



With only one more round to go before finals get underway, we have 2 teams relying heavily on this weekend's games as it ultimately decide who is in and who is out. The All Stars and the Breakers are the 2 in the spotlight and everything is riding on what happens in each of their final 2 games. And funnily enough, to kick off their weekend, they meet each other on the Saturday. This is a must win game for either side and on top of this, if the Breakers are to get it, they must win by more than 4 to have head to head. But in order for this to play a role in deciding who takes that 6th place, the Breakers need the All Stars to lose on the Sunday and of course they need to win their own. The Sunday sees the All Stars take on the Cougars, a side that has stepped up over the past few weeks and are also a side that has already had the pleasure of defeating the All Stars. What a nerve-racking weekend for the All Stars. They really need that win on the Saturday. The Breakers have the more easier second game, taking on the Seahawks at home. And to make it even easier, the Seahawks don't tend to bring the whole kit and caboodle for away games. This Breakers side have a solid chance of a finals spot but will the thought of this be what brings them undone? Keep a keen eye out for these 2 teams over the weekend, we surely will be.

Our ladder leaders, the Pakky Warriors, are going to remain just that and will have the pleasure of having a week off before their finals campaign gets underway. They are another team that will be faced with their final 2 games this weekend, starting off with an easier opponent in the Thoroughbreds followed by a more tougher affair against the Steelers. The Thoroughbreds are obviously out of finals contention but have done well to string a few wins together of the past few weeks. But even though we don't see them wreaking havoc against the Warriors, we can say they will finish their season off with a win, but more on that later. As for the Steelers, they are a tough competitor. Coming off a win against the Cavs last week will surely instill some confidence and even though they will be making finals, their sights are set on a home final which means they need a good weekend and some results to fall their way.

Speaking of the Cavs, they finish their regular season with a road trip to Warrnambool and we can already tell you that they will be enjoying their trip home. They made easy work of the Seahawks back in round 10 and we expect them to do the same on this occasion. And as they will finish their season in 2nd place, they too will be enjoying a week's break at weekends end.

The Steelers have been given a tough weekend to finish their season, meeting the Warriors on the Sunday as we have mentioned but before this, they take on the Eagles on the Saturday. There is a slight gap between the two on the ladder, the Eagles up in 3rd, the Steelers down in 5th. But heading into this match, the Steelers seem better placed. Back in round 11 in their first meeting, the Steelers came away with a 7 point win. But with the likelihood of a loss on the Sunday, they need to get this win.

Let's jump to the Thoroughbreds second game for the weekend, the one that we see resulting in a win. They take on the Gulls, the side sitting just below them on the ladder. This Gulls side have been hit with a couple of tough opponents in the last few weeks which has unfortunately resulted in a 3 game losing streak. We are fairly confident that this Thoroughbreds side will be finishing their 2017 season off with a win, and we hope to see the Gulls losing streak broken on the Saturday when they meet with the Panthers.

We like to finish the season with every team grabbing at least one win but unfortunately, we don't think we will be seeing this. The Panthers are the sole remaining team without a win and when they come up against the Gulls, they are more than likely going to be the 2nd placed team. But to give the Panthers some confidence, they did come within 2 points of the Pakky Warriors. Not something that many teams in this competition can say. If they play like they did in that match, they will cause an upset. But it all depends on what Panthers team takes the court.

Mornington vs. Collingwood
Wallan vs. Chelsea
Melton vs. Pakenham
Western Port vs. Craigieburn
Warrnambool vs. Casey
Collingwood vs. Keysborough
Mornington vs. Warrnambool
Chelsea vs. Melton
Pakenham vs. Western Port

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Sat 4pm
Sat 6pm
Sat 7pm
Sat 7pm
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Sun 12pm
Sun 1pm
Sun 2pm

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Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
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