

Round 4, April 22 & 23 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 103 dft LTU 86

A great way to finish the weekend for the Warriors, who won both of their games on the road to secure outright top position for the first time this season. Michael Santo, who did not play Saturday, certainly made his presence felt today with 32 points but the star was Cameron Scott, who delivered a knock-out blow to LTU's front line with 24 points and 19 rebounds. The students Neville Chivhanganye matched him on the glass with 23 boards but the students just did not have the scorers to go with the Warriors this afternoon. LTU slip a little to 3-2, but still right in the mix at this stage.

Game MVP: Cameron Scott/Michael Santo

Western Port 82 dft Keysborough 80

The Cougars fall agonising short of their first league win but the Steelers will be buoyed by their second win of the year, in what is shaping as a very close Division Two competition. This was close throughout, Western Port just finishing stronger with a 29-25 last term.

Game MVP: Shane Price

Warragul 94 dft Mornington 78

A big third period saw Warragul blow this out as they turned a eight point half time advantage into a 28 point three quarter time lead. Importantly, they did it without Michael Santo who sat the entire game.

Game MVP: Daniel Crotty

LTU 81 dft McKinnon 66

The Cougars missed Michael Lazzari as LTU welcomed the scoring prowess of Paul DiMarzio back into their line-up. DiMarzio scored just 12 in twenty minutes, but with Sturrock and Leimonitis also contributing, the Eagles had too many guns for McKinnon.

Game MVP: Tim Sturrock

Horsham 93 dft Melton 79

A well contested game throughout but also one in which Horsham never really looked like they were in deep trouble. Ben Lewis showed he is fitting in well with the Hornets with 17 points, but the home side lacked scoring punch as the normally prolific Veldhuis went just three of 18 from the field.

Game MVP: Ben New

Craigieburn 110 dft Maccabi 68

Craigieburn's second win of the season comes at the expense of an under-staffed Maccabi group. The home side were in fine form, making 48% of their shots – both Robert Toller-Bond and Craig Jarvis making 25 apiece.

Game MVP: Craig Jarvis/Rhett Tauber-Lewis

Maccabi 106 dft Horsham 97

An understaffed Horsham not able to repeat Saturday nights effort but still drawing close with Maccabi, largely through Ben New's efforts. Rhett Taber-Lewis matched New's numbers and with Eric Witschel scoring heavily, Maccabi secure their third win and a place in the five.

Game MVP: Rhett Tauber-Lewis

Monash University 104 dft Melton 68

Just last Saturday night Melton were challenging for first place but this, their third loss in three games, sees them struggling. Andrew Oliver tore them apart with a big effort, but Monash had plenty of contributors in a fine afternoons work.

Game MVP: Andrew Oliver

Division Two Men's Ladder

Rnk	Team	P	W	L	%
1	Warragul	6	5	1	111.3
2	McKinnon	5	4	1	103.4
3	Monash University	6	4	2	114.9
4	LTU	5	3	2	110.1
5	Maccabi	5	3	2	98.2
6	Craigieburn	4	2	2	103.8
7	Horsham	4	2	2	99.4
8	Western Port	5	2	3	99.7
9	Melton	5	2	3	94.2
10	Mornington	5	1	4	91.6
11	Keysborough	6	0	6	79.4

Round Highlights.....

- ▶ Eric Plant reeled off an extraordinary nine assists as Craigieburn defeated Maccabi Saturday – playing the perfect playmakers role in not even attempting a single shot – Plant also finished with six steals
- ▶ Warragul have a fleet of talls and you can never be sure which one will deliver – Saturday was Steve Bonacci's turn as he grabbed 18 pts and 17 rebounds, Sunday was up to Cam Scott, who had 24 points and 19 rebounds
- ▶ LTU have their own rebounding monster in Neville Chivhanganye, the big ticket having his best game on the glass against Warragul with 23 rebounds to go with ten points
- ▶ Ben New had an outstanding weekend, scoring 28 and grabbing 21 boards against Maccabi after a huge night out at Melton, where he 27 points, 16 rebounds and four assists
- ▶ Rhett Tauber-Lewis did much the same, 33 points and 22 boards in the win over Horsham, 19 points and 17 rebounds in the loss to Craigieburn

Coming Up Next Week in Big V

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