



A busy schedule of seven games to mark the halfway point of the season. We start with Eltham (2-7) hosting Ringwood (6-3) and the question is, will Alice Kunek have a Wildcats uniform on? If she does, the Hawks will struggle to hold Cole and Kunek, the former WNBL teammates will form a formidable combination. Tori Jarosz will get plenty of the ball inside for the visitors and if her good form stays true it will be a close contest. Not often we say it comes down to one player, but Kunek would be a huge inclusion for the home team if it happens. Hume City heads to Bulleen and will still be smarting from their very poor showing at Warrandyte last week. It is almost unthinkable that the likes of Planeta, Laloifi, Saad and Zammit will put in another poor game, so expect a huge show here from the Broncos. As for the Boomers, they are on the rise and look to be a real threat now with two imports. A great win at Knox last week has them very well placed to get on a roll. With both teams in the middle group on the ladder, this is a very important game with plenty on the line. The Venom host Sth Peninsula, the visitors no doubt weary of what Warrandyte can deliver on a good night after last week's big upset win. At 3-5 the Sharks simply have to win this game otherwise they start to drift a bit. Britt Carter looms as the key once again for the Sharks, however they will also need to find a way to limit Meg Dargan. Yet another crucial clash between two teams in the bottom half of the ladder. Waverley welcomes bottom team Diamond Valley in what should be a straight forward game for the in-form Falcons. Plenty of WNBL names here with Cunningham and Bowen going up against Oliver and Burton. The Eagles promised so much more than we've seen so far this season, but a win here against the Falcons would certainly be a great place to start turning things around. How likely is it though? Sunday starts with Ringwood and Warrandyte both backing up, the home team set to start warm favourites given their record against the Venom over the last few years. While the visitors are a sneaky chance, Jarosz will need to be limited and Coffey will also need to be quelled, but write the Venom off at your own peril. Last week's effort will absolutely give the 10th-placed team some renewed confidence and they will be eager to claim another big scalp. Dargan up against Piper Goldie and Inez Lie will be worth watching. Knox heads out to DV and should get the win, especially with Bec Ott back in the line-up and looking good. The Raiders lost in OT last week and as we've seen over the last couple of years they rarely, if ever, lose two in a row. Expect a Raiders win, and a good one at that. Last game for the weekend sees McKinnon at home to Bulleen. The Cougars have been very good thus far, much better than what many predicted heading into the season, however their weakness is height and somehow they'll need to find a way to stop Sarah Boothe (expect very big numbers from Bulleen's centre). Interestingly, Natalie van den Adel is up against her former team, so that will be a match-up worth watching. Kara Tessari will get the match-up on Ariel Thomas (or at least we hope so) which will be a great defensive challenge for her. Good game, but hard to see the Cougars stopping Boothe.

Eltham vs Ringwood

Sat 6pm

Eltham High School

Bulleen vs Hume City

Sat 8pm

East Doncaster Secondary College

Warrandyte vs Sth Peninsula

Sat 8:30pm

Warrandyte Sports Complex

Waverley vs Diamond Valley

Sat 8:30pm

Waverley Basketball Centre

Ringwood vs Warrandyte

Sun 12pm

The Rings

Diamond Valley vs Knox

Sun 2pm

Diamond Valley Sports &amp; Fitness

McKinnon vs Bulleen

Sun 2pm

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