

Round 1, April 1 & 2 2006

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

Game of the Week**Altona 97 dft Southern Peninsula 69**

The Gators embraced the return of Nathan Marsh at the conclusion of last season and he returned their enthusiasm with a virtually single handed trashing of Southern Peninsula. Marsh logged 20 points and 19 rebounds as the Sharks were murdered on the glass 65-44. The best thing for Altona though might just be the depth of contributions – with six players into double figures and the group dropping 15 three pointers. SP were without Tankov and might just have got a taste of what life is going to be like playing without an import.

Game MVP: Nathan Marsh

Chelsea 101 dft Keilor 86

The Gulls would have relished this, enjoying a healthy rivalry with Keilor at the best of times. Haddrell, Constance and Balvin all stood up, the outcome a good one for the home side who appear very settled as they start the new season.

Game MVP: Steven Haddrell

Bulleen 92 dft Sunbury 74

A big first up win for Bulleen, who had 30 points from Josh Smith and 24 from Andrew Oliver. A bundle of turnovers marred the game, with Sunbury giving up 35, and with that, any chance of the 'w'.

Game MVP: Josh Smith

Whittlesea 81 dft Sherbrooke 73

The Suns were significantly understaffed, suiting just seven players, and consequently lost their first game since coming down from Big V Championship. The Pacers bench did plenty of damage, combining for 31 points to prove to be the difference.

Game MVP:

Blackburn 93 dft Shepparton 85

The Vikings could not contain Jared Swanson but it mattered little as the Gators were unable to get enough contributions from their line-up. Swanson outstanding with a 38 point debut. Blackburn well served by Larsen and Aver, who both topped 20.

Game MVP: Justin Aver

Melbourne University 87 dft Coburg 83

Despite Coburg holding MU to just six points in the third period, enough damage had been done to allow the Black Angels to claim win number one for 2006. Olechnowicz showing again he will be a force with 29 points.

Game MVP: Andrew Olechnowicz

Sherbrooke 128 dft Melbourne University 92

Not such good news for Melbourne University today with Sherbrooke handing them a big loss, courtesy a 40 point haul from Mat Cannon and big contributions from Greig and Dixon. The home side shooting at better than 40%.

Game MVP: Matt Cannon

Altona 111 dft Sunbury 83

Another big win for the Gators, who have made the best possible start to the new season. Adam Spence had a fine shooting afternoon, as he sometimes does. Sunbury more than doubling Altona's turnover count – causing themselves all sorts of problems.

Game MVP: Adam Spence

Hawthorn 91 dft Southern Peninsula 85

Having not lost a game for the entire 2005 season, Southern Peninsula have opened 2006 with two losses and look to be in some trouble. Steve Carter belted them on the glass in much the same way Nathan Marsh had the night before.

Game MVP: Steve Carter

Division One Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Altona	2	2	0	136.8
2	Bulleen	1	1	0	124.3
3	Chelsea	1	1	0	117.4
4	Whittlesea	1	1	0	110.9
5	Blackburn	1	1	0	109.4
6	Hawthorn	1	1	0	107.0
7	Sherbrooke	2	1	1	116.8
8	Melbourne University	2	0	2	84.8
9	Coburg	1	0	1	95.4
10	Shepparton	1	0	1	91.4
11	Keilor	1	0	1	85.1
12	Southern Peninsula	2	0	2	81.9
13	Sunbury	2	0	2	77.3

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Jared Swanson set some big marks in his first D1 game, with 38 points, 20 rebounds and 5 assists as his Gators went down at home to Blackburn
- ▶ Sherbrooke may have lost their opening encounter, but it looks like they'll have no problems getting boards in 2006 – David Wilson grabbed 22 and Matt Cannon 17 as their team accumulated 61 to Whittlesea's 46
- ▶ Andrew Oliver and Josh Smith starred in Bulleen's first up win, Oliver with 24 points and 16 boards, Smith with 30 points, including five treys
- ▶ Steven Haddrell had a pure shooting night Saturday. In just 25 minutes he had one foul, one assist and one steal but made 10 of 13 field goals and four of five treys for a 28 point haul

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

- ▶ Bulleen @ Melbourne Uni
- ▶ Shepparton @ Keilor Vs
- ▶ Sherbrooke @ Southern Peninsula
- ▶ Chelsea @ Sunbury
- ▶ Whittlesea @ Coburg
- ▶ Hawthorn @ Blackburn
- ▶ Altona @ Chelsea
- ▶ Shepparton @ Hawthorn