

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

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Unlike the last few DB's this edition actually concentraytes on basketball (not spelling, obviously). We have a stack of match reports of very varying content, but, and now comes the paid political announcement, we need more on the spot reporters to produce these reports as well as feature articles. Apply for the job soon 'cause I'm running out of jokes rapidly.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 4/2)

Uni. 56 d. Melbourne 55

Coach said go on the ball in his pre-game address, which was really good since at this time Drew had forgotten to turn up, Les didn't have his boots on and Clarkie had taped himself to a parking meter or something. After overcoming these early setbacks we settled down a bit and led for most of the first half, despite consistent scoring from one opposition bounder. At the half it was 30-28 our way and we decided it would be nice to beat Melbourne for the first time in about 200 years. This was done with something less than consummate ease, but the quick hands of J.C. and Henry led to numerous steals and interceptions and the defence of Clarkie and Kal was excellent, all of which enabled Clarkie to take one of his famous, patented baseline drives and surprise everyone by actually sinking it with 4 seconds left, lifting us to a one point victory. A hero's effort by the good guy. J.C. 18, Henry 18.

VBA Div 3. (Wed. 4/2)

Uni. 21 d. La Trobe 13

We were a little confused when 8 players turned up for the game and consequently the half time score stood at a mammoth 7-4 our way. We went beresk in the second half and ran riot (in a small way) over the Trober side recently demoted from Div. 2. Debbie led the way with 3 consecutive baskets from the corner and from then on the result was never in doubt. All in all a good performace from the team who are now 3 from 3 in the new season. Debbie 10.

VBA Div. 4 (Wed. 4/2)

Uni. d. Frankston

We controlled the game from go to whoa and never looked like losing. Actual details of the game seem a little fuzzy probably due to the effects of the Rising Sun and the Superbowl but I seem to recall Jenny shooting some baskets and Marg throwing some pretty handy passes. Jacqui was also a useful "recruit". Jenny 13.

Collingwood Women (Sun. 8/2)

Uni - lots d. ACYC 1 - not nearly as many

And so it was written - back to Collingwood for another season and not much had changed - we didn't have quite enough people so everyone played in the same team. After 7 hours of the tennis day (see report later) everybody was jumping out of their skin, ready and raring to play. Consequently we boomed away to an early lead and were never headed. Bernie shot consistently well as we lead 16-8 at half time and continued the good work in the second half where we blew the lead out to 20 odd points. Jenny contributed some nice baskets and Meg made a handy debut.

Collingwood Men (Sun. 8/2)

Uni. - forgot to check score D. Uranus - didn't want to check score.

This was not what you'd call real exciting - in fact i've seen more entertaining spectacles at Coles and Garrard. We had the game in the bag after our coach (how did he get the job again?) started the game with our two tallest players on the bench and four guards on the court. This paid dividends as Henry and J.C.

ran riot in offence with good shooting and passing. We ended up winning by some 20 points with the only real highlights being the (at times) spectacular return of Paul Orton and attempted violence from the LaTrobe chap who obviously won the first prize in a lobotomy raffle. What an easy game.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 11/2)

Uni. 58 d. Coburg 40.

We continued on our winning way with another good win, despite playing below our best for the first 25 minutes or so. The first half was marred by a lot of errors by both sides, with our by now customary running game keeping us about 8 points up. The score was 26-19 at half time and we didn't look real convincing. This was borne out as the lead was cut to 3 early in the second half as we made too many turnovers. We finally slipped into gear for the last 15 minutes and ran right away from Coburg, Henry leading the way with some excellent baskets, continuing his great form of the last couple of weeks. Jane Graeme lifted his game too, and along with the other forwards deserve special mention for ~~xxx~~ keeping the tall Coburg team off the boards. Henry 20, Jane, J.C. 10.

VWBA Div. 5 (Wed. 11/2)

Chalkies 32 (approx) d. Uni. 29 (also approx)

This match began with the signs of an easy victory with two immediate fast breaks. However it was not to be the case. The umpiring must have been the worst ever seen. There were only about 5 fouls called in the first half. Unfortunately the opposition proved to be more boisterous and able to take better advantage of the atrocious umpiring. Good rebounding on the defensive boards proved to be valuable. It should be remembered that all scores are extremely approximate as I can't really remember who scored what (and I didn't bother to look either!)

VWBA Div. 3 (Wed. 11/2)

Uni. 29 d. Waverley 26

Traditionally we don't do too well against Waverley, and things didn't look too hot for a while here either. For the first 25 minutes or so we struggled against some very strong opposition although managing to stay within 3 points, mainly due to the fact they couldn't run fast breaks. At this point we changed our defence and got back into the game with Sue, Ann and Bernie double teaming down the court. Our board work improved and scores were level with a minute to play. Good foul shooting from Bernie and Robyn finally brought home the bacon and took us to four straight wins this season. Robyn 8, Bernie 7.

Vwba Div 4 (Wed. 11/2)

Uni. 45 d. Varpas 16

This game might have been boring had it not been for the ever reliable Marg Jarvie who managed to keep everyone entertained. On the court she hit some fair to amazing baskets and off ~~X~~ the ~~xxx~~ (oops - it's getting late) court had us all amused with the story of her love life - past, present and future (I'd reprint it here but no one would believe it). All this aside we won pretty easily against pretty crook opposition. A good game to say bye-bye to Janne whose presence will be sorely missed.

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That's the end of this Dribbling Balls because my typing finger hurts. Rather unfortunately I can't think of a punch line to end this one either. I thought I'd mention that for those of you scouring the gym floor looking for page 3.