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After all the misery of the last edition of Dribbling Balls, I bet you'd like something to cheer you up, eh? Well, forget it. We have another in the series of grand final loss reports (will they never end?) as well as a few more depressing tit bits. Just to complete this edition we have the first Crossballs for the year. New to the club? Don't know what Crossballs is? Probably best you keep it that way unless you like cryptic crosswords or the Editor's sick jokes or both (poor souls).

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V.B.A. DIV. 3 (Wednesday, Sunday, here, there and everywhere!)

Everybody (lots) d. Uni (little)

Yes, Virginia, there is a M.U.B.C. men's seconds team, although their exploits haven't appeared in these pages to date. The first game of the season caught us slightly unawares - and being at the same time as the firsts' didn't help either. We cruised to a lazy 30 point loss to Vilkas with 5 players including Davo one half a knee. Sunday April 17 saw the first stage of the M.U.B.C. Sun Tour (coming stages : Werribee and Bendigo) to Kilsyth. Another game where the final scores are best not related - we have a long way to go (wait 'til Bendigo - Ed.) There were however, some promising pieces of play and solid debuts by Chris and Rob. Wednesday April 20 saw us take a giant leap backwards from the Kilsyth performance against a very ordinary Kilsyth combination. A game we could have won and where we were more or less in touch for most of the time, was finally lost by 20 points or so. BOG Bwian Connors (that means Best On Ground - thought I'd explain 'coz I had to ask when I read it - Ed.) A bit more concentration at training on a few of the finer points should see the seconds become competitive if not a force in third division. (There's optimism for you - Ed.)

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 17/4)

Uni 64 d. Oakleigh (2) 59

The opening game of the winter season looked promising right from the start when we had enough players to field a team. The five players from the firsts playing in the team carried over some of their Wednesday form ensuring that we jumped to a clear early deficit. They were joined by Jane (ex-first division star) and potted around for a while, as they seem to be very good at doing. It took some fine passing by Alby and some ruthless play by Bowie to bring us to life and trail 29-30 at half time. We toyed with the opposition for 18 or so minutes of the second half 'til the score was 54 all. Then we went into overdrive and cruised to an easy victory. Jane scored heavily (who said just like Saturday night?) and Les showed a bit of form too. I told you it was a small man's game.

Jane 25, Les 12.

C.E.B.A. D GRADE (Mon. 18/4) GRAND FINAL

Chanel 46 d. Uni 34

What can be said? We got jumped in the first 10 minutes or so of the game allowing the other side a decent lead. The half time score was 27-11. In the second half we started to get back into the game and played well, but we couldn't get closer than 10 points behind. Thus, a disappointing end to an otherwise successful season.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Sun. 23/4)

Werribee 87 d. Uni 43

Yet another loss by mammoth proportions. If you think the final score looks bad you should have seen the half time score. Werribee's two black players led the way, closely followed by Werribee's white players. The ref's came in next with our players a distant last. The only encouraging signs were the performances of Simon and Tony in the second half.

SBG 11, Tony 7.

C.E.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 25/4)

Uni 61 drew with ??? 61

I would like to tell you we came back from 15 points down and nearly snatched a remarkable victory, I'd like to tell you this but unfortunately I can't. We did in fact squander an early 10 point lead but showed un-Universitic (I don't know what it means either) skills and fought back from a 10 point deficit. Outstanding debuts from losing finalists John, Steve and strong rebounding from Cal (??? - Ed.) combined well with seasoned veterans Warwick and Gary. The only sour point was our inability, even when using a triple team, to stop the opposition's Neanderthal man.

Gary 28 (!!!! - Ed.), Warwick 12.

V.W.B.A. DIV 2 (Wed. 27/4)

Uni d. Dandenong

At last we won a close game. The bitter lessons of the past weeks seem to have sunk in as we hung on and played well from a position we would normally throw away the game. Strong play from Jean, Terri and Bridget showed the way, and Jenny sealed a four point win with a good basket from the set offence. Hooray.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 27/4)

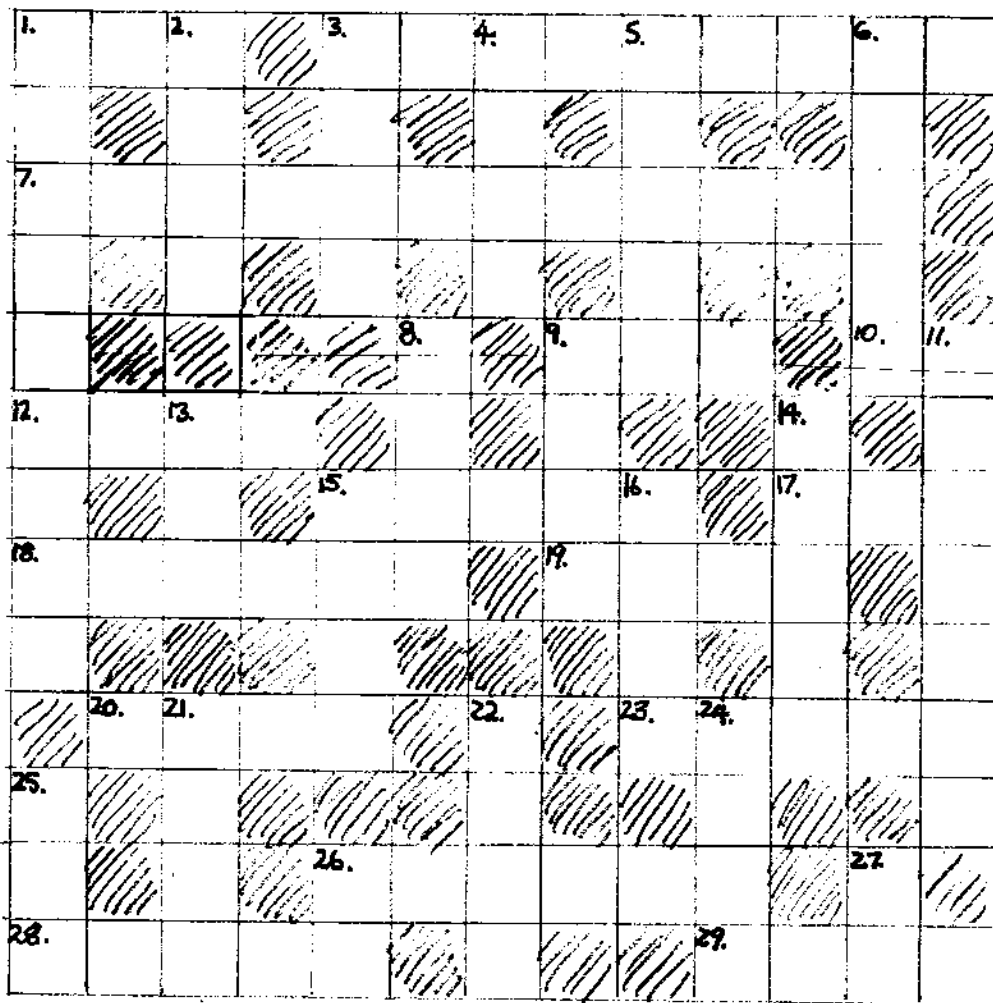
Melbourne d. Uni

Avid readers of this column will show no surprise when told that we lost this game by well in excess of 20 points, after being well in excess of 20 points behind at half time. I refuse to write any more match reports until we start throwing passes to teammates (on the court) instead of the opposition.

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Keep those match reports rolling in, we need people from several teams to start writing. These include Monday C grade, Wednesday women Div 5, Thursday men A and C grade, women C grade, Sunday all three Collingwood teams. Don't wait for someone else to write it - they may leave your name out.

CROSSBALLS



ACROSS.

1. See 25 dn. 3. Bad for golfers, good for centres? (4,5)
7. Go on - remove the playing surface. (4,3,5)
- 9 & 6 dn. Five baskets each when the late game is played. (3,2,3)
- 10 & 5 dn. Basket cancelled due to lack of music. (2,5)
12. See 20 ac. 15. Right in the place for a game. (5)
17. Shooting well in the photo. (3)
18. Put the doctor in river, he's an agile player. (6)
19. Basketball shoe worn by Eisenhower after a point. (4)
- 20 & 12 ac. Will Tom wreak havoc by combining well with his side. (4,4)
23. The queen and the communist made a violation. (5)
26. I'm pure enough to officiate. (6)
28. Do reporters write about this defence? (5)
29. Take physical education or drugs. (4)

DOWN

1. Flying to an offensive position. (2,3,4)
2. Unoriginal move in offence. (4)
3. Shit! He makes another basket. (4) 4. See 9 dn. 5. See 10 ac.
6. See 9 ac. 8. In Idaho, Pete puts up a wishful shot. (4)
- 9 & 4 dn. Start up with a violation. (8)
11. Shooting from here is hard if playing indoors. (7)
13. In prime position, aim for the edge of the ring. (3)
14. What a true leader might do. (5)
15. The reverse - Mal's favourite dunk. (4)
16. If it's full there's no more play. (4)
- 21 & 27 dn. Slowly get out of bed, then slacken off in the game. (4,2)
22. Goes one better than our singlets. (4)
24. Regretted being vulgar as the ref. heard. (4)
- 25 & 1 ac. Didn't pick who'd win the first jump ball. (3,3)
26. In short, a successful Olympic team. (2) 27. See 21 dn.