



YL2W for this year already looks to be a big improvement on last year. Much better scores and much close games is only going to do good things for this competition.

Let's start with the two teams that have got their 2017 campaigns off to a great start with 2 wins, Southern Pen and Blackburn. The Sharks started their weekend off with a 20 point win over the Pacers. With the first quarter under wraps, the Sharks already had a comfortable 13 point lead. But this didn't stop the Pacers tearing up the 2nd quarter with a 22 to 12 point effort to be well within reach at the half time mark. The run of scoring came to a halt for the Pacers who didn't manage to score until well within the 3rd quarter. At this point, the Sharks had a handy lead of 12. Heading into the 4th quarter, the Sharks only extended the margin. Isabella Chretien finished with 21 points, Gemma Simon had 15, 5 and 5 assists. Chloe Villiva and Ashlee Toll both had 11.

Game 2 saw the Sharks take on the newbies the Warriors and they certainly held their own in their debut game. For the first half of this match, the Warriors were competitive. However the half time break halted this momentum and only worked in favour of the Sharks. By three quarter time, the Sharks had a 15 point lead. Obviously with the final margin being 9 points, the Warriors did well to come back. There just wasn't enough time for them to do much more than that. Gemma Simon back up well with 17 points and 3 assists. Ellie Coutts finished with 19 and 8 for the Warriors.

Now onto the Vikings, they kicked off their round 1 with a meeting with the Cavaliers, another newbie to the competition. Further to this, we were taken into our first overtime game. For the first half of this match, the Cavaliers were looking like the team with all the experience. The score read 31 to 11. But with the lucklustre start under their belts, the Vikings geared up for the second half.

24 points in the 3rd saw the Vikings trailing by 8. And obviously to get to overtime, the 4th quarter has to finish in a draw. With an 11 to 11 overtime period, the Vikings took their first win by 10. As for the Cavaliers, look out for them this season. Saskia Dammer Smith played a great game with 22 and 16. Peta Rhodes finished off with 15.

Second opponent for the Vikings was the Suns and this time it was a 12 point victory. The Suns certainly held their own in this match, only down by 6 at half time. However a 24 to 12 3rd quarter effort from the Vikings quickly had them pushing ahead. With the margin now out to 18 points, there Vikings were able to cruise during the 4th. This is just what they did as the Suns won the quarter 17 to 11. But with that said, the Vikings had already done enough. Bethany Ashley-Cooper finished off with 15 and 6. Sarah Boras backing up well with 13 and 5. Eilish Barrett was the only Suns player in double figures with 14 and 7.

Sunbury and Mornington, 2 forces in last years competition, met for a round 1 meeting. This time around it was a 16 point win to the Jets. For the first 2 quarters of this match, the Breakers could manage double figures. This certainly put them behind the eight ball as the Jets were well ahead by 18 at the half. After settling in, the Breakers had a much better second half however the damage had already been done. The great start from the Jets kept them in good stead. Chloe Angove finished well with 14 and 16 and 2 assists. Jessica Lineham was the only Breaker in double figures with 11 and 8 and 2 assists.

It wasn't a great start to the season for the Pacers who also went down in their second game for the weekend. However what a win for another one of our newbies the Steelers. A 10 point victory in their first game will instill a great amount of confidence. Abigail Congreve finished with 13 and 3 and 3 assists. Chloe Villiva backed up well with 22 and 17.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

Southern Pen defeated Whittlesea (73-53)

Sunbury defeated Mornington (56-40)

Blackburn defeated Casey (69-59)

Blackburn defeated **Sherbrooke** (60-52)

Whittlesea defeated Western Port (62-52)

Southern Pen defeated **Pakenham** (67-58)



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