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V.V.B.A. Division 2. (Sun. 16th)

Geelong 64 d Uni 60.

Six of us made the trip down to Geelong to take on the highly fancied Geelong side which just missed a place in Division one this season by one point. We fell behind early in the game being pressured out of possession in offense and playing loose defence. A switch to 1-3-1 defence then changed things, and Slippery Sam's Egyptian Shuffle began to work in offense, and by half time we had come back from 10 down to lead by 3, 39 - 36, much to the disappointment of their spectators (about 100 in number) but much to the delight of ours (about one in number). The second half was a close tussle all the way, and with Andy and Haggis moving the ball well against Robbie Johnston and co., Skippy, Les and Betty finished off the work. They finally stole an eight point lead which we cut to four right at the end, but went down in a high standard game.

Skippy 22, Betty 14, Les 10, Haggis 10.

V.V.B.A. B Grade (Wed. 19th)

West Footscray 36 d Uni (2) 28

This was perhaps our best performance of the season so far, for the first 35 minutes anyway. It was a tight first half as we went basket for basket with the opposition and deserved our 2 point half-time lead. The second half brought more of the same and our offense was going extremely well, as Julie fed the ball to Jill and Jenny on the baseline and Di hit well from outside. For the third week in a row Mary played a great game, especially in the rebounding department, with five minutes to go we were still 2 points ahead but a sudden avalanche of baskets saw us go down by 8 in the end. Despite losing the game, we seemed to turn the corner as a team, and it would not be surprising to see us win two of our last four games and jump off the bottom of the ladder,

Di 7, Mary 5.

V.V.B.A. A Reserve (Wed. 19th)

Uni (1) 23 d Monash 16.

This was a good, interesting tussle and provided much entertainment for the many spectators. We started off being in control, hitting some early baskets and playing solid defense. Monash then surprised us by switching to a one-to-one defense, causing several losses of possession. Haggis took a time out and organized the offense and things began to improve. Terri played strong defense and controlled the boards, as well as helping to move the ball down the court, while Carol, Sue and Debbie all chipped in with some baskets and we took the game out by a comfortable 7 points.

Carol 6.

C.E.B.A. A Grade (Mon. 17th)

Preston d Uni by 3.

By all reports this was a good performance by us against the full Preston Division 1. side. After being 12 points down at half time we played a dynamic second half and fought back to a winning position. With only seconds remaining we were one point down but had possession and Haggis was in the clear but we lost the ball through a bad pass and lost the game by 3 points.

- Over the past two weeks the club's playing lists have been bolstered by the reappearance of several players making comebacks from recent (and some not too recent) injuries. Carol Dillon is back with the firsts after having badly sprained an ankle about a month ago and was top point scorer for them last Wednesday. Ann Compton has returned after spending six months on the side-lines with an injured foot sustained in the thirds premiership winning game earlier this year. Jan Langdon is also back with the firsts after a couple of weeks out having a crooked finger straightened. John Campbell has comeback (hopefully for good this time) after operations on a couple of big toes. Not so lucky is Ian Frigerio who is still suffering from a mystery ankle ailment, but hopes to be playing again in about two weeks time.

- From the "Believe it or Not" department, Dribbling Balls congratulates M.U.B.C. president Ian Bett on his selection in the Australian Intersystems basketball team. He was the only Victorian selected at the recent Port Augusta carnival. Obviously he talked to a few people, made some phone calls, dropped a few names and generally had everthing under control!

- Could it be that the club will be sponsored next year? Discussions are being held at committee level to decide whether or not we should follow the example set by many of today's teams (including LaTrobe) and seek sponsorship for next year⁶. As this decision will affect a lot of club members any opinions on this move would be welcomed by the committee. Keep watching Dribbling Balls for more details on this, and if the committee allows it, details on next year's coaching situation.

- Don't forget the Swan Hill New Years tournament. Probably 2 men's to 4 women's teams will go. This is generally ranked as the classiest tournament of the year (or is that classed as the rankest). Which ever it is you shouldn't miss it.