



A great test for Division Two Women with all teams coming off a week layoff thanks to the Queen's Birthday Weekend. There's only a handful of rounds left in the regular season and if team's like Craigieburn, Blackburn, Coburg and Collingwood want to really make a push towards post-season basketball the time is now.

Fittingly, Blackburn, Melbourne Uni and Coburg all face games against each other this weekend when the Vikes do battle with the Black Angels. Melbourne Uni may have to go on the road in this one, however they would go in slight favourites after putting in some good form prior to the break. If Mel Fidler and Amanda Anderson can put together solid games, Uni will succeed. The Vikes' huge weekend continues with a trip to Coburg on the Sunday; Player of the Month Deslyn Applewhaite will be sure to score plenty of attention from her opposition coach in Peter Buckle. It will take a team effort on the defensive end of the floor, which includes Andrea Belmonte, Caitlin Holzheimer and Amanda Zennaro all to pitch in to secure a victory.

Could it be a big weekend for road teams, as Collingwood travel to Altona in search of another win? The development of this team has shone brightest over the past number of weeks, with the results certainly showing some reward for effort. The mid-season inclusion of Janita Badon has certainly helped the cause, however key role players need to be mentioned in the All Stars rise: Maddy Borg, Sarah Priarone and Jackie Gibson all valuable contributors.

Warrnambool host Craigieburn in what looks to be a tough outing for the Eagles. Despite sitting a game above .500, the Eagles will need a lot to go right on this road trip if they were to cause a major boilover. With no real genuine go-to scorer, the Eagles will rely on team defence to keep the Mermaids to under 65 as a benchmark, which could prove too much as the home side have so many weapons.

North East travel to Rowville in search of a win over Keysborough. Both sides haven't set the competition alight this season and games like these prove critical in terms of building some momentum and confidence. The Cougs have some great offensive players, specifically in Mia Motta and Rickell Preston, both of whom will look to put points on the board early and stretch the Bushies defence. Alaana Northey and Ella Hales have been excellent for the North East side this year, but will need big games again if they are to crack a win.

Finally, Mornington host Wallan in a big-time match-up, one which Warren Taylor and the Panthers would have highlighted before the break. To get a win here would be huge and put a gap over their third placed rivals, while continuing to breathe down the Mermaids necks. As always, Patrice McKenzie will be ever important in this one for the Breakers, however it's even more important that she finds some teammates who step up around her offensively. If that is to be the case, the Breakers are in with a chance at home.

Blackburn vs. Melbourne Uni  
Keysborough vs. North East  
Warrnambool vs. Craigieburn  
Mornington vs. Wallan  
Altona vs. Collingwood  
Coburg vs. Blackburn

Sat 6pm  
Sat 6pm  
Sat 6pm  
Sat 6:30pm  
Sun 3pm  
Sun 3pm

Knox Basketball Stadium  
Rowville Secondary College  
The Arc  
Mornington Basketball Stadium  
Altona Sports Centre  
Coburg Basketball Stadium



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