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YYCM • BRADEN COTTER

DV EAGLES vs RINGWOOD HAWKS

WELCOME TO OUR OPPONENT THE RINGWOOD HAWKS.

Thank you to our supporters for coming to tonight's game.

After two very hard fought wins last weekend we find ourselves stepping into another weekend of double games. Tonight we host the Hawks and tomorrow we face the Kilsyth Cobras away. Our youth men showed poise down the stretch in both games last week to get the victories but, we will need to minimize our mental lapses and start holding onto leads to be able to beat both the Hawks and Cobras this weekend.

Tonight will be a great challenge as Ringwood provide an intensity that has seen them win and stay in all their games played this season.

Accountability of our execution is of a high priority tonight for the Eagles and through this we will be able to maintain a winning rhythm on the floor.

Thanks again for attending. We really appreciate your support.

Go Eagles!



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DV EAGLES vs HAWTHORN MAGIC

HI EVERYONE AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TOMORROW TO ALL THE MUM'S OUT THERE.

The players you watch tonight wouldn't be where they are without the support of their parents and the important role they play- so Mum's enjoy your special day tomorrow.

Tonight we welcome Hawthorn to Diamond Valley for what promises to be a tough encounter.

Our last home game saw a high standard of basketball against reigning premiers Ringwood. In a game where the lead went back and forth Ringwood were able to do the little things better than us at crucial times to get away with a narrow win. This is an area the guys are working hard on improving to turn these close defeats into victories.

The excitement and support from the crowd has been fantastic. Even though we haven't been able to get over the line the support and noise continues. Tonight we need to repay you all with a win.

A reminder to all the younger fans, make sure you come down after the game and meet your favourite players. They are more than happy to say Hi, sign an autograph or give a high 5.

Go Eagles!



YYCW • BRENDAN JACKSON

DV EAGLES vs NUNAWADING SPECTRES

THIS AFTERNOON WE WELCOME THE SPECTRES TO THE EAGLES NEST FOR OUR SECOND CLASH OF SEASON 2017.

Despite being undermanned, and playing away from home, in our first encounter against Nunawading, we managed come out with a tough 7 point win.

Nunawading are very experienced group, and are strongly led at the offensive end of the floor by guard Tessa Boyd, who is averaging 18 points per game heading into this encounter.

Boyd is well supported by Sarah Slater who has crossed over from Dandenong in the off-season, and is averaging a double-double in point and rebounds.

We lost both of our games last weekend, despite at times, playing some excellent basketball at both ends of the floor. We need to ensure we bring a high level of intensity at both ends of the floor for a full 40 minutes, otherwise, we will be in danger of allowing Nunawading to run over the top of us. We've had some good contributions from our "veterans" over the last couple of weeks, but will be looking for our younger brigade of talent coming through the ranks to support them off the bench this afternoon, and ensure our intensity doesn't drop off at any point throughout this encounter.

I'd also like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's in attendance today.

Go Eagles!



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TIME OUT

VOL 2



Welcome to the second edition of 'Time Out', where we will get the chance to catch up with Diamond Valley Referees. We were able to speak with Chloe Robinson, who is one of our junior referees and is doing a great job especially in our younger age groups to help teach the rules of this great sport.

1. Why did you want to become a referee?

I always wanted to become a referee for my first job as I knew it would be something I would enjoy and it would give me the ability to interact with people of a wide range of age groups. I also thought it would be a good way to keep my fitness up instead of getting a job that involves just sitting or standing.

2. What do you want players, coaches and parents to know about referees?

I would like the basketball community to understand referees are human, we are not perfect and we do make mistakes sometimes.

3. As a referee what is your mindset during Under 8 Games? What other duties do you have during these games?

During Under 8 games it is important you are not only a referee but a coach also. So when their skills develop and they reach older age groups their knowledge of the rules

and basketball itself is at an appropriate level. My mindset during these games is to make sure the children learn but more importantly have fun so they have a desire to continue to play basketball.

4. Any feedback you can give to people out there looking to become a referee? If anyone is looking to become a referee I would definitely encourage it because it provides a great learning experience and you get to meet amazing and knowledgeable people.

5. What do you find most challenging about being a referee? *The thing I find most challenging is staying confident in myself and the calls that I make.*

Great work Chloe! Stay tuned for the next episode of 'Time Out'.

DIAMOND VALLEY EAGLES

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NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
4	183	21	G	DYLAN DUNSTAN
5	183	19	G	MARK GIROLAMI
6	183	18	G	JACK DEAN
7	194	19	G	LUKAS KAFRITSAS
9	189	18	F	TOM BOEK
10	190	21	G	JACK McAUGHTRY
11	197	19	F	JOSH GILMORE
12	198	17	F	NICK SORANI
16	185	18	G	JAMES REEVES
17	193	19	F	GRANT TURNER
23	191	21	F	JUSTIN PETRIE
24	199	21	C	CAMERON CONLON

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	BRADEN COTTER
ASSISTANT COACH	HENRY KUO
ASSISTANT COACH	JAMES WOLFENDEN
TEAM MANAGER	ROB SORANI

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RINGWOOD HAWKS



NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
5	183	17	G	MATTHEW ROBERTS
7	192	20	F	ROURKE O'SULLIVAN
9	183	20	G	MATTHEW ALLWOOD
11	185	16	G	SEBASTIEN LEES
14	194	18	F	HUDSON KUHNELL
15	190	23	G	SEAN NUGENT
23	194	21	F	MATTHEW HICKEY
30	180	20	G	JAMES PERRIN
31	190	21	G	RYAN MILLER
32	170	16	G	BEN LINKIN
41	194	17	G	KAIDE FITTOLANI
43	198	22	C	JONATHAN TRUMAN

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	RUSSELL LEE
ASSISTANT COACH	JEREMY O'TOOLE
TEAM MANAGER	DANIEL PORT
ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER	DANNY O'TOOLE



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TALK AROUND THE TRAP'S

VOL 5



For our fifth edition of Talk Around the Trap's, we were able to have a chat with Mark Girolami, the coach of the Under 14 Boys St Marys (1) team. Mark is heavily involved at our Basketball Association as he coaches the Boys Under 12 (3) in our Junior Representative program and he also plays for our Senior Championship Youth League Mens team.

1. How has the team been going so far?

The team is travelling pretty well up to this point in the season. We've played some good basketball which has us in the top four at this point. Each week we have all of our players contribute in different ways, it's not often we have one or two players have a stand out performance, our games usually consist of a full team effort.

2. What are you looking to achieve this season?

As a team we are aiming to finish in the top four and play finals at the end of the season. All of the boys believe we can match it with any team in the grade on any day. Personally, as any coach, I'm trying to develop each individual and the team as a whole. If we all continue to get better there is no doubt we'll be able to play finals.

3. What do you find most enjoyable about coaching?

I really enjoy watching each of my players develop over the time I spend with them. I'm grateful to be able to teach what I know about the game to each of the boys. As well as this, I enjoy talking to the guys and getting to know what they're like outside of basketball. As much as I can

I like to develop a level of mateship with the players I coach.

4. What has been the best highlight so far with this team?

I'm fortunate enough to have a few of the same players in this team as I had last season in which we won the A Reserve grand final which was a great highlight, but with this fairly new group each week brings its own highlights.

5. What do you find most challenging about being basketball coach?

The most challenging part for me would be trying to plan a training session that interests the team for as long as possible while still teaching the boys. I appreciate the boys' ideas too though, playing a match with no rules for an entire session and practicing half court buzzer beaters is always handy!

Great work Mark! Good luck with the rest of the season and hope you achieve your goals.

Have you got something to say? Shoot an email to matt@dvbbasketball.com.au to be a part of "Talk Around the Traps"

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1	193	23	G	RAY SANDERS
5	198	23	F	BRANDON CONLEY
6	182	24	G	MATT REYNOLDS
7	190	26	G	SAM REYNOLDS
8	203	17	C	BAILEY GRIFFITHS
9	193	25	G	MITCHELL LEE
12	183	23	G	DANIEL GIROLAMI
21	190	23	G	GREG PAGE
23	199	25	F	HARUN KANSAK
29	194	27	F	JASON DIRKX
34	196	30	F	MATTHEW GIAMPICCOLO

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	ROSS MOLL
ASSISTANT COACH	DARREN BORTOLUS
TEAM MANAGER	SHELLEY REYNOLDS

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HAWTHORN MAGIC



NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
2	183	22	G	JACK BARRY*
3	198	27	F	ALEX BOGART-KING*
8	201	24	C	CRAIG DENT
13	187	23	G	PADDY McBREARTY
14	191	27	G/F	DAN KUSNYER
15	198	25	F	JOSH MORRISON
21	200	23	F	PRAVIN CHELVAN
22	200	25	C	RILEY JOHNSON
24	191	25	G/F	DAN MAREELS
32	200	22	F	LUKE SIST
33	179	25	G	KIRK SMITH

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	PETER GODFREY
ASSISTANT COACH	MATT SHEPHERD
ASSISTANT COACH	ANDREAS BERNI
TEAM MANAGERS	SCOTT MAFFIA



PLAYER PROFILE JASON DIRKX #11

Name: Jason Dirkx

Nick Name: Dad or Pops

Hometown: Mill Park

Position: Shooting Guard

Height: 193cm

Date of Birth: 02/04/1989

Junior Club/High School? Whittlesea Pacers.

Are you studying or working, if so doing what?
Banker for Bendigo Bank.

Dream starting 5? Steve Nash, Kobe Bryant,
Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Tim Duncan,

Worst present you've ever received?
Alicia Keys Greatest Hits CD.

Favourite basketball memory?
Winning DIV1 Championship.

Last song you sang to? Hot Potato - The Wiggles.

What's my friends say about me:
Why does he wear odd socks all the time?

**You're trending worldwide on Twitter this
Big V season, what is the hashtag**
#getarounddiamondvalleybasketballclubtheyarethebest

**If you could steal aspects of any 3 players and
add them to yourself, what would they be?**

Steph Curry's shot, Steph Curry's handles,
Michael Jordan's everything! Or more
specifically his confidence and leadership
when the game is on the line.

Any pre-game superstitions or rituals?
I used to watch Bulls Dynasty Games before
leaving home. Get to the stadium early and go
through pre game warm ups and shooting.

Best thing about playing for Diamond Valley?
The merchandise.

What's something that coach always says?
Get after it! Opposition team whose game you'll
circle on the fixture ? Knox.

Worst dressed team mate and why?
they all carry around pink backpacks with Barbie dolls.



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DIAMOND VALLEY EAGLES

VYCW



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4	171	16	G	ASH BOEK
5	170	18	G	ALANA ELLIS
6	172	21	G	JORDAN HENRY
7	170	18	G	NATALIE DAVIES
8	170	19	G	CHLOE TIDSWELL
10	165	19	G	BRODIE THEODORE
11	181	17	C	JAYDE POPOVSKI
12	171	18	G	EMILY ELLIS
13	178	19	F	SIAN GILLAM
14	185	16	F	MIKAELA PETERSON
15	174	16	F	EMMA PARKS
20	174	16	G	CHLOE HILDEBRAND
21	183	17	C	CHELSIE FORD

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	BRENDAN JACKSON
ASSISTANT COACH	NATHAN BATCHELOR
ASSISTANT COACH	PARIS JOANNIDES
TEAM MANAGER	KYM TIDSWELL

NUNAWADING SPECTRES



NO.	HEIGHT	AGE	POSITION	NAME
4	—	—	G	BROOKE WEST
5	—	—	G	CAHLIA HASLAM
8	—	—	F	HANA BEKTAS
11	—	—	F	KEELEY FRAWLEY
12	—	—	G/F	ELLENA TAYLOR
13	—	—	G	GEORGIA SJODIN
14	—	—	F/C	CAILLIN IBBOTSON
21	—	—	G	TESSA BOYD
22	—	—	G	YASMINE COOK
23	—	—	G	YASNA COOK
24	—	—	G	SARAH SLATER
34	—	—	F	KATE TANNER

TEAM STAFF	NAME
HEAD COACH	PAUL FLYNN
ASSISTANT COACH	NICK JACKSON
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team of the week! **ROUND 7**



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NEXT FIVE GAMES AT DV

ROUND 9 SATURDAY 20 MAY

SUNDAY 21 MAY

VYCM vs Waverley Falcons 6pm • SCM vs Knox Raiders 8pm

VYCW vs Kilsyth Cobras 12pm • SCW vs Knox Raiders 2pm

ROUND 10 SATURDAY 27 MAY

SCW vs Hume City Broncos 6pm • SCM vs Hume City Broncos 8pm

ROUND 11 SUNDAY 4 JUNE

VYCW vs Knox Raiders 12pm • SCW vs Southern Peninsula Sharks 2pm

ROUND 12 SATURDAY 17 JUNE

VYCM vs Kilsyth Cobras 6pm • SCM vs Werribee Devils 8pm

ROUND 13 SATURDAY 24 JUNE

VYCW vs Hawthorn Magic 7.30pm

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

SCW vs Waverley Falcons 12pm • SCM vs Waverley Falcons 2pm

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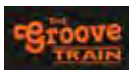
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DANIEL GIROLAMI

Ten big games struck round seven in Molten VYCM and boy were there some big results!

The round started off with a (slight) bang, as the result was huge, while the score wasn't. A defensive lock down job took place at Eltham High School when the Wildcats completely shut highly touted Dandenong out of the game. With both teams shooting under 30% from the floor, it took some big shots from Mark Scherf in the opening half to build a buffer for the home side. A late rally had the Rangers in touch, but wasn't enough to see them home. Both sides then suffered reverse results in their second games of the round, the Rangers bouncing back with a tight win over Ringwood, despite their lack of getting to the free throw line (just 4FTA). Eltham felt the wrath of returnees for Blackburn, suffering a 20-point defeat as the Vikes welcomed Jake Heath and Michael D'Agostino home.

The Altona Gators had arguably the toughest weekend of them all, and left empty handed, just. A 23-point loss to the defending champs had confidence a little down, however spirits were boosted when the Gators went down the stretch with Diamond Valley. Unfortunately for the Gators, Dylan Dunstan's 17 points guided the Eagles to a one-point road victory. Jezaem Mills didn't have quite a weekend as he did the week prior, yet still contributed with 18 points and five rebounds.

Diamond Valley crept over the line in the opening game of the weekend as well, when they defeated Hawthorn by five points. Cam Conlon's 17 point, 11 rebound double double was important, as was Justin Petrie's (11 points, 10 rebounds).

McKinnon found a way to split the weekend with a win over Sherbrooke followed by a close defeat at the hands of Knox. Jordan Geer managed 15 points and eight boards when the Cougars stretched out a fourth quarter lead to defeat the Suns. His 26 points and five dimes not enough against Knox, when Jake Eccleston dropped 19 points off the bench.

Kilsyth continued their solid start to the year with a win over Nunawading. The 23-7 third stanza all important, which included some of Jamie Ahale's 30 points and 11 rebounds. Mitch Dielemans also impressive with 23 points and 10 assists.

In the final game, which was the biggest of them all in terms of build up – the Sandringham Sabres were within touching distance of the undefeated Boomers at the end of three quarters, down just eight. However, looking back the Boomers won every quarter of the game to run out 14-point winners, off the back of Player of the Month Joel Rimes (16 points, 5 rebounds) and Harry Fayle (14 points). Ever consistent Matt Burke had 19 for the home side.

ROUND 7 RESULTS

Eltham defeated Dandenong (49-41)

Diamond Valley defeated Hawthorn (75-70)

McKinnon defeated **Sherbrooke** (80-56)

Diamond Valley defeated Altona (78-77)

Blackburn defeated Eltham (83-63)

Melbourne defeated Altona (86-63)

Kilsyth defeated Nunawading (88-71)

Knox defeated **McKinnon** (83-75)

Bulleen defeated **Sandringham** (89-75)

Dandenong defeated Ringwood (66-63)

With the reduced season in 2017, after this weekend in Molten VYCM we reach the halfway mark - feels like we only just started, right? With 10 games on the menu, it once again looks as though we'll have a few talking points by 4:30pm Sunday.

The round kicks off with Ringwood looking to bounce back on the road at Diamond Valley. The Eagles have a tendency to grind good teams out and they will well and truly give the Hawks a run for their money. It's always tough entering DV Sports & Fitness Centre knowing that you need a win to regain some momentum and that's what Kade Fittolani, Ryan Miller and the boys from the Hawks will be doing.

Sandringham would have finished last week's game against top of the table Bulleen and believed they were well in with a chance. Looking at the scoreboard however, showed that they still went down by double digits. If they put the score past them, they're still in some cracking form and a trip to McKinnon shouldn't do any harm. The main priority is to slow down Jordan Geer who's been in some hot form himself.

Knox and Kilsyth battle it out in what's sure to be a nice contest with plenty of points on offer. The 'Big3' of the Cobras will once again put their stamp on this one when Adnam, Ahale and Dielemans step on the court. Dandenong had another two questionable games last weekend which they came out with a 1-1 split despite not putting points on the board. Sherbrooke will be another grind it out game, rebounding to pose the biggest indicator - Alistair Parker against the likes of Nodia Odigie, Tyler Robertson and Pouch Pouch.

Bulleen will look to continue their streak, however always seem to find trouble when they meet the Spectres. It was a massive come-from-behind win last year when the two teams met and the visiting Spectres will surely have that in the back of their minds. Another danger game here.

Sunday's fest has a host of team's backing up - Nunawading faces a fresh Altona who has lost no admirers over the past number of weeks. Kilsyth and Diamond Valley go around again in what's set to be an absolute cracker of offence vs. defence. Knox back-up when they face the 'new-look' Blackburn who regained their stars. Will they get on a run of wins?

Hawthorn host Melbourne who, like Blackburn regain a couple of college stars as the competition is expecting to see the Tigers start to make a run of things. Tough home stand for the Magic here. Finally, Eltham will attempt to re-gain that stellar play which saw them defeat Dandenong last weekend when they travel to Waverley to meet the Falcons. Interesting match-up as no one will be sure what type of team will show up from either outfit!

Diamond Valley vs. Ringwood	6pm	DV Sports & Fitness
McKinnon vs. Sandringham	6pm	GESAC
Knox vs. Kilsyth	6pm	State Basketball Centre
Dandenong vs. Sherbrooke	7:30pm	Dandenong Basketball Stadium
Bulleen vs. Nunawading	8pm	East Doncaster Secondary College
Nunawading vs. Altona	12pm	Nunawading Basketball Stadium
Hawthorn vs. Melbourne	1pm	Boroondara Sports Complex
Blackburn vs. Knox	1pm	Knox Basketball Stadium
Kilsyth vs. Diamond Valley	2:30pm	Kilsyth Sports Centre
Waverley vs. Eltham	2:30pm	Waverley Basketball Centre

Casey saw off a tough Werribee side 88-74 in an impressive win. The Cavs showed how tough they will be to beat in 2017, sending the Devils packing in convincing fashion with a balanced attack. Brandon Polk (18pts 5reb 4ast 9-12FG) led five players in double figures in the win, while too much was left to Jeremy Smith (21pts 10reb) and Frederick Hunter (19pts 13reb) for the Devils.

Waverley edged out Hume City for a 74-71 comeback win on the road. The Broncos got the jump after a tight first half to build what looked a match-winning eight-point lead at the final change, before the Falcons went on a 24-13 tear in the last ten minutes to snatch victory. The Broncs went scoreless over the final four and a half minutes to surrender a six-point lead and hand their opponents the win. Desmond Simmons (21pts 12reb) led the Falcons, while Mike Rose (22pts 10reb) was the best for the Broncos.

Eltham defeated Knox 90-77 in what was touted as the match of the round, with the Wildcats proving they will be a championship threat in August as the Raiders suffered just their second defeat of the year. The 'Cats won every quarter in a very solid display, as young star Ben Waldren (27pts 7reb) came up big to lead all five starters in double digits. Justin Aver (17pts 8reb 6ast 5-9FG) was also prominent for the home side, while Adam Thoseby (19pts) led the way for the underwhelming Raiders.

Ringwood recovered from a slow start to see off Whittlesea 98-73. The Hawks trailed at quarter time but kicked into gear soon after, ensuring the Pacers would leave the Rings empty handed. Michael McCahey (21pts 6reb) led the Hawks, who had six players with 11 points or more in a dominant display. Dominic Bruno (21pts 5reb) was the leading scorer for the slumping Pacers.

Corio Bay roared home with a 32-19 final quarter to seal victory at home over Diamond Valley. The Stingrays ran out 93-83 victors after a tight first three quarters, as the home side celebrated a second win in as many weeks. Cameron Baker (31pts 9reb) stole the show but had plenty of mates, with four other Stingrays in double digits. Meanwhile for the Eagles, Brandon Conley (28pts 13reb) enjoyed a night out but it didn't add up to a much-needed win for his side.

McKinnon came up with a strong 83-67 win over Hawthorn to close out the weekend. The Cougars used a 28-18 third term to set up a match-winning lead, before turning on the clamps in the final term to protect it. Dillon Stith (6reb) and Ivan Platenik (14reb) had 20 points each for the home side in the win, while Jack Barry (19pts 5reb) led the Magic but to no avail as they were soundly beaten by a stacked Cougars side.

ROUND 7 RESULTS

Casey defeated Werribee (88-74)
Ringwood defeated Whittlesea (98-73)
Eltham defeated Knox (90-77)

Waverley defeated **Hume City** (74-71)
Corio Bay defeated Diamond Valley (93-83)
McKinnon defeated Hawthorn (83-67)

Casey (5-3) will host Eltham (6-2) in a blockbuster matchup between two of the better sides in the league. The Cavs have enjoyed a strong start to their SCM life, while the Wildcats have built strongly on a very good 2016 and look to be a genuine title threat this season. Home court will no doubt aid the Cavs but the 'Cats are riding high after being all over Knox last weekend and will head into this one as slight favourites.

Bottom feeders Diamond Valley (1-8) and Hawthorn (1-6) will each search for their second wins of the 2017 campaign when they go head-to-head. The Eagles were defeated at Corio Bay last weekend, and despite some competitive losses against good sides, have failed to taste victory in over a month now. The Magic are tracking just as poorly, making this game very important for two sides desperate for success.

Knox (8-2) will be out to bounce back to the winner's circle when they welcome McKinnon (4-3) to town. The Raiders were humbled by a red-hot Eltham side last weekend and will look to get back on track against a Cougars side that is seemingly starting to find their feet after a slow start to 2017. Dynamic duo Ivan Platenik and Dillon Stith have been the keys to success for the Cougars so far this year and will no doubt be a focus for the Raiders in what will be a cracking contest.

Waverley (6-3) and Werribee (5-3) will do battle in another clash between two finals contenders. The Devils have been fantastic this season but fell to Casey last weekend and will be looking to bounce back. Toppling the Falcons won't be an easy feat, however, with Waverley starting to get going following a slower-than-usual start to 2017. A win for either side will be important come August, particularly given how tight the top six is at the moment as teams jostle for ladder positions.

Whittlesea (1-7) welcomes Hume City (3-4) to town in search of a rare win. Both sides have struggled for consistency this season, with the Pacers leading Ringwood into the first quarter break last weekend before being blown away, while the Broncos went the other way, crumbling in the final stages after leading Waverley and keeping them at bay for 35 minutes of the match. The Broncos are the better side but this one could go either way depending on who turns up to play.

Hawthorn will back up on Sunday when they host the improving Corio Bay (2-6), who have won two in a row. The Stingrays were in crisis early on in the season but have shown plenty of heart in the last two weeks, with success following. A third win is up for grabs for the boys from Corio here against a lowly Hawthorn side on the back end of a double-header.

Casey vs. Eltham
Diamond Valley vs. Hawthorn
Knox vs. McKinnon
Waverley vs. Werribee
Whittlesea vs. Hume City
Hawthorn vs. Corio Bay

Saturday 8pm
Saturday 8pm
Saturday 8pm
Saturday 8.15pm
Saturday 8.30pm
Sunday 3pm

Casey Indoor Leisure Centre
Diamond Valley Sports & Fitness Centre
Knox Basketball Stadium
Waverley Basketball Centre
Mill Park Basketball Stadium
Boroondara Sports Complex

Dandenong have lost their first game of the season, going down to Nunawading. An impressive 13 points, and 8 rebounds off the bench from the Spectres' Kate Tanner did a lot to help their cause.

However Nunawading couldn't back it up on Sunday, getting beaten by Hawthorn by 17 points. Tayah Kelly had 26 points, including six threes, off the bench for the Magic.

Melbourne managed to take a win over Eltham, despite only playing 7 players. 23 points, and 7 rebounds from Jordan Cransberg helped them over the line. The Wildcat's Tessa Norman (25pts & 9rebs) was good despite the loss.

Hawthorn's weekend started as well as it finished, knocking off Bulleen on Saturday night. The Magic held the Boomers to just 2-17 from deep.

Hume City made the trip to Diamond Valley, and it was worth it. A 31-11 final quarter sealed a 20-point win for the Broncos. Hannah Mrakov had 22 points, and 10 rebounds for the victors.

Leah Santomaggio backed up winning POTM, leading Knox to a 6-point win over Kilsyth. She finished with 32 points, including 5/6 from deep, and 10 boards.

Dandenong recovered from their first loss of the season, to win on Sunday. Renee Dabas had a huge game for the rangers, collecting 21 boards, to go along with 20 points.

Despite recording 25 turnovers, Bendigo has managed to knock off Diamond Valley. Ahlise Hurst finished with 23 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists for the Braves.

A 25-15 last quarter was not enough for Knox, who fell to Altona. Dana Lindemann was one of Altona's best, recording 22 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Bulleen's struggles continued, going down to Sandringham on Sunday. Morgan Riley (23pts) provided a much needed spark off the bench for the Sabres.

The final game of the weekend saw Ringwood take bragging rights over Waverley. The Hawks were without Rebecca Noller, however Abbey Lloyd (19pts & 10rebs) stepped up and was very good.

ROUND 7 RESULTS

Melbourne defeated Eltham (74-58)
Hawthorn defeated **Bulleen** (61-50)
Hume City defeated **Diamond Valley** (85-65)
Knox defeated **Kilsyth** (64-58)
Nunawading defeated Dandenong (71-63)

Dandenong defeated Ballarat (79-62)
Bendigo defeated Diamond Valley (67-43)
Altona defeated **Knox** (65-60)
Sandringham defeated Bulleen (74-64)
Ringwood defeated **Waverley** (67-59)
Hawthorn defeated Nunawading (72-55)

Hawthorn had a massive weekend in round seven, going 2-0. They are now poised to push for a cement a spot in the top four. They come up against Kilsyth this week. The Cobras have had a tough time of it lately and will be looking to turn their form around.

The Magic play again on Sunday, travelling to Knox. Shutting down Leah Santomaggio will go a long way to helping them claim the win.

Kilsyth also has a double-header, hosting Melbourne on Sunday. The Tigers have slowed after a blistering start to the year, and seem as though they are still figuring some things out. This could be an interesting match-up.

Dandenong dropped their first game of the year last Saturday, however bounced back quickly the day after. Now they will look to push on, playing Waverley. Mikaela Miller has been exceptional for the Falcons, however will be tested against the stingy Rangers defense.

Round eight will be important for Bendigo, playing twice. They have to travel to Eltham and try to knock off Tessa Norman and the Wildcats. On Sunday the Braves, will play against the lowly Bulleen Boomers, a team that they should beat.

Ringwood is making their way up the table, showing some good form along the way. They are getting numerous contributors, and will be confident heading to Ballarat. The Rush has struggled to start season 2017, and it doesn't look as if it is going to get any easier.

Waverley will front up for a second time this weekend, hosting Eltham. Both teams will need to play past the fatigue, as both are looking to place themselves firmly in the playoff picture.

Nunawading claimed the big scalp of Dandenong last weekend, and will look to back it up against Diamond Valley in round eight. Coach Paul Flynn will be hoping his side has turned the corner, and hopefully the Spectres can show it in this game.

Hume City will travel to Altona in the final game of the round. The Broncos have been one of the strongest sides in the competition to date, and this will no doubt be a big test for the VYCW newcomers Altona

Hawthorn vs. Kilsyth	Sat 5:30pm	Boroondara Sports Complex
Dandenong vs. Waverley	Sat 5:30pm	Dandenong Basketball Stadium
Bulleen vs. Knox	Sat 6pm	East Doncaster Secondary College
Eltham vs. Bendigo	Sat 6pm	Eltham High School
Bendigo vs. Bulleen	Sun 12pm	Bendigo Stadium
Ballarat vs. Ringwood	Sun 12pm	MARS Minerdome
Knox vs. Hawthorn	Sun 12pm	State Basketball Centre
Kilsyth vs. Melbourne	Sun 12:30pm	Kilsyth Sports Centre
Waverley vs. Eltham	Sun 12:30pm	Waverley Basketball Centre
Altona vs. Hume City	Sun 1pm	Altona Sports Centre
Diamond Valley vs. Nunawading	Sun 1pm	Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre

SQUAWK'S CORNER



Q. What did the march say to all the madness?

A. What's all that bracket.



Q. Did you hear about the basketball team that doesn't have a website?

A. They can't string three "Ws" together.



Q. Why can't you get a fairly officiated game in the jungle?

A. They are all cheetahs.



Q. In what sport is a basket filled but never gets full?

A. Basketball.

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