



## **CRICKET NORTH WEST – REPORT No.19 (09 Mar 2026)**

### **CNW Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

#### **DAY 1**

A STUNNING rearguard action has pulled Sheffield out of the fire and into a dominant position after the opening day of the final round of roster games on Saturday.

After routing Latrobe for just 68 in the morning session thanks to 5-27 from Logan Heazlewood and 3-9 from Aiden Marshall on a bowler friendly pitch at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, the Mountaineers soon had their own issues when they fell to 6-34.

But the visitors finally found runs easier to come by when Sam Robinson joined Eli Connelly at the crease, with the pair counter-attacking to put on 153 for the seventh wicket to give their team first innings points and a very handy lead before Connelly departed for 57.

Robinson had moved into the nineties by this stage but disappointingly fell one short of a century as he went on the attack again but only managed to drag the ball onto to his stumps.

Further handy runs from Liam Slatter (32 not out) and Heazlewood (29 not out) took Sheffield to 8-259 at stumps, cementing their standing as minor premiers and all but ending Latrobe's faint finals hopes.

BURNIE still have a bit of work to do to officially sew up fourth spot on the ladder following a see-sawing day at West Park against sixth-placed Wynyard.

Batting first, the Tigers made an encouraging start by reaching 0-52 but then lost 3-0 to lose all their momentum.

A pair of 41's from Gregg Sharman and Mason Hodgetts helped the away team get to a final total of 176 as Nick Revell went through the tail to claim figures of 5-30.

Similar to their opponents, the Hurricanes also started brightly in reply, reaching 0-47. But the final hour turned the game around as Larry Kumara and Marcus Gee took two wickets each to see the hosts drop from 2-72 to 6-84 at stumps.

DEVONPORT produced its second-straight full day of batting in the first innings to give itself a chance against third-placed Ulverstone.

Sent into bat on a green deck at the Devonport Oval, the Orions were let off the hook by plenty of wayward bowling from the Black Caps to reach 1-84 at lunch thanks to captain Eli Sheean (41) and Blake Wolstenholme (33).

Ulverstone's attack, led by Theo Marshall (4-39), finally found a better line and length after the break and roared back into the contest by taking 4-10 to drop the hosts to 5-105.

Devonport rallied again, however, and headed by Jade Doherty's 49, the hosts were able to reach 254 before being dismissed in the shadows of stumps.





All games will recommence at 10.30am this morning.

## DAY 2

THE protagonists are set for next weekend's semi-finals after the final day of the roster season saw Sheffield secure another outright win, Devonport topple Ulverstone, and Wynyard defeat Burnie but not by enough to sneak into the top four.

At West Park, Wynyard made a late charge to regain fourth spot on the ladder with a first innings win against Burnie, however they still fell short of the Hurricanes after the home team staved off an outright defeat.

Resuming day two at 6-84 in reply to the Tigers first innings of 176, Burnie could only add another 50 runs to its score as 5-26 to Larry Kumara and 4-36 from Marcus Gee saw the hosts all out for 134.

Needing quick runs to give itself enough time to bowl the Hurricanes out again, Wynyard whipped up a quickfire 5-160 from 27.5 overs thanks to 94 off 67 balls from Flynn Gunston and 44 from Mason Hodgetts.

With around half the day still remaining and a target of 203 in front of them, Burnie never seriously entertained a run chase, but looked well-placed to limit the damage when it reached 2-50 at tea.

They moved to 4-116 after the break before the game took a twist when the Hurricanes suddenly lost 3-0 to re-energise the Tigers. But Tyler Johns and James Radcliff safely navigated the final overs to stave off the visitors and hold on to fourth spot on the ladder.

DEVONPORT showed Ulverstone it will be no pushover when the two teams meet again in the semi-final after accounting for them by 69 runs at the Devonport Oval.

After bowling the Orions out for 254 on the opening day, the Black Caps set about their task with purpose early, but every time they threatened to establish a sizable partnership, the home side were able to claim a wicket through every one of their eight bowlers used.

Brandon King's 42 was the best with the bat for the visitors, who had six other players score between 14 and 24.

Ulverstone were dismissed for 185 with around an hour to go in the game, but with both teams cemented in second and third spots on the ladder, both captains agreed to an early finish.

SHEFFIELD completed its roster season with an outright victory, with the ladder leaders condemning Latrobe to the wooden spoon in the process.

Following their escape act on day one, the Mountaineers continued to build their first innings lead, moving from 8-259 to a final score of 309 courtesy of 64 not out from Logan Heazlewood and 45 from Liam Slatter.

The Demons made a far better fist of their second innings, compiling 206 through a half-century from Jamie Aherne and 44 from Eamon Young, but it still wasn't enough as Sheffield claimed victory by an innings and 35 runs through 4-55 from Marc Simonds and 3-35 from Harry Collier.





Next weekend's semi-finals will see Sheffield take on Burnie and Ulverstone do battle with Devonport, with venues to be confirmed.

## CNW Men's Second Grade

### DAY 1

ULVERSTONE and Latrobe continue to battle it out for the last semi-final spot following day one action in Saturday's final round.

Thanks to 36 from Ben Cox and 35 from Andrew Van Tatenhove, the fifth-placed Black Caps, who sit just two points behind the Demons, were able to compile 174 against ladder leaders Devonport at UCI Oval, who had Lucas French (3-27) and Tahj Wilson (3-19) lead the way with the ball.

The Orions were 0-6 at stumps with Lochie Reid and Kai Wilson to resume the chase today.

LATROBE has already conceded first innings points to Sheffield after it was bowled out for only 89 at the Sheffield Recreation Ground, with Kaleb Lee taking 3-5.

The Mountaineers started well in reply with an 84-run stand for the opening wicket between Blake Fidler (41 not out) and Connor Hinrichsen (66) but did lose some late wickets to be 5-135 at the close of play with veteran Peter Fulton (3-20) the best with the ball.

BURNIE ended day one with the honours in its clash with Wynyard at the Wynyard Recreation Ground.

The Tigers posted a respectable score of 181 with Brendan Willcox (51), Lachlan Barry (33), Justin Kelly (32) and Braydon Whiteroad (30), the best with the bat while Nathan Hayes took 5-35 from his 16 overs.

The Hurricanes reached stumps with all ten wickets still in hand as Sean Ryan (38 not out) and Jacob Granger (38 not out) took the score to 0-83.

Day two of all three games will get underway at 10.30am.

### DAY 2

ULVERSTONE has completed its rise from cellar-dweller to a genuine title hope after a thrilling outright win over ladder leaders Devonport at UCI Oval.

The Orions began day two at 0-6 in reply to the host's score of 174 but were skittled for just 72 as Ben Cox (4-24) and Luke Allen (3-10) tore through the line-up.

With a handy lead of 102 and fourth spot already sealed, the Black Caps looked to bat out the day but were soon on the back on the field as 5-27 from Lucas French saw them bundled out for just 67 in 31.1 overs.

Faced with a target of 170 off 26 overs and a top two spot in the bag, Devonport decided to go after an outright win, and heading into the final over, needed five runs with two wickets in hand.





However, consecutive run outs off the first two balls saw them fall four runs short.

BURNIE tuned up for the finals in style as Sean Ryan went large in a 119-run win on first innings over Wynyard.

Beginning Sunday's morning session at 0-83 in reply to the Tigers score of 181, the Hurricanes lost two early wickets before Ryan combined with Robert Mason (44) for a 128-run third-wicket partnership.

Ryan continued to be the mainstay of the innings as his partners came and went, ending the innings on 165 not out (23 fours, one six) as Burnie declared after 80 overs on 8-300.

Noah McCreddie was the best of the Wynyard attack with 3-53.

Needing to bat out the rest of the day to halt the threat of an outright loss, the Tigers reached stumps at 3-91 with Nate Stewart 40 not out and Lachan Barry 30 not out, and in the process, denied the Hurricanes a chance to finish on top of the ladder.

SHEFFIELD stayed in third place after completing a first innings win over Latrobe.

The Mountaineers moved their overnight score of 5-135 through to 199, with Demons veteran Peter Fulton ending the innings with 6-22.

Fulton then ensured that his team would avoid any outright defeat with 63 not out in Latrobe's second innings as they declared at 5-202 before the Mountaineers ended the game at 1-19.

Semi-finals will be a repeat of first grade with defending premiers Devonport meeting Ulverstone again, while Burnie take on Sheffield.

## CNW Men's u16 – Grand Final

Congratulations to the Latrobe Cricket Club in taking out a nail-biting Under 16s grand final against Burnie at the Latrobe Recreation Ground today.

In a game befitting the two best teams in the competition all season, the Demons took out the decider by just one wicket, chasing down the Hurricanes score of 144 with 3.4 overs remaining.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first under overcast skies, Burnie was in early trouble at 3-39 as Jimmy Tueon (2-32) and Byron Hart (2-9) made some vital breakthroughs.

However, the one wicket they didn't get was that of opener George Radcliff (54), who combined with Zeppelin Barnard (21) for a 57-run partnership for the fourth wicket to steady the ship.

Just as the Hurricanes were starting to increase the run rate, Eamon Young halted the momentum in the 28<sup>th</sup> over with two wickets in three balls including Radcliff.

Young went on to strike three more times to end with figures of 5-18 from 7.1 overs as the visitors were all out in the final over for 144 with Kai Ogston unbeaten on 25.



The Demons reply also started shakily as they fell to 4-49 in the 17<sup>th</sup> over until their two best batsmen, Nicholas Ready and Young came together at the crease and added 49 runs for fifth wicket before Ready became Barnard's second wicket of the day for 24.

Young pushed on with his attack and looked to have taken his team to the brink of victory at 5-131 but was bowled by Judd Ryan for 61 off 41 balls (three fours, three sixes) in the 31<sup>st</sup> over.

Latrobe took the score up to 6-140 and appeared to have the result in the bag until Radcliff weaved some magic with the ball, taking three wickets in five balls to suddenly reduce the home team to 9-140 with six overs remaining.

With the game and the large crowd on edge, Rylan Dawkins and Jarvis Furley managed to get through the next two overs before taking the Demons to glory when Dawkins scored the winning runs on the off side.

Young was a clear winner of the player of the match award thanks to his five-wicket haul and half-century.

