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V.W.B.A. B Grade (Wed. 18th)

Uni 20 d M.G.'s 14.

The crowd went wild as the girls notched their first win for the season. It was a good team effort with all members contributing. In the first half our rebounding was excellent with Marg, Mary and Kay dominating the boards, but offence lacked a little luck as several near misses kept the scores close. The second half was a different story as "new" recruit Marion played a great game and scored some vital baskets aided by good passing from Julie and good ball control by Cathie and Diane. A great win to lift the team from the bottom of the ladder.

Marion 7; Cathie 5.

V.A.B.A. Division 3 (Wed. 18th)

Uni 25 d Ajax 24.

Offensively it was a bad game, except for Peter's work on the baseline and a few drives by Easy. Ajax had a smaller side than we did, allowing us to coast to a 13 - 8 lead at half time. A desperate bid was made to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, but fortunately it failed. We've now won three games and lost three.

Peter 9; Easy 6; Norm 4; John 4.

V.B.H.B.A. B Grade (Thurs. 19th)

Colgate 41 d Uni 33.

Typical business houses "basketball" saw Simon down for the count in the first half. Alex put in a good effort for the whole game (but the other guy got away - Ed.). He shot 13 points in the first half and played excellent vigorous defence. We slowed badly in the second half and finished well down at the end of the game.

Alex 17; John 10; Steve 4.

- For those of you who are anxiously waiting the next installment of Henry Cooper's Monday night serial (cereal?) here it is:-

C.E.B.A. A Grade (Mon. 9th)

Uni 52 d LaTrobe 39.

Great victory over old rivals, the Trobers. LaTrobe had very little organization in offence and their rather slack defence let Haggis and Henry shoot enough outside baskets to give us a lead at the break. Rick cut loose in the second half, devouring all opposition and scoring at will.

Rick 16; Haggis, Henry 12; Simple 8.

V.A.B.A. Division 2. (Sun. 22nd)

Nunawading 57 d Uni 35.

We made the trip out to Nunawading and were well and truly "whumped" by opposition that was only fair. Many flaws showed up in our game and defence was consistently cut to ribbons. We missed Ray and Skippy in offence as we shot only 17 baskets from 60 attempts from the field, and one from 9 at the foul line. This compared with Nunawading's 23 from 57 and 11 from 14. Les played well with 9 rebounds and John Mott hustled well in the second half. Sam layed it on the lone after the game, and this, could lead to a sudden increase of the seconds strength.

Haggis 11 (35.7%); Les 10 (45.5%); John 6 (42.9%).

V.A.B.A. Division 2. (Wed. 25th)

Melbourne 62 d Uni 56.

After a first half in which Betty and Haggis dominated the game we blew the lead and the game through bad defence. Both teams shot well from the floor, with our 25 from 54 a good improvement over Sunday, but Melbourne's 30 from 55 reflects the lack of pressure in defence.

Haggis 24 (52.4%); Betty 14 (60%); Les 10 (45.5%).

V.W.B.A. A Reserve (Wed. 25th)

Telstars 40 d Uni 28.

We lacked a ball handler as Telstars applied the pressure and opened up a handy lead with accurate outside shooting. A strong come - back late in the game narrowed the difference to 6, and this was a good sign. Despite the loss, we start finals next week.

Helen 11; Carmel 6.

V.W.B.A. B Grade (Wed. 25th)

Uni 28 draw with Sue ■ 28.

Having only 4 players to our name, we were a bit sceptical about playing the No. 3 team. However, good defence saw us a point up at half time, and with Mary Kay's rebounding, Sue's offence and Julie's tearing drives through the key we fought the second half out to a draw. We're now looking forward to a good Winter season after a good finish to this one.

Sue 12; Mary 12 (and 6 fouls).

- Subs are now due. See Henry Cooper.
- The Portland Tournament is shaping up well, with quite a few faces lined up. See John Campbell or Chris, Macpherson if interested.
- Full statistics of Mens firsts games now appear on noticeboard for those interested.