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V.A.B.A. Div 2. (Wed. 28th)

Uni 50 d LaTrobe 43

After losing four of our last five games we finally played a fair game to be the Trobers for the second time this season. After holding a 20-10 lead early in the game our defence relaxed and the score went to 26-23 at half-time. The rot set in well and truly in the second half as we trailed 37-32. A rally was then staged and we out shot LaTrobe 18-6 in the remaining time. A good team effort won the game for us, and with Devils scoring an upset win over Nunawading we are only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a game outside the four.

B.B. 11, Haggis, Graeme B. 10, Skippy 8.

S.D.B.A. - Women's Thirds (Mon. 18th)

Only four opposition players fronted so we switched to a man-to-man defence. This had reasonable success and we led 12-0 at half-time. Early in the second half one of the opposition fouled out. This was obviously a well thought out manouvre on their part as for the next ten minutes we were outscored 6-nil by their remaining three players. However we definitely won the three - second call count. After a few choice words from the coach, who was remonstrating decidedly un-Easy-ly we steadied and ran out victors 24-6. Enthusiasm was not lacking but we definitely need more training at defence.

V.W.A.B.A. A Grade (Wed 5th)

In one of their best team efforts yet, the firsts really pulled the finger out, soundly defeating Varpas for the second time this season. A lot more emphasis was placed on working the ball in offence resulting in passes to Helen Fisher in the centre and Carol on the wing, who consistently hit their shots. Varpas put on their "person-to-person" defence (Lesson 1 in the Mary Bourke school of anti-sexism) four minutes before half-time which caught the girls manouvre. The lead subsequently dwindled amidst ories of anguish from one Beanied Coach. The second half saw a good comeback, particularly from Carol, scoring 10 of her 12 points in this half. We must get her right hand bronzed! (Don't know what Neville will have to say about that! - Ed.) As usual Terry rebounded strongly and both she and Deb put in some nice shots close to the basket. Helen Harley continued with her strong defensive play and although not under much pressure Lois and Sue dribbled well and also hit a few timely shots. Altogether, an amazing display of accuracy at the ring.

Carol 12, Helen F. 10, Deb 9.

S.D.B.A. Women's Thirds (Mon 3rd)

The game began with four players on each side. The opposition then walked another player onto the court in the middle of play without calling a substitution. This stirred us into action and we were determined to prove four is better than five. Aggressive defence combined with strong rebounding and accurate passes to Doris running the fast break saw us 16-4 up at half-time. After the interval the scoring rate quickened. Kay opened the half with a basket but the shock must have been too much as she didn't score again. Lyn continued to dominate the boards, falling over only once, enabling Jenny and Doris to score freely from the outlet passes. Only when we tired in the last minutes did the opposition outscore us. An even team effort saw us score a season high of 38 points to 21 with only four players and one three second call.

Jenny 16, Doris 14, Lyn 6, Kay 2.

V.A.B.A. Div 2. (Wed. 5th)

Uni 58 d Coburg 49

Well we finally won a game after leading at half-time. In fact we led all the way except for about five minutes early in the second half. Haggis had his brain warmed by his new beanie and hit 10 points in a great first half, while Clarkie dominated the boards and sprained a finger. We led by three at half-time and so Ray and Betty came into the game for the first time. Complaining of the cold, Zeke racked up four fouls in about even time, while Betty played some of the best basketball we've seen from him. Graeme "Lightning" Bennie must have had very cold hands since he seemed to have trouble getting them out of his shorts, and if Skippy had hit half of his shots he would have scored 30 points. B.B. tried to make a new entrance to court 9 through the brick wall with some help from Coburg's Brett Wright but unfortunately failed. This win put us in the four where we'll stay - if we keep winning.

Haggis 16, Skippy 14, Graeme B, Graeme G. 8, (and Andy 1 ???)

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The men's and women's I.V. teams have been selected and the following were named.

MEN: Ray Watson, Chris Macpherson, Jamie Keck, Andrew Bett, John Campbell, Graeme Bennie, Ian Harrison, Andrew Fithall, Steve Nolan and Peter Dyer. Coach: Henry Cooper.

WOMEN: Jan Langdon, Sue Gravenall, Julie Sievers, Helen Ryan, Ann Compton, Lynda Bowing, Cathy Dillon, Wendy Woodburn, Robyn O'Laughlin and Cathy McNeil Coach: Ian Bett.

Congratulations to all those selected, and we wish them the best of luck in Canberra. Watch in future Dribbling Balls editions for a special I.V. preview and an exclusive article entitled "How to Survive at I.V.".

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Now, despite incredible demand, here's Betty's  
Presidential Panjandrums

Easy's turn proved to be quite a good turn and it is rumoured that a pre-I.V. raught may be staged in mid-August. Thanks to Geoff for providing his house - sorry about the metro-gum! As usual all blame can be attributed to Ryan, Sievers and Compton.

Those unfortunate enough to witness to exhibition by Langdon at Langdon's (which Langdon? - Ed) a couple of weeks ago must be wondering what drives the poor girl to drink. Horrified onlookers (except for Coops!!) were aghast. Helen Harley, however, didn't seem so concerned. Perhaps it gave her inspiration to reach new heights at the Queen's Ball.

Club fresher Lynda Bonning must be in contact with powers unknown to us geeks? Rumor has it that her house has all sorts of animals running amok. On completion of the Birds Aviary, she's now begun construction on the Ark.

Graeme Bennie has exposed more of himself lately by shaving off his beard. Reaction to this has not been startling, although I believe there was something of a groundwell and Portland!

Club apprentice stud, Drew Bett, has made the following utterance on his possible resign following G.C.'s retirement: "I just hope I can fill his shoes".