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Women's B Grade No. 2

We played our first game outdoors in quite warm conditions. Despite having only 4 players we moved to a handy lead against Nth. Melbourne and held it until midway through the second half when Helen fouled out after being our main rebounder and offensive threat. She was closely followed by Kathy leaving only Julie and Kay to finish the game. They did it well and we ran out comfortable (?) winners by five points or so.

Our second game against Devils was a real thriller. After dragging a few players away from the pub it was interesting to watch Kay bomb baskets from all over the place and Julie making those dynamic drives. Kathy's defense was a bit too tigerish as she fouled out early in the game she ate one of the referees. With 3 players we established a 10 point lead and tried to hold on. The game came down to the wire and the heat and opposition both caught up with us. We finally lost by two points in a game which cost our coach a bottle of cider (or 2?).

The last game was notable because we had five players. We lost by quite a bit, but did well to last the distance in stifling heat.

Men's B Grade

We played our first game against Red Saints and, as usual, Norm wasn't there. He had a bionic breakdown 26 miles from Melbourne and had to hitch the rest of the way. Serge made his debut as our fifth player but we still lost. Easy shot consistently from 30 feet (consistently short and wide) and Simon shot 16 in the second half to finish with 22 for the game.

The second game was played in searing heat outside. Norm was there but forgot to dominate after going to the pub. We fought hard as the heat took its toll, and only lost by one point. In fact we could have won if we had realised the game was so close.

Our last game was on court one and we won 76-12 or something. It was a pretty boring game actually. Henry and Norm shot two points each and played good defense (the only defense?). Steve and Easy dominated the centre line as well as shooting a few points. An interesting sidelight to the game was that Brownie shot 36 points. Wouldn't say he was cherry-picking but Henry claims 30 points worth of assists.

Women's B Grade No. 1

We lost our first game against Spartans at the tech. That's about all the information there seems to be on this game, except that we had five players and the result was close.

The next game was against Swan Hill, and although it wasn't especially close it was quite physical. Carol made her presence felt once or twice, while Terri, Debbie and Jan had some fun on the boards. Woody was a bit more sedate but did a good job of ball control. Despite the fact we lost by a fair bit it was a good, entertaining game.

The last game, against Malleys, was played outdoors with the sun being more trouble than the opposition. There were a few faults in our offense, one being we couldn't put the ball in the basket. Despite this, the game was close, and we finished a good second. Full credit to all the girls for still being on their feet at the end of the game.

### Men's A Reserve

We had an easy first game, winning 50-24 against Sungold. Haggis, John and Betty scored most of the points while Andy held the defense together.

Our win against Thornbury in the second game was due largely to Neville. His defense completely shut out the opposition and his great rebounding had to be seen to be believed. We won comfortably and moved on to the semi's.

In the semi final we had the bad luck to be drawn against Westgate Wildcats, eventual winners of A Reserve. We lost by about 30 points but the game was not without its highlights. Betty hit Bob Joyce in the fist with his stomach and spent 5 minutes recovering. He then had Mark Wright thrown out of the game by the ref's for attempted murder or something. Haggis and Neville tried hard in offense and John handled the ball well under pressure. We fought out the game fairly well despite Betty's time outs (oops - there goes the new year resolution, again).

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A few other happenings probably deserve a mention from the long weekend. The new year was christened with champagne, courtesy of Les Walker. Steve and Norm accested every young lady they could find and used an amazing line to open conversation. Jan was in fine form, though a bit incoherent at times. She flaked on Carol's car and retired at 4.28 as Neville, Henry and John recorded a 4.32, After which we returned to the tent and Henry removed one of Kay's admirers from his bed and the tent. Much of Sunday was spent at Lake Boga while the three married (?) couples retired to the motel. The finals that night were highlighted by a completely troppo performance by the whole Telstars team as they lost the Women's A final.

Warrnambool Special : Norm is offering transport to the Seaside Carnival for anyone with strong shoes and lots of hitching experience. Hokay.