

season 2009 YLM1 REVIEW

BIG V SEASON 2009 WEEKLY REVIEW: YOUTH LEAGUE MEN – DIVISION ONE

Here's a snapshot of what happened in Youth League Men Division One during *Round 1 of the Finals*.

Diamond Valley Eagles 89 def. by Melbourne Tigers 104

The Melbourne Tigers have turned around the disappointment of last week's loss to Diamond Valley, to topple the minor premiers in week 1 finals action.

The win secures a home court advantage in the rest of their finals campaign, no matter who they face.

For Diamond Valley, they now meet the highest ranked qualifier next week and give up home court, should they meet the Tigers in the Grand Final.

For the Eagles, Steve Viterbo (29 points, eight rebounds, eight assists) and Chris Arkell (25 points) were the best offensively, while for the Tigers Ben Kelly (24 points, eight rebounds) and Daniel Fisher (21 points) led their team to a huge victory.

Game MVP: Ben Kelly

Eltham Wildcats 89 def. Hume City Broncos 76

The Eltham Wildcats have put the clamps on the Broncos scoring potential and run away with a big win in Saturday night's do-or-die final against Hume City.

Ashley Bryar (28 points, 11 rebounds) was huge and kept the scoreboard ticking over for the Wildcats, helped out by Glenn Piper's almost TD performance (14 points, nine rebounds, nine assists).

For Hume City Harun Kansak (31 points) had a day out, with Luke Riches and Adam Mitchell assisting (13 each) but perhaps with a little less input than what the Broncos needed from these regulars.

Game MVP: Ashley Bryar

Waverley Falcons 98 def. by Ringwood Hawks 85

The Waverley Falcons have shown their fighting quality, running away with their do-or-die clash with the Ringwood Hawks on Saturday night.

The ever reliable Dexter Kernich-Drew (28 points) was almost unstoppable, with Dean Neville (17 points, 10 rebounds) and Daniel Wilkins (16 points, 12 rebounds) providing huge contributions as well.

Daniel Christian (22 points, eight rebounds) stood up for Ringwood, and although Zac Haig (17 points) and Shaun Clarke (14 points, 15 rebounds) assisted, they didn't have the legs late, with their great season sadly coming to an end.

Game MVP: Dexter Drew-Kernich

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What do you expect from first versus second?"

Nick Austin, Bulleen Boomers coach after their twopoint win over Latrobe City.

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