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V.A.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wednesday 10th)MELBOURNE 71 d UNI. 46

This game was marred by some of the most one-sided refereeing ever seen. The final foul count just about tells the story: Uni 29 vs. Melbourne 13. Many of the decisions were not controversial, just wrong. Of the game itself, our first half was quite reasonable, and we trailed by 8 at half-time, 25-33. The two Graemes were sorely missed, despite the return of Ray and the promotion of Ian Harrison. The second half was a complete disaster. Skippy fouled out after 2 very dubious calls and Ray soon followed him to the bench after a foul and a tech. foul. Defense was poor and offense was worse, and we finally lost by 25 points. It is now up to the team to recover from this loss and prepare for the tough stretch ahead where we play Box Hill, Preston and Caulfield.

Haggis 12, Ian Harrison 10.

WOMEN'S 3RDS (Monday 1st)UNI. 12 d RICHMOND 9

The team had their second win in a row on Monday and this should put them near the top of the ladder. The low scores were the result of the over-zealous refs, who had just learnt of the 3-second rule and applied it ad infinitum.

Kay 6, Jill 4.

CEBA B GRADE (Monday 8th)UNI. 58 d HEIDELBERG Y 17

The result of this game indicates that the men's seconds are competing at a level below their standard. A large amount of our score came from undefended shots from the wing by Leigh and Simon or simple passes to Peter and Steve under the basket. If Peter, Steve and Roger can make an effort to apply themselves fully all the time they are on the court our rebounding capacity should be quite strong at the end of the year. Defensive play on the part of all players was fairly poor.

CEBA C GRADE (Monday 8th)

UNI. lost by 4

Major weaknesses apparent in this game were (i) the inability of most players to change from offense to defense with sufficient speed to cope with their fast breaking offense; (ii) We apparently could not run our offense against a somewhat scrappy though not overly competent defense. Gary showed a few good spots of rebounding, and this coupled with some good outside shooting from Dave and John B. almost won the game.

VBFA B GRADE (Thursday 11th)

UNI. won by 10 pts.

Strong rebounding by Steve, reliable ball handling by Rob and generally a bit of team effort by Andrew, Glen, Nik and Derek saw us in control of the whole game.

WOMEN'S THIRDS (Monday 8th)

ZEBRAS 26 d UNI. 13

After winning close games against normal demure teams we confronted the heavyweight champions of Monday night and went down (often). Lynette tried hard but spent a lot of time on the floor. Cathie Scott made a welcome return for 6 points and combined well with Doris and Jenny against the Zebras aggressive defense. However we were unable to contain their strong rebounding and fast breaks and lost 13-26.

PROGRESS REPORT: Betty's Sunday Niters

The side acquired a couple of new players this year in Lynda Bowring and Trisha Bourke. Both are showing rapid improvement which is encouraging for the future. Otherwise the side remains the same with all players showing the benefit of a years experience under their belt! Our performances early in the season against mediocre opposition were sound, however in our last three matches we have lost by 2, 4 & 5 points respectively to stronger teams. I am confident we can reverse these results next time around. We are currently in 6th position, still with an outside chance of qualifying for the finals.

Congratulations to Robyn Gunn and Rob. O'Laughlin on their promotion from our last year's side into the seconds and thanks to Sue Gravenall for filling in with her experience (?! - Ed.)

Cinty Purcell has threatened a "damages" action if I don't mention that she shot 16 points in a personal best effort yet, last game. Well done!

Well here it is:- the world premiere of the article you've all been waiting for Dribbling Balls presents another world exclusive:

PRESIDENTIAL PANJANDRUMMINGS

Apologies for the non appearance of this "dribble" in the last edition of D.B. I'm afraid I think I lost it in Graeme Bennie's car! A warning for others?

Unfortunately sensationalist reporting is ripe in this club. Allegations by certain minors (aren't all guards!) that I've joined the pleb's etc. are pure slander because as we all know, forwards have more fun. (Didn't know J.H. was a forward - Ed.). Ask Skippy, he's always having a gay time!

Gossip: Has a little RAY of sunshine come into Jan Langdon's life? Ask Betty secundus. Helen Ryan told me that Julie Sievers "wanted it, and was getting it from Easy Lay". Why was Henry Cooper muttering with a wry grin at the end of the Progressive Dinner, that he bit off more than he could chew? I guess only Trish knows the reason! (I'm glad I didn't write all this - Ed.).

Items of Interest: The club has recently adopted a team track suit which is available to all members at a considerable saving on the retail price. Inquiries should be made through team coaches. The possibility of an end-of-year tour is being investigated. Anyone with suggestions or ideas see Haggis.

Mirth: The "Watson of Ray Logic" ... "I used to watch my wife spend days sewing name-tapes onto my daughter's clothes; but no more. I've just changed her name to Machine Washable!

See you later Betty.