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Colleen Planeta has once again had a huge season at both ends of the floor and will be good test for our bigs tonight.

It is no secret that we have been challenged with form, injuries and absences of late, however it is great to be able to finish our final weekend with our complete remaining roster.

Tonight also marks the last home game for another DV junior Meg Crupi, as she heads off to New York on a Div 1 scholarship. I've been impressed with Meg's work ethic and how much she has

really stepped up this season on and off the floor, and wish her all the very best for her college experience.

Olivia West will travel shortly to the US to join Shannon Dufficy at Utah on scholarship, and Belinda Snell will commence the new WNBL season with Sydney Flames.

We have a lot to celebrate tonight, so please show your support for not only the quality basketball on display, but for Beyond Blue as all proceeds from tonight's game will be donated to this valuable cause. Go Eagles!

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AS OUR SEASON WINDS DOWN, WE HAVE TWO FINAL GAMES TO GO WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO BOTH PLAYERS AND STAFF.

We must finish strong with our final home game against very dangerous Hume City who started our losing run with a 6 point loss.

Players we will have to take care of are Jeka, Prendergast & the evergreen Luke Egan who continues to contribute to his team week in and week out especially since the unfortunate injuries to Jamaal Brown and Jermaine Maybank.

Nick Jones can also provide some spark so our defence will need to be at a high level.

With the opportunity to win 9 of our last 11 games and letting a finals berth slip through our fingers, the players will be motivated to finish strong for the

supporters and sponsors and staff who turn out each week, we truly thank you all for the year as we build and reload toward 2017 and a finals berth.

Look for improved performances from Vilmont. Lee, Page and Owilli as well as a big game against his old club, Harry Kansak. The Reynold's brothers will need to fire as well and I am confident our team will perform well on the night and thank the home crowd for showing up and supporting us.

Finally good luck to Meg Crupi from our Senior Women's team as she plays her last home game as an Eagle,

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2016 - 2017 Season

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AGE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
U12	Monday 26 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Tuesday 27 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Sunday 2 October	10.30am – 12.00am	CBS
	Sunday 9 October	10.30am – 12.00am	CBS
U14	Tuesday 20 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Wednesday 21 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Friday 7 October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	CBS
	Sunday 9 October	9.00am – 10.30am	Diamond Valley
U16	Tuesday 4 October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	CBS
	Sunday 9 October	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Friday 14 October	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Diamond Valley
U18	Sunday 2 October	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Friday 7 October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	CBS
	Sunday 9 October	10.30am - 12pm	Diamond Valley

* Optional DV Development Camps for U12 and U14 Girls – separate registration required online

All players must bring: Light/Dark Singlet, basketball with name on it, drink bottle, effort.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS TRY OUT DATES

2016 - 2017 Season

Online registrations must be completed before attending tryouts at www.dvbasketball.com.au

AGE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
U12	Wednesday 28 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Thursday 29 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Sunday 2 October	9.00am – 10.30am	CBS
	Sunday 9 October	9.00am – 10.30am	CBS
U14	Thursday 22 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Friday 23 September *	9.30am – 3.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Sunday 2 October	9.00am – 10.30am	Diamond Valley
	Friday 7 October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Diamond Valley
U16	Monday 3 October	7.30pm – 9.00pm	Parade College
	Friday 7 October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Diamond Valley
	Sunday 9 October	10.30am – 12.00pm	Diamond Valley
U18	Sunday 2 October	10.30am – 12.00pm	Diamond Valley
	Friday 7 October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Diamond Valley
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THE DV SCHOOLS PROGRAM MADE IT'S DEBUT VISIT TO EPPING VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ALSO MADE THE DEBUT OF OUR DV SCHOOLS PROGRAM MVP AWARD – WHICH GOES TO THE MOST VALUABLE PARTICIPANT FROM THE SCHOOL.

Epping Views do a fantastic job of creating a learning environment with their students where they are rewarded for modeling the school values such as being caring, respectful, honest, striving for excellence and taking responsibility.

The school believes that 'from little things big things grow'. The students clearly embraced sport and physical activity with lots of zest and excitement, and were particularly impressive with their capacity to learn and apply new skills and ideas.

As mentioned, this visit was the debut of our DV Schools Program MVP medal – awarded to the Most Valuable Participant on the day, one that displayed great coachability, respect and a strong work ethic. The winner from Epping Views was a young athlete named Kaira – who caught our eye for being small and quick but showed both the ability to

learn and attempt new things, but also a willingness to attempt to play off both the right and left sides of her body which is absolutely vital in today's game if you want to be the best version of yourself that you can be. Well done, Kaira!

We would like to thank P.E Teacher Bale Micovski, Epping Views Primary School and the students for having us come in to share the game, spread the word of the sport of Basketball, and highlight the value in engaging in physical activity.

If you would like your local primary school to become involved in the FREE DV Schools Program where we visit your school and share the game in your P.E sessions, or to book return visits for schools already participating – contact DVBA Community Development Officer, Mark Alabakov at mark@dvbasketball.com.au to get the ball rolling!

DIAMOND VALLEY EAGLES



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NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
4	168	18	G	OLIVIA WEST
5	177	19	G	MEG CRUPI
7	175	28	F	SELENA WAWRYZNIAK
8	175	18	G	COURTENAY WRAGG
11	169	20	PG	MIKAYLA PIRINI
12	182	34	G	BELINDA SNELL
13	185	28	F	HAYLEY MUNRO
15	176	24	F	NIKKI DROST
22	174	23	G	KELLI SCHLEIBS
24	178	20	G	ASHLEIGH STEWART
25	188	23	С	CARLI ROSENTHAL

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	DEANNE BUTLER
ASSTISTANT COACH	NATHAN BATCHELOR
ASSTISTANT COACH	ROB MASON
TEAM MANAGER	BARB EVANS



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NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
7	1.70	21	G	SARAH WRIGHT
8	1.68	24	G	NATALIE KARANTZOULIS
13	1.80	23	F	VIVIAN SAAD
14	1.76	24	G	REBECCA ROMEO
15	1.83	26	С	YINKA OLORUNNIFE
21	1.73	22	G	MUA LALOIFI
23	1.69	26	G	JACINTA SCOTT
24	1.82	18	F	MONIQUE ANDRIUOLO
42	1.88	27	С	COLLEEN PLANETA
44	1.70	19	G	SOPHIE BURNS

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	KATRINA HIBBERT
ASSTISTANT COACH	SALLY BRAYBON
TEAM MANAGER	RACHAEL BEATSON



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AS THE CHILL IN THE AIR CONTINUES TO GROW AND THE RAIN BEGINS TO FALL IT'S A REMINDER TO US ALL THAT THE COLDNESS OF WINTER IS COMING. BUT THE DVBA ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO STAY ONE STEP AHEAD AND READY TO TACKLE ALL CONDITIONS AND WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH SOME NEW PRODUCTS...

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As a personal trainer, Jess believes in functional training to increase mobility

and stability, develop strength and endurance, and as a whole, improve movement proficiency in everyday life.

Jess has the experience and dedication to take our Junior Eagles' overall strength and fitness to the next level and as a result, improve their game and enhance their confidence.

Playing junior and senior basketball herself, Jess understands the fundamental movements involved in the game, which will form the foundation of her exercise prescription.

Through exercise variety and progression, Jess will deliver fun and engaging programs to our athletes, who will see results in their training sessions, during their games and in their performance of everyday activities.

DIAMOND VALLEY EAGLES

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NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
6	182	23	PG	MATT REYNOLDS SPONSORED BY DYSON GROUP
7	190	25	SG	SAM REYNOLDS SPONSORED BY DYSON GROUP
9	193	24	SG	MITCH LEE
11	183	22	PG	JAMES PENNY
12	203	28	С	DESMOND OWILI
15	206	19	С	LIAM KILLEY
17	190	32	SG	TIM BROOK
20	195	24	FWD	MITCH WHITE
21	190	22	PG	GREG PAGE
23	199	24	FWD	HARUN KANSAK
32	195	23	FWD	RYEN VILMONT
54	205	35	С	BRAD BRIDGEWATER

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	ALAN McAUGHTRY
ASSTISTANT COACH	BRADEN COTTER
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8	190	28	SG	SHAUN PRENDERGAST
10	180	32	PG	JUSTIN SCHAFER
11	190	32	PG	LEE JEKA
15	199	28	F/C	JAVARI WILLIAMS
21	200	22	F	MARK BEREZDECKY
22	199	41	F	LUKE EGAN
32	196	21	F/C	SHAUN PRASAD
34	184	21	G	PHIL RENTERIA
40	193	21	G/F	NICHOLAS VALENTA
50	206	30	С	ANDREW SAVIGE
51	198	27	SG	NICK JONES

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IT'S FITTING THAT DVBA DOMESTIC PRODUCT, MEG CRUPI IS JOINING ST FRANCIS COLLEGE IN BROOKLYN.

The team's moniker is the 'Terriers' and Meg has been like a dog at a bone, showing persistence and not giving up the fight to progress in her Basketball journey – when many mentally weaker athletes would.

From St Marys, Rosanna East, St Thomas and Eltham North to the Eagles – that's been the legacy Meg has left at Diamond Valley to date. A passionate competitor. Someone who won't lay down and give up, no matter the circumstance.

She is a bona fide winner. Someone we can all connect to, be motivated by and be proud of.

Through her junior career, Meg has learnt a valuable lesson – to be like bamboo...bend, but don't break. The resolve that Basketball has grown organically within her is clearly visible to those that get to see her operate at trainings, indies or on game night. She finds a way to stay empowered and keep pressing on. She is well prepared for the next step.

A former DVBA Club Person of the Year, Meg is a giving person around the Association. She has coached in our U12 Girls program, coached at our camps, coached our beginners in the 3pt Program, attended junior rep trainings to help coaches and sometimes taken the court to train

with them, she's made appearances at domestic finals to hand out medals to the next generation of DV athletes...and much, much more.

Meg embodies what it is to be Diamond Valley. Hard working. No frills. No ego. No nonsense. Just compete with your whole heart and soul every time you take the court.

Saturday night, July 30 will mark the last time we will see Meg in an Eagles uniform for some time. It's not goodbye, though I'm sure tears will be shed. It's goodbye for now, as Meg will soon board a plane to Brooklyn to take all of her work, dedication and knowledge into the U.S College system with the St Francis Terriers. Diamond Valley blood running through her veins.

It's a time to be proud and inspired of yet another one of our own taking the next step. Just a young kid who walked into the stadium on Civic Drive a decade ago with a big smile, big dreams and a basketball in hand, and on Saturday night will walk out a professional, skilled, educated and determined woman with the world ahead of her.

Be there to witness Number 5's last game prior to College – she is a living example to all of us that persistence pays off.





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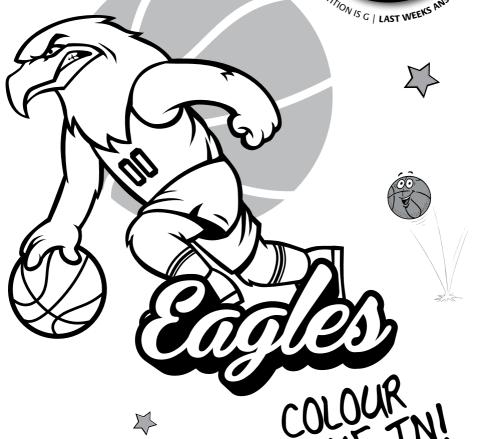


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Q. What do you call a pig who plays basketball?

A. A ball hog

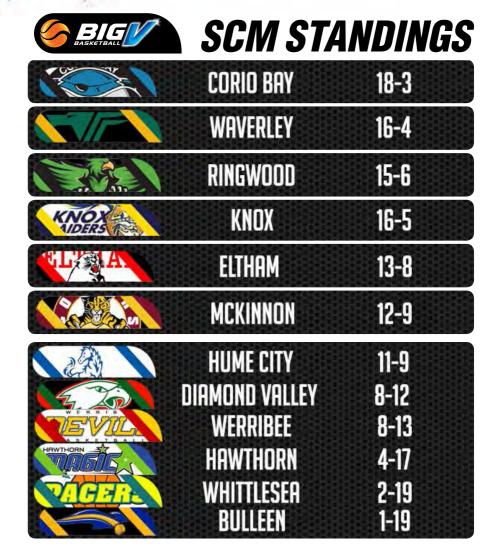














ROUND 18 PREVIEW

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Here's what we do know - regardless of results this weekend the top six will not change, however positions within the top half certainly could alter if a couple of upsets occur. Let's start at MSAC where Ringwood (lost 4 of last 5) will be eager to find some form ahead of the finals. The Hawks look a clear step behind Hume City and Knox, and will need this game against the lowly Tigers to get things rolling again.

Hume City (17 straight wins) has a double to contend with and should have no trouble in getting good minutes into their full squad against Diamond Valley (Saturday) and Eltham (Sunday). Look for Colleen Planteta to play only the minutes she's required to as the Broncos get into the groove for what promises to be an exciting month of August. As for the Eagles and Wildcats, this looms as a tough way to end the season.

Whittlesea opens the doors for Bulleen and given they are coming off a loss you can expect the Boomers to go really hard here to prepare for a potential showdown against Ringwood in the first week of finals. After coming up to the top flight this season, just one win will see the Pacers heading back down to D1W next season as they look to rebuild and find their winning ways once again. The jump has been a tough one and the Pacers will finish with loss number 21 here against Bulleen.

Second-placed Knox has an interesting double to finish the regular season with games against Warrandyte and Sth Peninsula. You would expect the Raiders to win both, after all they have won their last eight games, but they wouldn't want to take things too lightly. Given they can't lose a top-two finish, perhaps the Raiders will rest a few key players? The Sunday game is of interest given they play the Sharks (4th) and depending on what Ringwood does on Saturday night the Sharks could still snatch third place. The regular season ends with Waverley at home to McKinnon. As reported on Big V TV, the Falcons will be without Tegan Cunningham (away) for this one, but don't expect them to go easy on the Cougars as a win here for the home team could see them jump to fourth (if Sth Peninsula loses to Knox). Kate Oliver has been in ripping form of late and should deliver a huge haul of points, while Ariel Thomas will again pace the Cougars. These two met just a few weeks ago and it was a quality game. Fair chance this will go right down to the wire.

BURNING QUESTION

Can Ringwood find some form ahead of the finals? The reigning champs have lost 4 of their last 5 games and look a step below the top two. Can the Hawks get it going?

STATEMENT MAKER

The Cougars won't make the finals, but if you get the chance take a look at just how good Ariel Thomas has been going lately. Over her last 8 games the Cougars import has delivered 4 double-doubles and 3 triple-doubles.

FIXTURES

Melbourne vs Ringwood Diamond Valley vs Hume City Whittlesea vs Bulleen Knox vs Warrandyte Warrandyte vs Diamond Valley Waverley vs McKinnon Hume City vs Eltham Sth Peninsula vs Knox Sat 6pm @ MSAC Sat 6:30pm @ DV Sports & Fitness Centre Sat 6:30pm @ Mill Park Basketball Stadium Sat 7pm @ Knox Basketball Stadium Sun 12:30pm @ Warrandyte Sports Complex Sun 12:30pm @ Waverley Basketball Centre Sun 1pm @ Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium Sun 2pm @ Hillview Stadium









ROUND 18 PREVIEW



Let's get to the serious business first - Hume City must win both games this week and rely on McKinnon losing to Waverley if they are to make the finals. Finishing on equal wins will not do it for the Broncos. Ok, with that out of the way let's also confirm that a few positional moves among the top six is possible depending on results, while at the other end of the ladder Whittlesea must beat Bulleen to avoid the wooden spoon (and relegation).

Eight games on the menu to round out the regular season, here's how they look. Waverley travels to Hawthorn on Saturday and should coast to an easy win given they will still be in the hunt for top spot if Corio Bay drops a home game to Knox. The Stingrays have won eight straight and have to win to totally cement top billing for finals, while Knox knows Ringwood is one place back and has head-to-head on them, so this is very much a live game between two finals bound teams. Expect a ripper. Speaking of the Hawks, they travel to Eagle Stadium and will want to make light work of the Devils and watch Live Stats to see how the Raiders are travelling? Plenty of movement is possible here.

We've already mentioned Hume City and nothing short of a win at Diamond Valley will suffice. If they blow it, McKinnon (playing Sunday) will know they are safe. A tip for the Broncos - don't take the Eagles lightly, there is always some extra incentive for a team that will definitely miss finals if they know they can prevent an opponent from being there. The final game on Saturday will see the relegation battle reaching a huge crescendo.

Whittlesea hosts Bulleen and all they need to do is win, however if the Boomers get it the Pacers will tumble to Div 1 next season. Interestingly, Pacers stalwart coach Ross Moll has announced this will be his last game at the club, so expect his players to lift for him and their home crowd. If Chris Kaba gets going, the wooden spoon will be heading down to Sheahan's Rd.

Three games on Sunday, starting with Waverley taking on McKinnon and depending on what transpires Saturday night, these two teams will either be going flat out or will be resting up ahead of the finals. Should it be the former, the Falcons should have a little too much class for the visiting Cougars. If Hume City can get past Diamond Valley, their Sunday game against Eltham looms as a massive contest. The key part to this clash is Eltham has won 12 straight and over that stretch they have hit triple digits six times, have an average winning margin of 23.5pts and have beaten nine of the other eleven teams in that run. Wow! Sorry Broncos, unless the Wildcats are resting players you just can't see this one going the way of the home team. The regular season ends with Bulleen hosting Diamond Valley and despite it being a really lean patch for the Eagles (9 straight losses), they should finish the season on a winning note against the lowly Boomers.

BURNING QUESTION

Can Hume City win two games this weekend and sneak into the finals (provided McKinnon loses at Waverley on Sunday)?

STATEMENT MAKER

Let's get straight to the point - Eltham as a team is an absolute statement maker. A run of 12 wins with an average winning margin of 23.5pts and six of those wins have seen them top the 100pt mark. Bang!

FIXTURES

Hawthorn vs Waverley
Werribee vs Ringwood
Corio Bay vs Knox
Diamond Valley vs Hume City
Whittlesea vs Bulleen
Waverley vs McKinnon
Hume City vs Eltham
Bulleen vs Diamond Valley

Sat 8pm @ Boroondara Sports Complex Sat 8pm @ Eagle Stadium Sat 8pm @ Geelong Basketball Netball Centre Sat 8:30pm @ DV Sports & Fitness Centre Sat 8:30pm @ Mill Park Basketball Stadium Sun 2:30pm @ Waverley Basketball Centre Sun 3pm @ Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium Sun 3pm @ East Doncaster Secondary College











Waverley's late season winning run maintained strong momentum with an 80-75 win at Bulleen. Right in the thick of it was Tegan Cunningham (26pts, 11rbs) and Kate Oliver (29pts, 12rbs), the experienced pair getting the Falcons to the line in an exciting last quarter. Interestingly, between the two teams only 14 shots from the charity stripe were taken, arguably a record-low in SCW this season. For the Boomers, Morgan Bailey (28pts) was in great touch, young Kara Tessari added 20pts off the bench, while in a telling stat, Lauren Pearce and Emma Pearce were held to just 16pts between them.

Knox was made to work hard for a 74-64 win at McKinnon, the Raiders getting to the line in a contest that presented both teams with plenty of chances. Without Bec Ott on court, the Raiders found points from Korrine Campbell (20pts), Ellie Lovelace (17pts) and Lucy Dawson (16pts), while stalwart Julia Tan continues to shine in her return to basketball. For the Cougars, Ariel Thomas (16pts, 10rbs, 6ast, 4stl) continued here ability to fill the stats, Nat van den Adel added 13pts and Mel loannidis chipped in with 10pts off the bench.

Hume City's recent dominance over rivals Ringwood continued out at The Nest with the visitors claiming a comfortable 75-59 win. The Broncos built up an 18pt lead over the first three quarters with Colleen Planeta (21pts, 5blks) and Mua Laloifi (19pts) proving too strong. Hume City's 42% shooting clip compared with Ringwood's 27% proved telling, the Hawks taking seven more shots than their opposition on the night. Best for the Hawks included Mel Dixon (16pts) and Jackie Vanderzaag (10pts), while Anika Whiting (7pts) was again well held.

Eltham enjoyed the taste of winning after a long drought (10 straight losses), taking care of business against Whittlesea, 80-60. The Wildcats started with a 21-12 opening quarter, before going on and winning each quarter. Liv Bontempelli (20pts) continued her good season, Jacqui Kitto added 15pts, while Georgia Dale chipped in with 14pts in another strong cameo off the bench by the young shooting guard. For the Pacers, Trudy Armstead scored 16pts.

Warrandyte and Melbourne put on a tough Saturday night showdown, the visiting Tigers getting to the line with a 69-66 win. Starting with six players and trailing early, the Tigers received a boost early in the second period when Monique Conti and Brianna Babic joined the team fresh from collectively scoring 58pts in a VYCW game. A 17-7 third period pushed this contest the way of the visitors as they continually found a way to push the ball up the floor and find open shots. Courtney Gaze (19pts) and Peri Kalka (18pts) again highlighted Warrandyte's inability to stop forwards. For the Venom, Nicole Romeo (30pts) did the bulk of the work, while Amanda Meinking (15pts, 12rbs) landed another double-double, her 10th of the season.

Knox started the action on Sunday with an 85-66 win against Diamond Valley. The Eagles had their moments throughout the game, but just didn't have the class to go with Korrine Campbell (28pts, 10rbs), while Lucy Dawson, Ellie Lovelace and Bec Ott all added double digits. For DV, Mikayla Pirini had a good game with 26pts and 6 treys, with Meg Crupi adding 12pts.

Melbourne and Eltham both backed up on Sunday and both were looking for their second win of the weekend. It's been a dry spell for the Wildcats, but they simply shot better in this one and capitalised down the stretch when they went on an 18-7 run in the final quarter, helping them get to a 68-54 win. Liv Bontempelli (20pts) and Georgia Dale (15pts) topped the scoreboard for the winners, while no Tiger reached double digits, Peri Kalka the best with 9pts and 18rbs

Waverley finished the weekend with yet another win, enhancing their position as a genuine contender this season. Up against the Sharks, just 3pts separated the teams going into the last quarter, however a 22-14 run by the home team ensured a solid victory. Kate Oliver (18pts), Tahlia Higgs (15pts) and Tegan Cunningham (14pts) all got amongst it for the Falcons, while for the Sharks there was a a lot to like about the effort from Kaitlyn Mileto (26pts) and Britt Carter (19pts, 13rbs).

ROUND 17 RESULTS

Waverley 80 defeated Bulleen 75 Hume City 75 defeated Ringwood 59 Melbourne 69 defeated Warrandyte 64 Eltham 68 defeated Melbourne 54 Knox 74 defeated McKinnon 64 Eltham 80 defeated Whittlesea 60 Knox 85 defeated DV 66 Waverley 74 defeated Sth Peninsula 63









ROUND 17 WRAP



Leader-leading Corio Bay started the weekend with a comfortable 96-75 win against Hawthorn. Young Jack Barry (23pts, 7ast) again showed his class for the Magic, ably assisted by Kirk Smith (22pts), but from the outset this game belonged to the visiting Stingrays. All five starters hit double digits for Corio Bay, with Ma'Alo Hicks (20pts, 14rbs), Trevon Clayton (13pts, 15rbs), Michael Rebula (21pts), Dondray Walker (18pts) and Lewis Varley (15pts) all covering the absence of Jason Reardon.

McKinnon's hold on a top six berth still looks shaky following a tough 87-96 loss to Knox. It was a return to the winner's list for the Raiders after a bit of a bump in the road of late, but with Mike Rose (31pts) back up and firing it was a performance we have come to expect from the Raiders this season. Adrian Tomada added 25pts for the winners and Brandon Polk netted 17pts. Despite winning the second half (48-39), a 17-33 second quarter proved damaging for the home team. Best for the Cougars included Dillon Stith (23pts) and Alex Bogart-King (22pts), while Axel Dench (10pts, 10rbs, 7ast) was doing plenty of everything again.

Ringwood did enough to keep its winning streak going and at the same time keep the pressure on Hume City as they battle to remain in the finals race. A 32-14 start by the Hawks effectively killed the contest as try as they might across the next three periods, the Broncos just couldn't back in the game, the Hawks winning 109-95. Shaun Clarke (20pts, 11rbs), Matt Fennell (18pts) and Logan Lyle (18pts) led a group of six Hawks in double digits, while Matt Snowball handed out another 9 assists. For the Broncos, Lee Jeka (30pts) and Luke Egan (23pts) kept the scoreboard ticking over.

Waverley enjoyed a comfortable win against Bulleen, taking the Boomers to the cleaners with a massive 102-68 victory. Despite an even start (28-28), the Falcons stepped it up over the middle quarters and had too much class for their lowly opponents as they went on a commanding 57-24 run. Chris Arkell (30pts), Ivan Platenik (15pts) and Matt Hodgson (15pts) led an all-round team effort for the Falcons,

while for Bulleen it was Tom Kielty top scoring with 12pts.

Eltham started their weekend with a win at Werribee (no stats available).

Knox got things underway on Sunday with their second win of the weekend, this time just edging out a competitive DV, 85-77. The Eagles have had a very ordinary second half of the season, but they really stepped it up here and brought plenty to the table. Mike Rose (26pts) and Brandon Polk (23pts) just had too much in the tank for the Raiders, while Dylan Hare (18pts) stepped up with another good game. For the Eagles, Ryen Vilmont snapped a bit of a slump with 21pts, Blacio Owili added 15pts and Matt Revnolds dropped 13pts.

In a hotly anticipated match-up, Corio Bay stepped out at the Chook Shed and delivered a 100-85 win over rivals Ringwood. Both genuine contenders for the title and both coming in on the back of good form, the Stingrays (again without Reardon), set up the win with a 35-22 third period. No doubt entertaining for the crowd, the two teams collectively dropped 23 triples. Ma'Alo Hicks got the better of the Hawks' big men, delivering an impressive 31pts and 13rbs, Trevon Clayton had 23pts and 16rbs, while Michael Rebula delivered another 20pts. For the Hawks, who will shake this one off, Nate Champion dropped 26pts and Matt Snowball had 11pts, while Clarke, Fennell and Lyle were well held, scoring just 22pts between them.

Eltham closed out the weekend with yet another win, topping triple figures again in a massive 111-69 demolition of Whittlesea. The Wildcats are red-hot and will like their chances against anyone during August. A 29-11 second quarter in this game was purely sublime. Ben Waldren (20pts), Adam Moore (17pts) and Jarrod Fryar (17pts) were amongst six players in double digits for the winners. With a long season nearing a conclusion for the Pacers, they were best served in this one by Chris Kaba (17pts) and Jake Dustan (14pts).

ROUND 17 RESULTS

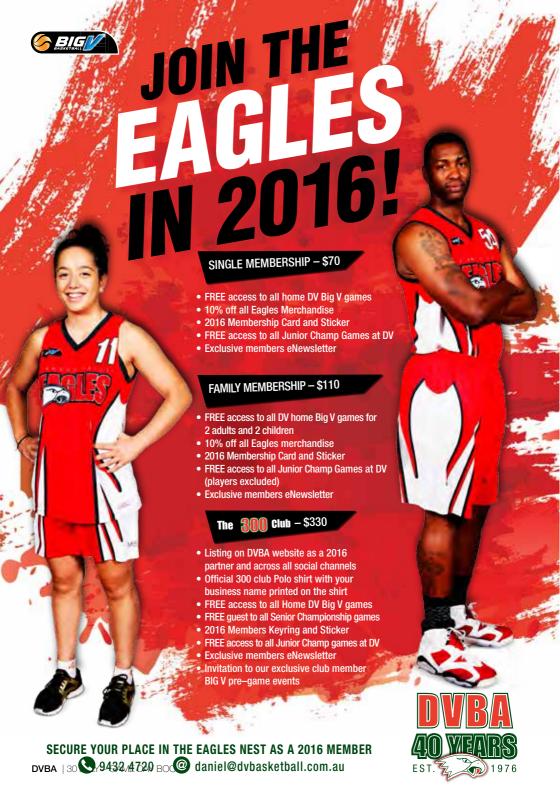
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Knox 96 defeated McKinnon 87 Waverley 102 defeated Bulleen 68 Knox 85 defeated DV 77 Eltham 111 defeated Whittlesea 69











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