

**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 2 of the Finals*.

**Diamond Valley Eagles 132 def. Eltham Wildcats 90**

The Diamond Valley Eagles have shattered the Wildcats hopes of a grand Final appearance, smashing them by 42 points on Saturday night.

The Wildcats were never in the hunt – Diamond Valley exploded out of the gates, leading 22 to three mid-way through the first term. By half time they were in front by 32 and led by as much as 51 at one stage.

The Eagles shot 55 per cent from the field (compared to 35 for the Wildcats), they dominated the glass (47 to 34), had more assists (26 to 11) and fewer turnovers.

A massive game by Chris Arkell (41 points, 10 boards) and Steve Viterbo (34 points, 10 boards) set up not only the win, but an undisputed favourites' tag heading into the Grand Final series.

Eltham were simply outclassed in every facet of the game, with Ashley Bryar (18 points) and James Malvaso (16 points) their best contributors offensively.

The loss is a disappointing one for Eltham who were heading into the playoffs like a steam-train. But they were stopped in their tracks by an impressive Eagles outfit, who will head into next week with supreme confidence.

**Game MVP:** Chris Arkell

**Waverley Falcons 107 def. Melbourne Tigers 105**

The Waverley Falcons have set up a Grand Final showdown with Diamond Valley after knocking out the second-seeded Melbourne Tigers by two points in a thriller.

The lead changed 19 times throughout the clash, with neither time getting out to a double-digit lead at any stage in the game.

The Tigers had plenty more of it, smashing Waverley on the boards and putting up 20 more shots than the Falcons. But Waverley were deadly from the field, shooting a 43 per cent clip, 44 from the three, with the Tigers connecting on only 31 per cent – 28 from the arc.

Sean Stewart was on fire for the Falcons, finishing the game with 25 points off 63 per cent shooting. He went five of eight from the three in 40 minutes of playing time. Dexter Drew-Kernich was impressive with 22, Matt Dettman had 19, while Dean Neville double-doubled with 12 points and 14 boards.

For Melbourne, they weren't short of scorers – Andrew Morris (20 points) Daniel Ellul (19 points), Josh Kelly (16 points, 13 boards) and Ben Kelly (15 points) were all impressive.

But it was Waverley's night, as they prepare for a huge series with minor premiers Diamond Valley.

**Game MVP:** Sean Stewart

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