



We are all geared up for the commencement of the 2017 season and in particular the YL2W competition. We've said goodbye and good luck to the Thunder and the Gulls who have moved up into the YL1W competition and welcomed new teams in the Cavs, Warriors and Steelers.

First up and definitely game of the round, the Jets and the Breakers meet in possibly a game all about status. These two teams finished 2nd and 4th respectively last season and only just missed out on a Grand Final spot. The team that wins here certainly takes bragging rights. We saw both the Jets and the Breakers take part in the pre-season tournament which saw the Jets take home the title. The Breakers only took 1 win for the weekend however, hopefully this is nothing to read into.

The Vikings have been drawn the short straw with a double header weekend right off the bat. Not only do they have to contend with the Suns, they also meet with one of the newbie teams, the Cavs. These games will give us an insight as to where the Vikings sit as they are one of many teams that are on the improvement bandwagon.

The Cavs are a team that we know very little about. We can only assume from the strength of their senior women's side that they have talent coming through the ranks. We look forward to seeing the result of this match and to get an idea as to just where the Cavs will sit but with the Vikings having the experience in this area, they will start the game one up already.

The Suns are another team looking to improve on a very lackluster season last year and what a way to go about it with a runner's up tag at the pre-season tournament. We became accustomed to a number of big losses from this side last year so starting their season off like this is surely a sign of better things to come for this team. If this side can be competitive this year and minimize the number of large margin losses, just imagine the amount of confidence that will instill on this team.

It looks as though it may be another tough season for the Sharks. Coming off 6 wins last year to 1 win at a pre-season tournament doesn't show a great deal of improvement. But fortunately for them, they have two occasions this weekend to prove us wrong. First up is the Pacers followed by the rookie Warriors.

For one, being the Warriors, we are not sure what to expect. However, if the pre-season tournament is anything to go off, it may be a long year. But as most new teams experience, the first year is always the toughest. For the Pacers, the experience is there and with a 5th placing last year, surely they are on the up. And like the Sharks and the Vikings, they too have a 2 game weekend. For their second game, they will get to see what the Steelers are bringing to the floor for their first year in the competition. They have had a successful women's team competing for a few years now and the addition of a youth women's team at this stage can only mean they have the juniors coming through allowing them to take this step.

Southern Pen vs. Whittlesea
Sunbury vs. Mornington
Blackburn vs. Casey
Sherbrooke vs. Blackburn
Whittlesea vs. Western Port
Pakenham vs. Southern Pen

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Sat 6pm
Sat 6pm
Sun 12pm
Sun 1pm
Sun 2pm

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