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CEBA B Grade (Mon. 22/6)

Uni 67 D. Centrals 23

This game was played against very weak opposition and resulted in a very easy for Steve Nolan's last game before he went overseas. Naturally he played very well in both offence and defence scoring many points and rebounding very well. Ernie took advantage of some good turnovers to top score in a good second half. The whole team is looking good with both strength and height and is probably playing well due to the enforced absence of its coach.

Ernie 16, Steve 12, Roy, Doug, Peter 8.

CEBA E Grade (Mon. 22/6)

Uni 28 d. Holes(1) 24

This was much closer than the B grade and a heart stopping finish. Having not played together regularly lack of control when passing in offence was costly (Warwick where are you?). Good rebounding was evident from Dan, Gary and Trevor although easy shots under the basket shouldn't be missed. Matthew hit some more of his incredible baskets and Roy added some much needed experience. Although unbeaten this team needs some concentrated team practice to continue to lead the comp. It was left to Roy and Trevor to shoot the last two baskets in about 10 seconds to win the match. Gary, Roy, Matthew 6, Peter 4.

VBHBA C Grade (Thurs. 25/6)

Uni 34 d. Audio Shack 20

The rising stars turned in another great performance to beat a team who were 4 places above us on the ladder. Despite being ninth we are only two games from the four, and with half a season to go there is every chance of a finals appearance. Good efforts in defence from Warwick, Bill, Stan and others, with a few intimidating rejections from Rod, Bill and Tony kept them right out of the game. Matthew created some nice baskets with precision passing to Tony and also picked up some great offensive rebounds and converted. Carey's fast breaks in the second half showed the team has the ability to run for a whole game. Tony Lewis' first game with the club for some time gave the team added strength especially in the rebounding department. Tony 10, Bill 8, Carey 6, Rod, Matthew 4, Warwick 2.

Collingwood Women (Sun. 28/6) - Grand Final

Uni 35 d. Melbourne Blacks 20

We've never managed to win a girls grand final at Collingwood despite numerous tries. This time it was different. Building on the confidence displayed at Portland we were in complete control for the first half, working the ball well in offence and doing a good job in our defence of keeping the Blacks most dangerous girl out of business. Our 20-12 half time lead was well deserved. If Bernie and Ann had done well in the first half they were magnificent in the opening 5 minutes of the second. Five quick baskets took us to 30-12 and from there the result was never in doubt. Defence was once again the key to victory and the contributions of Jenny, Kerry, Mary and Chris on the boards cannot be overemphasised. Kerry made some dynamite plays in offence, while Mary played her best game for months and kept us in the game early with some great baskets and even better board work. Fran's aggressive 'get the ball at all costs' attitude typified the teams endeavour and they deserve much praise for a good win.

Collingwood Men (Sun. 28/6) - Grand Final

Uni 49 d. Gov 43

Although eager to make up for last season's debacle we still had trouble playing consistent ball in this game. Mistakes were the order of the day and only Henry's 14 points in the first half enabled us to lead 26-19 at the change. Things got a bit

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better in the second half as J.C. hit Jeremy on the base for three baskets and we soon had a seemingly unassailable lead. With Drew and Phil ruling the boards it was a case of how far Uni and we raced away to slaughter the less than friendly or intelligent opposition by 6. Cheer for our sixth A Grade premiership in 7 seasons at Collingwood.

VBRBA A Grade (Thurs. 25/6)

State Bank 59 d. Uni 36

A good effort by us against a team in the four, especially as we were down 0-12 after being surprised at the outset by a man-to-man defence. Two new players were blooded (Rod & Frank), and after everyone settled down there were several good drives to the off the second team's offense. The half time score was 18-33 and although under a lot of pressure a few excellent baskets were scored. Strong rebounding by Bill Nixon and Dave was evident but they must learn to convert their chances. Coach was much pleased with his own game and complimented all players on their efforts. Phil, Bill D. & Frank 6.

VBA Div. 3 (Wed. 1/7)

Uni 50 d. Malleys 27

Due to the ref's obvious preference for women's wrestling rather than basket ball this game ended up being a real pleasure to play in. Berbadette (oops - Ed.) managed to excite the ref to a mild mumble by listing off a string of insults but he soon fell back into his semi*coma. With the major problem of the game being how to avoid broken ribs and also getting out of the way of a 4'6" 60kg tank - late revealed to be an ex-Uni player (if Kathy Diviny reads this she'll come around and sit on all of us - all at once - Ed.) we still managed to score a few baskets and the ref managed to "lapse" into consciousness long enough to call time. May we have many more such enthralling, enjoyable games. Bridget 16, Jenny 11, Bernie 10, Ann 9.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 1/7)

St.Kilda 72 d. Uni 53

We didn't play all that well in this game, actually, that's like saying that the Razor Gang didn't go over too well with the Public Service. Except for the early minutes of both halves when we ran well we were generally outplayed. After a 33-26 scoreline at the break we surprised ourselves by closing the gap to two, in fact we were so surprised we went to pieces for the rest of the game and let St.Kilda grab a 20 point win. Not too many good signs from the game, barring Les' 14 points in the second half and some nice work at times by Jane on the offensive boards.

Jane 17, Les 14, J.C. 11.

VBRBA C Grade (Thurs. 2/7)

Uni 39 d. Amps 34

The game showed that the rising stars are truly being moulded into a typical Uni side. After working up a match losing lead of 10 points at half time we desperately tried to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Fortunately we just failed and managed to finish four points up at the end. (I'm not exactly sure about that, we might have been 14 up). Tony 10, Rod, Warwick, Carey 6 Bill 5, Stan, Scott 2.

Uni 78 d. Spectres 15 Collingwood (Sun. 6/7)

The club statistician believes this to be a new record score for a women's team from Uni. Not many details need to be listed other than the fact the clock didn't stop and there were three time outs during the game - oh, and we only had 4 players!

Ann 26, Bernie 26, Mary 20, Chris 4.

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VBA Div. 2 (Sun. 12/7)

Uni 55 d. Geelong 47

In one of our more stunning performances this season - we won. It was an encouraging performance for a number of reasons, not the least being - we won. Drew played a stunning first half, especially in offence (never thought I'd be writing that!), but our defence was poor as we were beaten on the boards and picked up quick fouls. Graeme "Doktor" Clarke remedied this when he hit the court and showed some of the best board work since Karpov beat Korchnoi. It was 23-21 at half time and our lead fluctuated between 6 and 0 for the next 10 minutes or so. Then Les broke loose for 4 magnificent baskets in a row to give us almost total control. There was always a chance we could throw the game away, but it's a long way back from Geelong when you lose and Jane's baskets in the dying minutes of the game sealed an 8 point win.

CYMS Championship (Sun. 12/7)

Uni 77 d. Nth. Melbourne 68

After beating St. Pat's Intellectual Giants last week we created our longest ever winning streak in this competition by upsetting Nth. Melbourne (actually, we seemed to upset St. Pat's a bit last week as well!). Les used his Geelong X warm up well and his 14 first half points enabled us to lead by about 5 at the change. In the second half North threw everything they had at us so we threw the only thing we had at ~~ix~~ them - Davo! Boy Danger provided the game highlight by flattening Brian Longstaff with a fair hip and shoulder - top effort. J.C. used his Geelong warm up well and hit 16 points for the half and Captain Coogee hit some handy non-layups. Rather amazingly we withstood the pressure and even increased our lead. Cosmic.

J.C. 25, Les 18, Captain Questionmark 14, Lards 12.

Well the third annual MUBC Car Trial was run and won on Sunday 6/7/81. It was a great day's entertainment for those who went on it (but wasn't much fun for those who stayed at home - only 13 of the 33 people on it were from MUBC you apathetic pack of bludgers!). Andrew and Bernadette did a magnificent job of organising the event and the trial was a very creative effort - not only that - it didn't take 6 hours to get to the end this time. For the record, J.C. and Meg won the Car Trial from Haggis and Woody in a neck and neck finish i.e. last year's runner up became this year's winner by beating last year's winner who becomes this year's runner up. Could you say that again Max?!

FOUL SHOTS : If you thought that last lot was a load of utter rubbish, you're too smart to be reading Dribbling Balls, but cop this next lot. It's another effort from ~~the~~ the Prince of Poems, the Ruler of Rhyme, the Sultan of Stanzas, the Varmint of Verse the Unknown Poet (here we go again, Chuckie baby...)

THE RHYME OF THE ANCIENT MARINATOR.

'Twas a sunny Sunday morning
When we all met at the Clyde,
For the MUBC Car Trial -
Our majic mystery ride.

Mark set off down Lygon Street,
He thought he had it made,
But he took so long to finish
He thought he'd gone to Adelaide.

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Davo set off quickly
With Bridget as his crew,
But it didn't seem to be too hard
To catch up with these two.

They went well on the freeway,
And near the airport too,
But got lost in Broadmeadows
And finished in the pooh.

It seemed to all that Betty's trip
Was just a ~~iff~~ trifle slow -
He missed the freeway exit
And went to Bendigo!

His troubles then continued,
As by bad luck he was dogged -
The only person on the day
Who managed to get bogged.

We sped along old Mickleham,
Until that road was crossed,
Six cars turned left instead of right
And instantly were lost.

We searched for twenty minutes
But of clues we were bereft,
So we went back to the crossroads
And went right instead of left.

This put us on the right track
Much to our relief,
We even found the next clue
To our total disbelief.

About this time the weather turned -
The skies were somewhat bleaker
And we spotted for the first time
The flying brown Celica.

Woody and old Haggis
Stormed ahead in leaps and bounds,
Until they got a little lost
Looking for grey-hounds.

The mint's next door, the clue did say,
They gave us all the hint,
But with all the rain and mist around
We couldn't even see the mint.

Desdemona soon zipped by
With Simon, Ann and Mary.
Horns blaring, abuse all 'round -
A sight best described as scary.

They went real well along the way,
They looked a mighty chance,
Until they missed a clue or two
With some sexist song and dance.

It seemed they wouldn't answer
Clues with "suspect" words,
And wouldn't resolve questions
Involving things like 'luscious birds'.

We passed the kinda teachers,
Where harsh words were being spoken.
They couldn't fill their answers in
'Cause their crayon had just broken.

The human movers too had strife
With some more obscure clues.
They just wanted soon to end
And get stuck into the booze.

The Holden Derro Driving Team
Were first to cross the line.
Karen, Liz and Paul did well -
An amazingly quick time.

The reason soon was clear to us
Why their car was never caught -
For nearly half the questions
They simply answered "Port"!

Cars began arriving
With tales of joy and woe,
And praise for Drew and Bernie
Who told them where to go!

And so we all retired
To the barbecue for lunch,
To have a chat, to drop a chop,
To have a quiet munch.

Unfortunately our meal
Was not quiet like our dreams,
Surrounded as we were
By six junior soccer teams.

Now came the time for prizes,
The raffle first was held -
Paul Burke won the port,
"Rigged", the crowd all yelled.

Fick McKenna won the chokies,
And that my friends is that.
The same old raffle story -
My ticket's still in the hat.

(There's still more to come, folks...../5)

At last the car trial details
Were ready to be named -
The victors and the vanquished,
The unknowns and the famed.

Heg and J.C. won it,
The margin only two,
From Haggy-pooch and Woody -
Last year's winning crew.

And so we all went homewards,
Giving thanks where thanks were due.
An excellent club outing -
Thanks Bernie, and thanks Drew!

Well there you go sports fans and literature lovers, a top little epic to stave off that cultural void that encroaches upon us all at one time or another. And while I'm trying to fill up this rather large expanse at the bottom of this page with some more inane waffle, what did you think about the coloured Dribbling Balls last week? Pretty blue. You're soaking in it. Anyway, there is no truth to the rumour that the colour scheme was based in any way on the content. Actually, the printing machine couldn't hack the pace of printing D.B. and broke down. Hence the recent delay in editions of D.B.

As a last attempt to finish this three week edition we name this year's women's Intervarsity team selected a week or so ago :

Ann Compton, Jean Prior, Cathy MacNeill, Jenny Hampson,
Bridget Grounds, Claire O'Grady, Meg Broadway, Marg Jordan,
Judy Knight and Pauline Murphy.

We congratulate the team on their selection, and hope to announce the men's team one, if it's ever selected!

If you would like to buy a club badge, T-shirt, windcheater, cook book, etc etc ad infinitum, contact the VFL properties division or any members of your (almost) world famous committee members.