

The hunt for the Wildcat is on in SCW and Diamond Valley were the first scalp. The newbie Suns also put up a fight while Ringwood got the job done early.

The pick of the bunch in an entertaining round one was Ringwood after their impressive 76-65 home win against Waverley. In a ripping third period the Hawks mastered a 23-5 run to set up the win and looked more than comfortable late in the game with Waverley trying to save pride. Katie Shanahan (22pts) and import Andrea Verdegan (19pts) flew high for the Hawks, with Laura Thomas (20pts) was the only Falcon to soar.

Sherbrooke found their first SCW outing a tough one against the Tigers, particularly in the second quarter when the home team blew the game open courtesy of a 17-4 run. Never in trouble, the Tigers rotated all 12 players and shared the load nicely, while Sally Laing (10pts, 16rbs) registered good stats for the Suns.

All up five Sherbrooke players hit the court for 30+ minutes in an early sign that the bulk of the workload could be shared by less rather than more.

In her 100th game, Ringwood's Katie Shanahan (22pts) showed why she is the future cornerstone for the Hawks. Leading her team to a first-up win against Waverley, Shanahan looks ready to join the elite players in SCW.

In other games, Zoe Carr's 20pts was more than enough to help her Wildcats to a 71-59 win against Diamond Valley, and that came without Hollie Grima-Florance.

In a high scoring affair Bulleen finished off Hume City with a 25-13 third period and went on to celebrate an 85-72 win. Best for the Boomers included Jayde Tyrell (20pts) and Tennille Nash (16pts), while for the Broncos Hannah Pickford (22pts) and Samantha Rioli (17pts) looked impressive.

Though they have experienced an interrupted pre-season with players joining late, the

Despite a first round loss, Sherbrooke's return to the women's competition was a gallant one. Good to see the girls from the hills performing well- keep tabs on them this season.

Boomers have certainly gained momentum and look far better now that what was predicted a month ago.

Five players hit double figures in round one and all the signs lead towards a successful year ahead for the Boomers.

Melbourne	62	defeated	Sherbrooke	50
Ringwood	76	defeated	Waverley	65

Eltham	71	defeated	Diamond Valley	59
Bulleen	85	defeated	Hume City	72