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If you've just screwed up this Dribbling Balls then you show the potential to be an editor. But seriously folks...

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 9/8)

Uni 35 d. Martins 34

Well listeners, time for another instalment in the continuing saga of Thursday night C Grade. This week saw our gallant heroes do battle against that most slimy and dishonest of any imaginable foe! Yes that's right folks - a team of insurance salesmen. As has often come to be the case, we began with a man-and-two-man-to-man defence, allowing our opposition an unguarded man underneath the basket. Consequently we exploded (we can do it too you know) to a 10-2 nonlead. Suddenly someone had an idea, so we tried it, and we each guarded a different man. This seemed to almost work as we more or less traded baskets for the remainder of the half, however we were still behind by a big bit. During the break we were informed by our coach that in his opinion, our play had not been of a particularly high standard, and that we better lift our fxxxxxg game or else. Well who should roll up but Chuckles, only half an hour late, just what we needed to inspire us (??????). At the start of the final half we played a pressand caused about a 12 point turnaround (sounds like one of Skippy's shots to me - Ed.) due to some good hustling from Clarkie and Teddy and some spectacular interceptions from SBW. Well, being overwhelmed with the higher score being on our side of the scoreboard, we again let a side off the hook and even let them regain the lead. With FF24 and Digger fouling out things seemed grim, but somehow when the siren sounded we were up by two, however with two foul shots to come they could force a draw. Fortunately though, their second shot didn't quite drop like their first and so we creamed them by a point. All that remains to be said is that whoever said it's a big man's game obviously doesn't watch the Teddy Boys' small man scoring machines in operation viz :

Clarkie 10, SBW, Teddy 8, FF24 5(fouls), Chuckles 4, Digger 3, Mattman 2.

V.W.B.A. DIV 5 - Thirds - (Wed. 10/8)

Werribee 47 d. Uni 14

With a good turnout of 6 players we had trouble scoring in the first half, not through lack of opportunities. They had three tall girls who made it harder than usual for Dom, Serena and Jacqui to rebound and shoot. In the middle of the second half we put on a burst of good play with some better passing and good driving, especially from Dom. Clea, Valena and Jo made some good steals however had some troubles controlling the ball against their speedy guards. Improve our passing and coverage of fast breaks and we should win these games.

Dom 12, Clea 2.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 14/8)

C.Y.M.S. 57 d. Uni 53

We had five players for this game, which was about the last thing we did right for the night. Most seemed anxious to get home and watch the marathon on the tele, consequently we had more lapses than usual. Every time we got in front the (pre-pubescent) catholics tried a bit and got back in front. We eventually got tired of this and let them stay in front, after all, it is their competition, and if we don't let them win now and again they might kick us out. Special gold star to Simon who played well, and along with Craig and J.C. had played two games that afternoon already.

Simon 21, J.C. 10.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 15/8)

Uni 42 d. Arsenal 34

It's marvellous the difference a change makes, with Phil at the helm a complete form reversal occurred. Using a zone defence and more patient offence we controlled the game against the team one above us on the ladder. Russell fired up in the second half to lead the scoring, while Steve contributed a couple of clutch baskets down the stretch. Definitely an example of team application and dedication.

Russell 11, Gary 10, Steve 6.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 17/8)

Diamond Valley 61 d. Uni 39

Believe it or not this game was an improvement on our past couple of efforts in this competition (and that's not a word most teams use when they talk about us). We were in this game for a while as Drew opened up strongly in offence. Skippy made 4 nice baskets for the first half and the level of team enthusiasm was very good. Unfortunately we had no answer to Brad Pineau in defence (in fact I don't even think we knew the question) and slipped further and further behind as the game progressed. Despite getting creamed during the second half we kept trying and supporting each other (someone has to) and the end result did not accurately reflect the number of players who took part in the game.

Skippy 13.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 21/8)

Uni 9 players d. Miami 3 players.

Well as the scoreline indicates we had a walkover. This was especially disappointing as we beat this team last time we played. A scratch game was held because there were no good movies on that night. Highlights of the scratch match were scarce to non-existent, although Jane Graeme made a dunk during the scratch game and Skippy made 6 of 8 three pointers during warm up.

I'm a little bit worried about some of my correspondants, I think the pressure is starting to get to them. Take this next report for example....

Collingwood A Grade Women (Sun. 21/8)

Uni heaps & heaps d. Someone not really very much at all

Well listeners, I came and watched No. 22. She said her name was Veronica but that I could call her anytime (Vaudeville lives - Ed.). Anyway as for the match, I think we'd be perfect! As for the opposition, they were a little bit young and a little bit small. Seeing that it was a Collingwood game and their singlets were much too big for their little, young, feminine, nubile, xxxxxx xxx....xxxxx.... censoredxxxxx....xxxxx, all I can assume is that their Collingwood mothers who usually play had all been busted again. As you can perhaps gather, this team of Under 4's (feet) were little opposition (sic) to our team of "rim huggers" led by Theresa-Abdul-Pong-Jabbar who made an impressive low post debut but fouled out after pushing a girl who was 10 feet away from her at the time. All that's left to say is -

Terry, Lynn, Belinda and Julie.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 22/8)

Uni 40 d. Telepost 39

Well, the tradition nearly lived on. With a lead of 7 points with two minutes to go we did our best to throw the game, even when a point up with 40 seconds to go we still went for the big kill with a 15 foot jumper and but for a turnover on a travel we may well have lost a game we should have won by twenty points. A good offensive game by Gary was backed up by solid team defence. Special mention for Five Fouls Twenty-four who while filling in managed 4 points and only 2 fouls.

Gary 20, Tony 7.

M.B.A. B GRADE (Mon. 29/8)
Albtross 52 d. Uni 36

Despite the scoreline we didn't really do that badly, we suffered from a disease commonly known as undersiziscity so we were killed by the opponents, giants. With the return of Phil and Tony a closer encounter would be expected in a potential semi final.

Gary 17, Russell 7.

* **ANNUAL DINNER** : My word, by jove and by jingo - it's the all new, all *
 * singing, all dancing M.U.B.C. answer to the question nobody knows *
 * Just what is the **ANNUAL DINNER**? You simply must be there to find out. Be *
 * where? Yes, beware. At the Preston Club on Friday September 23 the *
 * M.U.B.C. **ANNUAL DINNER**. For those of you who can't understand things the *
 * first time you're told, the M.U.B.C. **ANNUAL DINNER** is being held at the *
 * Preston Club on Friday September 23, i.e. in two weeks. Attendance is *
 * compulsory (if you ever want to get on in this club) and admission is by *
 * ticket only. That means no door sales and let's face it, who wants one *
 * anyway. Please come along and make the night a success, you will enjoy *
 * yourself (und zat iss an order). Not only that, you might win an award, *
 * and you wouldn't want to miss out on collecting that would you? But *
 * seriously ladies and germs this is the biggest night of the year, so come *
 * along and join the fun. The MacDisco Express is providing the music as per *
 * usual and drinks are at lounge prices (they're free in my lounge so that's *
 * good for racing). Tickets cost some amount I haven't been told yet but *
 * that's immaterial. Don't miss out on the spectacular to end all *
 * spectaculars. Read what they said about it : *
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 * "All in all, I'd rather be in Philadelphia." - W.C. Fields *
 * "All in all, I'd rather be in the W.C." - Bridget Grounds *
 * "Drink only milk, orange." - David Zborovsky *
 * "Drink only milk, orange." - David Combe *
 * "When it comes to entertainment we stop at nothing." - Ed *
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STOP PRESS : We didn't win I.V. Read all about it in the next issue of Dribbling Balls. Find out who did what to whom and why, or in some instances how. Remember, if you didn't read about it in Dribbling Balls it probably didn't happen more than once or twice.

STOP STOP PRESS : The women's seconds have done the trick, winning the Division 5 grand final last night by a mammoth 18 points, 34-16. This was a super effort, considering they just scraped into fourth position by winning the last game of the season. Congratulations to Davo and all the girls. Full report in the next Dribbling Balls.

STOP STOP STOP PRESS : Haggis told the price of Annual dinner tickets last night, but I've forgotten the student rate this morning. My guess is tickets will cost \$17 for workers, \$13 for students and write your own ticket Australia II, whatever that means.

See you all next week or month or ... depending on how long the I.V. report takes as well as the normal Dribbling Balls tripe. Keep the match reports rolling in.