



**Mildura 66 - Pakenham 67:** In front of a huge home crowd, the Heat tried hard to shake the Warriors early, but in a dour opening quarter (18-15) it was James Topp's 9pts that kept the Warriors ticking over. That was the leadership the visitors needed and as the game progressed the Warriors warmed to the task. In a stunning upset, Pakenham found a way to win and it took a huge last second triple by Ben Gaze to clinch the result. As shattered Heat fans departed the Warriors celebrated. A 23-9 third qtr gave Pakenham not only the lead heading into the last period, but it gave them a sense of belief. Gaze (24pts) was brilliant after qtr-time, Topp added 15pts and Josh Bjelan also chipped in with 15pts. For the stunned Heat, Dallas Brown scored 20pts, Cameron Kelly hit some major baskets late to reach 12pts, while Calvin Henry was kept to just 15pts, about 10pts below his average for the season. As the Heat depart, the Warriors find some belief and progress.

**Sth Peninsula 81 - Wallan 78:** Not for the first time this season, Sth Peninsula found a way to win a close one down at the Shark Tank. The home team looked headed for victory when they led 78-70 with a minute to play, but Hayden Annett (26pts) and Keenan Gorski (18pts) dug deep to give the Panthers every chance of an unlikely victory. As they've done a number of times across a successful season, the Sharks held firm with Matt Cumming (20pts) playing a game-winning cameo off the bench. Captain Brenton Fitzgerald (18pts) stepped up and Riley Emerton (14pts) also played a key role off the pine. With Justin Taylor (10pts) and Corey Bond (0pts) well held, others had to step up and that's exactly what led the home team to a win. Great opening season for Wallan, but it's the Sharks moving on.

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Sth Peninsula 81 def Wallan 78

