



A massive season of SCM will kick off this weekend, with Ringwood taking on Werribee at the Rings. The defending champions will host the Devils and should get their season off to a solid start at home, however it presents the visitors with a big opportunity to take a leap forward in 2017 and show some immediate improvement on the road against a top side.

Corio Bay will be looking to go one better in 2017, kicking off their new campaign against newly promoted Casey. The D1M champions will face a tough ask first up, travelling to Geelong to face last season's runners up, but have the opportunity to immediately prove they belong with a tough win against one of the top sides in the league on the road.

Diamond Valley and Eltham will face off in a rivalry clash straight off the bat. The Wildcats went on a miracle run last season and will look to build on that again in 2017, with serious title ambitions potentially on the agenda. Meanwhile, the Eagles will also be looking for improvement and have the potential to make a dent in the post-season, making for an intriguing first up clash between the two sides.

Whittlesea hosts McKinnon in the final Saturday game, with the Cougars heading into season 2017 with big expectations after bolstering their roster over the off-season. The Pacers will face a stern first-up test, even though they are playing at home, but all eyes will be on the new-look visitors and just how they will perform as they step out on court for the first time.

Waverley will begin their 2017 season against Knox in a clash between two of 2016's finals competitors. 2017 will present new challenges for both sides, however, and facing off against each other means that one side will start the season on the back foot. The Falcons are always tough to beat at home but this one could do down to the wire if 2016 was anything to go by.

New-look Hume City hosts Hawthorn to finish up the round in a clash where nobody really knows what to expect just yet. The Broncos will step out on their home floor after a raft of big changes to their 2016 roster, while the Magic struggled last season but will no doubt be looking for improvement and have the potential to do so through their young up-and-comers.

Ringwood vs. Werribee	Saturday 6pm	The Rings
Corio Bay vs. Casey	Saturday 7pm	Geelong Basketball Netball Centre
Diamond Valley vs. Eltham	Saturday 8pm	Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre
Whittlesea vs. McKinnon	Saturday 8.30pm	Mill Park Basketball Stadium
Waverley vs. Knox	Sunday 2.30pm	Waverley Basketball Centre
Hume City vs. Hawthorn	Sunday 3pm	Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium

