

DRIBBLING BALLS

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SALE E. STER TOURNAMENT REPORT.

Twenty-three people made their way to Sale in pouring rain on Thursday and Friday looking forward to taking part in one of the gutsiest tournaments of the year, at least that was the reputation from previous years. The club was represented in four grades, Men's "As Reserve" and "B" and Women's "A Reserve" and "B".

WOMEN'S B GRADE.

Game 1. Sth, Districts 28 d Uni 15.

This was not as bad a performance as one might think, when you consider that a team comprised of our seconds played the same Mordialloc Wednesday night. Mary and Marg fouled out after trying hard all game, and Julie Sievers never gave up in defence.

Mary 4; Marg 4.

Game 2. Sale U. 18. 34 d Uni 15.

In a game played on an unusual surface at the High School our first half was not impressive at all. However the second half was a great improvement as we broke Sale's man-to-man and got the one-four offence working well.

Julie Langdon 4; Marg 4.

Game 3. Uni 26 Christ College 10

After what may be termed a coaching coup, Uni cracked it for their first win of the weekend. Strong defence and blistering offence produced the win that was deserved after two good fighting efforts.

Sue 10; Julie L, 8.

MEN'S B GR. DE.

Game 1. Maffra 59 d Uni 25

We had trouble against a strong Maffra combination. They controlled the boards and our offence faltered, but everyone hung in there 'till the end.

Neville 9; Brownie 9.

Game 2. Pt. Melbourne 47 d Uni 32

An excellent first half by Uni saw us ahead 20-13 at the change. Geoff Stamp was dominating the offence with 15-20 ft. shots and had 8 points to half time including a "blind" shot on the buzzer. The second hlf was a different story as Uni tired and the opposition literally ran all over us. Andy Bett was timeless as time and again Pt. broke 3 on 1 against him, but we finally went down by 15.

Geoff 10; Simon 8; Don (alias Norm) 8.

MEN'S B GRADE, Continued.

Game 3. Devils 52 d Uni 34.

We were very slow to start and Devils had an unbeatable lead by half time. With only 14 points on the board at the 30 minute mark Uni went mad and scored 18 points in 6 minutes while holding the opposition scoreless. Andy starred again, with help from "Shoulders".

Neville 10; Andy 8; Brownie 8.

WOMEN'S A RESERVE.

Game 1. Tigers 34 d Uni 15

The team arrived with high hopes and a strong team, but went down to eventual tournament winners, Tigers, by a similar margin to that of the final. A poor first half in which only one field goal was scored cost Uni any chance they had.

Lois 5; Terri 4.

Game 2. Uni 39 d Pt. Adelaide 14.

Uni eclipsed the opposition with a dramatic return to form by some players, largely due to strong team spirit which seemed to develop as the tournament progressed. This was almost as pleasing as the win, since the club can ill-afford tension within teams.

Debbie 12; Jan 10.

Game 3. Maffra 33 d Uni 19

This game was highlighted by Sandie taking her place on the court wearing her top back to front. Betty made a sub after 30 seconds and she made a hasty retreat to the changing rooms. As for the game itself, the strong Maffra team broke away early and despite some "positive" coaching in the last half we couldn't catch them.

Debbie 6; Carol 5.

MEN'S A RESERVE

Game 1. Maccabi 39 d Uni 36

A well balanced Uni squad blew a game which eventually cost us a place in the Semi-finals. Defense was generally slack, and offense lacked bite. We faltered in the last couple of minutes to go down by 3, an occurrence which is all too commonplace for the firsts at the moment. The scoring was evenly spread.

Game 2. Uni 66 d Sale 31

Smarting from the earlier loss, and eager for a large percentage, we crushed a stunned home side. Betty played brilliantly, Haggis shot well and Clarkie crashed the boards in a one sided performance.

Haggis 20; Betty 19.

Game 3. Wellington 67 d Uni 49

This was a reasonable performance against a very strong side boasting several Division 1 players. Failure to run the offense was a major problem and we never looked like scoring enough to win.

Haggis 19; Betty 14.

SOCIALLY, it wasn't as outstanding as last year. Haggis lost his blanket, Clarkie lost his Cinzano, and goodness knows what Brownie lost out in the car. Henry "F.B.S." Cooper struck once or twice, and 5 loonies gave the girls a big send off at the caravan park. Les was once again "most valuable camper", bringing everything, including the kitchen sink and kero heater.

Conclusion: Perhaps not as memorable as '76, but we'll be there again next year.

P.SP Dont forget the M.U.B.C. Annual General Meeting on Sat. April
~~23~~, at about ~~1.15~~ p.m. All members welcome.

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