

DRIBBLING BULL

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VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 1/4)

Preston 44 d. Uni 43

This game was notable if only for the fact that we produced about 30 minutes of the worst basketball we are capable of playing. After trailing by about 8 for most of the first half some late baskets brought us to 22-25 down at the change. We snapped out of the rut we were in early in the second half with a change of defence and we slipped away to a 7 points lead. This set up the monumental collapse which followed as we threw away the game. In general our defence was o.k. but our offence was woeful to non-existent, with the major contributing factors to our loss being unsuccessful drives and bad foul shooting at the end (by someone who shall remain nameless to prevent the severe embarrassment of the editor).

VWBA Div. 4 (Wed. 1/4)

Uni d. Konash

We celebrated the start of a new season by having a morale boosting victory over Konash. We only had 5 players, but then again, they only had 4 - sounds fair to me. The improved form of Chuckles Jarvie (who even took some shots with her right hand) and the guards' ability to convert a few break fasts saw us turn a nine point half time lead into a 25 point victory.

VWBA Div. 3 (Wed. 1/4)

Uni d. CYMS

No detailed report on this game appears here due to the fact I only heard the game (on the short wave from somewhere overseas I think) and no one from this team has submitted a report to Dribbling Balls for the last year or three (so there!)

Collingwood Women (Sun. 5/4)

Oddbods d. Uni

We built up a steady lead in the first half as the opposition were waiting for their fourth player to arrive. Unfortunately for us she did, but we had accrued 6 points for late start. From this point we slipped back a bit and in fact trailed 6-8 at half time. We played a little better in offence in the second half (i.e. we scored two baskets) but our defence and general control down the court were something less than stunning. Good performances on the boards from Linda and Fiona were encouraging, but a little more work is needed by the team before we undertake a world tour.

Collingwood Women (Sun. 5/4)

Uni No. 2 d. Bunyip

In the last very exciting episode of Uni vs. Bunyip our guys beat theirs 113-29, and this game was pretty similar. We totally outclassed them (despite the return of Kerry Lewis to the team) and that's about all there was to the game. Jenny seemed to shoot quite a few baskets, but considering they only shot 2 baskets for the game the scoring details are rather academic.

Collingwood Men (Sun. 5/4)

Uni 66 d. Bobcats 16

Well, we had an easy win - surprise, surprise - and we now have a percentage of 262. Stars of the game were our new recruits - Squashed up Simon Brown-Greaves (alias Bill Downing) and Phabulouse Phil Lewis (I never was very good with surnames) Bill hustled well and made some good baskets while Phil looked sartorially splendid in Kerry's old housepainting shorts, Jenny's runners and Henry's singlet. As usual

the opposition were totally hopeless.

Bill 17, Jeremy 14, Drew 12, Henry 10 (or some permutation thereof).

What a day it was sports fans - Saturday April 4 - April Fools Day. Well, it wasn't really April Fools Day, then again you should have been at the Annual General Meeting. Well, you should have been there, but since there was only a total of 18 of us there you probably weren't. You'll never know what you missed. Well, actually you will, because I'm going to tell you. The annual reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer were all presented and passed without much comment (except the Treasurer's report which seemed to inspire some rather persistent, demanding questioning - all handled by Graeme with typical aplomb - despite trying to overdose on his crayons when chocolate sales were mentioned - at least he didn't head the balance sheet Income and Outcome). The only other excitement came from a tie in one election and a motion to ban ex-presidents from AGM's (which wasn't put to the floor)

RACE RESULTS.

Race 1. Presidential Handicap (2000m & innumerable hurdles) - Peter Beaumont (2:53)

Race 2. Vice-President's Cup (3200m) - Woody Macpherson (0:00)

Race 3. Treasury Stakes (\$3000) - Graeme Howie (15 years with a minimum of 7)

Race 4. Secretary Steeple (1.70m) - John Campbell (4:32)

Race 5. Assistant Secretary's Derby (26 miles 282 yds) - Mary Bourke (minutes)

Race 6. Social Secretaries Free for All (best two out of three falls) - Andrew Bett and Bernie Burke (dead on heat) - (1:02)

Race 7. General Reps Maiden Hcp (2 laps) - Chris Macpherson, Judy Knight (still out on the track)

Race 8. Junior General Reps Progressive for 2.Y.O. Fillies - Meg Broadway and ??!?

Note : The stewards are holding an inquiry into the running of race 8 (Men's Div) where it is suspected that all starters were nobbled, as none of them turned up at the meeting. This will probably be re run. Stay tuned for further details.

If you have any complaints, suggestions, questions or donations to the NUBC committee retirement fund, please don't hesitate to contact any of the above racers, whose particulars will be pinned to the club notice board (painful process it is too)

Following the AGM and a brief meeting of the new committee and friends at the Clyde, the second annual Commencement Tournament was held. It was an unqualified success, featuring 6 men's teams and (almost) 4 women's teams. The standard of play was excellent and the games were all close affairs. There was highlight after highlight, like Captain Kindness fouling Claire off 3 times to "stop her killing someone", merciless cancellation of baskets by J.C. (the world's most abused ref) in the men's comp where we produced more travels than Jetset Tours, but without doubt the most entertaining team was John Jirik and the Catholics (Herman and the Hermits?). Their vocal support and chants were excellent but some of their basketball was a little unorthodox - imagine shooting the ball then all 5 of their players drop to their knees and pray, I mean it might help the shot but it sure stuffs up your offensive rebounding. Congrats go to all the participants in the tourney, especially the victors - Graeme Howie's team and Julie Walker's team.

The BBQ following the games was also a huge success as new and old raged on into the night, pulling pants down, shooting tins and getting to know everyone. Special thanks go to people who organised the BBQ and provided food, to coaches (including Roy who interrupted his hangover to take a team) and very special thanks to Mary Bourke and Henry Cooper for their great effort on the whole event.
