

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

DRIBBLING BALLS

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VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 13/5)

Uni 68 d. Frankston 55

This was a truly amazing game, and not the least amazing part of it was that we won. Frankston started red hot favourites to annihilate us, as they had lost only one of their first 7 games while we had only lost 4½ of our first 6, and after 8 minutes we were looking down the barrel of a 3-17 scoreline. A time out by David at this stage changed the face of the game as we played some defence and struggled back to 24-24 then 25-26 down at half time. The second half was a free scoring, basket for basket affair and neither team seemed like breaking. Accurate long range shooting from J.C. forced Frankston back into a man to man, which opened up the way for Roy, who destroyed them with some superb driving. With Jane and Mal doing well on the boards we were 3 up with 3 to play and tore away for a comfortable 13 point victory. There's no doubt that Roy's return to form was the major factor in the win - it was great to see, and led the team to showing a bit of confidence for the first time this season. Roy, J.C. 20

VWBA Div. 3 (Wed. 13/5)

Uni 49 d. Nomads 15

A trouncing victory to take our total to 5 wins from 6 games. With Sue back from an incapacitating illness but others off on holidays etc. we started with 6 players. David was coaching but more important duties called and he departed to coach the men, leaving us with instructions to run fast breaks (break fasts? - Ed.). All went well resulting in a half time score of 26-9, and even though Bernie and Bridgit were having trouble sinking easy lay ups we pulled out of the game with a 49-15 win. Bernie, Bridgit 12, Cathy 10, Jenny 8, Ann 7.

CYNS Championship (Sun. 17/5)

Uni 54 d. Jetz 37

This wasn't too bad a game on our part- translated; we won. Lads had a good first half, well all except the last ½ second when he fell and stuffed his ankle after hitting a miracle basket, but thart was about the only highlight in a tame half which saw us 4 up. We struggled in the second half until "Menthoids" McKenzie bombed in 4 successive baskets, and from that stage on we were never really troubled. Mal did well and Bowie used his strength very nicely thank you - no problems - except for one mental cripple from the opposition who thought it was more fun to hit people than baskets. Rob 12, Mal 11, Bowie 9.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 20/5)

Uni 49 d. Nunawading 42

This game extended our longest winning streak of the season - to two. It was notable if only for the fact that we lead for the entire game - and still won. This type of behaviour from a men's firsts team will not be tolerated in future. A fair first half saw us 28-22 up at the change. We built on this lead in the second half and had a 10 point break for most of the half - minor lapses of concentration being the only exceptions. Good defence won us the game with Jane, Drew and Mal leading the way in an even team game. Mal 12, Jane, Drew 10, J.C. 8.

VBBBA A Grade (Thurs. 21/5)

St. Kilda Vets d. Uni

Immediately after we had worked up a 15-3 deficit it seemed likaly we were doomed to be thrashed. Phil put in some good work on the boards with spasmodic help from Roland, Doug, Bill and Andrew. Many of our passes from the point (who shall remain nameless as your reprter is easily embarrassed) were intercepted allowing several

fast break doings. Phrases to be committed to memory for this team are : (i) lead to the ball (ii) follow your shot (iii) hands up in defence (iv) block out (v) not give him basic line - all of which may be summed up by that great phrase - "You play properly doing..." Henry 15, Doug, Tony, Bill 4. Ps. Coach indicated himself to be less than impressed with the team's effort.

VBHBA C Grade (Thurs. 21/5)

ANZ d. Uni by 4 points

Despite losing the game this was a very good performance. We started off well then slipped to be well down at half time. The magic zone press was swung into action and we came right back into the game in the second half. Highlights were some great rebounding from Rod M., Abba and Rod T. Matthew's passing was a delight to watch as were Carey's miracle lay ups. Bill MacNeill was more tentative than usual in offence, but made some nice baseline baskets, and put in a solid defensive effort. Warwick's offensive game showed his usually reliable ball handling (must have recovered from pulling his groin muscle - Ed.) and some nice outside baskets from the point. Coach was definitely impressed with the effort in this game. The grade secretary stole the scoresheet and I don't know who shot what.

Collingwood Women (Sun. 24/5)

Gov d. Uni (1)

This game definitely ranks as the best this team has played all season. The control of Judy, Mary, Pauline and Meg against the press was greatly improved over previous efforts and was well supported by the strength of Linda and Trish. No doubt the highlight was the team's passing in offence - it looks like we've started to find out the easy way to play basketball.

Collingwood Men (Sun. 24/5)

Uni 80 d. FBC 15

The only reason we didn't score 140 points in this game is we didn't try. The opposition consisted of 2 ten year olds under 5 feet tall and four other guys who "haven't played much basketball before" and I'll give you the tip, Sunday didn't increase their quota too much. Only highlights of the game were finding new ways to miss layups and Jeremy playing defence against Captain Collingwood on a fast break. Real exciting stuff gang zzzzzz...

SOCIAL NOTES: Under threat of getting the job again next year if they don't do well this year, our social secretaries have planned some really stunning get togethers. They have also organised the following activities for the rest of the club :-

Progressive Dinner - June 13 (Saturday) - galloping gastronomy (gastronomy??)

Car Trial - July 5 (Sunday) - be there or be somewhere else

Basketball Marathon - early July - they shoot horses don't they?

Attendance is (almost) compulsory at the Progressive Dinner, which is a super rage each year - and this year will incorporate the naming of the IV teams - how about that - see Drew or Bernie or Henry or anybody for details.

FOUL SHOTS: Which short, balding, deviant type person is casting a very wide net? He might do better with the right bait and a single hook. Further, is it true that certain scarred (and scared) guards are forming a vigilante protection group? When will Boy Danger have the existing contract lifted? Will it be filled (for a prize of one night with Girl Danger)? On something completely different - six free pots to the first person to effectively tunnel Devo!

How about that eh, Foul Shots two weeks in a row. Not only that, there were quite a few contributions to Dribblig Balls this week. Keep up the good work, gang.

**** Any persons interested in being a coach or manager at IV this year should contact Haggis, Drew or Meg as soon as possible. Cheerio....