



After a chance to take a breather, it's time to forge head on into the last 6 rounds. Who will hit the reset button on their season, who will hit the ejector button and who will hopefully hit the maintain cruise control button?

With a Top 6 opportunity still a possibility, it's a crucial weekend for Bendigo, Geelong, Coburg and Ballarat to edge towards a 50% record and put pressure on the 6th placed incumbent, Warrandyte.

With that in mind, the Supers get a chance this weekend to do just that in their first season meeting with the Venom. Warrandyte will be convoying the Supers up the M1 after taking on Corio Bay the night before in Geelong – in itself a tough assignment given the Rays recent form. A win for the Supers will help their cause by leading the series and by the end of the weekend will still be two games in hand of their opponents. If the Venom can take the Sunday fixture, it will keep them at at least 50% if they happen to split their weekend and keep the chasing pack at bay for another week. If the Venom can chalk up two wins, they might almost be able to smell finals.

Bendigo open the weekend against a Whittlesea team who would be hoping to be one of the reset button teams. Finals well out of reach for the Pacers means they can start mixing things up with little to lose and begin the early rebuilding for 2018. The Braves will be hoping the Rays and Supers do the job on the Venom and if they can, 6th spot could potentially be theirs. A mixed bag for Coburg, who take on Whittlesea in their regular grudge match on the Sunday at Mill Park. They first need to negotiate Keilor, who prior to the break were travelling quite nicely. Two weekend losses might see the Giants reaching for the season eject button.

Ballarat tip off against Sunbury on the road on Saturday before returning to face the Devils at Home. The Devils are a tough gig, but the Miners have shown at home they can do anything and you can imagine the euphoria of beating the Top 2 teams this season to give them renewed hope of a finals campaign. The Jets have been vulnerable (much like the Miners) during the season, but have serviceable form at home and they'll want some momentum to keep their Top 4 spot.

The Devils for their part have a danger game against the Dragons and were pushed in their first encounter to record a 6 point win. If the Dragons can extract revenge, it will make the last 5 rounds very interesting. After battling Coburg the night before, the Thunder have a match they will expect to win against the Broncos but they aren't pushovers on the Broady pine. Two Keilor wins will have them on the cruise control button path.

Bendigo vs. Whittlesea	Sat 4pm	Bendigo Stadium
Corio Bay vs. Warrandyte	Sat 4pm	Geelong Basketball Netball Centre
Coburg vs. Keilor	Sat 6:30pm	Coburg Basketball Stadium
Sunbury vs. Ballarat	Sat 8pm	Boardman Stadium
Werribee vs. Camberwell	Sat 8:30pm	Eagle Stadium
Warrandyte vs. Geelong	Sun 12:30pm	Warrandyte Sports Complex
Ballarat vs. Werribee	Sun 1pm	Mars Minedome
Keilor vs. Hume City	Sun 2pm	Keilor Basketball Stadium
Whittlesea vs Coburg	Sun 2pm	Mill Park Basketball Stadium



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