

V.A.B.A. Div. 2 (Wed. 12th)

Uni. 42 d LaTrobe 35

We chalked up our second win in a row with a fairly comfortable victory over the 'Trobers. We jumped away to an early lead with Haggis hitting well and good tight defense. With a handy 11 point lead at halftime we looked to be in control and soon made it 16 points. At this stage LaTrobe made a revival and our offense went to water. Our lead was cut to 5 points and only a few clutch baskets kept us in front. Despite being pressed hard late in the game we hung on to win by 7 points. It was a fairly scrappy performance, especially in the second half, but things should improve once the offense is sorted out. The two Graemes controlled the boards again and this was an important psychological win with I.V. coming up in August. Haggis 18, Skippy 8.

V.A.B.A. Div. 2 (Wed. 19th)

Uni. 52 d Coburg 48

A good win was notched up here in our first game against an ex-division 1. side. The first half saw us jump to an early 10 point lead only to let the Cogrubbers back in with some very ordinary defense. Things improved in the second half after a few words from Ray who was still sidelined, (you remember Ray, he's the one who cracked a few ribs in the first game of the season - it only hurts when he laughs) and we regained the lead. Haggis and Skippy lead the way in offense and we hung on well to win by four points.

V.A.B.A. Div 2. (Wed. 26th)

Uni. 55 drew with Sth. Melbourne 55.

We were expecting a tough game against the ex-div. 1 Sth. Melb. team, and got it. Our back court was a bit suspect, Haggis was crook, Johnboy was suffering from a breakdown of his B.B. and Ray was still sidelined (his ribs had mended so he ripped a leg muscle or two). We were about 6 points down all game and things were looking grim. Andy was going well in defense, and Skippy was scoring heavily until he fouled out again. An amazing comeback was staged in the dying minutes of the game, and then Betty was fouled in the act with 10 seconds to, and us one point down. He missed the first, made the second, and after one or two more minor events time was called and the game was a draw. Another encouraging result for the firsts who are now third on the ladder after 5 games, with a bye in the next round. Skippy 16, Graeme B. 11, John 10.

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Those of you who thought only men's first's reports were going to be printed here (and that includes the editor) obviously didn't consider the literary expertise of Mr. Easy Lay. Easy came through in a big way after his team won their first game and here's his report:

Girl's Thirds (Mon. 24th)

We got off to a bad start when the coach hobbled in using a walking stick, and the opposition had a competition to see who could throw a basket from the furthest out. However, two goals by Andrea steadied our position. Lyn and Cathy dominated the boards and some good passing enabled us to go to a five point lead. At one stage we passed the ball at the ring eight times without the opposition touching the ball, but the ring refused to cooperate.

To make the game more interesting Jenny fouled out, which left us with only four players, but we held out to win 14-11.

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At this stage we planned to introduce a new Dribbling Balls feature, "Presidential Panjandrums" (correct spelling unknown and probably optional in future editions), but the author, Ian R. Bett seems to have lost his copy of it. He tells me it was a wonderful (naturally) pot pourri of game results, gossip, insults and other important club news and we can't wait to see it. Hopefully by next issue the Pres. will have himself organised enough to keep track of it.

Speaking of gossip and the President, it is interesting to note his behaviour of late, especially at the Commencement Ball and the Anzac Day races. Could Betty be lowering himself to the level of the rest of the pleb's in the club, something he said he would never do? Only time will tell, 'cause Betty certainly wont.

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If you're reading all this garbage and wondering why your team and your name aren't mentioned, it's probably because no one has written a report. So all you budding authors pull out a pencil and/op a finger and write something, before your editor runs out of trivia and Poly-Poly.

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The women's firsts just won another game by one point, their third out of five games this season. Well done girls, but its almost enough to make one cry BORING.

We don't want to harp on this, but, Dribbling Balls is running a competition. All you have to do is guess which part of Ray will break down (break up?) next. The prize for the first correct entry opened is a copy of the new record breaking bestseller, "How to Run Successful Fast Breaks", by Ian R. Bett.

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