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FINALS AND THOUGHTS FOR THOSE TEAMS WHICH WILL NOT MAKE FINALS

With five rounds to go we now have enough information to know some teams will not make finals.

There are some special awards available to such teams if they nominate with appropriate evidence. This includes an IMPROVED TEAM AWARD

Meanwhile this Bulletin reviews U/16 and U/18 grades for assessment of finals prospects. The next Bulletin will do the same for the Under 12's and Under 14's

BOYS GRADES

16 East 1 Only Warrandyte (3) is safe but Knox (4) has a good run home. Doncaster should make it but have a few tough challenges. Thereafter 4 teams are fighting for two places. Keysborough v Frankston (4) in Round 17 will be critical, Sandringham (4) play a lot of high teams.

16 East 2A Camberwell's victory over Dandenong (4) away from home has kept their hopes alive, but they need a lot to go right. Dandenong (4) have four hard games and could miss out if they finish 9 - 9. Mc Kinnon (2)'s draw is easier so all will be watching Pakenham and Western Port who are right on the edge.

16 East 2B Only 3 points separate Ringwood (3) 4th from Hawthorn (3) 7th. Three games from Round 14 will impact the race for the finals, the most vital being Ringwood (3) v Mornington (3). Ringwood will be confident after gaining a tie against top placed Southern Peninsula.

16 East 3A This competition is remarkably even with only 4 wins separating first and eighth Knox (5) has a chance to consolidate their position in the next round and have only two hard games in the run home.

16 East 3B Melbourne (6) won decisively against a team in the five, as they did in Round 11. Their late bid is still alive but the Round 14 visit to Waverley will stretch them as Waverley realise they are the team most at threat. Mornington (4) won their first game of the season.

16 East 4 This is a top eight, with three teams safe and three teams 9th-11th with still a chance. Only the winner of Warrandyte (4) and Eltham (8) will still be in the running after Round 14.

18 Reg 1 Wallan have rocketed to 3rd position after a long succession of wins, following a poor start. Keilor (4)'s win over Sherbrooke has ensured the places from 4th onwards are too close to call. Whittlesea (2)'s tie with Bellarine illustrates just how tight it is.

18 Reg 2A Pakenham and Knox (4) can pack their bags for finals. Dia Valley (3) apart from the bye have a hard run home - 3 away games and they play the top two teams.



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Eltham (2) play Pakenham away but the rest are quite feasible. However Blackburn (2) should expect three more wins which would be probably enough.

18 Reg 2B The top six teams are close – very close – but one must miss. Collingwood v Eltham (3) in Round 15 may decide the issue, but if Melbourne (5) falters then the last round may decide.

18 Reg 3 Craigieburn (2)'s win over Hampton Park has opened up fifth spot. Their remaining rounds have about the same degree of difficulty.

18 Reg 4 Another top eight narrow wins to Coburg (4) and Keysborough (2) improved their position. There are a mass of critical games here, and lots of teams have been inconsistent.

GIRLS GRADES

16 East 1 While Cranbourne (2) advanced their cause with big wins in Round 12 & 13 it left Cranbourne and Waverley (2) to scramble for 5th spot. Cranbourne's one point win over Waverley in Round 13 helped them but did not settle the issue.

16 Reg 2 Bulleen (4) lost their second games, so although safe for the top 8 they are not "red hot" favourites. The top three will be in finals, but the next six are very close, and just one will miss out. Corio Bay will need four wins to be sure of getting there.

16 East 2 Sandringham (3) had a significant win in Round 13 but Waverley (3) won also. Realistically this is a three way battle for two places with Mornington (2) requiring only two more wins to be in the finals.

18 Reg 1 Although Camberwell (3) managed a tie against Cranbourne (2) they would require an extraordinary last five rounds to make the finals. The likely outcome is Craigieburn (2) or Cranbourne (2) will make 5th spot.

REGIONAL CHALLENGE

East v North

Don't forget the Regional Challenge this Friday night at the Keilor Basketball Stadium commencing around 7pm. Come along and support the East teams in their quest to win the Challenge for the first time.

The teams following are representing the East.

12 Girls Frankston (4), Cranbourne. 14 Girls Kilsyth (3) 16 Girls Dandenong (4)

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16 Boys Knox (4) 18 Boys Ringwood (3)