

Round 1, April 1 & 2 2006

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

Game of the Week**Warragul 97 dft Monash University 93**

Plenty of pre-season predictions had Monash University steaming through this competition in much the same way Southern Peninsula took all before them in Division One in 2005. Obviously Warragul took exception to that, storming home with a 38-24 final period to register an upset win over the defending champions. Daniel Crotty and Michael Santo were the stars for the visitors, the former ruthlessly efficient making 8 of 14 from the field including 5 of 9 three pointers. Monash punished Warragul on the glass, 65 – 43, and shot much better – 42% from the field but their outside game fell apart hitting just 2 of 19 attempts and they were just 50% from the stripe in a game where no fewer than 95 free throws were awarded.

Game MVP: Michael Santo

Melton 86 dft Craigieburn 75

A tight contest until the last period when Melton blew this out with a 24-13 run. Wade Veldhuis was pretty much the difference with 24 points and he earned Game MVP honours as a result.

Game MVP: Wade Veldhuis

LTU 91 dft Keysborough 57

Not the warmest of receptions for new boys Keysborough as Peter Leimonitis lit it up for a round high 38 points. It was a terrible start for new comers, who managed just 5 points to 31 in the first period.

Game MVP: Peter Leimonitis

McKinnon 99 dft Maccabi 84

Tom Burns had a nice double-double with 22 points and 10 assists as he played all 48 minutes of what was a pretty tight contest until the last period. McKinnon much better from the field at almost 50%, while Maccabi managed just 35%.

Game MVP: Tom Burns

Western Port 89 dft Mornington 70

A great win for Western Port who are facing the new season without the formidable Shannon Davey. Tommy Walsh stepped in with 36 and 10 – Mornington again looking underdone inside, taking a battering on the glass.

Game MVP: Tom Walsh

McKinnon 107 dft Keysborough 97

The two Cougar teams faced each other for the first time in league history and McKinnon will be delighted to have snared the points and bragging rights. Burns and McKinnon's American Kevin Benn in great touch.

Game MVP: Kevin Benn

Warragul 102 dft Western Port 99

Both of these teams were fronting for their second game of the weekend and with Sandro Santo taking the court alongside star brother Mike the Warriors were able to take the points. The Steelers not far away which is a great sign for them.

Game MVP: Chris Taylor

Division Two Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	LTU	1	1	0	159.6
2	Melton	1	1	0	114.6
3	McKinnon	2	2	0	113.8
4	Warragul	2	2	0	103.6
5	Western Port	2	1	1	109.3
6	Monash University	1	0	1	95.8
7	Craigieburn	1	0	1	87.2
8	Maccabi	1	0	1	84.8
9	Mornington	1	0	1	78.6
10	Keysborough	2	0	2	77.7

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Tom Burns had a cracking weekend for McKinnon – knocking down 60 points 17 assists and 15 rebounds in two games
- ▶ Peter Leimonitis was on fire for LTU, hitting 15 of 22 shots as the Eagles beat up Keysborough on their league debut
- ▶ Mike Santo had two double-doubles on the road, 31 and 10 against Monash and then 25 and 10 against Western Port
- ▶ McKinnons' Kevin Benn was relatively quiet against Maccabi with 17 pts and 6 boards, but exploded against Keysborough with 33 points and 20 rebounds

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

- ▶ LTU @ Horsham
- ▶ Mornington @ McKinnon
- ▶ Maccabi @ Warragul
- ▶ Western Port @ Melton
- ▶ Craigieburn @ Monash
- ▶ Monash University @ Keysborough
- ▶ Western Port @ Craigieburn