

Round 1, April 22 & 23 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**Sherbrooke 113 dft Bulleen 89**

The Suns continue to shine with another big win here ensuring they stay in touch with the top group. No fewer than four players logged doubles and Adam Dixon managed a triple as the home side established their ascendancy early in the game. None was better than Matt Cannon, who finished the game with 46 points and 18 rebounds. Overall the Boomers almost doubled Sherbrooke's turnover count, giving up the ball 26 times for the evening. A comprehensive win for the Suns, who have firmly announced themselves as a real threat for this years title.

Game MVP: Matt Cannon

Melbourne University 96 dft Hawthorn 91

While too early to proclaim this as the seasons major upset it is a most significant result for the Black Angels, inflicting Hawthorn's first loss of 2006. The only difference really being the third period, where Uni outscored their hosts 24-17.

Game MVP: James Pescott

Shepparton 99 dft Chelsea 88

The Gators break through for their first win of the year behind another huge performance from Jared Swanson. Unlike other games, Shepparton were consistent throughout, winning every term and with a wider range of contributors.

Game MVP: Jared Swanson

Keilor 105 dft Coburg 85

Four straight wins for the Thunder and the result ensures equal ladder leadership for the north-west team. Coburg struggling to find the right combination and slumping to their third successive loss.

Game MVP: Brent Radoslovic

Blackburn 89 dft Sunbury 81

The continued development of young star Justin Aver lifted the Vikings here; Aver finishing with 22 points in a most efficient performance both from the field and the line. Blackburn simply finished stronger in the second half for their second win of 2006.

Game MVP: Adrian Mychal

Southern Peninsula 98 dft Whittlesea 85

The Sharks claim their second win of the season and it provides an important boost as they seek to recover some lost ground. Six players in double figures a healthy sign for the defending champs.

Game MVP: Ben Appleford

Sunbury 96 dft Shepparton 92

The Gators unable to make it two in a row but a relieved Sunbury do halt a two game losing streak with this result. Adrian Mychal had another great game, his second big showing of the weekend and while he could not fully contain Swanson, did enough for the Jets to prevail.

Game MVP: Clinton Spence

Southern Peninsula 103 dft Blackburn 89

A great weekend for the Sharks, with Appleford again in good form. The home side shot at 46% here, compared to the Vikings 36%, and it tells much of the story, as Blackburn had their fair share of possession.

Game MVP: Ben Appleford

Altona 103 dft Coburg 94

A massive game from Nathan Marsh and terrific support from Steve Harris and Mark Rizza saw the Gators across the line here – despite a combative Coburg group. Coburg down every quarter, but by slim margins each time.

Game MVP: Nathan Marsh

Division One Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Altona	6	5	1	116.0
2	Keilor	5	4	1	117.8
3	Hawthorn	5	4	1	108.1
4	Whittlesea	3	2	1	100.4
5	Sherbrooke	5	3	2	108.6
6	Blackburn	4	2	2	97.8
7	Bulleen	4	2	2	94.2
8	Melbourne University	4	2	2	92.3
9	Southern Peninsula	7	3	4	94.4
10	Chelsea	5	2	3	100.4
11	Sunbury	6	2	4	91.6
12	Shepparton	6	1	5	90.9
13	Coburg	4	0	4	89.7

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Jared Swanson again earned a spot in the highlights list, this time with 42 points, 19 rebounds as the Gators beat Chelsea
- ▶ Adrian Mychal earned game mvp honours as Sunbury lost to Blackburn – Mychal with his best game of the year returning 27pts and 12 rebounds
- ▶ Mat Cannan continued his remarkable form, with 46 points, 18 rebounds and five steals against Bulleen
- ▶ Nathan Marsh almost delivered what would have been an all time great TD Sunday – Marsh finished with 34 points, 23 rebounds and 8 blocked shots as Altona beat Coburg

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

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