



Round one for the Division Two Women's competition kicks off the season with some strong headers.

On Saturday, North East Bushrangers will be going up against Keysborough Cougars. The teams finished 6th and 7th respectively in the 2016 competition. North seemed to be the stronger side, finishing with a much higher percentage due to winning 11 from 18 matches, opposed to Keysborough who won just 6 from 18. For North East, eyes should be on Sarah Wellington and Stacey Browne – who both finished in the top 5 of the league for 3-point shot percentage (42% and 39% respectively.) The talented duo also hold strong defensive skillsets, finishing second and third in the league for blocks. If Genevieve Abbott is back for Keysborough, she should bring strong offensive pressure, after finishing second overall in the league for assists (11.8 average) and fifth in the league for offensive rebounds (14.7).

We welcome the Wallan Panthers who will be trying to give the runners-up on the 2016 ladder, Mornington Breakers, a run for their money. Mornington's all-rounder last season Rebecca Swaine by reports has jumped ship to a rival club and her valuable assets will be a big loss to the team. Mornington managed to rack up the fouls last season, with three of its players finishing in the top five. Hopefully they can keep their game cleaner heading into the new season.

Warrnambool Mermaids return to the competition to play Melbourne University Black Angels, who finished fifth overall last season but managed to claw their way into the grand final as a Cinderella story would! The Collingwood All Stars and Craigieburn Eagles game will bring some fresh talent and both appear to have some promising skill to bring to the competition.

The Mornington back up against Coburg Giants on Sunday. It will be a tight competition, with both teams finishing in the top four (second and fourth) last season. Notable mentions go to Kendall King-Hawea and Rachael Mckeown who were stand-out offensively and defensively last season for Coburg.

Altona Gators will clash with strong-side Blackburn Vikings this weekend. Blackburn finished third overall, compared to Altona's eighth position in 2016. Tara Bohanna from Blackburn had a strong presence defensively, as did multi-skilled Alysha Garden-David for Altona.

North East vs. Keysborough
Wallan vs. Mornington
Warrnambool vs. Melb Uni
Collingwood vs. Craigieburn
Mornington vs. Coburg
Altona vs. Blackburn

Sat 5pm
Sat 6pm
Sat 6pm
Sat 6:30pm
Sun 12pm
Sun 3pm

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