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Another Dribbling Balls so soon? Well in the immortal words of Jack Smith - all because... you asked for it!

V.W.B.C. DIV 4 (Wed. 3/7)

Uni 28 d. St. Kilda 10

Having consolidated ourselves in the four over the past few weeks, we came up against lowly placed St. Kilda looking for a good percentage boosting and confidence enlarging win. Well, we all but tripled their score and that's about it. Defence, whilst effective in that it held the opposition to a basket every 8 minutes, was very untidy. Players were content to reach in and foul with their hands instead of making good body position. Offence was stilted, with perhaps a bit too much effort being put into running our set moves. When we ran the ball down into offence quickly we played significantly better, and this will be our policy in future games. We have a bye next week, followed by a series of tough games leading into the finals, where we will be a big threat for the flag. Individual highlights for the game were some good outside shooting from Rose, excellent work on the boards by Linny and Lissa picking up 4 fouls in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Rose, Kylie 6.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 8/7)

Underdogs (Uni) Topple (d.) Competition leader (Footscray)

A scintillating game from power forward Mick Matejin set up a memorable victory for the lowly placed Melbourne University Men's A grade side. Joint competition leaders Footscray suffered a severe bout of "cranial enlargement" before the game and were soon caught flat footed; often resorting to blatant fouls while Uni worked hard to record their first win for the season, 27 to 21. Star of the game, no doubt, was Mick Matejin who scored 15 points, outpointing taller and bigger opponents who had more tickets on themselves than I've had hot nachos. He scored from outside the key as well as making almost impossible shots under the basket despite a forest of arms. Mudd Mason made a welcome return to court one and rebounded strongly all night, especially defensively. Despite a few weeks in Hong Kong on business - or so he tells us (I heard he was getting a Chinese tailor to make us a tent with seams that don't leak - Ed.) - he scored 5 points. Coach Phil was heard to call out when Terry was dawdling into offence on one occasion to get a move on (or words to that effect). I think it was "Get your bloody arse into gear Mason!" Who said the night life in Hong Kong was dull? Not Mudd! Newcomers Brett, Andrew and Steve again added bite to the side, while "oldcomers" (or whenever they react) Warwick, Mark and Coach Phil helped out with good defence and a few handy points. Unfortunately we have a bye next week, and just when we were on a roll. But all looks good for the rest of the season, and I think we can look forward to some more wins if we keep up the enthusiasm and endeavour.

Mick 15, Mudd 5, Mark 4, Andrew 2, Phil 1.

V.B.A. DIV. 4 (Wed. 10/7)

Uni 69 d. Vilkas 39

Yes, sports fans, the appearance of this match report can mean only one thing. The seconds have done it again. After losing just enough games to ensure that they have no chance of making the finals, the seconds have started their bi-annual end of season blitz (at David Jones we don't have sales, just half yearly end of seasons blitzes - Ed.) After an uninspired first 10 minutes when nothing went right for the good ol' M.U. boys, Haggis started bombing from outside and some good passing inside resulted in easy baskets for the big guys. Going to the break with a 10 point lead the scene was set for a classic

Uni crumble. But this was not to be, as the guards started guarding, the forwards started forwarding and the head coach... kept on coaching. Anyway, it was a good team performance, although I'd be a bit pissed off if I was Brian. Fancy getting 20 points and not top scoring!

Haggis 25, Brian 20, FF24 9, Lewis 7, Pendles 4, Abba, Pete 2.

#### V.B.H.B.A. A GRADE MEN (Thu. 11/7)

Uni 63 d. St. Kilda 27

Coach Mounas had quite explicit instructions for us before the game : score 50 points and keep them down to 25. Well we blew it on both counts and boy was Andrew upset! He has made it known that if we don't stick to his plan this week we are in big trouble. Anyone scoring after we reach our appointed total will be taken off and will do suicides at training. But seriously, it was a welcome return to form for the Real Men, most impressive features being the teamwork and confidence in offence. Leading 34-19 at the break, thanks to top passes inside giving Bowlesy 14 for the half, the second half saw the Real Men able to score at will resulting in an enormous (we turn over the page here only to be frustrated, we don't find what is or who has something enormous, the poor reader is left hanging. Tune in next week perhaps - Ed.) The big disappointment of the game was Wild Bill being fouled out on the way to what was shaping up to be another big dunk from the baseline. Dare I say, roll on finals?

FF24 20, Dragan 11, No Damns 10, Tony 6, Golden, Abba, Dr. T, John 4.

#### V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Wed. 17/7)

Ballarat 32 d. Uni 22

More grey hairs for the coach as the team continues its inexplicable run of woeful performances against opposition it easily disposed of in the first round of matches. Rushing in from court 1 we find 7 minutes elapsed and the team trailing 10-4...12-4...14-4...14-7...16-7... and things ain't looking like getting much better. Mercifully the first half ends, and with the score on 22-8 their way it doesn't look too flash. A change of tactics in the second half where we ran the ball at their defence and decided it would be a novel idea to stop them scoring a couple times got us back to 8 points the difference, but really we never looked like getting much closer than that. We won the second half 14-10 but who gives a rat's arse? Jean played a useful game, full of finesse, but on the whole our lamentable offence (especially shooting) must have come close to costing us the game. Highlight of the game was twenty-seven beers in Pete's Bar after it.

Spike 10, Bernie 5.

#### V.W.B.C. DIV 4 (Wed. 17/7)

Nunawading 40 d. Uni 30

They were second on the ladder and we were fourth. We were determined to replay last round's game and beat them again, alas it was not to be, but not for want of trying. Our man to man defence worked well, but we were four points or more behind them for most of the game. We were all trying our guts out, especially towards the end of the game but we forgot to play as a team. Fouling their best player on the eighth, ninth and tenth team fouls gave away 6 points too! We'll have to do better for the next few games so we can prove ourselves in the finals.

#### C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 21/7)

Uni 77 d. Princes Hill 63

A good win here against a team we should have beaten comfortably. In the first half our lead was normally distributed, with mean 6 and standard deviation 2. There was no deviation where Simon was concerned though. He'd gone into automatic mode and was bombing basket after basket from the corner, never mind the three guys jumping on top of him, and had 15 points to half time. Anything he didn't get Rick frapdoodled in anyway, and when we ran we looked good. Half

time saw us lead 37-27. In the second half there was more of the same, 12 more for Simon who was outstanding all game, 4 out of 4 three pointers for J.C. who was standing for the parts of the game he was there, some good running from Haggis who also stood firm in defence and some trolley-seeking from Pendles who stood out when he tried to start a game of pushmipullyu in the middle of the court.

Simon 27, Rick 16, J.C. 14.

C.Y.M.S. Ladies B Grade (Sun. 21/7)

Oakleigh N+3 d. Uni N

We (the second bottom team) gave them (the second top team) a fright by nearly winning, but we came second. Rose made a guest appearance and played a great game in the centre. Judy played well and even saw the ring through the afternoon's champagne haze! Janet and Helen did a good job on the boards with assistance from Janine in the ruck. Max and Woody bombed a few outside shots and we all suffered from the elbows of number 42. Our one thre one defence worked well, we probably should have put it on earlier. We might even be able to win our second game before the end of the season.

C.Y.M.S. Championship Ladies (Sun. 28/7)

Uni 52 d. Port Colts 21

So who needs centres and forwards in this game anyway. How many players couldn't make it to the game? Don't ask! Not only does the first player not turn up, but free of charge you get the second player not showing up, and with players one and two, yes at no extra cost a third player doesn't show up, and just to complete your set you don't get the fourth player turnpping either. Yes, four non-appearances for the price of one (available in all fine record shops). Well, when 3 of the players are Jean, Spike and Carmel the average height of the team tends to drop a bit. Bernie being the fourth player unavailable, we were left with our regular four power guards and just to balance the side we managed to find two more guards to fill the gap (we'd worked out that if we all stood on each other's shoulders we could win the jump ball). Despite all that it was a great game. Kylie and Gill did a top job inside and everyone ran hard into offence. In fact we murdered them (well Bridget literally nearly destroyed one innocent soul on a fast break, and someone else was silly enough to stand in front of Gill as she headed for the basket). First game recruit Oona Burke, direct from County Kerry - it's a long story (I heard she was just here Oona holiday - Ed.) put in great effort (who needs Ballarat Catholics when you can have the real thing!!) All in all, as you might have guessed, we were pretty pleased with this game. Augers particularly well for I.V. (won't Coach Campbell be pleased when he reads this). Special mention to Anne for top scoring and Tracy for playing a stron game, despite what the scoresheet said.

Anne 16, Gill 14, Bridget 13, Kylie 7, Oona 2, Tracy 73 (assists).

V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Wed. 31/8)

Uni 41 d. Melbourne 20

At last another big win for the team. Wait a minute, who are we kidding? At last, another win for the team. Leaping out of the slump in which we have resided for the last couple of weeks (months??) we crushed an opposition particularly devoid of basketball skill and talent. Coincidentally, the coach was absent for the first 30 minutes of the game, the period in which this crushing victory was instigated. Bridget shot accurately in the first half notching 10 of our 22 points, while in the second half, Anne continued her good work with some good drives and baskets and Spike hit a couple of shots too. Jean gets upset if I don't give her a mention. Carmel rebounded and outlet well and we cruised to a 20 point victory. We can still make the finals if we win a large number of our remaining games i.e. approximately all of them.

Anne, Bridget 12, Spike 7, Jean, Carmel 4, Bernie 2.

INTERVARSITY 1985 : With all the fuss and bother surrounding I.V. organization this year, it's been a bit easy to forget that we have two teams competing in the championships. The men's team is a blend of youth and experience, with the balance tilted toward youth for the first time in about 7 years. The women's team is a blend of shortness and lack of height, but is certainly the best team we've sent to I.V. for at least 4 years, probably more like 14. Congratulations to all those who made the teams :

Women : Bridget Grounds, Lindy Barrett (Spike), Gillian Payne, Tracy Nero, Anne Cantwell, Ellen Maxwell, Sally Bickerton, Lisa Swartz, Kylie O'Brien and Debbie Kool.

Men : Trevor Andrew, Simon Brown-Greaves, John Campbell, Mark Carroll, Michael Clarke, Brian Connors, Matt Miller, Chris Morrey, Andrew Mounas, Peter McGregor, Hugh Sandie and Rob Sweetten.

YOU CAN'T IMPRESS ME (I've been to Moe too) : But I haven't played in a team that's won A grade there. This is unlike the women's firsts who won A grade down at Moe for the second year in a row, with a 52-38 win in the grand final early in July. After convincing wins in their four preliminary games we disposed of Sale team (+ extras) in an entertaining grand final. We were behind 8-18 in the first half, but with Spike, Carmel and Anne starting to fire in offence we outscored the opposition 17-2 to lead 25-20 at half time. In the second half we lead comfortably all the way through the agency of fine shooting from Anne and a dominant performance from Spike. Carmel's work on the boards was especially valuable when we hit foul trouble, and Bridget was superb in control of the ball at the point. Bernie and Gill combined well with Bridget in an awesome defensive display which helped keep their gun shooter to 3 points for the game. I don't care what the rest of them say either, I still reckon we missed Jean in the grand final. Great work, ladies. It's also probably worth a mention that the men's A Grade side also made the grand final at Moe, losing 54-40 against some very good, very big opposition. The team played very well for the whole six games of the weekend and were only beaten by a better side. All in all, a good weekend for the club. Perhaps a memorial Moe Women's A Grade Port Bottling is in order? I'll get Jean to check it out with Bowlesy.

I.V. AID : Is not a new soft drink, nor is it a report on Rock Hudson's health. It is in fact, HI, I'M GARY, almost live at the Stockade Hotel, Nicholson St. Carlton on Friday night August 16. If you heard them the first time, and you heard them the second time, well, you're obviously stupid, so why not come along and hear them the third time. Yes, dominating our eardrums at the venue they've made famous (not to mention messy). Come and hear them (or just hear them) at Stock-aid. Admission \$5 per head (and that's cheap these days) and all proceeds go to the U.S.A. For Swan Hill fund. There won't be snow in Lake Boga this Christmas.

YOU GOT ME ROCKIN' AND A ROLLIN' ROCKIN' AND A REELIN' : Is not really a song about Barbara Ann, but about the animal known in the original latin as newtus pisstus, or the condition many people seem to end up in after one of the almost famous MUBC PUB CRAWLS. We cross live to last week's committee meeting... "Jean's gone, we can talk about her now." ...and... "Why don't we take a survey" ...etc until we get to Bernie's only comment for the night... "Let's have another pub crawl." Anyway, on Saturday August 17, we are meeting at the Clyde at 1p.m. for a 1:30 departure on said pub crawl, weather permitting. If the weather is not permitting, we'll probably have a bar crawl around the Clyde instead.

RACING ROUNDUP : Apparently it wasn't a trifecta or a quaddy, but what do you call five winners in a row? Sorry, gotta go. The kettle's boiling...