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It looks like being a big year in basketball, and as always, Dribbling Balls will be there. We'll have the big scoops, just like that other magazine which copied our successful format, Australian Basketball, who in their last edition featured an exclusive on why Wayne Carroll is playing for Nunawading this year. What's that? He's staying at Coburg? Bloody hell, they've swiped another of our original ideas - when in doubt, print anything you like. Never mind, we can top that lot, read our interview next month with well known brother, Mark Carroll, who is changing colour instead of clubs, and will be our first ever black player. Apparently the change is only from the waist down at the moment, but if that turns out to be fun, he could go all the way...

V.B.A. DIV. 4 (Wednesday sometime in January)

Broadmeadows 54 d. Uni 46

I hate to say it but we should and could have won this game. We started well, Simon hitting baskets well outside and John McKelvie set up some great plays. Our forwards were badly beaten in defence and could not make the pressure baskets in offence. In the second half we tried a zone press and John McKelvie hit 8 points straight to reduce their lead to three points. Trevor Andrew was clearly our most effective forward but still we did not block out on the defensive boards. Simon continued his good form with many baskets and great running back to defence. Unfortunately not too many others ran back. Best players were Simon, John, Trevor and Pete McGregor in patches.

Simon 22, John 10, Pete, Tree 6.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 1/2)

Uni 72 d. Footscray 68

With the opposition missing two of their best players we looked set for an easy win. For most of the game we led by margins of between 3 and 15, with the 3-type margins tending to agglomerate near the end of the game. This coincidentally matched the time when the opposition decided to put on some full court pressure which also coincidentally matched the time when we decided to go to pieces. The highlight in a game without highlights? There wasn't one, although Bowlesy's layup was apparently worth seeing, even if you were talking to Julie at the time. Rick dominated the offence with 21 (but I won't mention that his man in the man to man defence scored 25 points in the second half for a total of 31 for the game). Haggis, Les and Simon contributed in offence, while Les and Burkie were particularly effective in defence.

Rick 21.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 5/2)

UNI 58 d. Sandringham 47

This game began on a miserable note with Coach Brown-Greaves informing us that the silly pricks on the V.B.A. committee had voted against us, so we can't play challenge games for second division. Anyway, the lads went out and played pretty well for the first half, with Les firing in offence, and the rest of us doing a reasonable job in defence. The Captain subbed himself on and threw in a quick 10 points, but alas we slumped in the last few minutes and were down 25-22 at the half. "Okay guys, we'll play a full court press for the first 3-4 minutes," said S.B.G., so we played it for the whole half. Sandringham had no hope. We burned in offence with Les, Brian and Burkie scoring inside, FF24 taking some big boards, Haggis hitting from the outside and Chris, who hadn't hit a free throw in 2 years, hit 6 in a row. Our defence remained solid and we ran out comfortable winners by 11 points.

Chris 11, Les, Brian, S.B.G. 10, Burkie 8, FF24 5, Haggis 4.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 9/2)

Jetz 70 d. Uni 67

Very serious game this one. We looked like we actually had a chance of winning there for a while, fortunately though, we managed to get things into perspective and lose. Simon displayed excellent shooting touch, while Rick and Les were very useful around the basket in offence. Our main problem was we never looked like stopping Jetz from scoring at any stage, they tend to hit 15 foot shots if you leave them unguarded. Not to worry, this performance was a bit of an improvement over our last few efforts against this team.

Simon 21, Rick 14, J.C. 12, Les 10.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 16/2)

Uni 79 d. Abbotsford Cobras 66

Under Ruck's comprehensive instructions at the start of the game viz "Go out and shut on thum" we proceeded to do just that, well for the first 10 minutes or so. When we were 15 or 20 points up we relaxed, sat back and enjoyed ourselves, a certain narrowing of the margin also ensued. Les was brilliant in the first half, added to his usual good defence there was an 11 point shooting spree where he never looked like missing a basket. Haggis was also in good touch, bagging a couple of the longest three pointers seen for ages on court one. We led 44-31 at half time. In the second half we did not play as well, and had a lot of trouble scoring, until Bowlesy came into the action and scored a bag of points utilising his sheer brute strength (and almost unlimited finesse). Simon and Ruck shot some useful baskets when we needed them down the stretch, and Chris played a good half, breaking well and contributing some fairly frappy doodles. A useful win considering there was no referee, no time limit and no holds barred. We avoided most of the attempted head beating to win going away.

Chris 16, Ruck, Bowlesy 13, Les 11.

The following contributions relate to the series of the best of three games played by the seconds to retain their place in Div 4 for the Winter Championship season. The first comes from Pendles, coach extraordinaire, whose report would have appeared earlier but we only just received the decoded copy back from ASI0. The second comes from Bowlesy, whose report would have appeared earlier but why rush something you're nor going to enjoy anyway?...

V.B.A. DIV. 4 (Wed. 12/2) and (Sat. 15/2)

Uni 62 d. Sandringham 40

Uni 46 d. Sandringham 45

The alarm bells were ringing yet again as the seconds played the best of three challenge relegation games from fourth division. Often games like these produce standards of play above the grading both teams compete for and that certainly proved to be the case with Sandringham. We played magnificently against them in the first game. Henry outstanding in the point guard position and Mal showed excellent skills combining well along the baseline. The turning point in the game occurred with 8 minutes to go in the first half with John McKelvie and Fish playing great defence and moving the ball quickly in offence. The second half sealed Sandringham's fate with Simon and Haggis scoring long baskets and Bowlesy and Pete McGregor getting on top on the boards. We knew the second game would be a tough, desperate affair, and it was. At half time the scores were still level and Sandringham were shooting well outside and baseline passes found their man. On the other hand, our offence seemed much slower on the big court 9. Air balls were common, and we could not take offensive boards (I don't think there are boards after air balls - Ed.) Trailing by 9 points with 7 minutes to go Pete McGregor joined Mal and Bowlesy as forwards (I thought he was going to say "in holy matrimony" or something - Ed.) and Henry and Andrew Mounas made up the guard positions. This combination proved to be a winner. Andrew kept running free for the outside pass from the three big forwards, Andrew hitting 4 points, Mal 2 and

Pete 2 on a loop pass. Sandringham replied and by the final seconds the scores were level. The spectators then saw a remarkable event. Bowlesy on the end of a fast break was fouled and confidently went to the stripe. "Having never missed a foul shot in his life" he made the basket as the ball rocketed in off the backboard. A fantastic win from the brink of despair. Uni stays in fourth division and if it can play like it did in the relegation games a finals prospect in winter is not ridiculous. Special mention to Terry "Slammer/Mudd" Mason who recently joined the team. Slammer did not get much court time, but his enthusiasm for the team to do well suggests he may not remain the "M.L. Carr" of the side. The team was : Henry, Haggis (first game), Bowlesy, Mal, Simon, John McKelvie, Pete McGregor, Fish, Terry, Andrew Mounas (second game). P.s. We lost the third game, but who cares?

Henry 20, Haggis 13, Simon 10, Mal 6, FF24 6. (Game 1)

Andrew 12, Mal, Simon, Henry 8, FF24 5.

And now here's something you'll really like, a report covered in Liquid Paper, Yoplait and Ben-slobber...

Well sports fans, there have been some pretty important sporting events in Australia's history : The Centenary Test, the 1983 America's Cup, Melbourne's last premiership. And now the seconds play off games. Having won the first game fairly comfortably by 20 points, we were faced with a rematch against the same Sandringham side. Court 9 on a hot Saturday evening at 5:30 is not everyone's idea of fun, but we were quietly confident that we could dispose of the bayside wimps pretty easily and retire to the Clubrooms for a well deserved beer or seven, having saved our place in fourth division. Coach Pendles was well aware of our strengths and weaknesses, and he still thought we could win! So with our standard playoff starting five (average age 30, average height 6 foot, above average good looks - just what you would expect with 4 of the 5 rep-beaters amongst them) (do you have to keep bringing up that I.V. reps game? - Ed.) struggled to stay with a side that didn't seem to bear much resemblance to the one we had thrashed on Wednesday. While we couldn't seem to put the ball in the basket, they made every turn-around, double-pump, fade-away frap-doodle they attempted. About the only highlight of the first half was Fish being ejected from the game after only about 5 minutes. Not a particularly ugly incident as far as I could see - certainly not as ugly as some of the events at Mal's place the Saturday after - best human spinning wheel, Mark Fisher, Park Drive Open - I wonder what the ref would have done if Fish had thrown up in the back of his car? Anyway, half time arrived with the scores all level, and the boys were only marginally worried. Certainly not nearly as worried as they were at full time with a similar score and one of the safest foul shooters in the club at the line for 1 and 1 (hang on, I thought Bowlesy had the shot - Ed.) Seldom has court 9 been so quiet. Pendles had his head in his hands, Henry was leaving the stadium and the rest of the team were praying. Only one person had no doubt about the outcome of that vital first shot. Only one person remained cool and calm in the crisis. That was Sandy, she was home at the time. The rest is history - CLUNK, SWISH - and the game was ours. all in a day's work really. By the way, special skills coaching in foul shooting will be available at the Clubrooms by appointment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Hands up all those who haven't been to a Basketball Club A.G.M. No, I don't mean hands up all those, I mean all those who haven't been put your hands up in the air. There, that's better. Well, ain't it 'bout time you went? Fortunately, you're in luck. Your committee has given you the once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the 1986 A.G.M. There will be only one this year, so you'd better be there, right? Right. I mean, you wouldn't want to miss such highlights as the all singing, all dancing Secretary's Report, the hot off the press Fantasy Land Treasurer's report, the Cooper Memorial Difficult Questions to the Committee segment and the Marcos

approved, definitely not rigged (very much) club elections (and we all know how this club handles its elections). Ring right now and you'll also get, free, at no extra cost and without obligation, one patent pending M.U.B.C. Pub Crawl. Yes, an army marches on its stomach, and so does most of the pub crawl as the afternoon wears on. You too can marvel at the skilled navigation of the organizers ("I think the door is over here,") and the capacity of the participants to absorb the unique Carlton culture ("I'm not drunk, but what's the ceiling doing on the floor?"). When does all this take place? Saturday April 12, at 12:00, the A.G.M. will commence at a place to be advised (if in doubt assemble at the gym). The Pub Crawl will commence at the conclusion of the A.G.M. (if in doubt, don't leave the Clyde after Friday night). Both events come highly recommended.

COMMENCEMENT TOURNAMENT : This event which traditionally gives newcomers to the club the chance to show off against each other and other more established club members is on again. This year's event will be held on Saturday March 22, hopefully in the Beaurepaire gym. This is quite soon after the start of term, so let's get organized now. If you want to play (good opportunity to cripple some one who looks like they may steal your place from you) or coach (good opportunity to get in some prac work for your current Megalomania 101 class) or referee (psychiatric help available upon request) or cook on the BBQ (what IS the difference between Peter Russell-Clarke and NASA?) then please let some one know soon. That some one should be Henry Cooper, Jackie Lee or Janine Claxton.

MOUNT GAMBIER : And why not? I ask you. Yes, as our friends down at Sale have cancelled their Easter Tournament due to the fact we won it last year, so we are going to go to Mount Gambier for a tournament this Easter. Hard to believe, yet true. If you are interested in this journey to a town perilously close to the Coonawarra (Wynn's, Redman's, Rouge Homme...) please tell Henry or Woody fairly soon, as we have to enter teams. It is possible we will be organizing a bus for transport if there are sufficient people so requesting.

COACHING : This seemingly innocuous word is enough to send most committee members running for cover or reduce them to quivering blobs whimpering sentences like "Not again, I can't stand it," in the corner of the room. Yes it ranks right up there with "new tops" as a guaranteed way to wreck an otherwise fruitful committee meeting. Nevertheless, the committee showed immense courage at their last meeting by broaching the topic once more. The following was the result (and shall appear in "Tip Off" as well as Dribbling Balls - talk about hitting the big time)...

#### MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

#### REQUIRES A COACH

Applications are invited from interested individuals for the position of Women's Head Coach (Div. 2 team) for the 1986 Winter Championship competition. Excellent remuneration will be offered. Written applications stating relevant experience and/or qualifications should be sent by 24/3/86 to :

The Secretary,  
Melbourne University Basketball Club  
C/- Sports Union,  
University of Melbourne,  
Parkville 3052

Further enquiries may be directed to Wendy Macpherson 2333594 (H)

6515752 (B) or John Campbell 3476404 (H) 3447445 (B)

So there you have it. If you are interested in this position talk to J.C. or Woody. We are not necessarily looking for someone from outside the club to take the job, but the position is being advertised. More generally, if you are interested in coaching any of the teams in the club, let us know, there are always vacancies for people who are keen to coach.

INCORPORATION : Is not just a 13 letter word. It is what will save the members of the club committee from financial ruin if the club is sued. In our present state of unincorporation, the members of the committee are liable (liable to what? you may ask). Well, if we get sued the next committee meeting might be held at Pentridge or Fairlea. To avoid this unsavoury possibility (they don't have Tim Tams in prison) the club is intending to incorporate this year. To do this, we need to amend the club constitution (and you thought we didn't have one) at this year's Annual General Meeting (see above), to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (1981). Most of the changes are cosmetic in nature (which means we don't want you to look at them too closely), and as required by our current constitution, notice is hereby given of our intent to move the following amendments to the constitution of the Melbourne University Basketball Club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 12 at 12 p.m. :

(1) After clause 3, a new clause to be inserted entitled Register of Members to read :

The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.

(2) After clause 5(c) a new clause to be inserted as 5(d) to read :

The junior representatives shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election and are not eligible for re-election. All other members of the executive committee shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election but are eligible for re-election.

(3) Clause 7 to be numbered 7(1) and the following sub-clauses to be added:

(2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 of the members of the committee.

(3) Notice shall be given to the members of the committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

(4) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and is within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.

(5) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as

the person presiding at the meeting may determine.

(6) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and,

(7) Subject to clause 5(b) of this constitution the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

(4) Clause 13(d) shall be renumbered clause 13(e) and the following clause 13(d) inserted :

13(d)(i) Upon any question arising at a meeting a member has one vote only

(ii) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.

(5) A new clause 14 to be added as follows :

#### 14. Proxies

(1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as his proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

(2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 1.

(6) 17. Sources of Funds

The funds of the Club shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations and other such sources as the committee determines.

(7) Clause 17 shall be altered to clause 18 and shall be replaced by the following clause :

#### 18. Banking

All moneys of the Club shall be deposited in such accounts in such banks as shall be approved by the Executive Committee at their first meeting in office. All cheques drawn on the club's current account shall be signed by two out the following three office bearers : Treasurer, President, Secretary.

(8) The following clauses shall be added :

#### 21. Common Seal

(1) The common seal of the club shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.

(2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signature either of two members of the committee or of one member of the committee and of the Public Officer of the club.

#### 22. Alterations of Statement of Objects and Rules

These rules and the statement of objects of the Club shall not be altered except in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

### 23. Custody of Books and Other Documents

Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

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Your committee wishes to thank Matthew Wellington for drafting these changes to the constitution in his best legalese, and urges you to support them at the Annual General Meeting.

WHY WASTE YOUR TIME? Writing essays on topics like "Will the sun come up tomorrow?" or trying to prove Green's theorem in the plane, or trying to discover a cure for curly hair or trying to read this month's edition of Zeitschrift fur Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie, when you could just as well waste your time writing for Dribbling Balls. The outcome is the same - no one cares what you write, and few people will ever read it, but then again, who gives a rat's arse? Come on, contribute to this great journal, we accept match reports, tournament reports, party reports, feature articles, humour, what Fisher did last Friday, American Express and several other major credit cards. Don't wait for some one else to do it - they leave your name out, or even worse, put your name in. See John Campbell for more details, or give your reports to J.C. Woody or Henry or leave them in the club pigeon hole at the squash booking counter in the sports centre building. Until then...