



Busy schedule for R5 with eight games, including vital doubles for Collingwood and Mildura in particular, while Sth Peninsula and North East also have doubles and plenty of travel to go with it. Let's start up at Wodonga where the Bushrangers host a resurgent Altona, the Gators feeling much better about the season after a couple of wins last time out. If Patrick Green can keep his work-rate up, the Gators look a big chance. Mildura starts the weekend down at Pakenham, and from all reports Calvin Henry will play. The Warriors are just starting to get going, especially with Ben Gaze in a scoring groove. If the home team can control Henry and not force shots against him, they should get the win. The Sharks head to Sherbrooke and all things being equal it should result in a victory. There's a lot to like about the constant improvement of Justin Taylor and now that he is settled you can expect a big game from him here. The Suns will battle hard, they always do, and a win isn't out of the questions, but they will need a lot to go right for them. Collingwood starts at home on Saturday night with Coburg coming to visit and given what the two teams have dished up thus far you can't help but think the All Stars will clean this one up. With Hendrix becoming a more rounded leader at Collingwood we are starting to see others step up and provide a multi-pronged attack, something that is serving the All Stars well. Despite having plenty of proven performers, the Giants have really struggled over the opening month and right now it looks like they're in for a long season. The only thing that will get things going for Coburg is a win and they just have to dig one out as quickly as possible, just not sure it will come against Collingwood. Mornington is home to Craigieburn in the late game on Saturday and no doubt the Breakers will be eager to bounce back after their heartbreaking loss before the Easter break. Here's a tip - don't sleep on the Eagles this season, they look more than ok and as the season moves on it's likely this outfit will keep improving. A massive game for both teams with the win likely to be decided at the defensive end. If Liam Watt gets amongst it you have to think the Eagles might snatch this one. Sunday starts with a ripper between Camberwell and Collingwood, perhaps even a glimpse at what we might see come August. Mark Jeffers is leading his Dragons beautifully so far and though they coughed one up at Mildura before the break, back at home they are a force and will be hard to stop. A good test for the All Stars coming off a game the previous night and like always if Hendrix is allowed to shoot without pressure it will be a costly afternoon for the opposition. Dragons to start favourites. North East hits the road for a Sunday trip to Melbourne, and that road leads all the way down to the peninsula for a showdown with the Sharks. It's hardly been a season to celebrate thus far for North East and given the need to back-up with a long drive, this one could get ugly. Expect a good win for the Sharks, provided of course they don't look upon the Bushies as easy fodder. The weekend finishes with Wallan hosting Mildura, a terrific match-up that will test both teams if they are not at their best. It's hard to know which way the weekend runs out for the Heat, it could be a great trip or a miserable one, but what we do know is they will need Henry to fire. Given the competition's star is a bit poppy right now, the Panthers would be best placed to run all game and test the fitness of their opposition.

North East vs Altona	Sat 5pm	Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre
Pakenham vs Mildura	Sat 6pm	Cardinia Life
Sherbrooke vs Sth Peninsula	Sat 8pm	Belgrave Heights Christian School
Collingwood vs Coburg	Sat 8pm	Collingwood College
Mornington vs Craigieburn	Sat 8:30pm	Mornington Basketball Stadium
Camberwell vs Collingwood	Sun 2pm	Balwyn High School
Sth Peninsula vs North East	Sun 2pm	Hillview Stadium
Wallan vs Mildura	Sun 2pm	RB Robson Stadium



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