

# MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

## DRIBBLING BALLS

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Due to an unprecedented lack of information, Dribbling Balls will come out fortnightly, at least for a while.

The Girl's seasons are still going but results of games are hard to get. The Men's Monday night starts next Monday (4th) whilst Wednesday night starts in possibly 2 or 3 weeks.

### End of season report (Winter):

#### VABA Men's 2nd Division

The firsts this year enjoyed mediocre success, after a rather discouraging year in 1975. We finished 7th out of 14, winning about half of our games. (There was some rather dubious administrative work during the season, on the part of the VABA, resulting in the loss of some scoresheets, so some games are still in doubt!)

After sadly missing a coach over summer, Ray Watson agreed to become playing coach and has done a great job, considering the difficulties in playing and coaching and the fact that University teams are less stable than some others. Ross Coulthard agreed to take on the responsibility of team manager and his work has been greatly appreciated. The team settled down to a squad of nine: Zeke, Simple and Haggis as guards, Mike as a guard/forward, Les and Laurie as centres, and Skippy, Ian and Betty as forwards.

Although we lost a few games we should have won, and could have done a little better, the season has been reasonably successful, and just as importantly, an enjoyable one.

#### VABA - Men's 3rd Division

University (2) began season '76 in 4th Division but after winning 5 games straight, and with Diamond Valley dropping out of 3rd Div., were promoted to 3rd Div. However the team wasn't told of the promotion and learnt about it just in time to be told we had forfeited our first game. Thus being credited with five losses and a forfeit for our first 6 games, the team did fairly well to finish 5th on the ladder. Much of the team's success was due to Graeme Clarke, with good support from Jeff Anderson, John Campbell, Andy Bett, Peter Dyer and Henry Cooper. Graeme, John and Andy are players with ability which must see them appearing in the firsts in a season or two.

#### VABA - Men's 4th Division

We started the season with the added bonus of 4 wins credited to us whilst the 2nds were playing under our name in 4th Division. Despite this help, we did not play up to our full potential and were beaten regularly by very ordinary teams. The other problem we faced was never having the same team members from week to week (with sometimes 10 turning up, other times only 3!) We finished about 6th on the ladder after a fairly disappointing season.

N.B. There is talk that a table will be organised for the Recovery Ball, and also possibly an after Exam. turn, - More about this as it comes to hand.