

Round 1, April 1 & 2 2006

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

Game of the Week

Dandenong 71 dft Waverley 52

The Rangers deep rotation provided plenty of options for Coach Michael Davies as Dandenong got this done in pretty good style. Jess Shearing came off the bench to stop score for the home side with 16, and Tess Meyer, also a non starter, was their second leading scorer with 12 points. Waverley were in this until half time, but a 8-18 third term allowed the home team to run away with the game. This was not the sort of performance Matt Dickens would have been expecting to start the year, especially with his normally strong outside game just not functioning – the girls making just 2 of 18 attempts beyond the arc.

Game MVP: Jess Shearing

Eltham 58 dft Bulleen 49

Tegan Cunningham firmly announced her credentials with 18 pts in her Big V Championship debut but it was not enough to provide the Boomers with the win, as Eltham's own young star, Hayley Munro, finished the game with 9 points, 11 rebounds and 5 assists.

Game MVP: Jodie Datson

Geelong 68 dft Coburg 46

The Cats did not have the prettiest pre-season but they certainly put that behind them here with a fine first up win. Hayley Mills, debuting at Championship level after moving from Shepparton, top scored for the visitors with 14 points.

Game MVP: Hayley Mills

Sandringham 91 dft Hume City 39

A huge loss that underlines why Hume rely on the absent Sharin Milner so much. The Sabres star-studded grouping just tore into this, Ryan and Jordan both notching 20+, with Lough and Fowler not far behind.

Game MVP: Caitlin Ryan/Kylie Jordan

Sandringham 91 dft Bulleen 55

For the second game in a row the Sabres managed 91 points, this time with Sam Richards and Tegan Fowler doing most of the scoring. A fine start for the new look side, who shot at 46% for the game.

Game MVP: Sam Richards

Waverley 72 dft Coburg 54

Waverley bounced back with a different starting line-up and a different result, running all over the Giants in the second half. Julie DeGroot nailed 22 points for the afternoon, and Sharon Grieve posted a double-double.

Game MVP: Julie DeGroot

Geelong 62 dft Melbourne 47

The Cats make a great start to the year and this was something of a surprise but with Lauren Bennett scoring well and Ashlea Salter doing a great job on the glass the Cats were basically in charge of this throughout.

Game MVP: Lauren Bennett

Championship Women's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Sandringham	2	2	0	193.6
2	Geelong	2	2	0	136.8
3	Dandenong	1	1	0	136.5
4	Eltham	1	1	0	118.3
5	Waverley	2	1	1	97.6
6	Melbourne	1	0	1	79.0
7	Coburg	2	0	2	72.8
8	Bulleen	2	0	2	69.8
9	Hume City	1	0	1	42.8

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Sandringham's offence was in over-drive this weekend, logging 182 points in two games as their starting five all got amongst the points against either Hume or Bulleen.
- ▶ Tegan Fowler probably had the best weekend, the Sabres reigning MVP heading home with a combined 37 points and 16 rebounds
- ▶ The Cats had a bright start to their year, winning both games – youngster Bianca Cheever 22 points in a combined 38 minutes for the weekend

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

- ▶ Dandenong @ Sandringham
- ▶ Coburg @ Melbourne
- ▶ Geelong @ Bulleen
- ▶ Hume City @ Waverley
- ▶ Melbourne @ Hume City
- ▶ Dandenong @ Eltham