



Casey showed once again they are a threat this season with a tough 91-76 win over Eltham. The Cavs dominated the first half but had to steady in the last after the Wildcats came out blazing after the break, eventually holding firm for a comfortable win. Raheem Lemons (24pts 9reb) led the way for the balanced Cavs, with all five starters reaching double digits. Chris Cameron (23pts) and Simon Grant (17pts 15reb) were the best for the Wildcats, with some of their stars well down on their best on a dirty night out.

Hawthorn withstood a whirlwind comeback from Diamond Valley to post a 63-59 win. The Magic had set up a match-winning lead courtesy of a 32-11 second term but the Eagles raced home on a 20-7 run to just fall short of a remarkable comeback. Jack Barry (21pts 8reb 4ast) led his side to victory, while Brandon Conley (18pts 14reb) led the disappointing Eagles.

Knox saw off McKinnon 95-84 in a clash of two finals contenders. The Raiders bounced back to form on the back of a dominant first term, with the 33-19 run setting up the win. Dylan Hare (28pts 9reb 4ast) led the way in victory for the home side, while Dillon Stith (25pts 9reb) was again the dominant force at the offensive end for the Cougars as fellow star Ivan Platenik (10pts 3-11FG) was well-held.

Waverley edged out a dogged Werribee 79-71 at home. The Falcons were made to work very hard for their win, pushing away from their opponents in the last term to claim victory. Chris Arkell (26pts 11reb) starred for the Falcons, putting them on his back at times to lead them past the Devils, who were led again by MVP candidate Jeremy Smith (25pts 8reb 6ast).

Hume City bounced back to form with a dominant 94-67 win over hapless Whittlesea. The Broncos stayed true to their inconsistent form so far in 2017 with the win, winning every quarter along the way for good measure despite getting just two points from their bench. Luke Egan (29pts 8reb) and Trevon Clayton (23pts 13reb) led the way for the victors, while Taane Samuel (27pts 9reb) played a lone hand for the home side as they were blown away.

Hawthorn went two-for-two on the weekend, edging out Corio Bay 100-89 in a high-scoring and entertaining contest. A 29-13 second quarter run by the home side set up the win, ensuring the Stingrays were too far back to make a run at the tiring Magic down the stretch. Kirk Smith (24pts) and Jack Barry (22pts 7reb 6ast) led the Magic to victory, outpointing Stingrays duo Michael Rebula (27pts) and Cameron Baker (25pts 6reb) for the match to take the points.

ROUND 8 RESULTS

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