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After a short spring hiatus, enforced by a lack of newsworthy or entertaining matter, the old D.B. is back, as big and as bad as ever. We're not going to let this year die without having a good go at killing it ourselves. I mean, life could be worse. After all while you're wasting your time reading this your house is gaining value.

V.B.H.B.A. A GRADE MEN (Thu. 11/10)

Uni 48 d. State Bank 27

Well what a way to start the season. Talk about rags to riches. The Real Men led by new coach Andrew "Golden (Greek)" Mounas powered to a sensational win over one of last year's finalists. Obviously inspired by the Bombers' great win in the Grand Final (make the most of it- 1985 the year of the Demon -Ed.), the Real Men played real basketball - and I haven't seen too many other Melb Uni men's teams do that. With ex-coach Cooper released of his coaching duties and finally able to concentrate on his own game, all the brilliance of his game returned. A highlight of the game was Henry's turn around jumper in the first half (yes, it did go in). Nb - This piece of verbage was necessary because although Henry is no longer coach he still selects the team.

Bowlesy, who couldn't write this article because he wanted someone else to say how well he played, provided another of the night's highlights when he let the team touch his newly ducchoed car. But here we go Bowlesy : Geoff played very well picking up strong to incredibly strong rebounds at both ends of the court and putting the ball through the ring on heaps of occasions at the correct end (i.e. the Melb Uni end). The two handed dunk at the start of the match was also a joy to watch, as was Bill "No Damns" MacNeill's sky scraping slam. Can the Melb Uni firsts boast two slam dunkers??!!?

Probably the most satisfying aspect of the game was the team work shown by all the players (i) passes were actually thrown and caught (ii) baskets were hit by wing players who also (oh my God) threw passes (see point (i)) to POSTS (iii) the point players controlled the ball and also (oh my God) threw passes (see point (i)) to wing players and post players (iv) any shots that were missed by the smallies were gobbled up by the posts and put where they belong - in the basket. And that was just the offence.

Golden, trying to show he knows more than one type of defence, started the game with a man to man, went to a 2:1:2 zone after half time and finished with a 1:3:1 zone. It would appear only necessary to say that the Real Men didn't wimp any of these defensive formations and went from strength to strength, actually increasing their lead as the game progressed. So all that is left to do is once again name the Real Men : Coach and player Andrew "Golden" Mounas, Dave "To be nicknamed" DeVries, Geoff "FF24" Bowles, Henry "Coops" Cooper, Rod "Dr. T." Trevena, Bill "No Dams" MacNeill and David "Abba" Crombie.

Ps. If you don't see any more Dribbling Balls reports from the Real Men it will most probably be because we will have become blase about winning. Either that or we won't have won any more matches.

Pps. CARN THE BOMBERS.

Editor's note : In future, the editor reserves the right to not publish any articles praising the virtues of football teams (other than Melbourne). Who won the Brownlow anyway? By the way, do I still owe you tinnies?

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 15/10)

C.G.'s 44 d. Uni 31

After an even first few minutes, Uni found themselves being pounded under the boards at both ends - the opposition seemed to have been active in recruiting tall timber during the between season layoff. A poor first half resulted, as the scoreline indicates : 9-24. Stern words at half time from the coach and a switch to zone press produced a big improvement. Steve, John and Gary all put in aggressive performances. And Tony Penington, whoever said he had a Masters in Garbology?? It surely must be a Doctorate! Anyway, we outscored the opposition 22-20 in the second half.

Tony 13, Gary 7, John, Phil 4.

V.B.H.B.A. A GRADE MEN (Thu. 18/10)

Uni 40 d. Labour 36 - THE GOLDEN ERA CONTINUES -

Well yep folks, that's two on end. The Real Men (who struggled to win two games for the entire last season) have won their first two matches of this season. This wasn't your normal Melb Uni men's team fluke win either. In a game where we didn't play anywhere near the standard of the previous week we survived a close fought scuffle. Scuffle indeed was the way the match was played. Labour, who obviously realized they were outskilled, pushed and bumped and occasionally thumped their way through the match but never really looked like "beating" us. Dr. T. who was running hot in the first half with 14 points played a very consistent game, while FF24 picked up some more very strong rebounds and baskets. Trevor Smith (a welcome return from a "Travelling Real Man") typified the team spirit by playing in the match after being sick all day. Coach Golden appears to be in a Kevin Sheedy like position (they're all the same those Greeks, only know one position - Ed.), where he has taken over an incredibly talented team that just hasn't been able to win matches (please refer to Editor's note elsewhere in this edition re the mentioning of football teams other than Melbourne, and that goes for their king hit advocating coaches too - Ed.). It appears that with a new attitude developing, that the Real Men could be Real Threats this year. Only time will tell, (and very quickly as we play both last year's finalists in the next two weeks) if we can keep the momentum going. All indications however are promising, so look forward to more Real Men match reports. The Real Men in this match were : Andrew "Golden" Mounas, Dave "Still to be nicknamed" DeVries, Trevor "Also to be nicknamed" Smith, Geoff "FF24" Bowles, Rod "Dr. T." Trevena, Bill "No Dams" MacNeill and David "Abba" Crombie.

Keep up the good work there lads as far as those match reports go. Are we going to get one describing the next match, where the opposition scored 5 points in the last 12 seconds to win the game by two??

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 22/10)

Latvians 47 d. Uni 33

Yours truly the correspondent (and player) participated in one of the worst (shocking!!!) halves of basketball imaginable. With 90 seconds 'til half time we trailed 2-19, but the half time score was a big improvement, 7-20. Stern words from the coach (think I've written this before!), "Aggression team, and let's bomb." Then followed quite an amazing rejuvenation with good efforts from Wacka and first gamer Mark. Mein Gott, Uni trail 26-33 with just over three minutes to play - can they perform the improbable? Of course not : the fade out is a disappointment, but the 26-27 second half is a big improvement. Let's play basketball in the first half next week team!!!

Tony 13, Gary 6, Mark 5, John 4.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 28/10)

Uni 84 d. Footscray Yaks 56

Well sports fans, having singlets, guards and supporters we were ready and raring to go this week. Quickly establishing a 30-10 lead the game was all but

over. Kiwi (piss in the lock?) Richard Driscoll did well on the boards, Haggis, Simon, Chris and J.C. were effective in offence and Bowles killed 'em on the boards. Pendles played only a fair game. He missed a shot halfway through the the first half and didn't contribute much while on the bench. Ha, only joking Gary. In fact Pendles was dominant. Pendles shot 26 points!
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Pendles 26, Richard 15, Haggis 14 (2 three pointers), J.C. 12 (ditto).

HISTORY OF CRICKET 101 : In the beginning, there was God. On the first day he looked down upon the earth and said "While you're down there, do something" and then created cricket to occupy the masses. On the second day He created the M.C.G. but there were no lights. On the third day he created Mr. John Cain, who said "Let there be lights" and the people rejoiced. On the fourth day, man sinned, so God created Mr. Norm Gallagher and the B.L.F. to punish us. On the fifth day Mr. Gallagher said "There will be no lights (unless I get them at my beach house first)." On the sixth day God decided that going to arbitration with Mr. Gallagher was a waste of time, and gave him his beach house lights in the hope it would shut him up. On the seventh day there were lights at the M.C.G. Thus man was freed from the shackles of Saturday afternoon cricket, and was now able to enjoy it in the twilight. So too, the Basketball club is freeing its members from the shackles of the Saturday afternoon pub crawl, by holding a twilight pubcrawl. Yes, a day/night pub crawl has been organized for Friday 16 November, starting at 6 p.m. at the Clyde. There'll be thunder down under when we kick off the hottest pub crawl in a hundred summers. Everybody is welcome. Get in early to snooker a good pozzie. Tickets at Bass and the vending machine in the Clyde.

PUB CRAWL : Would all those interested in the next M.U.B.C. pub crawl please read the previous paragraph. It's not really about cricket.

INTERVARSITY 85 : There will be a meeting of all those interested in helping out with the organization of the various parts of next year's Intervarsity. If you're interested in helping out, contact Haggis (2333594 at home) before Tuesday November 20 for more details. We need a considerable number of volunteers (or conscriptees). Join now and avoid the Christmas rush!

IS LIFE GIVING YOU THE SHIRTS? : If so then what better way to get it off your chest than go along to the one and only Geoff Bowles Shirt Party. To be held on Saturday evening, November 17, at the Barkly St Clubrooms. Apparently there will be "little boys", "voolavonts", pyramid races and the Outlaw Josey Wales. Gonna be there? Reckon so. Attendance strictly by invitation only, otherwise just show up. Shirt to be good fun (as long as there are no more off the cuff puns about shirts. Let sleeve now before we get collared for all this).

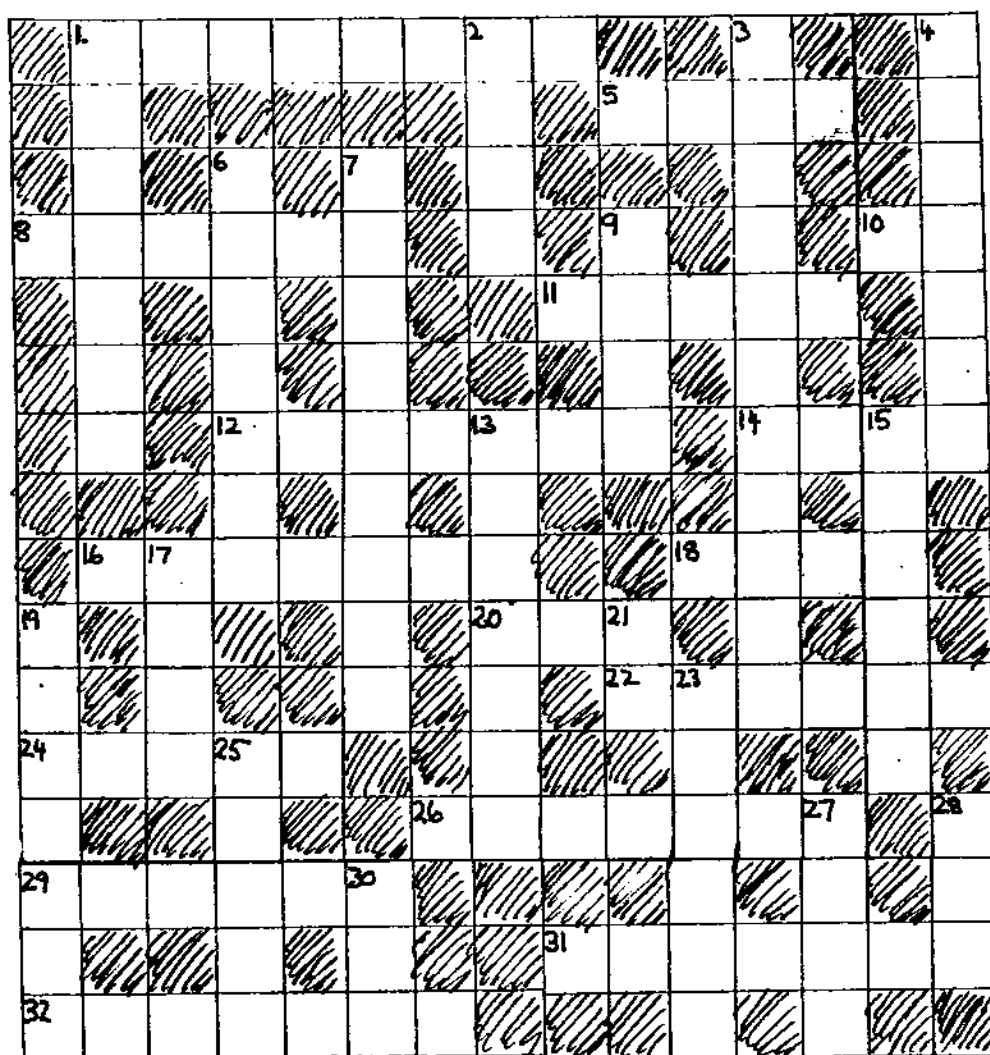
A NIGHT AT THE OPERA : Is one of the Marx Brothers' most famous films. Which conveniently brings us the topic of this paragraph. Davo and Judy are

organizing a club film night, similar to the one where we went and saw Indiana Jones In The Temple Of The Raiders Of The Lost Ark Of Doom or whatever it was called. To be radical, we might see a different film this time, perhaps one I can watch from on top of my seat rather than under it. Tuesday 4 December is the date for this venture into the world of cellulite. Watch Davo's forehead for coming attractions.

HI I'M GARY : Well, I'm not, but Gary is, and believe it or not this is also the name of the hottest band to hit town since Atilla and the Panel Beaters or as we say in the business "Who?". You have the chance to hear this really great new wave punk reggae soul funk bop boogie blues band on Saturday night December 8, when they perform at the galah M.U.B.C. Christmas Party. This is being held in the Trophy Hall (a clever way of saying upstairs at the Beaurepaire Centre here at Uni) and tickets will cost \$3. It's going to be a most amazing night, featuring this top band and an assortment of other music, comedy and novelty acts. You have to be there on this historic occasion. I don't know why, but something tells me it will be an experience. Watch this space for further details as they come to hand, but keep that date free.

EDITORIAL DISCLAIMER : This next contribution was presented by two sick people called Geoff Bowles and Tony Penington or vice versa, I don't know which. I say nothing else except good luck, and don't blame me for this one.

CROSSBALLS



Across

1. Supplementary court marking. (4,4)
5. Willing to play it? (4)
8. Filter works when properly set. (6)
10. Mainline basketball? (2)
11. Laker's star from A.G.C., I'm confused. (5)
12. Spike in South Australia is top coach. (7)
14. David on Kareem's back. (4)
16. Follows a training one. (7)
- 18 & 9 dn. Turbulent air, mighty without initial thunder, hopefully score from this opening. (2,2,4)
20. Rabid dog to get J.C.'s old man. (3)
22. The queen is after copper to take the jump. (6)
24. They called her before, we hear. (5)
26. 1000 strays mingle, but John's home. (7)
29. Glad I'd asked inside runners. (6)
31. Not told when Kelly left out of team, dress for game. (7)
32. Wear them as an aid, road broken up. (7)

Down

1. No evergreen mulched when I added, after Batman and Robin left training, penalty. (7)
2. Hear habit jokes? Not at all. (4)
3. Some of M.U.B.C.'s best plays occur here. (11)
4. Upset? Never at the Doctor. (7)
6. 9 down to finish in disturbed sleep, no point. (7)
7. Foul meant to be without Lakers, not nine it rankles. (9)
9. See 18 across.
13. Only one team leader for identification. (7)
15. Long distance basketballer, B52 for example. (6)
17. Is Geoff the only one to succumb to 18 ac and 9 dn. (4)
19. Ironically, a very quiet response to good play. (7)
21. Give the current team the bullets? (2)
23. Is Magic vainer? (6)
25. After J.C. sacked, he was of course, of course. (3,2)
27. Get the hots appallingly, some are free.
28. Room for improvement. (3)
30. Will Judy answer to this? I ran inside. (3)