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WOMEN'S C GRADE (EAST ST. KILDA) FINALS

With only five players the thirds defeated North Caulfield on September 1st in the first semi-final. At half time we had a comfortable 15-4 lead and went on to win 25-14. Pam and Ann were the highest scorers, shooting 7 and 8 points respectively.

The following week enthusiasm ran high at the Spartans' stadium when we faced "Kay" in the preliminary final. Pam once again performed well, shooting most baskets. Dame Ellenor displayed her usual tip-toe tactics which tantalised the already turned-on crowd. Gibbo's fiery face continued to glow and proved too hot for the opposition. Janet refrained from pre-game drinks, finding it much easier to see the ball and distinguish her own team mates. Due to several (5) bad decisions by the ref. Crashing Garruthers was sent to the bench late in the second half after putting in another fine effort. Janine once again spent most of the time jumping in vain and sliding around on the floor. I suppose we should mention the fact that we LOST 20-13, but we enjoyed ourselves. Thanks Les for a valiant coaching effort - see you next season.

V.W.B.A. B GRADE (Wednesday 5th)

Suez 26 d Uni 14

The seconds celebrated the return of their coach with a 12 point loss to some fairly able opposition. Suez applied a full-court one-to-one press, and although our ball-handling was good in the backcourt the general court play and passing was very suspect in offense. Our defense was quite sound, and with Mary doing some excellent rebounding at both ends of the court we should have been closer at the end of the game. Cathie did a good job moving the ball down the court and took some good offensive rebounds, but we generally lacked cohesion, perhaps due to a certain lack of training together.

Di 4, Cathie 4.

V.A.B.A. DIVISION 2

The men's first opened up the summer season with 2 wins from 2 games. In the first we beat Bulleen by 2 points with only five players. It's good to see us win a close game for a change, and no doubt Ray's "slow-break" inspired the victory (shades of Norm perhaps?). The second game of the season saw us down Caulfield by 12 points in a fairly easy victory. Haggis and Skippy scored freely in offense, having 29 out of our 44, and Graeme rebounded well despite having the 'flu.

V.A.B.A. DIVISION 3

The seconds also began the summer season, but not as successfully as the firsts. It's a team with enough good players to do well in division 3, but Henry will have to find a way to get them all firing together if they are to be successful.

V.W.B.A. A RESERVE (Wednesday 5th)

The number one women's side went down by about 12 points against Chelsea. It seemed to be a fairly even game, but no doubt the team missed having Haggis on the bench. This was Sandy's last game before going overseas, as a lot of our players seem to be doing at the moment. We all wish her a safe and enjoyable trip. As an aside, there could soon be another promotion from the seconds as

a replacement for Sandy, but more about that later.

V.W.B.A. B GRADE (Wednesday 12th)

Destroyers 28 d Uni 15

Our biggest problem in this game was our offense. It was too rushed and at times a trifle disorganised. We had no luck with shooting, as many shots rimmed and went out. When we did manage to score, the referees (for want of a more appropriate title) usually found some obscure reason to disallow the basket. Our second half was better than our first and had some good passages of play, including Woody's basket just before fouling out. Mary did an excellent rebounding job once again, and Cathie was responsible for some good offensive play, but the performance of the game award goes to the referees who, despite a truckload of abuse, did an abominable job for the whole 40 minutes.

Cathie 6.

V.A.B.A. DIVISION 3 (Wednesday 12th)

Uni (2) 39 d Preston (3) 15

In an outstanding performance from the seconds we easily beat the Preston side. Defence was good all throughout the game, due largely to some excellent hustle from Henry and Easy, who also made some dynamic fast breaks from steals. Norm was the game's star, ruling both the boards, and playing good all-round basketball - Bewdy Norm! The team has now won 2 to lost 1.

Norm 11, Simon 8.

V.W.B.A. A RESERVE (Wednesday 12th)

Eastern's 24 d Uni (1) 23

We fell behind early in the game, but as the final scores indicate we made a good comeback, at least that's the story as I heard it, anyway Haggis didn't look too upset after the game. As predicted in an earlier report Sue Gravenall was promoted to the firsts and by all reports acquitted herself very well - congratulations Sue.

Helen F. 7, Terri 5, Debbie 5, Sue 5.

If you didn't receive an I.V. report then hurry, there are still a few left. There are also a couple of genuine I.V. programs for anyone who might want one. And as a final momento of I.V, there's a road map of Wollongong and District for some lucky person.

Keep the New Year's Day weekend free for the big Swan Hill tournament, more details next week along with big news on next year's coaching scene and a special editorial.