ROUND REPORT

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Round 1 Roundup Big V - Men

Our Men travelled to Mullum Mullum Stadium on Saturday night for their debut Division 1 match against Warrandyte Venom.

In a highly competitive game, the visiting team at one point held a 16 point lead. However the home team – lead by their import Michael Birt II (25p 8r) actually took the lead with 5 minutes to go in the fourth quarter. That's when the experience of Billy Huges and Jordan Canovan shone through.

With key defencive efforts and balanced scoring, Gippsland United finished the game 8 points the better.

Just like last season, the bench depth of Gippsland United was again a strenght with the bench outscoring Venom's bench 15–9.

Oliver Amajoyi had an outstanding debut game for Glppsland United. Big Oli finished the game with 15 points and a huge 16 rebounds. Oliver also was clutch at the free-throw line late in the game.

Gippsland United 71 def. Warrandyte Venom 63

Key Performers:

Oliver Omajoyi: 15p, 16r, 3a, 1st, 1b

Billy Hughes: 18p, 4r, 2a, 1st

Jordan Canovan: 12p 6r, 2a, 1st

Round 1 Roundup Big V - Women

Our Women had to wait until Sunday to get their season started. They too had to travel to Mullum Mullum Stadium to take on the Blackburn Vikings.

Reigning league MVP Chloe Hogg put the first points on the board in Season 2023, and the Makenzie Miller dominated the first term scoring 8 points. In an odd coaching move, Blackburn were full fronting Mak in the post which lead to some outstanding passes for open lay ups.

It was only that we missed some simple layups in the second term that kept the Vikings in the game. The final 26 point margin was generous. The United Women did well to hold composure in the final term when the home bench got quite rowdy and the physicality stepped up.

To be fair, it was depth and chemistry that let the team down last year, however at times in this game the ball movement and crisp passing was exceptional. The bench outscored the home team 33-19 with Mish Clarke and Alahna Arnason important. A fantastic start with some really great signs for a big season.

Gippsland United 72 def. Blackburn Vikings 46

Key Performers:

Makenzie Miller: 17p, 7r, 1a, 1b

Chloe Hogg: 12p, 12r, 4a, 3st, 1b

Alahna Arnason: 8p, 9r, 1a



Blue Carpet: Starting 5

Mak Miller dominated this week gaining Starting 5 nomination!

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