

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

DRIBBLING BALLS

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Hello there. Well the year's first edition of D.B. was met with nothing less than raging apathy. Do you think this will worry your intrepid editor? Damn right it will. Be warned that unless more contributions for this rag come in it will leave more space in each edition to be filled by this interminable raving (see Vol. 10 NO.1 under waffles). Failing that we'll have some more Div. 2 match reports - even if the matches weren't played anywhere except in the editor's warped mind. Anyway, and now for something completely different, a man with two...

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 24/3).

St.Kilda 67 d. Uni 60

Things didn't look too promising here during warm up as we appeared to be at a distinct height disadvantage. As it turned out this didn't help them at all (well not as much as their skill advantage.) They opened up a 12 point lead which looked insurmountable and it was, although some inspired (c.f. insipid) defence and some Jane baskets allowed us to level at 30-30 at half time. The patented slow second half start was then put into effect and we went back to 10 down. We never recovered from this despite some good hustle from Drew and some offence from Les and J.C.

Jane 19, J.C. 18, Les 17 (everyone else 6)

Shock, horror, gasp, incredulity.... oh be still my pounding heart... I've just received the year's first contributions. Well done gang!

VWBA Div. 2 (Wed. 10, 17, 24, 31/3)

Three out of four ain't bad.

And now for the Dribbling Balls report you all haven't been waiting for. With 4 games to catch up on this could have you all popping Nodoz to get to the end. To cut a long story short, we've won three and lost one. Not bad, eh? We wont talk about the first game (guess why) but in the second we beat St.Kilda 2 with Robyn Whiteside top scoring with 8 points. Next we struggled to beat a pre-pubertal Eltham side and won an uninspiring game. Last and certainly not least we played an atypical Uni game and beat St.Kilda 3 convincingly. The end score was 40-29 and everyone played aggressively and well, with Bernie shooting a hard running 14 and Bridget almost collapsing with exhaustion and 12 points. With only 5 players it was a great effort if I don't say so myself. Keep the wins rolling in!

VWBA Div. 4 (Wed. 31/3)

Uni 22 drew with MG's 22

This was our most successful match this season - we drew. After cruising to a 5 point deficit at half time we pulled the finger out and gave the fans (all none of them) what they didn't come to see. After some fine shooting by Judy and Robyn we levelled the score with 1.22 to go. Stopped the opposition scoring but couldn't put the ball in the basket at our end. Better things to come hopefully. Stay tuned.

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VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 31/3)

Coburg 61 d. Uni 60

For all you fans out there who thought we'd forgotten how to do it, this game proved we could still play in the classic Uni style... and snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. We had leads of up to 8 in the first half as Jane was scoring easy inside baskets on the end of J.C. passes and Henry ran a few fast breaks. We managed to throw these away and were only 1 point up at half time. We sped to 10 up in quick fashion and when Henry made his miracle fall-away-get fouled-land on your-back in the car park-jump shot we were 7 up with 7 to play. A concerted effort at this stage was required to throw the game away - but we managed.

Jane 18, Henry 14.

Commencement Tournament 1982 -

This was once again a howling success (especially for the men 'coz they all turned up). Collingwood stadium was alive with the sounds of whistles, dribbles and Polish expletives. The standard of play in the 6 men's teams was only exceeded by the enthusiasm of the players (and the standard of refereeing - ha, ha - why did Andrew Mounas and the Paisley Vets (i.e. Con and the Calabrians) reach for their violin cases after losing a close game?). Blair-West's Basket-Weavers defeated Wojnarowski's Warsaw Wanderers in a fine grand final, which was followed by a cheery BBQ, highlighted by chef Henri's cuisine d'hamburg. Thanks to all those who participated and assisted or organised - especially Henry who spent hours recruiting and organising players and coaches and devising the draw.

Tennis Day 1982 -

The club had its second annual tennis day last Sunday. Ten pairs of eager players showed up to enjoy the sunshine and a few games of tennis. The players were divided into two groups - those who play tennis and those who try hard to play or don't try, whichever the case may be, and a mixed double round robin draw was played. Seven pairs were in group 1 and 3 pairs in group 2 (because some of those who don't try didn't turn up). Twenty-four players i.e. games were played by all with the winners of group 1 being Sarah Leach with 19 wins and John Campbell with 13 wins on a countback from Graeme Howie and Mark Eldredge (alias Arthur Ashe -ed.) Meg Broadway and Les Walker won the group 2 award. Many thanks to all those who participated and especially to Judy and Julie for organising the day. Those who haven't paid their \$2 yet please do so as soon as possible to Julie, Judy or Les.

That's all for now - watch for next week's boomer Sale tournament report - remember last year's - probably not. Well this year's should be twice as memorable.

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