

DRIBBLING BALLS

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V.W.A.B.A. A RESERVE GRAND FINAL

Uni. 37 d Bulleen 36

As reported in Vol. 6 no. 3 the women's firsts had a great win in the summer season grand final. It was one of the most amazing victories ever by a Uni. side. The game was even all the way through with neither side being able to grab a decisive break. Our new offense worked brilliantly and cracked the Bulleen man to man wide open. Much of the credit for this goes to Haggis who spent most of his last training time drilling it. Bulleen switched to a zone in the second half which seemed to take away some of the bite from our offense. Our defense was still strong but we ran into foul trouble in the last few minutes. Lois and Sue had done a great job of handling the ball especially when the press was on but they both fouled out, leaving us short of guards. Terri soon followed them to the bench after a good game on the boards leaving us 4 players for the last 2 minutes. Some handy foul shooting right at the end sent the game into overtime, 33 all. Bulleen hit an early basket then Debbie equalized immediately. Apparent disaster struck with 4 minutes left when Carol fouled out, leaving **Jan, Helen and Debbie** to fight out the end. Good defense and great rebounding kept us within one point. With 30 seconds to go we somehow grabbed the ball in offense and scored. A desperate rebound at the other end clinched the game. The siren went and we won by one point. The crowd went wild as did the players, with well deserved congratulations all round. The win earned the team promotion to A grade next season and like the men's firsts they now have the job in front of them to do well. (The team subsequently won its first A grade game by one point).

V.A.B.A. DIV. 2 (WED. 29TH)

Nunawading 51 d Uni. 46

Our first game in the new Div. 2 was not a very memorable performance. Our defense was far too slack at most times and we copped a hiding on the boards. Offense was disorganised at best, relying too much on individual moves. These problems can mostly be traced to a lack of a coach, and now that Ray Watson has taken this over for a while we can look forward to improving.

V.A.B.A. DIV. 3 (MON. 3RD)

Chelsea d Uni.

The final elimination game for the div. 3 winter season saw Chelsea sneak away with a 2 point win. This was a very disturbing loss since we are now out of Div. 3 and must field the team in another competition possibly C.E.B.A. A grade.

V.W.A.B.A. A GRADE (5TH APRIL)

Uni. d Waverly

We won our 2nd game in a row in A grade, each by one point. This followed the one point grand-final win, making 3 in a row. It was another really good fighting effort, coming from behind. Haggis really has the team firing and with continued good luck they should go well this season.

V.W.A.B.A. C GRADE

After being demoted (again) we've won our first two games, convincingly(?) This is now a record for the team over the last year.

V.A.B.A. DIV. 2 (WED. 5TH)

Uni. 57 d Bulleen 51

The firsts played a much better game this week leading Bulleen all the way. It took time to work out a few kinks in the two new offenses, since it was the first time we used them in a game. Skippy led the way in offense before being thrown off the court for an attempted tunnel or something silly like that. The two Graemes did a great job on the 6'9" centre in defense and on the boards. The 1:2:2 zone worked well and coach Watson was fairly happy with the game, despite his cracked ribs.

Skippy 23, John 12, Graeme B. 10.

SALE TOURNAMENT (EASTER '78)

This year's Easter carnival was up to its usual standard. The men's A. Reserve team performed very well, making semi-finals. But for some ill-luck in results we would have been in the grand-final. Highlight was a 10 point loss against Box Hill, a game we could have won given one more player. Haggis hit well for 16 and everyone played a good game.

The men's B grade side played a couple of rank games until Neville showed up, when they managed to win their last game by one point.

The women's B side lost all three of their games by about 6 points each. This included a loss to the eventual winners.

Saturday night in the pub and after was quite possibly the social highlight of the weekend. This led to Henry's rather unusual mode of dress later that night and the B.B. memorial. Also worth mentioning was the fact that all Henry's clothes mysteriously ended up sewn together - very strange.

Dave Stillman stayed Sunday night with us and was fairly rank, an unusual occurrence in our tent. The tournament ended with Henry's Volvo being towed away for repairs.

DON'T FORGET:

- The A.G.M. on April 15th - all members should attend.
- The Progressive Dinner on April 15th starting at 7.00 pm. Only \$4 per head, 4 courses wine included with meal, and a party afterwards. (B.Y.O.) Come along and support your treasurer (who wants to update his Volvo this year).