

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

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MATCH REPORTS:

(NB: Reports are arranged in chronological order - no sexism here!)

VICBA - Men's (Sunday 1st)

MELB UNI. 43 defeated SWINBURNE 38.

After a low key first half, in which Uni's players (comprised of 1 player from the firsts, 3 from the seconds and 1 from the thirds) lacked concentration in both offence and defence, Swinburne led 26-18. However, in the second half, Uni improved greatly and with pressure defence from the guards, strong rebounding from the forwards and more controlled offence came back to record their first VICBA win for the season.

Scorers: John Campbell 18, Chris Macpherson (Haggis) 17.

CEBA - Men's 'A' Grade (Monday 2nd)

MONASH (2) 49 defeated UNIVERSITY 46.

Uni, being handicapped with four players, showed determination to be 1 point down at half time and only 3 points down at the end of the game. A good time was had by all, inspired by the simple incantation of "let's run a bit".

Scorers: Mike Means 19, Haggis (the hamstrung) 10, Neil Sims 9, Henry Cooper

VABA - Men's 2nd Division (Wednesday 4th)

Sorry, no report received - but I think Uni (1) had a draw 56 points all.

VABA - Men's 3rd Division (Wednesday 4th)

UNIVERSITY (2) defeated COBURG GIANTS by walkover.

Coburg's Brett Wright took one look at Uni's 4 3rd Division stalwarts (not tall wots; none over 6 ft) warming up and ran. And as the Sanyo sponsored Giants may say, "Ah, that's life".

VABA - Men's 4th Division (Wednesday 4th)

DEVILS 108 defeated UNIVERSITY (3) 39.

Have you heard of the good ways to wreck a basketball club?

1. Don't make regular appearances at games.
2. Don't tell the team you won't be there if you plan the absence?

(You make up 8 others, then attempt to never fulfill them). Sadly lacking in numbers (3 bonafide thirds and Henry) Uni could not keep up with a stronger Devils side. Des, Henry and Ross all put in sustained efforts, Geoff being a little handicapped by four fouls in the opening 5 minutes of the game. As the scores suggest this game degenerated into a scoring bonanza with practically no defence from either side) and if Geoff had have made a few more of the full court fast breaks he muffed, the scores would have been a lot closer.

Scorers: Henry Cooper (alias Simon), 12, Geoff Stamp 12, Pete Fitzgerald (Des) 11, Ross Coulthard 4.

Women's Thursday Night

Sorry no report received - must be a communications breakdown somewhere along the line.

Vic. Business Houses - Men's 'B' Grade (Thursday 5th)

C.B.A. (1) 51 defeated UNIVERSITY (1) 29

In a typical lack-lustre 'B' Grade game, Uni was well beaten by a more level-headed C.B.A. side. Hodgy exhausted himself questioning decisions from the female referee - a waste of time since half the time she didn't know what she called, or why! - which of course led to a very antagonistic male referee. (Was he her brother or boyfriend?) Anyway, perhaps we should take a leaf out of Jeff's book and have less arguing and more playing. On the boards, Jeff and Simon battled hard and Graeme Barr showed a happy glimpse of form, playing in his first game since an ankle injury.

Scorers: Graeme Barr 10.

Vic. Business Houses - Men's 'D' Grade (Thursday 5th)

UNIVERSITY (2) 57 defeated TELECOM 18.

In a rather scrappy game, Uni had little trouble defeating Telecom. Fast breaks were the order of the night.

Scorers: Henry Cooper 19, John Neylen 18, Kevin Eye 6.

NB: The 'D' Grade ladder is 3 rounds behind but shows Uni as ~~5th~~ ~~in these last~~ 3 games Uni has had 3 wins - could be a big chance for the final?

OTHER ITEMS:

- M.U.B.C. ANNUAL DINNER: The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stadium Restaurant 410 Brunswick St., North Fitzroy, on Tuesday 7th September. All persons are requested to be there by 8 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 per head (all inclusive). The evening will take the form of:-

8-10 p.m. 4 course dinner, 10-?.....Words of wisdom from somebody wise,
?-12 p.m.....Dancing, Drinking, or whatever else takes **your** fancy,

- Have you paid your 1976 Subs yet? If not, see Nik Dow (Treasurer) with your \$3.00.

- Congratulations to Henry Cooper who has notched up more than 100 goals (200 points) for 'D' Grade side, this season.

- Just on this point about telling someone if you can't make the game... Haggis has asked time and again to kindly ring him (Home Ph. 254091) or somebody else who can pass the word around.