

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB
DRIBBLING BALLS

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Hold the phone - Dribbling Balls has returned with the first of the season's match reports. Those practically perfect pieces of prose (a little bit of alliteration there folks) which are so good they make Jack Dyer sound literate, are once again gracing news stands throughout Australia.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 28/1)

Uni. 64 d. Nunawading 42

This was a great start to the season - if you don't count last week's walk-over against St. Kilda. Early fast breaks by Bourke St. and J.C. (the greatest double act since Rimsky and Korsakov) combined with tight defence gave us an 8-0 lead. Drew got aggressive for a change and hit some baskets, while Les - the human shot rejector- and Clarkie ruled the boards. The 27-15 half time lead was achieved with some fair pressing, while the second half brought more good play, especially by Henry who broke loose with 10 points. Non-spakky of the game went to Jane Graeme who tipped our Jappo-Scandinavian-veal substitute -not very-Russian coache's lay up out of the basket - way to get to the seconds. Henry 16.

VBA Div. 3 (Wed. 28/1)

Uni. 42 d. St. Kilda 20

We showed quite a deal of form in this game - bringing up our biggest score for quite some time. The return of Cathy Macleill was a bonus in the rebounding department, while good shooting from Debbie and Ann kept the offence going. Puddin' and Sue also contributed well, despite the latter's pre game boozing.

VBA Div. 4 (Wed. 28/1)

Avis 37 d. Uni. 30

This was a less than stunning performance by the team and we have quite a bit more talent than we showed here. We let too many rebounds slip when we got possession off the boards, missed too many "gift" baskets and our defence folded under pressure at the end of each half where leads were turned into deficits. All this was not due to a lack of effort but our skills will have to improve to get the team moving well. Thanks also go to Jenny for providing a new set of juvenile delinquents to amuse and assault the crowd each week.

VBA Div. 5 (Wed. 28/1)

Uni. 75 d. Footscray I.T. 4

This did not look like being the greatest game of all time when both teams lined up at the start with only 4 players each. However our girls soon put an end to any thought of a boring game. After a slow start we exploded with 35 minutes of the most amazingly consistent scoring ever seen. I haven't seen scoring like this from our girls since the IV team met the Adelaide men! The half time score was something like 27-2 and it was then that the fun started. Judy hit 22 points in the second half, Bags and Sue Trickey hit 12 each as we ran riot. When Pauline fouled out we were left with 3 players and a 49-4 scoreline. This didn't slow us down at all as we outscored the opposition 26-0 in the remaining time. I believe this game has broken every existing record for offence in the club's history including - highest team score (75), highest score in one half (48), highest individual score (31) and highest individual score in a half (22). Sensational effort!!
Judy 31, Karen 22, Sue 14, Pauline 8.

CYMS A Grade (Sun. 1/2)

Oakleigh Wolves 82 d. Uni. 75

For the second time in a week Uni. fielded a team of 4 and for the second time they scored 75 points. Unfortunately in this game Wolves hit 82 instead of 4. The first half was a close affair ending at 38-39 with J.C. having

bombed the lights out for 20 points. We jumped to an early deficit in the second half and couldn't get back. Captain Kilometre (that's how far out he shot from) was hot and got 15 for the half and aided by Rick and Devo we stayed respectable. The flying wedge offence was almost a success. The crowd loved it. J.C. 28, Captain Quarter-century 25 Rick 14, Daveo 8.

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Well Warrnambool was run and won with the customary amount of success being achieved on and off the court. Without going into boring detail, nobody made the semi-finals. Some highlights were noted though, and amongst them... the women's firsts played their best basketball for the last 6 months or so, helped out by Sandy Jaunkalvis - a fairly handy Adelaide recruit. The men's firsts had a good win over Diamond Valley who were hampered (??) by the injury (??) to Ian Bett(??). The women's seconds could be immortalised for ever after their last game, which they won, amid some vintage Uni cheering - singing in the rain, Helblblbn, go Shop and Jerry dacking the ref during a time out - it was all there and more. It was good to see Carol and Neville up and about again and play one game each. Lightning Rod Trevena led the way with a 2 a.m. strip'n'swim. Judy did not win the easy rider award for her Kawasaki capers. Our Polish international went to the Normal school of driving. We won the 5 man tinnie shoot boat race against Adelaide by $\frac{1}{2}$ a cen. Janne embarrassed herself (again). We had a great game of stacks on the mill. Roy, Lightning and the six miillion dollar man set record highs on the Space Invaders, while J.C. set a record low with 650. It is still not known why we were subjected to Peel the Tatties and the Village People at the Criterion, or why Pauline cancelled our game of bottles. One could go on like this for hours, suffice to say it was a very good tournament.

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And now for something completely different, "Letters to the Editor" - Dear Dorothy,

I am a 35 year old, married houseperson of the female variety. I am having an affair with my 6'7" black milkman (who is hung better than Ned Kelly). What can I do? I love my dog but we don't have insulation. Please help me. (Ps. I want to go to the Geelong tournament at Easter, not to Sale.)
Signed, Confused.

Reply.... Dear Confused,

Don't be stupid. The action's in sale not Geelong at Easter. Strangle your cat and get with the strength. Everybody knows wise men follow the star east at Easter, so that's where we should go. Cap that.
Signed, Mr. Ed.

Ps. readers - If you would rather go to smoggy, smelly Geelong than sunny, smiley Sale, tell J.C., your totally unbiased editor. If there's enough support for this ludicrous idea we'll go to the southern slum.

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On 16/2 we get rid of Janne MacGowan to W.A. Come along to her going away party type all night rage at Mal Short's on Friday the 13th - whoooo... The address is 16 Rockley Rd, Sth Yarra.

Wangaratta happens on March 7,8 & 9 - it's a great tournament and if you want to go there let J.C. know immediately if not later.

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