

Round 1, April 1 & 2 2006

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

Game of the Week

Mildura 83 dft Keilor 70

This much anticipated clash brought together two of the "unknowns" for 2006. Keilor, a newly assembled team returning to the league and of course, the Sunbeams, who rarely get seen in the pre-season. That the Sunbeams got up should be no disappointment to Keilor, considering it was the team's first serious trip away and it was the league's most distant venue. Stephanie Gates and Belinda Ancora staged a great battle in the key, but Mildura's depth showed through in a good quality game. The home side knocked down 11 three pointers, with Elise Strachan hitting no fewer than five of eight herself. Plenty to build on for both teams, particularly Keilor, who will have benefited from the trip.

Game MVP: Elisa Strachan/Belinda Ancora

Southern Peninsula 68 dft Altona 53

A really bright start for the Sharks for 2006, who showed significant improvement last year and with new recruit Fiona Hannan on the court will be looking for finals this year. Altona without a dominant scoring threat although new Coach Troy Davies did take the opportunity to rotate all 12 players into the game.

Game MVP: Georgina May

Latrobe City 79 dft Mornington 48

The Energy struggled for most of last year and will be delighted with this effort. Mornington's inexperience hurting them as they shot at a poor 22% compared to the Energy's 40%. Carmen Dean showing her class and experience will really help the Valley based side in 2006.

Game MVP: Tara Carroll

Craigieburn 102 dft Melton 42

A real hiding for Melton here and the Eagles will be delighted with their start to the season. Brooke Davenport just dominated proceedings with 27 pts but with five players in double figures there look to be plenty of possible contributors available for Warren Taylor.

Game MVP: Brooke Davenport

Monash University 77 dft Ringwood 41

The Giants are another team with an impressive start, turning it on defensively and creating 27 turnovers. Blair and Kulikowski both logged 19 points, the latter making it a double with 13 rebounds.

Game MVP: Tara Blair/Kulikowski

Southern Peninsula 73 dft Hawthorn 57

A great double weekend to start the year for the Sharks, Virginia Amos leading the way today with 21 points. Thoday, May and Atkin all into double figures, the latter logging 9 rebounds and 6 assists as well.

Game MVP: Virginia Amos

Monash University 68 dft Altona 45

While Monash get their second win the Gators log their second loss in just two days. The Gators not helping their cause with a mighty 36 fouls compared to just 14 for Monash.

Game MVP: Tara Blair

Melton 92 dft Sherbrooke 73

The Thoroughbreds bounced back well here from the previous nights drubbing to record a 19 point win over the debuting Sherbrooke Suns. Melton shooting at better than 45% - Sherbrooke need to do plenty of work from here it appears.

Game MVP: Alison Morgan

Division Two Women's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Craigieburn	1	1	0	242.8
2	Monash University	2	2	0	168.6
3	Latrobe City	1	1	0	164.5
4	Southern Peninsula	2	2	0	128.1
5	Mildura	1	1	0	118.5
6	Melton	2	1	1	76.5
7	Keilor	1	0	1	84.3
8	Sherbrooke	1	0	1	79.3
9	Hawthorn	1	0	1	78.0
10	Altona	2	0	2	72.0
11	Mornington	1	0	1	60.7
12	Ringwood	1	0	1	53.2

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Belinda Ancora turned in a marvellous performance Saturday night in her teams debut game at Mildura – Ancora with 28 points and 15 rebounds – largely matched inside by Mildura's Stephanie Gates who had 18 pts and 14 boards
- ▶ Carmen Dean showed she will be great value for Latrobe City this year – Dean with 27 pts, 10 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals
- ▶ Monash Uni's Caroline Kulikowski had a big double against Ringwood with 19 pts and 13 rebounds and followed up with 11 pts and 8 rebounds against Altona
- ▶ Elyce Lambrou battled hard for Sherbrooke in their first ever league game – contributing 21 points and 17 rebounds, including 13 of 19 from the line.

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

- ▶ Mornington @ Southern Peninsula
- ▶ Altona @ Melton
- ▶ Mildura @ Latrobe City
- ▶ Craigieburn @ Monash University
- ▶ Ringwood @ Sherbrooke
- ▶ Mildura @ Hawthorn
- ▶ Altona @ Craigieburn
- ▶ Ringwood @ Keilor