



We are back again! Season 2017 is upon us and we are expecting another cracker of a year from the YL2M competition.

Let us start with the 2016 Runner's Up, the Mornington Breakers. From all reports this is going to be a new looking team. The 'stars' have left for new and bigger things leaving the new blood to fill their shoes. We got a glimpse of the new squad at the pre-season tournament, finishing middle of the pack. Luckily for them, their first round match up happens to be against their one and only win at the tournament, the new kids on the block, Wallan. As we always say to new teams, the first year is going to be the hardest. It is going to take some time to gel and settle in.

Onto another team making their Big V debut in the YL2M competition, the Collingwood All Stars. After a successful season in D2M, the All Stars wanted to build that pathway quickly. With a strong pool of players within the Collingwood area, we have a suspicion that their first season in is going to go well. First up for them this is the Eagles. Last year the Eagles only just missed out on a finals spot and they will look to crack the top 6 in 2017.

One team that everyone should be looking out for are the Pakenham Warriors. In 2016, their first year in mind you, they finished number 2. With the eventual winners moving up to YL1M and the Breakers succumbing to a number of losses, we believe the Warriors are the team to beat. Kicking their season off will be a round 1 meeting with the Keysborough Cougars, coming down from YL1M. After a stint in the higher division, they are back down to where they will hopefully be a more competitive side.

A team that may just give the Warriors a run for their money are the Cavs. This team has been a dominant side for a couple of years now and 2017 may just be their year to shine. Their round 1 meeting is against the Thoroughbreds who made the last spot in the 2016 finals and only just lost to the eventual winners. They look to be a strong force once again after finishing top of the ladder in the pre-season tournament, only going down by 3 to the Maccabi Warriors in the final. We can expect a similar season from the Thoroughbreds.

As we just mentioned, the Maccabi Warriors were the winners of the YL2M competition at the pre-season tournament. This is great to see from a team that struggled to catch a break last year. Hopefully this type of beginning is just what they needed to kick off their 2017 campaign. And what better way to kick off round 1 with a road trip down to Warrnambool. The Seahawks were in a similar boat last year and without knowing to much about them for this year, we are unsure what to expect.

To round out this week's previews, the Gulls take on the Steelers. The Gulls were another team to compete at the pre-season tournament, only taking 1 win for the weekend. If this is anything to go on, they may be in a bit of trouble against the Steelers. They were another team to just miss out on finals last year so we may see more from them in 2017.

Warrnambool vs. Maccabi

Sat 4pm

The Arc Sports Stadium

Melton vs. Casey

Sat 6pm

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre

Chelsea vs. Western Port

Sat 6pm

Patterson River Stadium

Collingwood vs. Craigieburn

Sun 12pm

Collingwood College

Wallan vs. Mornington

Sun 1pm

RB Robson Stadium

Pakenham vs. Keysborough

Sun 4pm

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