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Well there's not long to go in this year and the question that's on everybody's lips is can Dribbling Balls break the 20 barrier for the first time in history. Will we make it to 20 editions for the year? Well, I don't know and you probably don't care, but keep on sending in the contributions anyway (those over \$2 are tax deductible). Meanwhile, this week's special guest introducer of Dribbling Balls is none other than the almost legendary star of the small screen (and roll) Count von Ziegfried ...

"Shtarker, zis iss KAOS, vee don't Dribbling Balls here! ..."

Sorry about that, Ziegfried . I knew we should have got The Crow. Never mind, the show must go on ...

V.W.B.A. DIV 5 (Wed. 26/10)
St. Kilda 28 d. Uni 25

The top side and we only lost by 3 points, not a bad effort, only we probably could have won. With the half time score at 11-12 down it was a close match all the way. They played a very open zone defence pushing out to the ball all the time. Mary found the gaps inside the defence and made some nice baskets in addition to some points from excellent rebounds. Pauline surprised herself (and us) by performing a fake and drive under the basket reverse pike hook shot which went in. Well done, you never know, we'll beat them next round.

Mary 11, Ann, Chris 4, Linda, Pauline, Max 2.

V.W.B.A. DIV 4 (Wed. 26/10)
Uni 31 d. Broadmeadows 26

Another team that plays man to man, so it's a good thing we have an offence. We need a lot more practice at it before we can run it smoothly, but we struggled through the moves (we even used the weak side option this week). Our gutsy defence held them to a few points behind us all the way. So it was another close encounter of the basketball kind.

Jenny 11, Judy 10, Fiona 4, Serena, Woody, Di 2.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE WOMEN (Thu. 27/10)
Uni 26 d. Shepherds 4

Once again a great win for the girls (3 out of 3 games) - we thrashed them. The man to man defence worked wonders as the slightest hassle put most of the opposition off their dribbling. Also out defence around the key stopped any of them taking shots which in turn caused them to score only 4 points in the first half and none in the second half. Our score was very good. Congratulations to all, the rebounding was terrific and so were the fast breaks. Must point out that Lissa obviously wasn't herself, as she didn't foul off. Tisk tisk.

Belinda 9, Terry 8, Jencie 6, Lissa 3.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 30/10)
Uni 57 d. Ivanhoe 38

With many of the regular side away, we realised this was our big chance to win a game. New recruit Jane Graeme was in excellent form until he ran out of puff (about 5 minutes into the first half) and Betty was in fine intersystems form playing as well as he sometimes says he does. Aply assisted by Bowie we powered away to a 20 point first half lead. The second half saw some of us bludge a bit, with the exception of Carey who was an acquisition to the team at both ends of the court, Trevor whose rebounding was dominant and Teddy who ran very hard (to the toilets). Thanks to these chaps for filling in.

Jane 21, Carey 10.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 2/11)
LaTrobe 45 d. Uni 43

We did at least fight hard in this game, although the skill level left a little to be desired. Too many mistakes on fast breaks (perhaps we should run more three on two at training) and in general court play saw us throw away enough simple opportunities to win by 20 points. Skippy dominated against the man to man defence, but we struggled against the zone. Simon eventually got on target and with some help from Les and a couple of three pointers from J.C. we almost won but just managed not to.

Simon 14, Skippy 13, Les, J.C. 8.

V.W.B.A. DIV 2 (Wed. 2/11)
Uni 21 d. Coburg 18

The game started well with Spike hitting consistently to send us to a 10-2 lead. We settled down after they switched to zone defence, in fact we settled down so much we went to sleep. Gillian was an exception to this and dominated defence especially with some fine skills and speed. We crumbled fairly effectively against their zone press, a fact made more amazing when one realizes that we were playing a press at the same time and knew the traps to be avoided. The second half saw some fine perimeter shooting from Tracy and Spike hit a few more times and consequently fouled out. Our offensive control improved, until the last couple of minutes when we desperately tried to throw the game away but were beaten by the clock.

V.W.B.A. DIV 4 (Wed. 2/11)
Monash 17 d. Uni 16

There are two umpires who should have left town before sundown and are lucky to still be alive today. It was the most apathetic show of umpiring I've ever witnessed (even worse than Harry The Wog? - Ed.) Aside from that, we seemed to be asleep on the court in the first half and fed up and furious with the rough opposition and slack umpires in the second half. We just never looked the confident, fit, fast, determined side we have been for the first few games. We had trouble finding the ring in offence and couldn't get our bodies and minds into the defence. What a pity we had to lose to the Monashits. We better buck up a bit next week and find our old form.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE WOMEN (Thu. 3/11)
Uni 14 d. St. Vincents 10

The team slowly dribbled into the stadium and eventually made up a team of 5 players. There were all the right players which gave us great hopes of winning (all the left players can come next week - Coach) (The only one who makes parenthesized jokes here is the Ed. - Ed.) Again the game was played man to man which paid off to our advantage (I hope none of the oppositions ever work a man to man on us). A few rash shots were taken, but were counterbalanced by some good calculated hook shots from the centre line. Five fouls Lissa (wait 'til Bowlesy here about this - Ed.) again lasted the distance.

Terry, Lissa 6, Sue H. 2, Jannie, Lesley played too.

V.B.H.B.A. C GRADE MEN (Thu. 3/11)
Uni 42 d. MLS Baltia 31

Not many teams play better with less, but we do. With two of our medium sized players (6'4" is not medium sized Digger - Ed.) demoted to A grade - and they lost - the "Scott Towels" (Teddy tells me that he is coming back to dispose of this Scott Towels business - Ed.) again wiped the floor with what looked to be a better team. Chuck picked up 4 fouls in about 6 minutes early on with some harmless kidney punching behind play (who said a replacement for Geof Bowles could not be found?) so it was left to the other five to stun the opposition with 4 offensive patterns (often two at once) and the full court press helping to mop up any resistance. Michael "Quizzes" Clarke had a bath in the front court hustling and stealing well, and Dave DeVries connected with the shower

of passes to the baseline. Mattman sent a rain of shots in from the wing but good defence was once again forgotten as all players accumulated fouls when left behind the opposition and tried to slap. Even the Michelin woman giving Chuck his fifth and sixth fouls (did he really ask her for a date?) could not get Henry's pulse above 48 as we soaked up our fourth win out of five. Never in doubt.

Michael 14, Matt 11, David 9.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 6/11)

Jetz 50 d. Uni 45

This was a close game. It was nearly a close and exciting game but it wasn't exciting. Captain Basketball told us before the game that we always let these guys get a break on us, and he was right, they did. Going 10 points down fairly quickly we responded well to actually lead 22-21 at half time. We could not maintain this lead though because that would have meant that we would have won, I think. Davo starred with a fine display of the old skills and Les did some neat things too, but our inability to hit baskets slowed down our offence.

COLLINGWOOD B GRADE WOMEN (Sun. 6/11)

Uni 47 d. Red & White 35

Well, after a run of 3 consecutive losses, it was good to be back on top again at last. We started off in a determined mood, keen to beat this team who won by a few points last time we met. We were on the sideways court half of court 1, which takes a bit of getting used to, as it is wider than it is long! This court suits our turn over offence and we managed to run rings around their zone defence with some strong cuts and drives from Woody, Lissa and Linda and superb passing from everyone else (after an initial bout of the fumbles). The two Sues and Ellen managed to cut off quite a lot of their long court fast break attempts and passed well around their press. Our zone press worked quite well, improving in the second half. Linda went ape towards the end letting fly with some lovely drives and shots off rebounds and Woody surprised herself by scoring off the high post moves, rebounding and even the occasional jump shot!! (Put her in the men's firsts - Ed.)

Woody 19, Linda 14, Lissa 6, Sue Hallahan, Max 4.

As mentioned in the last Dribbling Balls, party time is almost upon us. In mentioning this it dawns on me that if you are reading this at 9:37 on Friday night then there are only 41663 minutes to go until Abba's party begins. By the way, what happened to those grapefruit? If you reckon that's exciting look at these

****** COMING EVENTS ******

1. BIKE RALLY : Join in the fun on a bike rally guaranteed not to give you bicycle bum. It will be just a pleasant Sunday ride. Borrow a bike if you dont own one. Join the pedal power people for a day.

Time : Sunday 20 November at 11:00 a.m. beginning in the Tin Alley car park outside the Beaurepaire Centre (i.e. the gym). Food and drink will be provided at B-B-Q at the destination, so just bring some money. The entry fee is 50 cents per wheel.

2. FANCY DRESS BARBEQUE : At Easy and Jannie's on Sunday, 27 November, (actually, the bike rally looks like taking a bit longer than expected and might just finish here after 7 days cycling). It's B.Y.O. meat and grog with bread and salads provided for 50 cents per person (you didn't think you'd get away without paying for something did you?). The address is 2 Kerry Pde Box

Hill and it starts at 1 p.m. or whenever. Remember - it's fancy dress - now's your chance to show your style (and let's face it, that'll be a first for a few people).

I must thank Woody for this next contribution, which was contained in the cover story "The Tribes Of Britain" in Time magazine, October 24 1983 issue. It seems that Time magazine has discovered our Thursday night C grade men's side and done an article on them. The commuting between Albert Park and London must be killing them. The article reads

The Teds are bopping nights at , among other places, London's Tower Pub. The venue may change but not the costume. The Teddy Boys still wear the same grey Edwardian drape jackets, bowstring ties, drainpipe trousers and thick crepe soled shoes known as "brothel creepers" that their fathers donned 30 years ago, when rock and roll was here to stay and the Teddies were the primordial tribal movement. The Teds are among the few youth tribes to embrace two generations.

Len Patenan, 46, for instance, has been a Ted nearly all his adult life. He now has a small son, who, Patenan expects, will follow in his father's drapes. "I'll bring him up the same way I've grown up, a Ted," Patenan says, "I don't think my boy will be any different."

No longer a dominant force in the tribal movement, the Teds serve as a nostalgic working-class alternative to Punk. Their music remains unchanged from the old days: Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, Buddy Holly (the Henry Cooper influence? - Ed.), Gene Vincent, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Eddie Cochran. The Teds continued to be fascinated with the tail-finned yachts of a bygone era, the Chevy Impalas, old Vauxhalls (is Cary a closet Ted? - Ed.), Cadillacs and T-birds. But few Teds can afford one today, with gasoline selling for \$2.27 a U.S. gallon.

The old Teddy Boys, whose tribal name derived from the Edwardian clothes they affected, were a more violent bunch (hear that Bowlesy? - Ed.). Perhaps because so many of them are growing older, today's Teds are peaceful. Indeed, some are not even full timers but "plastics" who don their drapes only on weekends and melt "like plastic" when the heat is on (e.g. in finals - Ed.). But not Ken Kilbey, 47, whose sideburns and greased hair have gone from black to grey in 30 Teddifying years. "I'll never leave the drapes," Kilbey pledges, "I'll be buried in me three-piece drapes. My undertaker knows that."