



# RD 1 – RECAP (cont.)

## MOLTEN VICTORIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP MEN

10 games concluded the extended round one in Molten Victorian Youth Championship Men and has the latter half of the round exposed more questions to pose than questions answered? Early front runners Blackburn suffered back-to-back defeats in what was an ugly weekend for the Vikings so early on in the year. Entering their new 'home' for the season, the Vikes were easily accounted for by a surging Sabres outfit. No Jack Roberts for the Saturday game didn't help the cause, however it was Finn Kenny's 21 points and nine rebounds that led the brigade in which Sandy racked up 53 total rebounds (to 31). It didn't end there as Altona put aside a quiet first quarter to rally back in Sunday's victory. Paul Tang's 21 points and Tyson Burton's 20 allowed the Gators to register their first win in the top flight.

Melbourne arguably were dealt the toughest weekend and have come out of it one and one. It seems Saturday's grind it out contest with Kilsyth may have had a major impact on their performance against the Hawks on Sunday. The two-point victory over the Snakes was thanks to an impact performance by Jack Bines who compiled 13 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and four steals off the bench. Ringwood were primed to pick off the same team that was between them and a championship at the end of 2016, exemplified by a 14-5 second stanza en-route to a 22-point win. 23 points to Ryan Miller off the bench the standout.

Ringwood were not as fortunate the night earlier, succumbing to defeat to Knox by two points. A go-ahead jumper by Malik Meunier (16p) with four seconds left allowed the Raiders to get themselves on the board.

Diamond Valley scored the upper hand in the No Love Lost Cup (metro version) when they ran out of Eltham High School with a two point win. Ovie Magbego's (11p 16r) double double wasn't enough as a topsy-turvy affair went to the way of the visitors.

In Sunday's affairs, Bulleen managed to defeat a pesky Hawthorn outfit at Boroondara. The 12-point margin may not illustrate the contest with the Magic certainly having their chances late. Ernst Kruger an impressive double double with 22 points and 16 rebounds. Dandenong continued to show their defensive prowess with a ten point win over McKinnon. The Rangers forced McKinnon into 23 turnovers, while also shooting at 35% from the floor.

The Suns upset Nunawading which has put the Spectres into an early 0-2 hole. Shane Crick emerged with 22 points and 10 boards, as most of the visitors starters struggled to get going (Eugster 2-15FG, West 0-5FG, Baxter 3-11FG, Gandolfo 2-13FG off the bench). Finally, Kilsyth bounced back with a vengeance knocking off Waverley convincingly with all playing players on the scoresheet.

### ROUND 1 (cont.) RESULTS

Melbourne (H) defeated Kilsyth (71-69)

Sandringham defeated Blackburn (H) (82-65)

Altona (H) defeated Blackburn (84-67)

Dandenong (H) defeated McKinnon (58-48)

Ringwood (H) defeated Melbourne (67-45)

DV defeated Eltham (H) (67-65)

Knox (H) defeated Ringwood (70-68)

Bulleen defeated Hawthorn (H) (78-66)

Sherbrooke (H) defeated Nunawading (60-47)

Kilsyth (H) defeated Waverley (106-62)



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