

**BIG V SEASON 2009 WEEKLY REVIEW:
YOUTH LEAGUE WOMEN**

Here's a snapshot of what happened in Youth League Women during *Week 2 of the finals*.

PRELIMINARY FINAL ONE**Diamond Valley Eagles 73 dft. Melbourne Tigers 54**

The Eagles used a huge third quarter to get ahead in this one as they booked their place in the Grand Final with a 19-point win over the Tigers.

After taking a slender lead after one quarter, the Eagles were forced to endure one of their worst offensive quarters of the season in the second. The Eagles made just two of their 27 attempts from the field and scored just four points for the quarter, as the Tigers snatched the lead and went into the main break ahead by four.

The third quarter, however, belonged to the Eagles, who executed their offensive game plan to perfection, racking up 29 points to 10 for the quarter to have the game as good as won at the end of three.

The fourth was an up and down affair, however the Tigers were not able to get the stops they needed to get back in the game.

The Eagles finished the game with just 27 per cent shooting from the field, however 31 offensive rebounds allowed them to put of 24 more shots than the Tigers. Tough defence was also on the agenda for the Eagles, as they forced the Tigers into 34 turnovers.

Tara Feben came up huge for the Eagles, finishing with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Amy Faulkner had 12, despite shooting just four for 17 from the field.

The Eagles will need to be sure they do not take any quarters off in the Grand Final as it could cost them dearly.

Tarryn Macpherson stepped up for the Tigers with another classy display; Macpherson had 18 points to

go along with a game high 13 rebounds and four blocked shots. Isabella Brancasitano worked hard to finish with 11 points, however she struggled to find her rhythm in this one.

The Tigers will be disappointed with their lacklustre second half however there are some very promising signs for this young team.

PRELIMINARY FINAL TWO**Waverley Falcons 41 dft. By Eltham Wildcats 67**

The Wildcats put forward their best defensive effort of the year as they secured a spot in the Grand Final with a comfortable 26-point win.

Despite having gone winless against the Falcons this season, the Wildcats began the game full of confidence, and restricted the Falcons to just two first quarter points, while scoring 17 themselves.

Things improved for the Falcons in the second as they outscored the Wildcats 13-12 to reduce the half-time deficit to 14.

The Wildcats lifted offensively in the third to take the margin out to 24 at the final change, and cruised to a surprise upset win.

It was a polished performance from the Wildcats, who will need to keep their defence up when they face the attack-minded Eagles in the Grand Final.

With that very same Eagles team watching on, the Wildcats shot at 37 per cent while connecting on eight of their 17 attempts from long range. Even more impressively, the Wildcats restricted the Falcons to just 17 per cent shooting. Emma Glynn stepped up with 16 points and eight rebounds, shooting at 50 per cent from the field, while Rachel McKeown hit four three-pointers on her way to 16 points.

While they were not shooting at their regular clip, the Falcons worked hard to stay in the contest and made some big runs in the third quarter. Caitlin Hindle and Tahlia Higgs worked hard on offense while Jessie

McPherson and Leanda Higgs were solid on the rebounds.

The loss brings an end to the Falcons' season, however they will be hoping that their hard work this season lays the foundation for future success.

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