

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

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Labour Day Weekend Tournaments Edition.

Three teams were dispatched for tournaments last weekend. Men's A Reserve and Women's "B" Grade to Wangaratta and Men's "B" Grade to Ballarat. The reports follow:-

WANGARATTA

Women:

GAME 1. Uni 36 lost to Comets 37.

This was a game of 2 halves. Uni played very poorly against Comet's accurate outside shooting in the first half and trailed 16-25 at the change. Our second half was an excellent team performance and the improvement in defence was incredible. A one point lead was blown when our freeze was broken with 5 seconds left and two foul shots sealed our fate.

Game 2. Uni 41 d YMCA Lakers 24.

A crushing victory in which all players received a good run on the court, and afforded a chance to work on mistakes of the previous game.

Game 3. UNI 31 d. COHUNA 30.

An even game of good standard saw Uni overcome another slow start to be 15-16 down at half-time. After being five points down for about the next ten minutes, an inspired burst of brilliance saw the team five up, and although forced back to one up, they held on for a very good win. This result meant a tie for top of the division and we were unlucky to miss out on a finals berth on percentage. The five starters, Kathy, Val, Debbie, Jan and Carol proved themselves to be very devastating when the need arose, and they received able bench support from Kay, Mary and Cathy.

MEN.

GAME 1. UNI 54 d. WOMBATS 40.

Despite having only five players for the tournament the men moved right into top gear in this game. Henry and John dominated with 18 points each, Haggis chipped in with 12, and Les played outstanding defence and Rosco's passing was a telling factor. A very promising start.

GAME 2. UNI 51 Lost to SHEEPARTON 52.

This was an outstanding effort by an outsized Uni side with no subs. Everyone contributed, and but for tiring in the last two minutes we would have won by at least five points. As it was, a bad pass and a change cost us possession with 10 seconds left, and a basket so the siren sounded sent us down. Haggis hit 16 points, John 12 and Les 10.

GAME 3. UNI (about 30) lost to WOLVES (about 60).

A real debacle. Les and Ross carried the rest of the team, mainly because they couldn't stand up. The offenders scored four points each, which coincidentally was the same number of bottles each consumed before the game. We were outsized again, and would have lost if all were sober anyway, but this is a pretty poor excuse, since we didn't know the opposition's standard before the game and still could have made finals. Les hit 12 and Ross hit 6 in a two-out effort.

Foot note: Les joined the three drunks later that night and helped to boost the total to 25 bottles for the day.

BALLARAT

At the time of going to press, details on the Ballarat trip are a trifle vague, but basically the following occurred.

The team met some strong opposition, including several Div 1. players, and lost their 3 games by 60, 6 and 59 points. The second game was a good effort, but the other two weren't so hot. Simon dominated for us (it must be true, he told me himself), with Andy and Alex helping. On the social scene, Don produced another good tournament performance by getting drunk at a party, forgetting how he got the big scratch on his car going home from it, then completing the evening by "doing a Haggis" in the tent. Gutsy effort!

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

FRI MARCH 25 - Henry Cooper's House-warming.

SUN MARCH 27 - BBQ at Haggis and Kaye's place. B.Y.O. First official turn for the year, new members especially welcome.

EASTER - Sale tournament. A real must. See Betty for details.

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