

2009 WABL & SBL FINALS WEEKEND



August 8th & 9th



Sutherland Basketball Stadium

SBL Division 1 Men
Macarthur Heat v Penrith Panthers

Both teams got off to slow starts in the State League Mens final, with both Penrith and Macarthur struggling on offense and producing several turnovers each. It was Penrith however that settled into the game first, taking the leading and restricting the Heat to just 7 first quarter points. At the first break it was the Panthers by 7.

Penrith 14 – 7

Macarthur continued to struggle on the offensive, looking disjointed and out of their rhythm. The Panthers opened the quarter with a 11 – 2 run and producing their biggest lead in the match. Led by veterans Adam Patterson and Matt Slack. At the main break it was the Panthers by 9.

Penrith 27 – 18

Macarthur finally got going in the second half, awaking from their offensive slumber with a nice 6 – 0 run to open the third. Penrith turned up the defensive pressure behind centre Tom Dawson and were hanging on to the lead, up by just 3 at the last change.

Penrith 43 – 41

Macarthur's Matthew McCoy continued his hot second half form, converting on several opportunities from inside and out and keeping his side in the contest. In a thrilling finish, with the result in the balance, the Panthers held their nerve and made the critical free throws to take out the title in a nail-biting 5 point victory.

Penrith 60 - 55