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VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 18/3)

St. Kilda 52 d. Uni 46

Well, this year's winter season started pretty much like last year's - we lost. St. Kilda got the quickest start since Raelene Boyle ran in Montreal and we trailed 12-2 and looked set for a real whumping. A change to zone defence and slightly more not mistakes doing saw us 22-22 at half time. The second half was worse than the first, despite a 12 point spree from J.C. who along with Henry provided all but three of our second half baskets. Defence was just on the bad side of woeful. I think I feel a tough winter coming on.
J.C. 14, Henry 8.

VWBA Div. 3 (Wed. 18/3)

Uni 46 d. Telstars 24

This was a do or die, hero or goat, grand final or bust game and the team was all physiced up and raring to grow (helps you stay in the team these days). Coach said "Go on the ball" then he went on the ball out on court one. Despite this minor setback we really fired and produced some of our best basketball of the season. Bernie and 'Westgate' Bridget led the offence well while Jean's return bolstered our rebounding and catholic count. In the second half we showed that controlled basketball really was within the grasp of a Uni team by stretching the score break to 20 points at the end. Bring on the grand final!

VWBA Div. 4 (Wed. 18/3)

We lost.

Those literature buffs amongst you out there in Kulture land will notice that this weejk's (the Danish spelling there) scoreline is the same as last weeks. There's a very good reason for that too, inasmuchas, we lost. Notwithstanding, the party of the first part, herein after referred to as the team, tried very hard against the party of the second part, to be henceforth known as the opposition, but were in the course of events, to put not too fine a point on it, crushed and out classed. So in the immortal words of Marcel Marceau, "Thus endeth the season." Aye, thus endeth the season.

CYMS A Grade (Sun. 22/3)

Kiami Wombats 91 pooped on Uni 67

If you thought wombats were slow you should have seen us. After we led 12-8 our opposition must have thought it was warmup time again 'cause they ran layups for the next 10 minutes or so while we fed them with some excellent passes. The hot hands of Captain Crackshot were of no avail as we trailed 46-23 at halftime. Our second half effort was better but the game was all over bar the shouting, a few nice baskets ftrom (Hungarian spelling tyhere(Ita spelling there)) Kial and Betty trying to catch the ball with his eye.
Kremmen 22, Kial 21.

Collingwood Women (Sun. 22/3)

Uni N d. Gov N-2

We had 4 players which proved to be just enough to take this team of not so nice people and beat'em. It was an almost thrilling basket for basket duel with Bernie and Jenny scoring most of our baskets. Karin fought well on the boards (and anywhere else she got a chance) and Fran made a handy debut as a good scrapping guard. The good guys scraped in after a Hampson special.

Collingwood Men (Sun. 22/3)

Uni 113 d Bunyip 29

This game was notable if only for (Zambian spelling there) the absolute barrage of baskets we were responsible for. To hit 113 points in a game where the clock doesn't stop is phenomenally good, then again the opposition was something less than scintillatingly brilliant. After a 59-19 first half we cruised over the ton with four minutes to spare then slackened off as the Bunyips staged a late (i.e. dead) comeback. Highlights included the long range shooting of J.C. and Henry, the fast breaks of Graeme and the inside work of Drew and Jeremy. J.C. 33, Henry 25, Graeme 20, Jeremy 15.

WBA Div. 3 (Wed. 25/3) - Grand Final

Reservoir 30 d Uni 18

This was the moment we'd all been waiting for - the summer grand final - and what a game it turned out to be, for a while anyway. We were quite settled at the start of the game and led narrowly for the first 5 minutes or so as the opposites were forced into errors by strong rebounding and defence, especially from Bridget who had 5 big rebounds early in the game. Our offence was slightly less effective than our defence and it was a constant struggle to make a basket as our little perimeter shooters failed to collect baskets and our rebounders failed to connect with the rebounds. At half time we weren't looking too bad with the score at 10-13 down. The start of the second half saw both teams play fairly ordinary basketball, but the Rams capitalized on our inability to score with their more consistent offence. David went man to man as the second half began to die and an 8 point deficit facing us. This seemed to inspire the team and when Cathy rebounded strongly to score we were only 18-22 down. The rest of the game was nothing less than an abysmal disaster as the opposition ran riot all over us and scored seemingly at will. With three minutes to go we had not yet lost the game but we were severely ~~on~~ overdrawn on the bank of miracles. We finally sank 18-22 which was a disappointing end to a pretty good season. Bridget 6.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 25/3)

Uni 48 drew with Geelong 48

This game capped off rather suitably a night that was quite dismal. We were comfortably in control for the first 10 minutes and should have (Dutch spelling there) led by twice as much as the 8 point break we had at that stage. From here we engineered a clever collapse based on the premise that if you don't play 'D' and don't take rebounds the opposition will catch up with you. It worked as we led only 24-22 at the change. The second half was fairly unspectacular, good offence from Jane and Henry aside. We had several 4 point breaks at odd times but still managed to snatch near defeat from the jaws of victory. Such is the winter of our discontent. Jane 16, Henry 12.

Well sports fans it's on again. The sensational sunny Sale Easter tournament. If you fancy playing in one of our two men's or two women's sides (preferably in the one relevant to your particular sex) then let J.C. or Henry know soon, then you too can have fun in the entertainment capital of the east. Do I hear you scoff at that? Well where else can you see real live Thomson River wildlife (or become a part of it), the Macpherson save the whale memorial site and countless other historically (hysterically?) significant places. I ask you...?
Don't forget: Sat. April 4, 2:30 AGM at uni, 5:00 Freshers tourney and BBQ. An excellent day is assured, so be there! I think I'm running out of space in this edi