



The Finals are here!!!

The time has finally come, when it all counts, when we forget the season what was and focus solely on what lies ahead.

Warrandyte get the week off, perks of being number 1.

So in our first finals match up of 2017 it was the Giants that opened their doors and invited 5th seed Geelong to try take them down and stop their run to finals victory. This game was win or go home so both teams had to bring it and unfortunately it turned out not to be Geelong's day. Both teams started slow, with only a 13-11 first quarter, then both teams found the bottom of the net in the second going 22-23. Geelong were showing they could keep up with the 4th side and went into the half time break only down by 1 point. Coburg would have to pull out all the stops if they were to pull away from the hungry Cats, which is what they did in the third with Lyndsey Hoogenhout opening the quarter with a steal which ended in a 2 point conversion, which kept on coming as they went on an 11-0 run before Geelong could respond. Carly Sanders and Amy Troy had their work cut out for them but they can only do so much, Carly finished her 2017 season with 20pts 4rebs, while Amy had 14pts 5rebs & 3asts. Where do I start for stand outs for Coburg? They had 5 players in double figures but check out Lyndsey Hoogenhout's stat line 15pts 24rebs 5asts 4stls & a huge 5 blocks!!! So not only did Geelong have to try stop Lyndsey they also had Siobhan Mac Aodha who had 18pts 2rebs & 3asts. Olivia Dalmau had 16pts 5rebs, Sarsha Follacchio

had 17pts 7rebs, I could go on and on. Geelong as good as you are when the Giants are playing ball like this they are extremely hard to stop! Well done and congratulations on your first victory Coburg. Geelong can now look at what lies ahead for their 2018 season.

Next up in week 1 of finals was Camberwell vs Corio Bay, these two teams get a second chance if they don't get the win, so it won't be season over just yet. Both teams were here to play and were giving it all in the first quarter and it showed why both teams finished 2nd and 3rd. By the half time break Camberwell had managed to get a small 6pt lead. I'm not sure what happened at half time for the Stingrays, they got beaten up and down the floor, only managing 8 points for the quarter while Camberwell took full advantage of Corio's lapse and pushed out their lead to 22 points going into the final quarter. Corio Bay joined us again in the 4th where they out-scored the Dragons 26-24 but sadly it was their 3rd quarter which lost it for them. July's Player of the Month, Teagan Tatlock hasn't lost her form in finals as she smashed out 20pts 8rebs 3asts & 3 steals, while her sister Tahlia Tatlock also had a decent game with 11pts for the Stingrays. As for the winners, how was Rachel Bett's form 22pts 7rebs 6asts and a huge 9 steals! Elisha Purcell also had a great game with 14pts 14rebs 4asts & 5 steals then we have Grace Ramsden who also got it done with 11pts 8rebs.

Who's your pick to win the title?

QUALIFYING/ELIMINATION FINALS RESULTS

Coburg defeated Geelong (84-56)

Camberwell defeated Corio Bay (79-59)



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