



After the Mermaids made short work of Wallan in game 1 they would have been feeling rather confident going into this match, whereas Wallan had to rethink their strategies and find something to overcome the mighty Mermaids in their domain.

It started off looking like it was going to be a repeat of game 1 with Wallan only managing 6 points for the first quarter, while Warrnambool ran away, it ended up 23-6 to close out the first. It was a team effort from Warrnambool but the usual standouts (Amy Wormald & Madeleine White) who pushed hardest and got the points on the board for the Mermaids to give them a nice head start.

In the second quarter Wallan pushed harder and found the bottom of the basket but so did the Mermaids as they again pulled away. Coach Brown mixed up his substitutions to try and get something going for his girls, but Warrnambool proved to be too strong for them, when half time rolled around the Mermaids had pushed their lead out to 25 points.

Wallan had the half time break to work out what was going wrong and what they needed to do to fix it if they wanted to steal game 2. They used that 10 minute break well as they came out firing, only missing 5 shots for the quarter definitely helped, if only they came out firing like this at the beginning of the match the Panthers out-scored the Mermaids in the third 23-14. If they kept this up in the final term we would again have a match on our hands.

The final quarter was a battle in itself, Warrnambool had to control themselves and hold off the fast approaching Panthers for 10 more playing minutes to win that D2W Championship. It was the Mermaids young gun Madeleine White who dominated in game 2 and got her team over the line with a very impressive 21 points 9 rebounds and 1 assist, she wasn't alone in getting it done Holly Greene had a stand out game also on both ends of the floor finishing her season on a high with 12 points 14 rebounds 5 assists.

Wallan didn't get the result they were after but they didn't give up and that shows in the stats Jacinta Scott stuffed the sheet ending her season with 20 points 5 rebounds 2 assists then we have Jayda Hunter who finished up with 18 points 4 rebounds & 1 assist.

Wallan have had an impressive first season, not too many Associations can come into the league and make it to the grand final in their first year, so congratulations to the Wallan Panthers, you should be proud of your first season in Big V. I'm not sure if we have ever had two new teams in a grand final before but what a season these two teams have had. Welcome to Big V

Warrnambool you have done it again, come into the competition and taken the Championship, hats off to you ladies. The 2017 Big V D2W title is yours!

### GAME 2 GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Warrnambool defeated Wallan (70-58)



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