



Mildura (3rd) vs. Chelsea (2nd)

Meetings this season

R3: Mildura defeated Chelsea 75-73
R16: Mildura defeated Chelsea 89-87

From the coaches

James Madigan (Mildura)

"This should be a great game of basketball with the two regular season games decided in the last seconds. Chelsea are a great team with two of the best scorers in the league and have been one of the two favourites to take out the title so we are comfortable going in as underdogs. We have been playing some very good basketball lately so we really need to take advantage of our home court; should be another thriller."

Craig Smethurst (Chelsea)

"We have a lot of respect for their ball club and what they manage to do year after year in this competition. They have just come off a convincing round one win and we know they will be ready to go versus us in game one. Both our games this year have come down to the final minute and I expect this one to be no different. I look forward to the ball being thrown up and both sets of ladies being able to showcase their talents."

Overview

Mildura is one of the form teams of the comp right now and are looking to go deep into August. To win this series they must take game one on their home floor and take advantage of the Gulls making the trek upstate to the Hothouse. Both regular season games went down to the wire with the Heat winning both by a single basket, and expect this one to be no different.

Prediction

Mildura by 1

Keilor (4th) vs. Geelong (1st)

Meetings this season

R9: Geelong defeated Keilor 75-51
R17: Geelong defeated Keilor 63-59

From the coaches

Tom Bandilovski (Keilor)

"There is a good reason why Geelong finished top of the ladder in the regular season; they are a team with years of experience and depth. During the regular season we weren't able to come away with a win the two times we met, but we did come close in our second match so we will be looking to improve on that. As a team this whole season we have focused on improvement and we have been getting better with each game played. Going into Sunday's game we will do what we did last week and just focus on our style of game."

Natalie Hughes (Geelong)

Not available at time of publish

Overview

Geelong are deserved title favourites after another dominant season, while the Thunder have battled away and are starting to make some noise of their own in recent weeks. The 'Cats remain the most dangerous side in the comp when at full strength and firing, but they certainly won't have it all their own way on the road in game one. When these sides met two weeks ago at Keilor it was a four-point game, and that will certainly give the home side hope of causing an upset, but they will need to be at their absolute best to pull it off.

Prediction

Geelong by 2



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