

DRIBBLING BALLS

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Mens Firsts (V.A.B.A. Div. 2)

Wednesday 23/5 Uni. 74 Sth. Melbourne 51.

We jumped to an early lead and for once managed to stay there. Our first half defence was quite good with frequent changes keeping the pressure on while our offence scored almost at will against some very mediocre defence. The half-time score was 36-20 and the second half took us further ahead. Neville played a great game and dominated the second half especially and Lards got the old skills going very nicely, thank you. About the only shot he missed was from a miracle pass from Skippy that found him on his own two feet from the bucket. Henry Coopers debut effort in the firsts was also quite a handy effort as he controlled things nicely and shot a couple of baskets as well. Neville 19, Lards, 16, Skippy 12, Haggis 10.

Wednesday 6/6 Melbourne 61 Uni. 50

This was a very important, even vital game for us to win, so we didn't. The first half was interesting enough, with Skippy copping three fouls in four minutes, and the team making a last minute burst to have the half-time score 34-30 in Melbournes favour. As usual in the second half we never looked like winning. Melbournes big man cut our box zone to pieces while Lards played one-on-one against Lindsay Gaze (combined age of these two somewhere near 150). Apart from a stage when we narrowed the gap to 7, we cruised to an easy loss. This ends the first half of the season, and we now have a 4-7 record - how good is that?!

Skippy 16, Neville 14.

Womens Seconds (V.W.A.B.A. B grade)

Wednesday 30/5 Uni. 23 Mordialloc 16.

After a weeks rest Uni played with determination and never looked like losing. The zone press certainly put some aggression into the game and the opposition were left wondering about the switching defence, so much so that they found it hard to score. A good game!
Jean 11 points.

Mens Seconds (V.A.B.A. Div. 3)

13th May - lost to Geelong.

Uni(2), finding themselves coachless, supporterless and scoreless in strange surroundings at Corio leisure-centre, were destined to failure from the start. We lined up against the faster, fitter and better attired Geelong side and to both teams surprise kept with them for three (maybe four) minutes until we ran out of puff. From this moment on it was an extremely one-sided affair - we lost by lots.

Wednesday 16th May Uni. 56 St.Kilda 42.

A badly demoralized Uni. side fronted up to an even more demoralized St.Kilda side desperate for a victory.

From the first bounce the game was all ours. Henry and Paul led the way with some accurate shooting, with Steve and Bowie rebounding well to give us a 16 point advantage at half-time. The second half was a much more even affair, with St.Kilda rallying strongly. We held on to run out winners 56-42.

Henry 18, Paul 10, Somon 10, Davo, Bowie 6.

Wednesday 30th May Uni. 69 Melbourne Tigers 34.

The seconds started this game without its full complement of members, due to the early start (5.30). However we jumped away to an early lead under the guidance of coach Cooper. Davo was playing a good game controlling at points and our big men: GB, Bowie, Fabulous Phil and Steve Nolan were wiping Melbourne off the boards. However, they fought back strongly just before half-time, to leave us with a lead of only 5 pts, after leading by 13 at one stage.

The second half saw Uni surge ahead to a position where they could not be overtaken, due to some great rebounding and close-in shooting by Steve Nolan, and some good outside shots from SBG, All in all, a good team effort and a fine win.
SB-G 25, Steve 17 (all in the 2nd half!)

Mens C grade (Monday night)

May 21st Uni. 33 Blackrock 28.

The C grade side continued their unbeaten run, winning by 5 pts. Because of Uni holidays a couple of conscripts were needed to compete the bare minimum of five. However, everyone played well together and with some good rebounding from Dirk and Nile and some good passing inside from Barry we scored a comfortable win.
Dirk 11, David 8, Nile 6.

May 28th Tigers 40 Uni. 30.

In a close match we suffered our first defeat. This was probably due more to the fact that we had only 5 players than the oppositions good play. This resulted in us playing first one then two men short after foul trouble. Everybody played very well especially in the first half when we were leading. After half-time their height and strength told.
Mike 12, Graeme 8, Matt 6.

Womens Thirds (V.W.B.A. Cgrade)

Wednesday 23rd May Uni. 28 McEwans 23.

Another good game for the women's thirds, with a strong first half giving us a good lead which we maintained throughout. A good defence was played by all with strong rebounding, and our offence was greatly enhanced by Rob O'L getting her eye back in and shooting 16 points!

Wednesday 16/5 - the thirds refuse to remember this game (or to acknowledge the scores)!!!

Wednesday 30th May Uni. 25 Olympians 19.

Would have to be one of the best efforts of the season. Playing the entire game with four players and beating a team 3 ahead of us on the ladder. The win was due to improved ball control and passing, especially Sally who didn't show on the boards but kept the team together. Good rebounding by Jacqui and Lynn and strong moves by Kerry.
Jacqui 10, Kerry 9.

Wednesday 6th June Uni. 35 Ramsey Mailer 10.

As the scores indicate we had an easy win, and it looks like we're beginning to play as a team. The second half of the game saw us going into a press which worked really well until we went into a one-to-one (ie. not man-to-man (would be difficult -ed)). defence which totally threw the opposition - A good game by all! Rob Gunn 8, Jacqui 3, Gary 7, Rob O'L 6.

Mens Thursday Night C grade

7th June Uni. 35 SCI 32.

S.C.I. played far better than their lowly placing would indicate and pushed us hard, outscoring us in the second half. With ring-in SB-G shooting well and everyone moving the ball around in offence, we led comfortable at half-time. However SCI came back well and only some good shooting under pressure in the last minutes enabled us to scramble home.

Collingwood Mens A grade (Sunday night)

The team now has 11 wins and 3 losses and is second on the ladder with one game to play.

May 27th Uni. 47 F.P.S. 25.

We started the game with 4 players (once Steve Nolan found a singlet) but had no trouble opening up a comfortable lead due particularly to good inside work by Steve and Norm and consistent outside shooting by SB-G. Norm fouled out late in the second half and coach Brown-Greaves decided to press on with 3 players, a tactic which very nearly worked.

SB-G 19, Dave 12, Norm, Steve 8.

June 3rd Uni. 45 Snakes 22.

A lazy performance all round by the team; only saved by again by good outside shooting by Simon. With finals approaching a big improvement is needed, particularly in moving the ball quickly in offence and helping out in defence.

SB-G 22, Steve, Norm 6.

Womens 2nds

May 2nd (1) Uni. 35 Ajax 10.

A good game to watch. The introduction of guard Bernadette was certainly beneficial to the team. Things went right (although a few passes went astray) and there was never any doubt about the result. Bernadette 12, Robyn 10.