



The Pakenham Warriors have now moved well ahead of the rest of the competition comfortably holding onto that number 1 spot with a 10 and 2 record. They had two games over the weekend, 2 wins and a collective winning margin of 83 points. First up was a clash against the Gulls where their 26 to 9 start propelled them into the lead and the eventual win. The Gulls were able to put decent points on the board in the remaining 3 quarters only single digits shy of what the Warriors were putting down. But that first quarter and always staying that bit ahead at each turn handed the Warriors the win. Tobie Dean finished with 20 points and 3 assists. Luke Helbig had 16 and 8, Nathan Frost 12 and 11. Game two saw the Warriors on the road to take on the Panthers and the game the night before plus the travel looked to take a toll. They were slow out of the blocks, taking the first half to get warmed up. At half time they weren't convincingly in the lead, only 11 points separating the two. But when the second half came along, the Warriors came out firing. 27 to 15 in the 3rd followed by 29 to 10 in the 4th, the Warriors really made an effort to put the distance between themselves and the Panthers. Aidan Jenkinson finished with 17 points and 3 assists. Devereux Pretty had 15 and 9 with 2 assists.

At least the Gulls finished the weekend off with a win, taking home the W against the Cougars by 3. The first half of this match was completely even. Heading into the half time break both teams sat with 33 points each. One team had to make a move and in the 3rd that team was Chelsea. It was a small 3 point lead but that's all it took with both teams scoring 21 in the 4th. This was the Gulls first win in a couple of weeks, as for the Cougars it became their 2nd loss in a row. Luke Helbig backed up well with 20 points, Nathan Frost had 15 boards. Jonathon Selhorst finished with 24 and 6.

The Panthers were unlucky in their second game for the weekend, going down by just a point to the Maccabi Warriors. Heading into the half time break, the Panthers held a 4 point lead and went on to extend this out to 7 at three quarter time. But sometimes one quarter is all it takes for an upset and unfortunately that is exactly what happened here. The Warriors trailed all game and came out in the 4th with a 24 to 16 quarter to steal the win right of the hands of the Panthers. Ben Chai Grosman had 18 and 6 and 2 assists. Devereux Pretty backed up well with 17 and 7.

The Cavs had a great start to their weekend taking a 5 point win over the Cougars in OT. It's a surprise that the Cavs came away

Pakenham defeated Chelsea (104-63)
Casey defeated **Keysborough** (63-58)
Melton defeated Western Port (68-58)
Maccabi defeated Wallan (72-71)
Collingwood defeated Warrnambool (71-58)

with this win after their 4 point opening quarter, and the fact they were down 12 at half time. But all this aside, their 29 to 19 3rd quarter had them trailing by only 2. Obviously they continued this momentum into the 4th to take the game into OT and after a long 5 minutes, and a 4 to 1 scoreboard, the Cavs took the win. Jordan Gooiker had 21 points. Thomas Bottrell had 19 and 6 and 4 assists, Tim O'Donovan had 17 and 13.

Unfortunately for the Cavs they couldn't capitalise on this win on the Sunday, going down to the Breakers by just 1. It was a good start from both sides but it was the Cavs who held the lead heading into the half. 7 points up as the 3rd quarter got underway, the Cavs momentum fell to the waistline. The Breakers now with an in, overtook the Cavs to lead by just the 1 at three quarter time. With either team making a move in the 4th, this remained the margin and the Breakers remained winners. Ryan Wells had 18 and 6 and 3 assists for the Breakers, Gryf Pugh added 12 boards. Hunter Marks finished with 18 and 11 for the Cavs.

The Thoroughbreds have caused an upset, defeating the in-form Steelers by 10 points. This Steelers side headed into this match on a 4 game winning streak, the Thoroughbreds were coming off a couple of loses. After their lackluster start, the Steelers had their work cut out for them. Only putting 5 points on the board in the opening quarter, they clawed the margin back in the 2nd to trail by 4 at the half. The Thoroughbreds still had control of this game and maintained the lead, not allowing the Steelers to get fully into the game for the remaining second half. Broden Collins had 18 and 10. Dylan Thoonen had a great game with 29 and 11 and 2 assists.

This was where the good times stopped rolling for the Thoroughbreds, going down by 17 to the Eagles on the Sunday. After a great start, the Eagles had a comfortable 13 point lead at the half way mark. But after the Thoroughbreds effort in the 3rd, this was quickly cut to just 3. This effort from the Thoroughbreds was shortlived as the Eagles came out in the 4th blasting the game open with a 32 to 18 final quarter. Declan Stockdale had 23 and 7 and 4 assists. Billy Feben was dropped into the youth side finishing with 20 points and 8 assists.

The All Stars are comfortably back on the winners list after a 13 point win over the Seahawks. We were a little worried with the All Star opening half, only 5 points up. But their 29 to 13 3rd quarter effort diminished these worries as they jumped to a 21 point lead. The Seahawks clawed back the margin in the 4th but it wasn't enough. Athiaan Manyiel finished with 23 and 11. David Denboer had 15 points and 4 assists.

Craigieburn defeated Melton (90-73)
Chelsea defeated Keysborough (60-57)
Pakenham defeated **Wallan** (89-47)
Mornington defeated **Casey** (63-62)



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