

WANGARATTA

The tournament held at Wangaratta over the Labour Day Weekend will be remembered for quite some time by those who attended it. A number of factors contribute to this, one being the good form of the girl's team. Their first game was a 48-6 rout of Newtown. The second game was a real thriller. Debbie was an hour late for the start which left us with just 5 players. We fought back from 6 points down late in the first half to be level at the change. Scores remained close in the second half until we make a 7 point gap in them. Almost immediately two fast breaks cut this back to 3 and we looked to be in trouble. A great recovery gave a 9 point lead with two minutes remaining. We froze the ball for the last minute to win by 3 in a superb team effort. Jan's shooting was remarkable and kept us in the game while Helen and Mary controlled the boards. After a shaky start Anne and Julie handled the ball really well and we looked forward to the last game before finals. In a basket for basket tussle against State Bank the lead see-sawed for most of the second half. State Bank grabbed the lead just on the right side of the final buzzer and we were down and just missed the finals.

The men's games were less memorable than the womens. A 10 point win over Dandenong and a 17 point win over Hustlers were somewhat overshadowed by a 24 point loss to LaTrobe who had their entire Wednesday squad, plus Garry Fox. Henry's coaching was good, and most players showed some patches of good form over the weekend but we weren't good enough to do really well. LaTrobe lost the A Reserve grand final by 1 point to Eastern Hill, after leading by 14 points with 8 minutes remaining.

Apart from their good form on the court the girls were totally amazing off the court. Your editor has seen some embarrassing exhibitions in his time (he's even been part of a few) but nothing to match the performance of the women in the pub on Sunday night. Their antics and songs, paper napkin hats and extremely rural behaviour eventually drove the men from the pub. We hope to include a note or two from the girls about this episode and the formation of the H.U.B.C.C.S., if only to inform Helen and Ann of what went on that night and why they kept falling down stairs. The men planned a little revenge of their own that night and would have succeeded but for the lack of a Clark Mobile Crane.

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Back at home summer competitions are coming to a close. Men's firsts lost their last game of the season as Melbourne loaded their side then blasted us off the court. We only scored one point in the first 10 minutes and were never in the game. Despite this loss we finished fourth and have been included in the new Div. 2 for winter and will compete against 5 current Div. 1 teams and the 4 other top Div. 2 teams. An excellent result for the team.

The seconds won their last game well and now face a grading game to survive in Div. 3. They finished sixth and will face a hard task this Wednesday.

The women's firsts have done exceptionally well over summer and play off in the grand final this Wednesday. Haggis and the girls deserve many congratulations for making it this far and we wish them the best of luck for the final.

The women's seconds finished their season (at last) with a loss (not surprisingly). We were to print a report from Julie Sievers on this game, but after all the expletives were deleted we found that there was no report left. Oh well, maybe next time. There will have to be some drastic changes with the seconds in the winter or they will be in for an extremely dismal year.

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A marathon committee meeting was held last Sunday and sparks flew in a fiery debate over training times. The following were decided upon:

<u>WOMEN:</u>	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.	MONDAY - 1sts, 2nds
	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.	FRIDAY - 3rds, 4ths etc.
	12.00 - 2.00 p.m.	SATURDAY - All teams.
<u>MEN:</u>	8.30 - 9.30 p.m.	MONDAY - 1sts, 2nds,
	6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	FRIDAY - 1sts, 2nds,
	2.00 - 4.00 p.m.	SATURDAY - 3rds, 4ths etc.

These times were not decided upon lightly and both club sections argued with all claws bared. If any one is confused contact the committee - their names are on the club notice board.

Speaking of politics, the M.U.B.C. Annual General Meeting will be held on April 15th. Everyone should attend, and nominations for the following positions are now called for: President, Vice-president, Secretary, assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary (1 men's, 1 womens). See John Campbell or Ann Compton.

On April 4th there will be a wine and cheese (and beer and.....) tasting starting at 5.00 p.m. at a venue to be announced. (Hopefully the Barry Humphries Room in Arts South). It is hoped all new members will come along and meet the rest of the club.

A progressive dinner will be held on April 15. This is excellent value at \$4, (same as last year) and we'd like to see as many people there as possible for the four course meal and party.

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The quote of the week (year?) came from Jan Langdon at Wangaratta when she said, "None of the girls in the M.U.B.C. need to be touched up." Say no more!

STOP PRESS: V.W.B.A. A Reserve Grand Final - Uni 37 d Bulleen 36 in overtime. Full report next week.