



Mildura (4-4) tackles Hawthorn (5-5), with the Heat fresh from a weekend off and looking to go above .500. The Magic, meanwhile, is coming off a tough 10-point loss to red-hot Chelsea and will be looking to bounce back after a dip in form following a strong start to 2017. The Hothouse isn't quite the fortress it has been in past years so far this season and visiting sides are starting to head to Mildura with a lot more confidence. However, fresh from the bye, the Heat will still start favourites in what looms as a tight and hard-fought contest.

Whittlesea (3-7) will try and build on a rare win in round eight when they welcome in form Camberwell (5-5). The Dragons may have gone down to Werribee last weekend in overtime but remain in ripping form and will be a major test for the Pacers, who have been well below expectations so far in season 2017. That being said, a win in a time of need can often do funny things for a team down on confidence like the Pacers, and they will be hoping a 23-11 final term last weekend filters through to this contest.

Geelong (8-2) will welcome Keilor (4-5) to town, with the top-placed Supercats also fresh off a bye weekend in round eight. The Thunder, meanwhile, ran all over the top of Latrobe City late in a barnstorming win at home, and will take some confidence into what has quickly become the toughest trip in the league in recent weeks as the 'Cats have moved into title favoritism. The visitors have the talent to push the Geelong machine, but whether that will last four quarters and be enough to leave with a win remains to be seen.

Casey (2-7) and Werribee (8-2) will go toe-to-toe in a battle that suddenly looks a lot closer than it would have a month ago. The Cavs, while still sitting at the foot of the standings, have shown promise after a few very lean weeks, particularly offensively, and another win is just around the corner. Of course, the Devils remain one of the premier sides in the competition and will be very tough to beat, despite a dip in form that has seen them lose twice in three weeks and narrowly avoid a third via overtime last weekend.

Western Port (2-7) will come off their bye by welcoming Latrobe City (3-5) to town. The Steelers have struggled this season so far and any chance of making the finals is falling away very quickly, while the Energy aren't going that much better and need a win to keep their own chances alive. A disappointing last quarter cost them a win last week against Keilor, and they can ill afford yet another defeat here.

Mildura vs. Hawthorn

Whittlesea vs. Camberwell

Geelong vs. Keilor

Casey vs. Werribee

Western Port vs. Latrobe City

Saturday 6pm

Saturday 8.30pm

Sunday 12pm

Sunday 1pm

Sunday 1pm

Toyota Hothouse

Mill Park Basketball Stadium

The Geelong Arena

Casey Indoor Leisure Centre

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