

Thursday Non-men thirds: A brilliant, superb, tremendous, dashing display of A1 basketball skill, shocked Latrobe Uni, and one MU coach to produce a (wait for it...) 18-7 lead in the first half. However, the up and coming Latrobe youngsters, spurred on by this great effort, managed to scrape together enough points to get to the lead just before the final siren, winning 26-22. Only notable scorer was Kathy who made 10.

Men F grade: NSW 47 d. Uni 32. Considering they were eight points down for a late start, and had only four men, it wasn't a bad effort. Guest player PM played point, amongst other things, and Ray Drady did a good job on the boards.
Scorers: PM 18, RD 8, Gordon Mitchell 6.

Men B grade "All Stars(?)": ran a close second to ANZ 36-45. When the opposition got a bit tough, our captain (Grant M.) showed his strength. His unusual tactic of smashing his jaw on an ANZ guy's fist surprised the opposition (had some of the Uni boys fooled too!) Dave R. decided to "pull the finger out" just after half-time. Unfortunately, the finger belonged to one of the opposition players, and was in Dave's left eye at the time. Geoff A. doesn't play his best when sober. Ken M. had the ANZ rabble frantic with a scoring spree: unfortunately it lasted only ten seconds. George believes everyone else in MU wears the wrong colour shorts, and Ray & Kev return to F grade (by unanimous decision!)

Monday Men Agrade: St.Kilda City 62 d. Uni 25. A different scene altogether to their first win the previous Monday - the men were slightly lacking in numbers (ie, four). Opposition player Ian Joy (34 pts) was visibly demoralized after being stuffed by Ian Bett, and had to be taken off. Although we had a hot Haggis, we failed to reach St.Kilda's half-time score of 27.
Scorers: Haggis 14, Vaark 5.

If you think that Gough's re-election to power was the miracle of the month - wait until you hear what happened on Wednesday.

Wednesday Non-men seconds: The team starred again with a resounding 30-12 win over Trampers, and despite the occasional slip, the whole team worked well together. Helen dribbled her way in, around and sometimes over the opposition to score a creditable 12. Kerry, true to form, managed to fool the ref on one occasion with a cleverly disguised double dribble. Yet, despite her reluctance to snoot, she shocked all, particularly herself by scoring 8 points, all from long bombs.

Non-men firsts: F-knuckled around in the first half. Lois did the well known MU effort and was fouled off after only 12 mins. Lack of organization left Uni down 2-8 at half time. However, they fought back determinedly in the second half to defeat Monash 18-17.

DRIBBLING BALLS (continued)

Wednesday Men thirds: Uni 27 d. Coburg 21. Playing strongly, the Wasp brothers (Wally and Tweeds) led the thirds (looking suspiciously like half the seconds) to a comfortable half-time lead of 19-6. The second half was not as impressive, but they never looked like losing.

Scorers: Mal 10, Ian Speed 6.

Men seconds: Uni 49 d. Heidelberg 47. The opposition, all about Derro-size, had Uni a little worried in the second half when they used an aggressive man-to-man defence. But, in true MU style, the boys didn't panic, they just let them catch up. 8-ball was playing so well in offence, that he decided to try out his new stationary defence - it didn't work. Beau was not pleased with the refs. 8-ball nearly messed up their first win of the season by wearing dazzling blue shorts. Fortunately, the refs were so overcome that they forgot to subtract two points for incorrect uniform.

Scorers: 8-ball 22, Dick, Easy 6, Beau 5.

Men firsts: Uni 61 d. Nunawading 54. The first half was bloody terrible: Long John Sollibakke couldn't get the ball let alone score, Zeke kept hitting people, and Rob & Lards were fouling well. It was just as well they opposition were playing almost as badly: at half-time Uni was only five down. An inspiring half time speech by Wasp (spectators three courts away were inspired by his impressive command of language) led to a remarkable change in the game. The fact that he also told them to play zone defence was beside the point. Lards made some amazing driving lay-ups, Solli hit a few hooks, Roger made a fast break and then Zeke got hot. It was all too much for the opposition (and the Wasp, and the Uni spectators), and Uni ran out comfortable winners by seven points.

Scorers: Solli 20, Zeke 16, Lards 13, Rob & Cecil 5.

Not only did we win all five games - but Malcolm (Wally Wasp) Speed coached the three winning mens teams, and got his name in this edition five times.

Social Notes and other things:

The Thursday night F grade team is short of players for next week - vacation problems, you know. The game next week is at 7.30, and anyone is welcome to play. Walkovers cost the club \$4.

Tournaments: Two mens and two non-mens teams are going to Devonport, and one mens Under 20 team is going to Ballarat on the Queen's Birthday weekend: 15th-17th June. Any players wishing to go to either tournament, who have not already indicated this, please see Peter Mitchell.