



RD 1 - RECAP

YOUTH LEAGUE ONE MEN

Opening Round complete and the Devils from Eagle Stadium have sent a menacing message to the competition already.

Werribee have started their season with a 2-0 record and averaging 83 points and a winning margin of 35 points, thanks to a 30 point victory over the Venom and a 40 point drubbing of the Pacers in the best serving of revenge from the Semi Final series loss last season. The dynamic duo of Joshua Zamperoni (17p/4rbs; 15pts/5rbs) and Mitch Alush (15pts/2rbs/3 Asts; 18pts/1rb, 4Asts) led the way at solid percentage clips for their minutes on court. The two opposition though had some unorthodox stats to contribute to their losses. Warrandyte shot at 25% from the field, while Whittlesea seemed a bit trigger happy from beyond the three and just couldn't buy a trey – shooting at a miserly 7%.

Sunbury had a tight tussle against newcomers Corio Bay, securing a 7 point win at home. After a strong opening half by the Rays, the Jets hit back in the second half to grind out the win. Game high scorer Kirk Harris had 24 points, while Kyle Collins racked up 22pts and 9 boards, while Nathan Baker clocked up a double-double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists. Points inside proved the difference in this one.

The Battle of Bellarine tipped off the Round and the Charity Stripe shooting proved the difference despite a strong second half comeback from the Rays saw them fall just short of a maiden win. Max Kos led all scorers for the Cats with 17 points. Important local bragging rights with Geelong for now.

Hume City had an Away/Home double to start their season, and despite Jed O'Riley (fitting on St Pats Weekend?) starring with 21pt and 12 board double vs the Miners and a 21pt 12 rbs vs the Venom, the home crowd at the Rat went home happy and the Venom split their own Home/Away start. In the Miners game, some solid efforts from Anthony Kiel with a double (21pt, 11rbs) and Tristan Fisher collected 18pts, 8 boards and 7 assists.

It was a good weekend for regional basketball with the Braves channeling their CBL solid summer performances, with a 5 point road win over Camberwell. Shutting out the Dragons to single digit output in the second term allowed Bendigo to maintain most of the momentum. Twenty six proved a lucky number for the Braves' Jake Lloyd, playing 26:26 and scoring 26 points.

An understatement to say its early days, but expect some improved performances from some of the vanquished next week.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

Corio Bay defeated by **Geelong** (60-62)
Whittlesea defeated by **Keilor** (46-68)
Warrandyte defeated by **Werribee** (54-84)
Coburg defeated by **Camberwell** (53-90).
Ballarat defeated Hume City (79-57)

Camberwell defeated by **Bendigo** (73-78)
Sunbury defeated Corio Bay (76-69)
Hume City defeated by **Warrandyte** (68-32)
Werribee defeated Whittlesea (82-42)
Keilor vs Coburg (result not published)



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