

But there was still one final twist in the game as Tyson Crawford and Simeon May weren't about to go down without a fight. The pair added 79 for the final wicket before Crawford fell to Allen for 56.

Devonport ensured that the battle for top spot on the ladder with Burnie will come down to the final round following an outright win at Wynyard.

The Orions started day two with first innings points already in the bag and took their overnight score of 2-126 through to 7dec-271 thanks to 94 from Alex Forbes and 65 from Brad Moore, with the pair putting on 167 for the third wicket.

Wynyard's attempt to bat out the rest of the game in its second innings started disastrously as Josh Collins (4-27) and captain Chris Lindsay (3-9) tore through the top order to leave the hosts floundering at 6-29.

There was some late-innings resistance from Braydon Whiteroad (38) and Edward Dudfield (26), but it was to no avail as the Tigers were all out for 125 in 35.5 overs, giving the Orions the outright win by an innings and 42 runs.

Burnie survived a scare before accounting for Latrobe in its Saturday/Sunday clash this weekend at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.

Batting first, the Demons were rattled by a devastating bowling performance from Nathan Hayes, who knocked over the first four wickets to leave the home in trouble at 4-39 before they recovered to finish with 146 thanks to middle and lower order contributions from Jamie Aherne (36) and Jon Lewis (33).

Hayes finished with the tidy figures of 5-31 from 17.5 overs, with Judd Ryan adding 3-27.

The Hurricanes fared little better at the start of their run chase, crashing to 5-57. But a valuable 91-run partnership between Robert Mason (43) and Ryan (71 not out) gave them the first innings points as they went on to make 203.

Latrobe was able to bat out the rest of the game, reaching stumps at 7-125 with Saransh Bagga (49 not out) and Nicholas Ready (44) top scoring, while Ryan topped off a fine all-round performance with 4-23.



CNW Women's First Grade

Congratulations to Sheffield on taking out last night's Hursey Seafoods CNW 1st Grade Women's grand final against Wynyard.

Played in blustery conditions under lights at the Devonport Oval, the Mountaineers won the toss and elected to bowl first, and thanks to some tight and accurate bowling, were able to restrict the Tigers to 5-94 from their 20 overs.

Montana Bradley was the best with the bat for Wynyard with an unbeaten 44, but she was unable to find anyone else to make a sizable contribution as the Sheffield attack, led by Sam Cotton (2-12) kept the boundaries to a minimum.

The Mountaineers' reply started well as Georgia Anderson and Kylie Bramich put on 37 for the opening wicket, with Anderson going on to make 33 before being bowled with the score on 53.

Georgia King (17) and Cotton (18 not out) then added a further 27 runs for the third wicket to put their team in sight of the title, with Cotton and Tayla Wigg combining for the winning runs with 15 balls remaining.

Anderson took out the Player of the Game award for her innings at the top of the order, which included five boundaries.

The win sees Sheffield claim its second CNW Women's title after success in the 2019-20 season.

