



As we hit the halfway mark of the season Pakenham (9-0) remains unbeaten, while North East (0-11) sits at the foot of the ladder without a win. The weekend starts down at the Shark Tank where Sth Peninsula will be eager to bounce back with a win when they host Altona. The Gators were highly competitive last week and will pose as a danger here if they can put the clamps on Justin Taylor in particular. It's a must-win game for the visitors, they need a good weekend. Craigieburn travels to Pakenham and are a sneaky chance at an upset. The Warriors continue to win, but not everything has been coming to them as comfortably as they might like. While it's difficult seeing the home team dropping this game, you can be assured the Eagles will try and bottle the game up and turn it into a defensive contest. The Warriors need to keep the floor spread and their running game going strong, otherwise it will be an arm wrestle. Mornington hosts Collingwood and based on what we've seen so far it should be another win to the All Stars. The Breakers are quickly dropping out of contention this season, so a big scalp like the All Stars would be a handy boost, but unless they can get four or five players all firing at the same time they just won't have enough talent to beat Collingwood. The road to Mildura looms as a tough one for lowly Sherbrooke, especially after the Heat found some winning form in Melbourne last week. The Suns will go as hard as possible, and a road trip will certainly help this largely new group come together, but the challenge of stopping Calvin Henry and Dallas Brown is a mountain they can't climb, can they? It will only take one big quarter for the Heat to break this contest open and unless the Suns are on song from the start they will find the going extremely hard. Last game on Saturday pits Coburg against Wallan, a showdown that should go the way of the Panthers, but when you're talking about Coburg you just never quite know. Jordan Harding and Mweemba Maluma were in top form for the Giants last week and will again need to put on a show to get their team over the line, while at Wallan everything is revolving around Keenan Gorski and Demetrius Robinson who have formed a potent duo so far this season. The Giants are an outside chance, but if form rings true then the Panthers should win and end Coburg's finals aspirations in the process. The round closes on Sunday with just the one game featuring Altona backing up at home against the visiting Bushrangers. Still without a win, the boys from the border have looked better in recent weeks with Kannon Burrage in uniform, but an opening win still awaits. The Gators could race up the ladder if they can manage two wins over the weekend, this second game appearing to be the more winnable of the two. Justin Eckhardt has been more than solid for the Gators and will no doubt lead from the front here again. Mark it down as a win for the home team, and maybe it will be just the kick they need to start challenging the top half of the ladder going forward.

Sth Peninsula vs Altona

Pakenham vs Craigieburn

Mornington vs Collingwood

Mildura vs Sherbrooke

Coburg vs Wallan

Altona vs North East

Sat 6pm

Sat 7pm

Sat 8pm

Sat 8pm

Sat 8:30pm

Sun 3pm

Hillview Stadium

Cardinia Life

Mornington Basketball Stadium

Toyota Hothouse

Coburg Basketball Stadium

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