



Sunbury (1st) vs. Southern Pen (4th)

Meetings this season

R10: Sunbury def Southern Pen 65-59
R15: Sunbury def Southern Pen 63-50
Game 1: Sunbury def Southern Pen 59-39

From the coaches

Andrew Seidel (Sunbury)

"Once again thanks for your support and good luck to Southern Peninsula in this game 2 of the playoffs tonight. We were very fortunate to have gone down to Rosebud last weekend and got the points against a very young Southern Peninsula side who I still believe will come out fighting tonight to try and take the series to a third game, however our girls will be doing their upmost not to allow this to happen as I honestly believe this Southern Peninsula team has what it takes and will get there turn in seasons to come.

Without being too confident I believe our girls played extremely well last weekend and I believe they've got what it takes to get them through to the Grand Final series, so all the best to both teams.."

Marc Pirrotta (Southern Pen)

"For us to force a decider on Sunday, a focus needs to be on better containment of Sunbury's go to players. We have worked on that this week and feel confident we can improve in this area. We also need to ensure we get our shots where we want to get them from. But really, it's simply about letting the girls play the game to their strengths."

Overview

After taking a comfortable 20pt win in game 1, the Jets take the series home for what we think will be done and dusted in 2. The Jets have been the leader of the pack this season and although the Sharks have shown grit and fight, we think they have met their match.

Prediction

Sunbury by 15

Blackburn (2nd) vs. Casey (3rd)

Meetings this season

R1: Blackburn def Casey 69-59
R6: Casey def Blackburn 52-37
R14: Blackburn def Casey 65-53
Game 1: Casey def Blackburn 71-68

From the coaches

Daniel Jaunutis (Blackburn)

"Game 1 was an arm wrestle from start to finish and I can't see game 2 and hopefully 3 being any different. We were a bit slow out of the blocks in game 1 so we need to make sure we are ready to go.

Andrea Belmonte was outstanding for us, she's always the smallest player on the court and to amass 20pts and 8rbs shows how hard she works. Amy Coen was another one that lifted her game and we will need her to do it again if we are to win games 2 and 3.

A big key for us will be to keep Sarsha Cadle and Tess Young off the boards.

We are completely focused on winning game 2 and know it is going to be another battle between two evenly matched teams.

Brad Roof (Casey)

"What a cracking first game! The result decided by 3 points at the final siren.

We wanted to come out early and set the pace. However, we didn't account for Andrea Belmonte. For us to close out the series in 2, we will need to be consistent in all 4 quarters. Finals basketball is usually unpredictable at the best of times, but both teams shooting over 40% meant that both teams were on offensively.

If this series goes into a Game 3, it will come down to who can recover the best and run the game out.

Needless to say, Game 2 will be a cracking game if the Game 1 result was anything to go by."

Prediction

Blackburn by 6



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