

**Energy 75 - Vikings 96:**

Blackburn's ability to bring through young stars was again at the fore of their good win down at Latrobe. Jack Roberts (27pts) was outstanding off the pine, coupled with Brendan Trewella (22pts) doing what he does best in a comfortable victory. For the Energy, Kourtlin Jackson (24pts) and Deondre McWhorter (23pts) both eased into the season with some good numbers first-up.

Jets 89 - Boomers 94:

This turned out to be quite the show with a close contest down the stretch. Down a division, the Boomers have added a stud import in Damon Bozeman (39pts) and he proved to be the difference. There's a lot to like about their fresh line-up, which will only get better as the season progresses. For the Jets, Javari Williams (21pts) and Paul Nikoloff-King (23pts) led the way.

Gulls 86 - Steelers 63

A 22-5 start by the Gulls put this contest to bed early, the Steelers failing to bring the gap throughout. Corey Standerfer (28pts) picked up from where he left off, while Matt Brassler (23pts) looked in good touch. For the Steelers, Ricki DeHaan dropped 19pts.

Thoroughbreds 65 - Thunder 100:

Keilor made short work of Melton, dominating from start to finish in a one-sided contest. Matt Spencer's (23pts) good pre-season form continued and Jeff Crowe (17pts, 9ast) reminded his former club what he can do. For Melton, Ivan Harris finished with 17pts.

Seahawks 87 - Black Angels 77:

Warrnambool and Melbourne Uni put on a good show down at The Arc, the Seahawks getting to the line with a 28-22 last quarter. Very little separated the two teams. Nick Masunda netted 27pts for the visitors, who also rolled out a returning Liam Norton. For the victorious Seahawks, Xavier Bount was in beast mode, dropping 38pts and taking 18rbs in a dominant display. Captain Alex Gynes added 23pts.

Venom 73 - Cougars 68:

Flying under the radar the whole pre-season, Warrantdyte showed terrific resilience down the stretch to beat Keysborough. It was a great start for new coach Ross Charles and the Venom, with Josh Smith (15pts) and Mitch Hawley (14pts) leading the charge. For the Cougars, who have looked good during the pre-season, Calvin Enge (23pts) did all he could in a result that will certainly sting.

Supercats 83 - Gators 79:

The opening weekend closed with a quality contest between two teams that are sure to make some noise this season. The visiting Gators got off to a cracking start, leading by 8pts after the opening quarter and out to as much as 13pts early in the second quarter, but the home team weren't to be denied. Back to within 6pts at the last break, the Supercats fired home with a 24-14 final period to claim the win. Steve Wiasak (19pts, 10rbs) put in a ripper, while for the Gators there is plenty to like about Justin Patton (26pts, 16rbs) based on what he delivered first up.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

Latrobe City (Jackson 24pts) 75 lost to **Blackburn 96** (Roberts 27pts)
 Sunbury 89 (Nikoloff-King 23pts) lost to **Bulleen 94** (Bozeman 39pts)
Chelsea 86 (Standerfer 28pts) def Western Port 63 (DeHaan 19pts)
 Melton 65 (Harris 17pts) lost to **Keilor 100** (Spencer 23pts)
Warrnambool 87 (Blount 28pts) def Melbourne Uni 77 (Masunda 27pts)
Warrantdyte 73 (Smith 15pts) def Keysborough 68 (Enge 23pts)
Geelong 83 (Wiasak (19pts) def Shepparton 79 (Patton 26pts)

