

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB
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Although we are rocketing into the spring silly season of men's championship, most competitions are forging on with serious games. Dribbling Balls has already broken with tradition by appearing after the Intervarsity report, and hopefully will continue to do so. This means keep sending in the match reports, party invitations, special monetary gifts to the Editor (thanks Dave) and so forth. Or as we say in the Editing business, and so froth. This week's special Dribbling Balls intro comes from well known intergalactic personality and all round manic depressant, Marvin the Paranoid Android...

"Dribbling Balls - loathe it or ignore it, you can't like it..."

Ah well, thanks for that Marvin, just what we needed, a nice cheery intro...

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 22/9) SEMI FINAL

Lyall 35 d. Uni 23

Well listeners, the finals certainly did roll on, and the only problem was that when they did we were under them and were well and truly flattened. The Teddy Boys were psyched up for the Semi, but when Clarkie had turned up early our large band of supporters feared that something was wrong. Still we managed to get through the warm ups without incident. At the jump the opposition started with 5 players that most of us had never even seen before, and were rumoured to be the remnants of their old B grade side. Anyway, for 10 minutes our man to man defence was working well but our "offence" was a might unproductive like. As the game wore on, so did our defence, in fact the only thing not to wear at all was our basket's net! At the start of the second half we were only a few points down (somehow) and began well, matching them foul for point. We made a last ditch effort and narrowed the gap to 3 but began a fouling out procession and in the end lost by 12, due mainly to the missing of easy baskets (esp the anon author) and some rather inept second half defence. Clarkie kept us in the game for most of the 40 minutes and Teddy almost killed a referee whilst keeping an outofboundwards ball in play. Oh well, enough said, big thankyooz to coach Coops and all the spectators and finally to the team that wouldn't be the team without the team :- Andrew, Chucko, Clarkie, Digger, FF24, Mattman, SBW, Teddy and Trevor.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 6/10)

Uni 43 d. Labour 7

The opposition warm up was certainly impressive, the rent a crowd was very supportive and their basket in the second half was certainly worth seeing. However I was just a little disappointed with the remainder of their game. The Scott Towels - watch the opposition wipe the floor with them in the semi finals (I get it, very clever, but I think I prefer the Teddy Boys - Ed.) - showed their class with Mattman bombing them in from everywhere, FF24 running the break with consummate ease and SBW hitting the now accustomed 2 point 3 pointers. Able support from Trev, Dig and the Boy Wonder made this loss Labour's worst loss since the '75 federal election.

Mattman 14, FF24, SBW 10.

V.W.B.A. DIV 5 (Wed. 12/10)

Uni 36 d. MG's 18

It's now a week since this game was played and and I cannot remember much about it except we won, played well, fast broke (broke? - Ed.), scored from outside, scored from inside, passed well and the coach took care of the two baby possums (just what are you doing with those possums Lewis? Last week there was only one - Ed.)

Chris, Rhian 8, Ellen, Linda 6, Ann 4, Carol, Terry 2.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 13/10)

State Bank 25 d. Uni 17

The less said about this game the better. An early lead quickly evaporated when the offensive supply dried up in the second half. In fact offence may as well have relied on Trevor Andrew shooting hook shots from the centre line for all the good it did us. The surprise was that we stayed in the game for so long.

SBW, Mattman 6.

COLLINGWOOD B GRADE WOMEN (Sun. 16/10)

445ers d. Uni by 7

We were second on the ladder and 445ers were second bottom (that's often the same place in Collingwood competitions - Ed.) how infuriating. We started off OK but then fell in a heap. Their number 30 psyched us out of the game with her elbows, her head, her bum and her mouth. We took the zone press off at half time and slowed their scoring down a bit, but Jacky had 3 or 4 people on her when she got the ball in offence and the rest of us had trouble finding the basket. Not a very enjoyable game at all. I forgot to see who scored what.

COLLINGWOOD A GRADE MEN (Sun. 16/10)

R.M.C.Y.C. 53 d. Uni 50

Henry's immaculate passing from defence, creating many fast breaks, and Kim's strong baskets in offence were the main reasons we kept in touch with the Filipinos. A phone call from President Marcos at half time made them too frightened to lose.

Kim 22, Warwick 14, David 8, Henry 4, Derek 2.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 17/10) Grading Game

Uni 49 d. PVC 32

We opened very aggressively with most of our early baskets coming from turnovers against our zone press. Good work from Tony and Luke inside and continual defensive pressure from our guards gave us a 3 point lead at half time. Control of the boards at both ends and many fast breaks saw us run away with the game in the second half.

Warwick 18, Luke 14, Phil 6, John 5, Tony 4, Steve 2.

V.W.B.A. DIV 4 (Wed. 19/10)

Uni 33 d. St. Kilda 23

Well Davo must be proud of us, it was a very tough match all the way but we managed to hold a slight lead for most of the game, increasing it to 10 points at the end. They started off with a zone press when they scored and we managed to pass around it or Judy dribbled through it and scored. So then they landed a man to man on us. Luckily we have been learning the offence Judy and Serena played at I.V. so even though the moves were a bit slow we battled our way through it and made some lovely screen and roll moves (superb Jenny) and one on one drives from Fiona and Serena. Di did a couple of great full court layups with assistance from Jenny's screen at our foul line. Their overload offence seemed to stagnate under the pressure of our tight defence and our forwards pulled in some excellent rebounds. Davo cheered up immeasurably when we told him at the finish we had won, we were playing in the white tops and he forgot we were light on the scoreboard.

Jenny 10, Serena 6, Judy 5, Di, Fiona 4, Jo, Jacqui 2.

V.W.B.A. DIV 5 (Wed. 19/10)

Bye.

I was sitting in the Clyde last Friday night having the usual after training drinks, when a certain tall, red haired fellow who makes amazing baskets while flying through the air sideways stated that he was not mentioned in the last Dribbling Balls. In fact, neither were his sister and mother and father. So just for him... David Crombie, Janet Crombie, Mrs. Crombie and Mr. Crombie,

and for an added bonus the Crombie's dog - I hope they have one. (That was pathetic Tony, how many avocados did you get for that? - Ed.)

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE WOMEN (Thu. 20/10)

Uni 15 d. Wasps 10

This wasn't a high scoring game but we ended up with more points than they did which is the main thing. Our zone defence worked well and kept the ball on the outside of their offence most of the game. They put up quite a few long shots which we rebounded well. Our fast breaks should have come off more often but we had trouble getting the pass down the court (we must learn to outlet the ball first then pass it down). We scored 6 points in the first few minutes and 6 points in the last few minutes, if we can make our scoring rate a bit more continuous we'll slaughter this type of team.

Jencie, Karen 4, Jannie, Terry, Leslie 2, Sue Hall 1, Woody 600 nags and yells from the sideline.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 20/10)

Uni 42 d. Sth Melb 32

Wow, what a game! Trevor "Kareem" Andrew with a 10 point first half, led us to a magnificent victory against the South Melbourne thugs. The zone press with Mattman and the Boy Wonder working well in the front row and SBW, David and Chuck in the second gave us about 12 straight points in the middle of the first half and from then on we were never headed. Sth Melbourne's most productive effort came from the scorers who didn't like the way Mattman made his foul shots and subtracted his previous basket. Everyone did well, although it must be said that just about every shot dropped and all the calls went our way. Gold star to Kareem for a welcome return to form with silvers to new boy David and Chuckles.

Trevor 14, Chuck 7, Mattman, SBW 6, Digger 5, Dave 4, Andrew nearly 6.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 24/10)

7:30 Crt 1 Caulfield 47 d. Uni 36 (official result)

7:38 Crt 1 Uni 32 d. Caulfield 31 (unofficial result)

Well we made our debut with the big boys, what an experience, it's a wonder what you can have called if you're big, blonde and speak with a loud American accent (God??). Still we ran well and without out poor(ish) start we may have pulled it off. Good board work by Phil, Tony and Luke combined well with the guards' running game and once again the zone press was quite successful. All round a good first up performance. (I can't explain the scoreline either- Ed.)

Gary 16, Tony, Luke 6, Warwick <<<< 18.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 26/10)

Uni 46 drew with Box Hill 46

Yet another in what may turn out to be an amazing sequence of spring performances. Simon started the game like he wanted it to be over by half time so he could catch the early train to Newcastle, and he and Skippy dominated the offence, contributing 19 of our 23 first half points. Skippy contributed his first ever 3 point basket and as we stood around applauding Box Hill ran about 10 lay ups and we trailed 23-25 at half time. In the second half we got a decent lead then threw it away then had a chance to win the game then threw it away then Box Hill got a foul shot and led by 2 with 8 seconds left then Les rebounded then passed to J.C. who then raced down the court and then shot a clean basket from 8 feet outside the 3 point line so we won then the referees said they didn't see whether he was outside the 3 point line or not then the basket was only worth 2 then the game was a draw then we were mad then we were disappointed then we had a beer then we were happier. Lucky thing it was spring.

Skippy 13, Simon 10, J.C. 9, Les 8.

SOLUTION TO CROSSBALLS : ACROSS 1. Foul shot 2. Team 8. Spin 9. Extra time

10 End line 11. Bench 12. Crisp 14. Steal 17. Hand off 19. Rings 20. On the road 21. Lose DOWN 2. Opponent 4. Hitting 5. Thrash 6. Trainer 7. Arrears 11. Board 12. Charges 13. Passed 14. School 15. Safety 16. On top 18. Nets

INTERVARSITY 1985 : A bit early to start thinking about I.V. '85 you say. Well I'd be inclined to agree with you except for one thing, it will be hosted by us. Yes, Melbourne Uni is hosting I.V. in 1985. This probably isn't the last you'll hear about it, because we are going to need massive support from a large number of club members over the next two years. If you have any ideas about I.V. we'd be more than happy to hear them (see any committee member). Things like social functions, T-shirt designs, sponsorship, referees, courts, accommodation all have to be organised so there's plenty of scope for people to get involved. This is the sort of task which requires participation from the whole club, not just I.V. players, besides it's a lot of fun, I know, 'cause I've never done it before! Watch this space for further developments.

COMING SOON TO A DRIBBLING BALLS NEAR YOU ... yes it's the one you've all been waiting for, a walk through the glorious past, a look at the good old days when men were men and women weren't, it's the Best Of Dribbling Balls. No, it's not 4 blank sheets of paper or third prize in the real basketballers competition, simply (as he does most things) your Editor has opened his filing cabinet and dredged up a few relics from the Dribbling Balls of the last 8 years or so. Compulsory reading for all insomniacs, get it before it gets you! Coming soon at the amazing introductory price of nothing.

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* IT'S A DOUBLE RAGE *
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The biggest thing to hit the Western Subburbs since Franco Cozzo - the party that the royal corgis didn't get an invitation to. Now that we've all been brought together (just ask Bob and Premier Joh) it's time to PARTY!

You've seen Australians win the Americas Cup, DeCastella win marathons and Cliff win Mary - now's your chance to see raging at its most outrageous.

Come to the party where you won't hear Bob Hawke say "Anyone who sacks an employee today is a bum," nor hear Ita Buttrose lisp "Bobth thupporting Authtralian thport again" (under 9 outdoor chess championships) and Ita is still recovering from our last rage - we wouldn't let her come to that one either.

It's our end of year end of school party.

Requirements : B.Y.O. drink

Dress : Optional

Place : 52 St. Kinnord St.

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Date : 10/12/1983

Time : 8:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to above address by 25/11/1983 or contact David or Janet

Border passes for those on the other side of the Yarra should be applied for early to prevent disappointment. Road transports should be left in the street, not the living room, this is not an Alice Springs pub!

BE THERE OR BE SOMEONE ELSE