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Like the fabled phoenix, Dribbling Balls has risen from its own ashes to once again enlighten your lives. The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat and all that jazz will be the fare of those consuming the no doubt numerous match reports. All you have to do is write them and give them to your fearless editor. This first edition is in fact jam packed with almost original contributions from all sorts of odd people, who prefer to remain anonymous for reasons which will become obvious if you ever get to read one of their articles. So, without further ado, here we go again

VHBA B GRADE (THU 10/2)

Uni 40 d. State Bank 35

We won again - how boring! We wont mention who we played - it doesn't matter. We crush, kill, destroy whoever we play, with a rim hugging, shot rejecting, slam dunker in David Crombie, Doctor T (with the bruising on his neck healed since the previous gruelling game), Golden Greeks I and II, our star import from C Grade Carey, Dave deVries when he arrives on time and our Collingwood 6 footer Tiny Tim Lewis. Of course we can't forget (although we'd like to) our super benchwarmer/coach Henry Coops. By the way he's started playing with us now - since we're assured of making the finals (loves the medals)!!

VHBA C GRADE (THU 10/2)

Us 15 Them 33

Scores aren't really relevant when the rising stars hit the court (with their heads, in frustration!). Anyway, back to the game. Matman dominated with 8 points. Chuck Carnegie (Conzinc-Riotinto-Chucko??- Ed.) played in a defensive mood and looked after the boards, Bowlesie "put in" and Trevor Andrew did well as centre. Geoff Adams settled into the wing/point position for his first game of the season, and Andrew Larkin played aggressive defence (4 fouls). The 3 points for late start also helped and almost swung the game (i.e. if the other team hadn't showed up there was a victory for the taking!).

VWBA DIV. 2 (WED 9/2)

Uni 22 lost to Vic U18 40

So, Dribbling Balls appears for yet another session, and what better way to start than with a loss (that doesn't count). Apart from the fact we all ran out of steam after holidaying in Noumea, Torquay and other exotic parts of Australia such as Traralgon, we played okay. Some of us may have been worried about our brother being locked up in Tasmania, but we all managed to struggle through with a certain amount of respect. Hopefully we'll strike back in the few weeks to follow to scrape into the four by the skin of our dentures (they didn't - Ed.).

VWBA DIV 5 (Woody's Ash Wednesday report)

Geriatrics 54 d. EEAMA 19

What better time to write a match report than when you've shot your personal best score ever! We can all remember Wednesday 16th - 41 degrees at 8:30 p.m. It really was an insane thing to be doing at

6:40 p.m. - playing basketball, but there we were the 7 of us including last minute recruit Kerry Loose. Fiona and Woody killed them with a few fast (considering the conditions) breaks, and everything else was slow motion.

Fiona, Woody 14, Jenny, Jo 8, Carol 6.

Now for the part of Dribbling Balls everybody loves - the paid political announcements, otherwise known as the Coming Events. First off the rack is a tour of local and not so local establishments devoted to the slaking of desires generated in the pursuit of basketballian endeavours (more commonly known as a pub crawl - but we all know that Dribbling Balls is anything but common - some of the best people from Kew read D.B.) to be held on Saturday 19/3, starting at 1:30 p.m. (or earlier) at the Clyde Hotel. The last time this event was conducted it was an unqualified success, and this one looks like approaching the same dizzy heights. Not to be missed (even by toeteetlers). The morning after this the Basketball Club Tennis day will be held, unless it is unexpectedly changed to a different date. If you don't lob in for this day, it's your own fault. Let yourself in for a serve of some smashing fun. Get set (if you're game) to make a racquet in the special feature of the day - the John McEnroe Memorial Yell Abuse at the Umpire Competition. It's bound to be the absolute pits. See Les or Julie or Woody for more comprehensible and meaningful information.

As if all that wasn't enough on Sunday 27/3 the third annual COMMENCEMENT TOURNAMENT (it gets capital letters because I hold down the shift key) will be held in the gym at Uni. All new players are welcome to join in, and all established club members (note the avoidance of the word "old") are invited to join in the playing, refereeing or organization of this stunning showcase of talent. See Henry (before he sees you first).

The club's Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as the A.G.M.) will be held on Saturday 9/4 in the Bored Room (yes, I can spell sometimes) starting at 12 noon and finishing when everybody is too thirsty to carry on any longer (approx 12:05). This is the most scintillating happening on the club calendar, with the possible exception of a group watching of Doug Anthony's policy speech.

As a special bonus for getting through this much of the first Dribbling Balls of the year, we present a special advertising feature, brought to our attention by the amazing Doctor T. We have appointed the Doc as chief guinea pig (if the package ever turns up), so read, enjoy and stay tuned for further developments. (The Editor of D.B. accepts no responsibility for any physical deformity resulting from the use of the kit - so there!)

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