

**Bushrangers 59 - Warriors 82:**

Tipped to be a frontrunner this season, Pakenham started its season strong with a win on the road up north. The Bushrangers will be keen to move further up the ladder this season and locking down home wins will be vital. To open the season, Pakky's win came with Robin Maartens (25pts) and Ben Gaze (22pts) leading the way. For the home team, Liam Wright hit 22pts.

Sharks 76 - Suns 57:

The two returnees faced off and with a 43-24 run during the middle quarters it was the Sharks tasting victory. Tobey Flynn (17pts) and Matt Cumming (12pts, 13rbs) looked sharp for the winners, while for the Suns it was import James Royal III turning heads with a 27pt haul to start his season. He'll be one to watch for sure as the season progresses.

Panthers 80 - Breakers 70:

So life in the Big V has started for Wallan and what a start it was. In a close contest the Panthers held firm against some experienced campaigners with Keenan Gorski (19pts) and Hayden Annett (17pts) looking good. For the Breakers, young gun Zach Smith scored 23pts.

Heat 80 - Gators 68:

Mildura's always a tough proposition at home, especially with Calvin Henry (23pts, 10rbs, 7blk) to deal with. The Gators were competitive, but just came up short each quarter in front of a vocal crowd on the border. Jeremy Edwards netted 15pts off the bench for the visitors.

Giants 73 - Dragons 83:

Camberwell delivered a ripping 30-18 last qtr to blow by Coburg for a great win on the road. The Giants are never an easy foe at home, but Peter Maunder (19pts) and Mark Jeffers (14pts) delivered for the Dragons. Matt Hedger (17pts) top scored for the Giants.

All Stars 60 - Eagles 68:

A 23-9 second qtr by the Eagles led to a hard-fought win at Collingwood in a contest that featured two teams that have built a strong rivalry. Limiting Manny Hendrix (23pts) to 13 shots was telling, while Liam Watt's 22pts was vital for the winners. Both teams could be battling for a finals berth in late July, so this was an important win by the Eagles.

Breakers 57 - Giants 47:

Mornington bounced back to split the weekend, while for Coburg it was an opener they will want to move on from very quickly. Scoring just 47 is a real concern for the Giants and clearly there is some work to do. By no means were the Breakers on song here, but they did come away with a tough win. Zach Smith (13pts) again showing he is ready for the jump to the senior level.

Dragons 78 - Panthers 85:

Wallan rounded out a memorable weekend with a quality win at Camberwell. For those wondering how the Panthers would go - well, your questions have been answered. Gorski (22pts) was again a key leader for the Panthers. Mark Fernandez (20pts) and Mark Jeffers (11ast) did their best for the Dragons.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

North East 59 (Wright 22pts) lost to **Pakenham 82** (Maartens 25pts)
Sth Peninsula 76 (Flynn 17pts) def Sherbrooke 57 (Royal III 27pts)
Wallan 80 (Gorski 19pts) def Mornington 70 (Z.Smith 23pts)
Mildura 80 (Henry 23pts) def Altona 68 (Edwards 15pts)
Coburg 73 (Hedger 17pts) lost to **Camberwell 83** (Maunder 19pts)
Collingwood 60 (Hendrix 23pts) lost to **Craigieburn 68** (Watt 22pts)
Mornington 57 (Z.Smith 13pts) def Coburg 47 (Maluma 10pts)
Camberwell 78 (Jeffers 11ast) lost to **Wallan 85** (Gorski 22pts)

