

Round 1, April 1 & 2 2006

Welcome to Big V Championship Men's action for 2006, here's a quick snapshot of what happened in the league this round.

Game of the Week**Sandringham 101 dft Hume City 98**

A headline match-up for the first round that was decided in just the last minute of the game to most people's surprise. The big name Sabres were expected to run away with this and looked early like they would. Hume made a great fight of it however winning the second and third terms before being overrun in the last. Brett Wheeler made a solid debut in Big V after over a year out of the game with a double-double and 3 blocked shots but it was the class of Marcus Timmons that shone through – the Sabres go to man having 29 points, 16 rebounds and 6 assists.

Game MVP: Marcus Timmons

Melbourne 104 dft Latrobe City 84

Daryl Corletto became the first player in league history to notch 3000 points as the Tigers shot at 46% to take a very good win on the road. The Pacers badly outdone on the boards despite 12 rebounds from new import Joe Hooks. Hooks had 8 points on just 3 of 4 shooting.

Game MVP: Daryl Corletto

Eltham 81 dft Diamond Valley 72

In an ugly contest, the Wildcats took the O'Connor Family shield for the last time it will be contested basically out-hustling DV from the outset. The Eagles conceded 25 turnovers to just 15 – but both sides shooting below 40%.

Game MVP: Adam Moore

Warrnambool 100 dft Ringwood 92

The Seahawks debuted a new Coach in Rod Hind and got a great home win to start the year behind yet another triple double from Bobby Cunningham, his 35th TD in Big V Championship competition. New Import Tim Gainey made a solid debut with 17 pts and 9 rebounds.

Game MVP: Curtis Small

Waverley 90 dft Dandenong 85

The Falcons stepped up for a stand-up win away to start the year, behind 29 points from new player James Anderson, who in the same night as Corletto, also logged his 3000th Big V Championship point. Cannan, Hobba and Strong all put up good numbers, but Waverley, without Darren Smith, were very impressive.

Game MVP: James Anderson

Waverley 93 dft Werribee 81

The Falcons splendid start continues with two from two for the opening weekend. Once again James Anderson was to the fore with 20 points and Andrew Knowles had a double for Waverley. Werribee were without Platenik or Threatt snr, hurting them badly.

Game MVP: Andrew Knowles

Championship Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Melbourne	1	1	0	123.8
2	Eltham	1	1	0	112.5
3	Waverley	2	2	0	110.2
4	Warrnambool	1	1	0	108.7
5	Sandringham	1	1	0	103.0
6	Hume City	1	0	1	97.0
7	Dandenong	1	0	1	94.4
8	Ringwood	1	0	1	92.0
9	Diamond Valley	1	0	1	88.8
10	Werribee	1	0	1	87.1
11	Latrobe City	1	0	1	80.7

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Bobby Cunningham returned to Warrnambool and racked up his 35th career TD with 12 points, 18 rebounds, 10 assists and 5 steals as the Seahawks beat Ringwood
- ▶ Daryl Corletto and James Anderson both logged 3000 Big V Championship points on Saturday – becoming the first in the league to do so – and both made big contributions to their teams wins
- ▶ Marcus Timmons hit 29, grabbed 16 rebounds and logged 6 assists and 3 blocked shots to help Sandy get the year underway in the best style possible
- ▶ Brad Salter led the game in rebounding as Werribee lost to Waverley – surprisingly the Devils guard had a massive 20 boards for the afternoon

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

- ▶ Latrobe City @ Eltham
- ▶ Dandenong @ Sandringham
- ▶ Hume City @ Warrnambool
- ▶ Diamond Valley @ Ringwood
- ▶ Werribee @ Melbourne
- ▶ Eltham @ Dandenong
- ▶ Latrobe City @ Waverley