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This issue of Dribbling Balls features absolutely nothing whatsoever of the slightest interest to anybody at all. Nice to know that in this day of technological revolution, some things never change...

V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Wed. 15/5)

Uni 46 d. Diamond Valley 29

So we trekked all the way out to the wilds of court 9 for this. They had 5 players, we had 6, with Jean Jean the basketball machine nursing a broken little finger on the scorebench. We looked like we were in for a comfortable victory as early in the half our defence was well on top with Gill, Bernie and Bridget pressuring very hard and causing turnovers. Carmel was moving to the basket well and putting her shots away nicely to provide us with 8 first half points. Our defence went slack towards the end of the half and as a result we only led 20-18 at the change. Employing the zone press in the second half we immediately went to a 10 point break with Gill picking up good steals. Spike was more effective around the basket in this half and Carmel continued her good form, despite punching one of the opposition in the fist with her stomach, and we cruised away to a comfortable win, holding the opposition to 11 points for the half. The big one is next week as we play Knox in the battle of the top two teams.

Carmel, Spike 14, Gill, Bernie, Bridget 6.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 19/5)

Uni 68 d. Footscray 67

This game wasn't really as close as the scoreline indicates. Well, it shouldn't have been. We led by 12 for most of the first half as Simon was on a shooting spree and it looked like an easy win coming up. Well, it looked like it until we got behind in the second half. Never mind though we got back in front as Rick was alternating baskets with half court charging fouls and Les was playing strongly at both ends of the court. In the final minutes we managed to only throw away n-1 points of our n point lead, although it should be mentioned that it was a good thing the opposition's last shot missed.

Rick 17, Simon 16, J.C. 12 (4 three pointers), Les 9.

V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Wed. 22/5)

Knox (1) 37 d. Uni 32

Interesting game this one. Having lost only one game this season we took on undefeated Knox in the battle for the top of the ladder. The first half was less than impressive as our defence was pretty woeful. We let them score too easily in man to man and our zone wasn't much better. Offensively we were doing reasonably with Spike and Bridget getting shots from the set moves and both having 6 points to half time. We were lucky to only trail by 15-24 at that time. In the second half we decided to concentrate on our defence and the turnaround was remarkable. An energetic zone kept them down to 2 points for the first 12 minutes or so as we decided that we were back in the game. Spike and Carmel were providing the points in offence and with 3 minutes to play we were back to trailing by 1 point. A series of somewhat uncharacteristic mistakes at this time in both offence and defence cost us the win. We now know that we can destroy this side next time we play them.

Spike 16, Bridget 8, Carmel 5, Bernie 3.

V.W.B.C. DIV 4 (Wed. 22/5)

Coburg 44 d. Uni 42

We headed into this game with great expectations, having an almost full strength line up. Our hopes were not fulfilled unfortunately. Coach Connors showing up four minutes into the game, some good offensive work from Lissa

(continuing her good form) and a couple of steals from Mandy. Enthusiasm and endeavour were at a low, whilst laziness and indolence were at a high. A last second basket by them saw us trailing 16-17 at the break. Our attitude in the second half was much improved and with everyone hitting their shots it looked like we would be too strong. Unfortunately one Coburg player did not see it that way and after a non-productive first half popped in 17 points for the second half, with 5 three pointers (hitting 4 in a row at one stage). This was a particularly painful loss as it could see us drop from the four, but with a bit more concentration, enthusiasm and thought in our defence we should return.

Lissa 10, Rose 8, Tracy, Woody, Kylie 6.

V.W.B.C. DIV 6 (Wed. 22/5)

Uni 68 d. La Trobe 15

At first glance the final score would tend to indicate that this had not been a close, competitive and keenly fought game of basketball, a little one sided you might think. Well, you're wrong. It was a scoring orgy, a bloody, vulgar display of offensive power and defensive supremacy. They never had a chance, even if they had 5 players we would - err, um ah oops. Anyway, really girls of the thirds we should have had the scoreboard going round for the second time and the scorers crippled with tenosynovitis. Even though it's difficult to stay fired up after you're 20-zip in front after 5 minutes, the girls all put in quite well and everyone contributed - except Jill, who although being late for our 5:50 game, was remarkably early for our 8:20 game - about a week early. And the much awaited answer to last week's supplementary question is the "New Singlets Committee" - all the other purported bodies of expertise interpret the word "new" as meaning "fresh, modern, novel and up-to-date".

Debbie, Lisa 16, Leanne, Max 10, Jack, Kaylene 6, Sue 4.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 26/5)

Uni 91 d. Oakleigh 52

After a slow first 30 seconds where we only scored one basket, the big black machine went into basket barrage mode. The opposition stood open mouthed and stunned (as did most of our spectators and most of our players) as it rained baskets down our end of the court. J.C. hit five three pointers on the way to 19 first half points and Simon was deadly from the wing. Teamwork on the breaks was also good and we even found time to play a tiny bit of defence. Half time it was 47-21 our way. The second half brought more of the same as Haggis scored freely and Burkie shot a high percentage from the wing. Simon continued to hit and board very well, and J.C. contributed three more three pointers. Special mention again to Les who did his usual quietly effective job at both ends of the court. A 40 point win against a team we often struggle to beat was a good team effort.

J.C. 32 (8 three pointers), Simon 18, Haggis 14, Rick 12.

C.Y.M.S. Ladies B Grade (Sun. 26/5)

Jetz 20 d. Uni 19

Jacqui, Woody and Max trundled down to Albert Park after a merry little port bottling afternoon and were joined by Helen, Julie, Marilla and Karen. We were ready for another thrill seeking, death defying interlude on the basketball court. We are playing more like a team every week. Their zone press and high percentage shooting got them a 7 point lead at half time 17-10. In the second half our defence was excellent, with Max, Julie and Helen covering enormous distances in a single bound, assisted by Karen, Jacqui, Marilla and Woody keeping their inside players quiet. They only scored 3 points for the half, we nearly caught them, but the siren went with us 1 point down. Our offence was better this week, with some nice bombs from Max and some great passes to the inside players.

Max 7, Jacqui, Woody 4, Marilla, Helen 2.

V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Wed. 5/6)

Knox (2) 34 d. Uni 31

This was apparently one of those games it was just as well I wasn't there to see. Silly of me expecting to win I suppose, I mean, we were in second place with 8 wins and Knox (2) were in second last place with 1 win.

COACHING CORNER : This is a new feature in Dribbling Balls where we feature tips from some of the expert coaches operating in this club at the moment. This week's tip is from Saturday women's training, a session which concentrates on developing basketball fundamentals, or at least it used to...

The focus of this training session was on co-ordination. In explaining the technique of a lay up, a certain club president, who shall remain nameless, was heard to say, "When doing a lay up from the right side of the basket you should take off from your left foot to give you the balance to shoot with your right FOOT." Eat your hearts out Globetrotters.

NEW SINGLETS : You've probably heard by now that we're getting new singlets/tops throughout the club. They will be made out of a new material and the new design will feature a blue stripe down the right hand side of the front panel (not a yellow one down the middle of the back as suggested by one cynic) and the letters MUBC above the numbers on the back panel. Your team will be asked to consider making the change to (i.e. buying) the new tops soon. When the team has decided that the time is right Trevor Smith or Jean Prior will take your size and number orders. It would be great if we could make the change quickly, so we still look like a club. This shouldn't be a problem as most people indicated on the survey that they wanted new tops. The price is yet to be advised, but will not be more than \$15.

WE WERE WRONG! : Hard to believe, I know, but some of the facts in the previous paragraph are incorrect. I'm not sure which ones they are, but when I find out you'll be the first to know. For now though, it seems like there may be a small delay in the new uniform department due to administrative technicalities (never could spell "impending disaster").

HATCHED, MATCHED AND DESPATCHED : At the risk of turning Dribbling Balls into some sort of poor man's Sun Classifieds section, I feel it would be remiss of us not to mention the engagement Sandy and Geoff last weekend. Having mentioned it, I don't quite know what to say, other than our heartiest congratulations go to both Sandy and Geoff, and who else do you know would change the date of their engagement party because Moe was on the same weekend. All of us (except Jean, Teddy and Bridget) hope Bowlesy still finds time to contribute the odd article to Dribbling Balls, and wish both of them (but especially Sandy) good luck.

The following is the first in what may turn out to be the Portland cavalcade of contributions. It was compiled by two eminent chemists at the University Of Melbourne and produced as the results of many hours research before being submitted to a very esteemed journal...

PORTLAND JOURNAL OF EXCITED STATES AND WAVE MOTION FLUID DYNAMICS

"A UNIQUE PRODUCT OF A C GRADE REACTION"

BRAY,W., FISHER,M., KNIGHT,D., MULLER,S., SANDIE,H?., SMITH,T., WELLINGTON,M.
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This report describes a C Grade reaction requiring more than one pot, to produce an excess of excited states amongst a heterogeneous mixture of MUBC and East Rovers species.

The first step in this method requires the transition of the reactants from an aqueous to alcoholic medium. Preliminary workup has been achieved in the absence of directive influences as previously described by Pendlebury et al. Notable intermediates in this process include :

- (a) the reaching of an equilibrium in the first step due to technical difficulties
- (b) a violent conclusion to step 2 as noted by the physical chemist
- (c) the triple point (originally developed by Wellington) to bring then third step to completion
- (d) the success depended upon the use of impure Sandie materials of an off hue

Several hours prior to the final step reactants must be bubbled with port and incorporated in a standing wave. Initially this final step proceeds at a vigorous rate, but the rate decreases with increasing temperature and decreasing reactant concentration. At the end of a total of 40 minutes the reaction appears to have gone to completion yielding the desired excited state. However this was found to be short lived and inspection of reaction controls and indicators showed an unexpected equilibrium. In a commercially viable process (Patent \$150, Mattman Enterprises) the desired result could be achieved by exhausting the reagents and vigorous neighbouring group participants for 5 minutes.

Under these difficult conditions the participating species were found to favourably react - or however they came.

PLAYER PROFILE : The following player profile, which may or may not refer to one of authors of the previous piece of ... (insert the word of your choice). was submitted to Dribbling Balls by somebody Hugh shall remain nameless...

Name : Mark Fisher
Club : University
Team : C.Y.M.S. B Grade
Height : Collingwood six footer
First Played : 1984
School Attended : Port Tawny High
Education Level : Bachelor of Debauchery
Favourite Car : Trevor Smith's
Favourite Food : Ollies Trolley
Favourite Drink : Muscat
Favourite Holiday Spot : Sale
Most Influence on Career : Henry Lindeman
Most Admired Sportsman : Geoff Bowles, James Hardy
Favourite Phrase : "Who gives a rat's arse"
Favourite Book : The Tales Of Peter Rabbit
Favourite Film : Watership Down
Favourite Magazine : Playboy
Favourite Song : "Cheap Wine" - Cold Chisel
Favourite T.V. Show : Bugs Bunny, Fawlty Towers
Nicknames : Fish, Gattling Gun, Bunny Number One
Disappointments to Date : Losing to Dave "ALL THE RAVE" Liddle in the first
year rep election
Favourite Position : Missionary, down weather in the tent
Aims : Play in a winning tournament team. Alcoholic poisoning at Portland

N.b. : Congratulations to the Monday A grade Men's side for their first win on 27/5 (and who gives a rat's arse if it was a walkover)

Thanks for all that. See you in the next edition... Portland - The Movie