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DRIBBLING BALLS

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V.W.B.A. C GRADE (WED. 10th)

Uni 30 d Sth. Districts (2) 15

The seconds won yet another game in fine style, out-rebounding and generally out-classing the opposition. Helen played a strong game in the centre with Mary and Kerry backing up well, while Woody bombed a few from the sidelines. There was good hustling by the guards in defence, particularly from our newcomer Robyn Gunn who seems to be improving every week. To the delight of one bionic coach (in one of his rare appearances) the team worked the offence well. At present the seconds are gracing the top of the ladder, so next week's game against, the second and also undefeated team should prove to be very interesting.

P.S. The coach is rumoured to be pleased with his girls' form (and you can take that whichever way you want.).

C.E.B.A. B GRADE (MON. 15th)

Uni. d Footscray Institute of Technology.

It was a bitterly cold night as the Melb. Uni. men's seconds took to the court to do battle against the side from Footscray. Simon had that look of kill in his eyes, indicating to those who know him he would give no quarter this day. A great show of animal courage from Peter saw the men in black immediately onto the offensive. Continued drives into enemy territory saw us reaping the rewards as basket after basket was piled on. The steadying influence of Norm as ball handler for the night helped the team through quite a few tight spots. A quick half a game was all it took for Easy to regain his breath after his vigorous one hour warm up. The second half of the match saw the golden arm of Easy Lay working as some of us can recall from the distant past. The body it is attached to doesn't bear much resemblance to the easily laid body of old. Anyway the game was shit boring and we won easily.

V.A.B.A. DIV 2 (WED. 17th)

Uni. 58 d Devils 49

The men's firsts forced their way onto the winning list again with a fairly comfortable win. The first half developed into a shooting match with both teams going basket for basket, mainly due to our slack defence. The birthday boy, Graeme Bennie, had a real birthday hitting 14 points in the first half before going on holidays in the second half. Clark came on and gave a brilliant display of rebounding and driving, showing us he should be getting much more court time than he is at present. His play enabled us to take out a 7 point half-time lead. With Haggis firing well in the second half we were always in control of the game. The switching defence was working better than the straight zone, and the offence was a good starting point for the odd basket, despite the fact many shots under the basket were missed. Nine points was a fair winning margin and we retain fourth spot on the ladder.

Haggis 18, Graeme, B. 14, Clarkie 10.

V.A.B.A. DIV. 2 (WED. 24th)

Box Hill 47 d Uni. 45

There was never more than 5 points difference either way in this game, and for most of the time it was a basket for basket tussle. Our offence looked good each time we turned it over, but at times we were inclined to rush things too much and throw away too many passes. Haggis had the hot hand and scored well and defence was quite reasonable except for some rather poor rebounding. Clarkie sunk a basket on the siren at half time and we led 24-22. Box Hill held a slight edge for most of the second half and we struggled at both end of the court. Spurred on by the arrival of spectators we levelled the score near the end, only to see Box Hill grab a **last** basket with 15 seconds left and win by 2 points. This was a game we could have won, but Skippy was out of touch after a couple of weeks off, Ray is still not giving himself **enough** court time early in the game and Andrew is having foot trouble. The opposition are undefeated and we still have lots of room to improve.

Haggis 16, Skippy 9, Grawme B. 8.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the editor we now print this week's installment of.....

Presidential Panjandrums

It's encouraging to see the enthusiasm for tournaments, especially Portland (June 3, 405). Unfortunately "block" accommodation could not be arranged, however I do suggest to those wanting more secure lodging than the tent, that they contact Victour - but DON'T say you're a basketballer!

Due to the club's current financial position a fund-raising committee has been formed. Haggis is setting it up with Helen Ryan. Any club members are welcome to participate, and ideas are always welcome (unless they're for snowball or lamington drives - Ed.)

Following last week's article I have been constantly castigated by guards. This is of course, quite natural, since what else have they got to fight with. Once (who is our dribbling editor) attempts sarcasm, but then he's only a statistician and they're always MEAN.

Mirth: Definition of a statistician: -

One who puts his head in an oven and his feet in a block of ice and says, "on average I feel fine.!"

Comeback: Carol Dillon has re-emerged looking trim and sporting a new hairstyle. Much of the hair was borrowed from Neville!

Cumagain: Ian Harrison - yet again. The odds offered now are 6 to 4 that he'll be at I.V. this year - I'd take it.

Overseas: Mary Bourke leaves soon on her O.S. junket (I thought she was taking a plane - Ed.). She is definitely a club original and we are sorry to see her leave, but wish her happy travelling and a safe return.

Dribbling Balls regrets to announce our own Bionic Man, Don Burns (Norm; Whispering Grass) is retiring due to a crook back (?) and an impending trip to Europe. Now the bad news: club apprentice Norm - Graeme Bennie seems as though he will be a more than adequate replacement - just ask Bett Bros. Inc.
