

Round 4, April 22 & 23 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**Warrnambool 115 dft Waverley 104**

Bobby Cunningham's immaculate floor game and Curtis Small's sparkling offence combined with solid contributions from Gainey and Paton provided the goods for Warrnambool as they inflicted Waverley's first loss of 2006. The Falcon's regained Darren Smith and he moved straight into the starting line-up with 11 points and 10 rebounds but Waverley as a group coughed up 31 turnovers and Warrnambool punished them in transition with 43 points directly from them. Waverley actually led coming into the last, up by a single point, but Warrnambool stormed home with a 30-18 last period.

Game MVP: Curtis Small

Melbourne 94 dft Hume City 89

The Bronco's were without Greg Smith and while Russell McIntosh stepped in with a TD to replace him the Tigers got the job done here with Corletto, Greer and Threatt all firing. Hume fighting back in the last period but falling short.

Game MVP: Daryl Corletto

Sandringham 97 dft Latrobe City 84

The Sabres bludgeoned the Pacers in the first two periods, leading by 19 points coming into the second half. The Pacers response was muted, winning the last two stanzas but still falling 13 short.

Game MVP: Marcus Timmons

Dandenong 105 dft Diamond Valley 79

A much stronger showing from the Rangers, With Cannan, Hobba and Strong turning in big performances and David Godfrey handing off 11 assists. The Eagles again shooting poorly, making just 28 of 83 attempts from the field.

Game MVP: Lester Strong

Eltham 104 dft Ringwood 100

The Hawks paying the price for an inconsistent line-up, this week without Luke McMillan. In a close contest all night the Wildcats got through without Damon Lowry but with Moore and young star Ash Bryar scoring heavily.

Game MVP: Adam Moore/Jason Eversteyn

Ringwood 106 dft Werribee 102

The Devils lack of rebounding again showed up here as Brad Salter led their count with 13 from the guard spot. McMillan was back and with that Ringwood at full strength and far more potent. He and Rainbow gathering 46 between them.

Game MVP: Luke Egan

Melbourne 101 dft Eltham 96 (OT)

The Tigers went into this game without Corletto and his absence was possibly the difference as Eltham forced this into OT. Melbourne came out of that stronger after a splendid all round contribution that saw seven players in double figures.

Game MVP: John Lister/Sedale Threatt

Championship Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Sandringham	5	5	0	113.1
2	Waverley	5	4	1	107.1
3	Melbourne	5	4	1	106.1
4	Warrnambool	5	3	2	107.4
5	Hume City	4	2	2	100.0
6	Dandenong	5	2	3	104.5
7	Ringwood	5	2	3	101.6
8	Latrobe City	5	2	3	94.5
9	Eltham	6	2	4	93.5
10	Diamond Valley	5	1	4	87.3
11	Werribee	4	0	4	87.3

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Curtis Small led all scorers in Warrnambool's memorable home win over Waverley – Small had 37 points on 14 of 22 shooting to go with 8 rebounds and 4 steals
- ▶ Cunningham was similarly sharp, his 20 points accompanied by 9 rebounds, 6 assists and 5 steals
- ▶ Lester Strong and Brent Hobba gave DV a belting on the glass Saturday – Strong finishing with 13 rebounds and 38 points, Hobba with 18 boards and 18 points
- ▶ Jason Eversteyn was also massive on the glass, albeit in a losing side; the 7 footer with 22 points and 24 rebounds against Eltham before securing another 17 and four blocked shots in the win over Werribee

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

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