



**Latrobe City 88 - Warrnambool 90:** Both teams came out firing, piling of 55pts collectively in a competitive first quarter with Deondre McWhorter putting away 18pts in a show-stopping opening 10min. The star Energy import was then held to just a further 10pts as Kourtlin Jackson stepped up to add 20pts and ageing star Vashon Weaver added 11pts. A powerful 23-10 third period set the win up for the Seahawks, before they withstood a spirited run to the final buzzer by the home team. Xavier Blount (26pts, Alex Gynes (19pts) and Josh Dean (15pts) led the way for the green machine, the starting five for the Seahawks all reaching double digits. When Nick Sedley missed a triple in the last play of the game, the spoils went the way of Warrnambool as the reigning champs keep their run alive.

**Blackburn 84 - Geelong 86:** In a major upset, Geelong upstaged Blackburn with an amazing win that came on the back of a 51-36 second half run. The Supercats looked gone at the half when they trailed by 13pts, but with Jackson Bentley (20pts) leading the charge and Seb Loader (14pts) winding back the clock with a terrific performance, the visitors pulled off an unlikely win. In a frantic last qtr, the Supercats somehow managed to hit the front and held on when Michael D'Agostino and Jack Spruhan missed chances to score in the dying stages. For the shattered Vikings, Jack Roberts (30pts, 11rbs) and Brendan Trewella (17pts) did all they could. Hats off to the Supercats, they've caused the upset and progress. For the Vikings it's a bitter pill to swallow as they depart the scene, another casualty of the cut-throat finals system in D1M.

**Melbourne Uni 84 - Chelsea 91:** The Gulls stormed home (33-20) to upstage the Black Angels, leaving the home team with nothing to show from a double-header where both teams, the women and men, started favourites. The task for Melbourne Uni was to try and stop Corey Standerfer (33pts, 12rbs, 16/21 FT), but the champ did what he does in big game situations and was a clear winner. He was ably supported by Matt Brassler (23pts) and Andrew Kelly (16pts), while 21 turnovers by the Black Angels proved handy given the Gulls converted those mistakes into 24pts. For the exiting home team, Liam Norton (28pts) and Nick Masunda (21pts) did all they could, though the latter only played 24min and did have 7 turnovers. Chelsea's progression makes for an interesting SF match-up, especially if Standerfer can continue his red-hot form.

**Keilor 117 - Bulleen 71:** A 71pt first half by Keilor powered the championship favourites to a rousing 46pt victory over Bulleen. The huge haul by the Thunder over the opening 20min actually matched what Bulleen delivered for the full game, such was the one-way dominance in this one. On a weekend where the cut-throat nature of D1M saw three higher-ranked teams lose, the Thunder wasn't going to be the fourth. Jordan Coleman (29pts) and Matt Spencer (26pts) did as they pleased for the winners, with three teammates chipping in with double digits. For the Boomers, James Weston netted 17pts, while Damon Bozeman was extremely well held for his 15pts. The Thunder progress and look the goods heading into the semi finals.

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