



Hard to believe we are already half way through the #BigV17 and Round 9 has the potential to start sorting out the pecking order in the division and also might start to break some teams' finals aspirations for 2017.

Once again, a key weekend ahead for Coburg, facing two teams currently above them on the ladder and both Corio Bay and Camberwell will be looking to consolidate their positions in the Top 4. All three teams are coming off last start losses so don't want to lose momentum at this key point in the season.

Speaking of momentum, Hume City will be keen to show their maiden win was no fluke - especially in front of their home fans at Broadmeadows against a Geelong team fresh from a week off. Despite the win, the Broncos are still in 12th but are showing some good signs of late. Geelong have lost their way a little in recent matches so could the Broncos get a streak going? Securing two wins might be tough, as they face the return fixture from Round 2 against Warrandyte on Sunday. In Round 2, the Venom were victorious by 17. Can the Broncos turn the tables?

An intriguing match up is on the Sunday afternoon battle of the North West between Sunbury at Keilor's home pine. The initial game was a cracker separate by a single basket at Boardman and if this game lives up to expectations we can look forward to another entertaining encounter.

The Jets open the weekend against an ever improving Braves outfit and will need to be wary of the visitors arrival. Sunbury won the match up last month by a single bucket at the Braves home, so Bendigo will be looking to return the favour in their only game of the round.

They say the early bird catches the worm (and the winning bucket!), so on Sunday morning the Miners travel to their regional neighbours Geelong to battle for the first instalment of the M8 Highway Cup. It's the only game of the weekend for the Miners and a win will keep them in touch with the chasing pack. A sleepy Sunday loss could see their finals aspirations hit a speed hump. A Supers win gives them hope (especially if they can get over the Broncos the night before) with games in hand.

Whittlesea and Werribee renew acquaintances on Sunday afternoon, in what will be on form a very tough assignment at home for the Pacers. The Opening Round match up wasn't pretty with the Devils accounting for the Pacers by 40, and the fortunes of both teams hasn't significantly changed since. It's hard to see an upset occurring in this one.

Sunbury vs. Bendigo	Sat 6pm	Boardman Stadium
Coburg vs. Corio Bay	Sat 6:30pm	Coburg Basketball Stadium
Hume City vs. Geelong	Sat 8pm	Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium
Geelong vs. Ballarat	Sun 10am	Geelong Basketball Netball Centre
Whittlesea vs. Werribee	Sun 1pm	Mill Park Basketball Stadium
Warrandyte vs. Hume City	Sun 1pm	Warrandyte Sports Complex
Camberwell vs. Coburg	Sun 2pm	Balwyn High School
Keilor vs. Sunbury	Sun 2pm	Keilor Basketball Stadium



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