

## **Division One Preview for Season 2013**

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History has already been made with the 2013 Division One kicking off on Good Friday under lights at Kings Park Reserve. Hoppers Crossing recorded a win over St Albans in front of a large crowd in what was a great advertisement for the competition.

This weekend the season proper gets underway under those same lights with the now annual clash between St Albans and Deer Park. The Lions recruiting has been the talk of the off season, securing some top line players including Jackson Barling, Shannon Broadbent and Heath Ayres under new coach Marc Bullen. The Saints welcome back Aaron Henneman and former VFL players in Teghan Henderson and Lachlan Badderley.

Reigning premiers Altona have added Jayden Post to their ranks and Spotswood has Murray Boyd on the list now. Their clash after the Vikings unfurl the flag will be every bit as intense as their last one in September. What a game that was.

Sunshine signed Mitch Hahn and his presence on and off the field will be a huge boost for Brett Jacob's men as they take on Albion. The Cats will rely on their up and coming junior graduates to keep them in the hunt in 2013. Hoppers Crossing already has one win on the board and will unveil to the WRFL its new rooms, arguably the best in the competition.

As always Port Melbourne Colts have been quiet in the off season but are always a tough opponent. Yarraville Seddon Eagles make their Division One debut under that name and long time league followers will be glad to see Yarraville Oval back in the big time. They take on the John Barnes coached North Footscray, another team little is known of at this stage.

Let the games begin.