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Wham, bam thank ya Ma'm, and away we go with another Dribbling Balls. This edition we excell ourselves with a multitude of match reports, including two reports of the one game. For sheer volume, persistence and tardiness though, Gary O'Brien wins the award after handing me about twenty match reports all at once - some of which are actually printed here. As if that wasn't enough, Crossballs appears again. Ah well, you remember the Dribbling Balls war-cry : "When it comes to entertainment - we stop at nothing."

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M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 9/5)

Uni 33 d. Arsenal 31

We rolled another, the giant killers from Uni took on and destroyed A Grade Arsenal in a big team effort. Big Al in goal combined well with the back 4 members John and Steve through to midfield where Gary and Warwick held sway after losing out early and fine offence from centre forward Penington starring in his debut after a huge transfer fee swapping hands over the summer. A word of consolation to Russell who put in all day and was a trifle unlucky to receive a red card late in the day.

Gary 13, Tony 12.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 16/5)

Uni 52 d. Telepost 46

Details are scratchy since the sheet resembled a bombed area and a certain individual didn't arrive until 8 minutes to go, on the grape vine came the news that recruit Penington starred again in a game that goes back to the under 9 days when we ran around like headless kamekaze agents. (I think some more words and some more puctuation would make this report a little more comprehensible - Ed.)

Tony 17, Gary 9.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 18/5)

Diamond Valley 87 d. Uni 64

As the scores perhaps indicate, we lost. Not that this is anything particularly new, but it does deserve a mention. Our first 10 minutes were quite good and we stayed with the pace by sticking to our game plan of not letting them run fast breaks. Our next 10 minutes were not as good as we let them stretch an 8 point lead into a 45-29 half time score with their big Yanks dominating the offence. We played steady basketball for most of the second half but never looked like getting much closer than 20. Les was great at both ends of the court for the whole game, and Burkie was aggressively effective in offence. Simon's perserverence was also good, and I guess we posted our highest score for the season, so with a few more players due to hit form and most of the top teams out of the way it's down to the business of winning.

Les 18, Simon, Paul 10.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE (Thu. 19/5)

Some team with a lot of initials 34 d. Uni 26

Well listeners, 3 out of 4 is pretty good, but how about 3 out of 5? (Note that this is still better than some unmentionable Uni sides such as V.B.A. Divs 2 & 3). As for the match, we started in un-Universitic (see Vol 11 - 5) fashion, i.e. we played better than our opponents. After the first 5 minutes we led 10-0 but in the next 35 minutes we scored less frequently than a Trevor Andrew dunk, while our rebounding, while at times dismal, was more often worse, and thus well suited to our general standard of play for the night. Our one ray of hope out of this masochistic matchplay miasma (and

illiteration) is the likely return of the much venerated, board-dominating, physically awe-inspiring Chucko! (What an easy way to make money).

Mattman, Michael, Peter, Scott, Teddy, Trevor 1 < points < 7.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 23/5)

Uni 52 d. Albatross 47

This team is rewriting MUBC record books, they are doing things legends are born out of, they are creating gods of themselves (excuse me - there will be a short interlude while I take a chunder break - Ed.). Another chapter was completed with this victory over the waferless Albatross squad. Our first full game of man-to-man worked well (must be Easy's training!!) and with a pickup in defensive rebounding we may indeed be a threat come September. Fine individual performances by HOOK SHOOTING Tony and Gary were backed up by solid all round performances from Wacka, Steve and John. Cal did well on the boards and almost interstate import Russell picked up some good interceptions late in the game.

Gary 20, Tony 18.

V.B.H.B.A. A GRADE (Thu. 26/5)

Uni d. TAA by 10

Yet again the real men gave some combination of heart and body, or body and soul, or heart and soul (good name for a cafe...) to achieve a good victory. Highlights of the game were David turning up 10 minutes late, Spiros spending most of the second half on the bench (training is at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday and everyone is invited...), a bit of good on court action, with everyone in the team contributing well at the defensive end, and, amazingly, a sound team effort in offence saw everyone sharing in the scoring. Special mentions to Steve for some nice rebounding and Easy for a great defensive effort on Tom the Cheap. The siren saw us 10 points in front of T.A.A.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE (Thu. 26/5)

Uni 40 d. Martins 28

Too much height, speed, skill, stamina and intelligence, coupled with undying enthusiasm will always produce the favoured result. The rising stars are not over endowed with any of the above, but showed they do possess enough of something to beat a few teams. Highlights of the game included speculation about the mystery spectator, Teddy not being able to play because Trevor had been tickling his bum with a feather, listening to Chuck's class jokes in Pete's Bar (why would you want to gargle sand...??) and us outscoring them 18-5 in the second half to win easily.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE (Thu. 26/5)

Uni 40 d. Martins 28

Considering I did not take part in or even watch this game, my report could be unusually short and factual. Martins started the game with the maximum number of players required to defeat a Uni side i.e. 5 (in some competitions it's 4 - Ed.), however one little player got 5 fouls and another "tech", and before they knew it there were only 3 left. So with consummate ease, almost, the Teddy Boys recorded another glorious victory. Trevor, Peter, Chucko and Fivefoulstweny-four (Geoff) each told me they played very well, and since they're all considerably taller than me they must be right. They also mentioned that Mattman notched up another good game with 12 points. By the way, who was that lady? (That was no lady, that was... no I can't do the rest, Vaudeville is alive and well and not quite living in Dribbling Balls - Ed.)

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 29/5)

Uni 64 drew with Nth. Melbourne 64

This was one of the best games played on court 1 at Albert Park at 10:00 on

Sunday night in the last week of May this year. We came out with all guns blazing and scored consistently during the first half, but trailed convincingly until the opposition's 6'10" centre from the Yew Narted Stayets of Amerycar had a rest and we powered off to a 32-26 half time lead. The second half saw a concerted effort to throw away the game which basically succeeded. Haggis found his shooting touch and was helped out in offence by Les, Simon and Burkie and a few flashing passes from J.C. but we had a few problems in defence. Big bad Brad from Nth. Melbourne (who once played a game for us on Sunday night and scored 6 points) had a fair game shooting 38 points or so which hurt us a little. As it was we led comfortably (by 3) for quite a while before letting them snatch a draw.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 30/5)

Uni 58 d. Kingsville 50

This was pathetic. If you think Manchester United played badly in F.A. Cup I then you ain't seen nothing yet. This game, played for the last 30 minutes against 4 average players, resulted in an embarrassing 8 point win. Our defence, as we have come to expect, was non-existent, our offence functioned like a 1912 Ford and our passing couldn't get us an Arts degree (that's bad). The only good efforts came from John and Steve who put in, and a burst of Jacka Power before half time, overall, nothing to crow about but as Ron said : "Good teams win even when they're playing shithouse".

Gary 14, Tony 13.

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER : More details on that one event during June that you shouldn't miss (except for a few others). On June 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m., three courses of wining, dining, partying and a mystery competition. Wow! Read what they said about it :

"Having eaten that, let me eat this..." - Malcolm Fraser

"My favourite eating place..." - Ghandi

"It's the only thing better than milk..." - John McEnroe

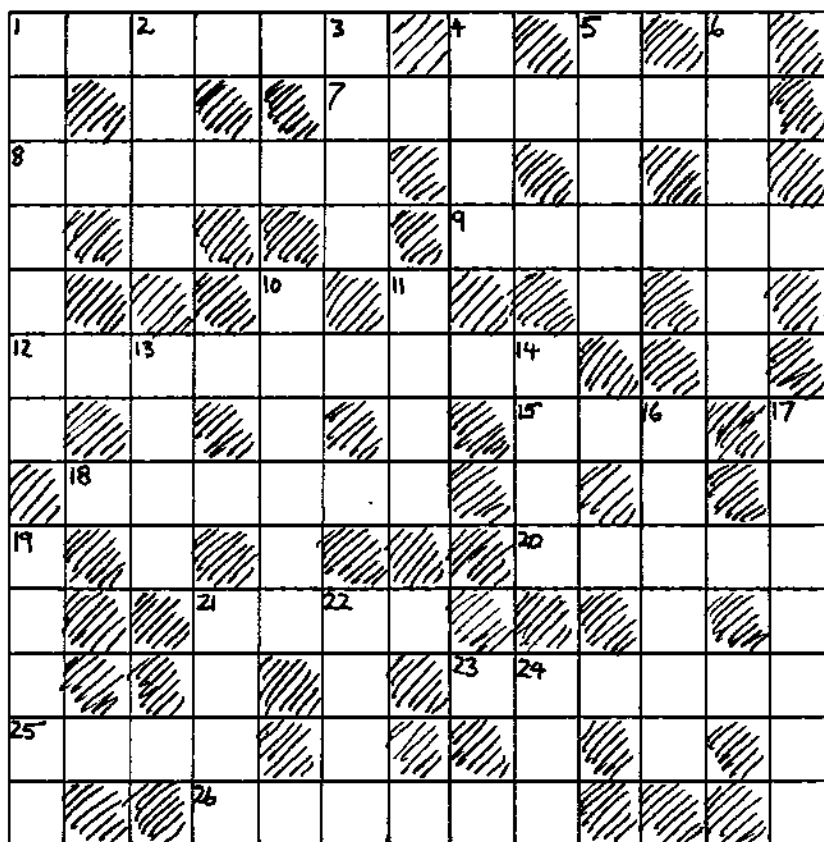
"Will there be Haggis?..." - Woody

"Has to be seen to be believed..." - Stevie Wonder

The cost is \$12 for those who can afford it (doctors, plumbers, etc...) and \$6 for those who can't afford it (grovelling, impoverished students, the unemployed, computer programmers who barrack for Melbourne etc...). The first course (sherries, savouries, soups) will be at Warwick Bray's place 3/2 Manningham St. Parkville, the second course (real food and wine) will be at Fiona Begg's place 687 Drummond St. Nth Carlton and the third and final course (desserts - be early if you want any frog from the frog in the pond) will be at Geoff Bowles and Tony Lewis' place 10/207 Barkly St. Brunswick (enter off Luscombe St, knock three times and ask for Hernando). Be there and take part in the mystery competition. Also see who wins the Dribbling Balls mystery prize for the best article submitted - there's still time to enter.

MARATHON : You bewdy, 25 hours of basketball starting at five p.m. on June 24. What better way to work off those elusive pounds you added at the Progressive dinner than take part in the marathon. This is a fund raising venture, and it is imperative that every body in the club gather lots of sponsors so we can make some money and stay solvent. Start now and beat the Christmas rush. We also need volunteers to play in the marathon, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday (or some time therein) so please volunteer - it really is fun in a masochistic sort of way.

## CROSSBALLS



### ACROSS.

1. Keep them out, though can't hear after losing a point. (6)
7. This dunk was just about poetry. (7)
8. Sort of job for a post player. (6)
9. Beaten 100 rode around. (6)
12. No one has possession at the slack dance. (5,4)
15. You'll faint if you pass this. (3)
18. Caught then scored. (6)
20. Aims for these. (5)
21. Condition for period of play. (4)
23. A stall is a dangerous manouvre for brass monkey! (6)
25. See 4 down.
26. Good for shooting behind, unless you're a horse! (6)

### DOWN.

1. Rtb bled after a bounce or two. (7)
2. No point in a big meal if you want to be speedy. (4)
3. We got up after doctor tied the score. (4)
- 4 & 25 ac. Work extra hours after 3. (4,4)
5. Doctor is sick after practice. (5)
6. Eat after fed up with another loss. (6)
10. Tall player mailed to woman, I 'ear. (6)
11. Were they barred from playing? (4)
13. Frank is in a good position to shoot. (4)
- 14 & 19. Not much hope of three point attempts succeeding. (4,5)
16. 50 avert violation. (6)
17. The results of weaving in offence perhaps. (7)
19. See 14 down.
21. Play defence on them. (4)
22. Bring it up if you're the trail player. (4)
24. Stand? Quite the opposite! (3)