



With six weeks to go in the regular season the jockeying for a finals berth has commenced. Though they are tracking better than the Gators, the Boomers also have to keep winning and will eye this contest as an important one, especially on the road. For the home team, they simply have to get the job done. Bozeman will figure prominently again and will take some stopping, while for the Gators it will be a case of all hands on deck to get the result they need. Boomers to start favourites.

If there is one thing we know the Steelers will deliver, it's a grinding defence. Whether or not it's good enough for a win, the season thus far suggests they still need to find a way to score. Xavier Blount will be tough to stop at home and you can't help but feel the Seahawks might get on a run at some stage here in front of their adoring fans. Try as they might, this one looks beyond the Steelers.

The Cougars will fight to the final whistle, this we know, but the difference in class between these two outfits looks big enough to predict a win for the Thunder. Chuck Long has been a great get for Keilor and he really is in some top form right now. With quick guards and a solid game plan, the Thunder is eyeing off silverware this season and will not want to succumb to the lowly Cougars.

It simply hasn't been the year of the Thoroughbreds this time around. They have been better of late, but they are coming from too far back now. For Chelsea, every game is a must-win and they are always a chance with a player like Corey Standerfer in the line-up. On track for All Star 5 and maybe even an MVP award, the stud import won't let this one slip. Melton will always prove tough at home, but the Gulls for the win in this one.

Keilor is back at home on Sunday and this looms as a danger game against the Jets, who we have come to expect some unpredictability from this season. When they're on the Jets can certainly do some damage, but they will need to be at their absolute best to topple the Thunder. Keep an eye on Keilor's rising guards in this game, they could be the keys to another win and run Sunbury ragged.

A nice game here with the Vikings set to start favourites against the Black Angels. We say it most weeks - Melbourne Uni are a very competitive team and rarely are they blown out of the water this season. With every position covered and the status of Jack Roberts rising rapidly by the week, the Vikes are as solid as ever and destined to be right in the thick of the finals action once more this season. While they wouldn't want to take Norton, Masunda and the Black Angels lightly, if form rings true then this should be another win for Blackburn.

The weekend closes with Warrandyte celebrating Josh Collins' 200th game. A true clubman and just an all-round nice guy, Collins has been a valuable player for the Venom for the best part of a decade. He'll need to be up and about here and have the likes of good mate Andy Clough going with him if they hope to beat Geelong. Though the Supercats are open to a bad game here and there, fact is if Lewis Varley gets going then they usually score big, which is something the Venom don't usually do. Geelong will like their chances here, but don't write off the very unpredictable Venom.

Shepparton vs. Bulleen	Sat 7:30pm	Shepparton Sports Stadium
Blackburn vs. Melb Uni	Sat 8pm	Knox Basketball Stadium
Keysborough vs. Keilor	Sat 8pm	Rowville Secondary College
Warrnambool vs. Western Port	Sat 8pm	The Arc
Melton vs. Chelsea	Sun 2pm	Melton Indoor Rec Centre
Warrandyte vs. Geelong	Sun 2pm	Warrandyte Sports Complex
Keilor vs. Sunbury	Sun 3:30pm	Keilor Basketball Stadium



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