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There are heaps of match reports in this edition of Dribbling Balls. Don't ask me why, I can only assume that people have become tired of reading about the Sunday night A grade men's team...

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 29/4)

Uni d. Sandringham by 1 point

That man from NSW - Queensland - where is Ian Burns from? (my guess is Krypton - Ed.) Anyway he's a northerner and he takes this goddamn monster rebound off a free throw, spins onto the right hand and makes a sensational bucket with a bloke in a stupid looking orange singlet hanging off his back - makes the free throw, we're a point up and all of a sudden Rick's his best mate. Let me explain - if Rick's fust free throw had been his second free throw Ian could have rebounded that one too. It was a bit of a struggle at times, but we were kept in touch by the sterling efforts of Graeme Jane and Rick. But let's face it, the game belonged to Ian Burns, two critical steals in the last seconds and that match winning three point play. Henry said something about a "twilight zone" - but I had no idea what he was talking about so played man on man anyway.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 6/5)

Nunawading Spectres 78 d. Uni 71

Henry said in his pre-game monologue that these guys could play, and if we didn't all fire up they would beat us. They could, we didn't and they did! We just couldn't put the ball in the basket in the first 10 minutes, except for the scoring machine Driscoll with about 16 for the half. After playing in patches we stumbled to a 10 point deficit at half time. We fired up a bit better after the break and closed the gap to 4 a couple of times with Burkie and Col hustling well and Graeme getting big on the boards. Not even Bowlesy doing his ankle and being withdrawn on veterinary advice could do the trick and we ran out of time (or in Geoff's case hopped out of time - Ed.) with 7 points between us and a win.

Riq 28, Jane 14, Col 10, Paul 7, Dylan 6, Les 4, FF24 2.

V.B.H.B.A. B Grade Women (Thu. 7/5)

Westpac 28 d. Uni 14

The scores at half time were 10-5 their favour. Four points were scored by the opposition in the last 12 seconds of the first half!! Westpac in general were a lot faster than us and also cut into the key more than we did. First game with the team for Sarah Clarke and me, and we were both grateful for any tips given to us throughout the game. (Thanks for the report Philippa, but the first thing a new player should learn about MUBC is not to let people con you into doing anything bizarre, like writing reports for Dribbling Balls - and if they do, make sure you get revenge on them in the report - Ed.)

C.Y.M.S. C Grade Men (Sun. 10/5)

Uni 31 d. St. Joey's Eagles 28

After the dismal display of the previous week, the team was ready to atone (what's Henry's singing got to do with it? - Ed.) From the outset we all looked keen, with everyone arriving 10 minutes before tip off and an aura of desperation emanating from all of us. When the game was underway our pre-game spirit didn't desert us, and we were fighting for every loose ball and rebound as if there was a dozen beers on every goal. Tony P and Brett C were combining in fast break moves like two

ballet dancers doing a pas de deux at the Bolshoi (nothing personal lads). Our big men were controlling the boards and creating chances for the small men. Going in at half time for the round table conference we were 18-9 up. The consensus at this meeting was that the game was ours if we stayed in front. I couldn't see the logic in this but agreed anyway for the team's sake. The commencement of the second half showed a diminishment of our desire and this was reflected in the opposition narrowing the gap in the scoreline. Fast breaks were our strength, and combined with strong rebounding we were exploiting this main avenue to increasing the credit side of the scoreboard. The more credit we received the more our debit increased. so with half a minute remaining in the match the balance sheet showed us with a credit of three points. So accounting manager Dave M was calling from the side for stalling. This Suresh did to the letter. He was caught in a corner with three players surrounding him, so he held the ball for 20 seconds until the ref decided to give the ball to the opposition. This left them a few seconds to score, to no avail. We won. We were happy. So was the boss.

Tony P 10, Brett 7, Mick 6, Mark F 4, David, Adam 2.

M.B.A. E GRADE (Mon. 11/5)

Uni 32 d. Hewitts 31

What a game this turned out to be. After comfortably beating this team two weeks ago, a typical Albert Park foul up meant we had to play them again. After leading comfortably at half time we followed the form of most Uni teams and proceeded to throw it away. With only five minutes to play we were 9 points down. The coach then pulled what looked like a hopeless move and called a man to man. Was I confident when we started it? Was I? Well, not really. In fact to put it mildly, no. But the boys surprised me and we all rallied around to score 12 points to nothing and virtually seal the game. Despite trying to throw it away at the end we ran out of time and fell in, er, won it well at the end.

Dave M. 14, Nick 9, Dave L. 6, Mick 2.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 17/5)

Uni 71 d. Segarsonics 70

What goes up must come down. So says the Uni scoreline history. Did we prove this wrong? Well, no. After an almost unanimous single finger "let's go" (have to change that) the team kicked arse 'til the average Segarsonic bottie matched our uniforms. Half time 39-25. Our titanic second half witnessed some excellent passing from J.C. and achiever quiet (guards are almost useful sometimes). Solid games from Les and Hugh helped keep us in the running. We lost the lead and liked it so much we found it so we could lose it again. Fortunately Ian brought his compass with which he directed himself and the ball through the key to the ring quite a but. ten seconds to go we score and are still one point down. J.C. steals and passes to Riq, who misses. But is fouled and makes both shots. Their last second shot had a bit of ring to it, but no cigar.

Riq 20, Ian 16, Hugh, Les 12, Paul 8, J.C. 3.

C.Y.M.S. Ladies Championship (Sun. 17/5)

Uni 82 d. Oakleigh 31

Mild mannered Bridget Grounds enters basketball stadium and becomes obnoxious braggart Budget. Yes, the only way to get your name printed in D.B. is to write the match report yourself, or so J.C. tells me (well, it's not the only way, but it's generally the most reliable and least embarrassing - Ed.) In a game not notable for a terribly intimidating opposition Budget bagged the big 33. I may have been accused of basket hanging by Mungus, but I promised I'd say that all 33 points were assists by Carmel. I also promised I wouldn't mention that

Carmel didn't score until the last three minutes. Thanks for printing this uncensored John. (You're welcome - Ed.)

Budget 33, Anne 15, Spike 12, Bernie 10, Carmel 7, Gill 3, Tracy 2

C.Y.M.S. C Grade Ladies (Sun. 17/5)

Uni 39 d. RMIT 19

We're on top of the ladder (3 trillion %) and it was round 4 tonight. That deserves a match report. This was our fastest game all season (the first was a walkover and the third a bye!) Despite only having 5 players in the first half and the sub-zero conditions we raced away to a 15 point lead with excellent rebounding from Janine, Janet and Bar and good outletting/fast breaks from Jo and Woody. And then... Max arrived and we shot away to a 20 point victory. P.s. Bar shot 29 points. (29 out of 39? I'd want more than a lousy P.s!!! - Ed.)

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 20/5)

University Angels 57 d. Blackburn Vikings 50

Henry told us to run the doodle against their defence, whilst we would run a man to man against their offence. He told us that it was vital that we win this game and that it was important that the guards work the ball into the forwards. He was looking at me but I think he was referring to the whole team when he said to get out there and play well. We did most of these things until he called a time out and informed us of the following changes : we were to play a five and look for the low man rolling; we were allowing them too many offensive rebounds so everyone had to block out and the forwards had to get the rebounds. Again we carried out his instructions (I hate these over emotional match reports - Ed.) At half time we had some shots around the key (at the burnt end of the stadium) and with about a minute before the start we were all called in (ZZzzzz... - Ed.) The instructions, a doodle and a zone. It wasn't long before the bench informed one of the referees that Henry would like to talk to the players. I was trying to concentrate on what he was saying, but Christopher Walker was shooting people with a toy gun. In summary, we were to be a lot tighter in our zone. Good advice. With three minutes to go a time out was called : "To win we must get every rebound from any shot they put up." It worked. We won. After the game Henry told us that we had play a good, tough game. I think he was please.

Jane 21, Ruck 16, Walker 8, Dillon, Burke 4, Burns, Wood 2.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Sat. 30/5)

Uni 69 d. Bulleen 68

Six players including Henry bowl up with no ball and a midweek defeat by tonight's opposition still ringing in our match report (if anyone bothered). Things began not as you might expect, with Uni racing away to a 20 point lead. Sensing the crowd's displeasure and fearing retribution, we managed without seeming to purposely do so, gain a 10 point deficit. Free from the ill feelings of the swelling crowd (waiting for the next game) we felt safe to score one or two baskets. Quite by accident we were only 4 down with 40 seconds left. Paul hits a three pointer. After Bulleen passed the ball around a while, John decided he'd like it. After we separated him and the other guy, he got it (the ball) from the side. He was then fouled on his way in and line up for two with a few seconds left. They didn't even hit the ring. Swish times 2.

Col 19 (4 three ptrs), Paul 17, Riq 12, John 10, Jane 9, Henry 2.

C.Y.M.S. Championship (Sun. 31/5)

Uni 99 d. Jetz (2) 55

I didn't want to put the little two in brackets up on the scoreline

there, but they told me I had to or people wouldn't believe the rest of the report. Awesome performance once more by the big black machine. Jetz stayed with us for 10 minutes or so, but then Riq exploded, netting 20 points for the first half as we raced to a 41-24 half time lead. The second half was a continuation of the blitz with J.C. going on a scoring spree this time. He got 24 for the half to finish with 37 for the game including 6 three pointers. Bowlesy and Riq also continued to dominate on the boards as we crushed our hapless opposition. Simon tried hard for the opposition but I think he's jumped off the favourite and onto a draught horse. It's worth noting that Riq and J.C. between them beat the entire opposition by 13 points.

J.C. 37 (6 three ptrs), Riq 31, Burkie, FF24 10, Mungus 7, Les 4.

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ICE SKATING : On May 5 approximately 16 people turned up to see if they could stand up on skates, not fall over and not injure themselves. It took a while for some people to let go of the edges (and for Karen to let go of Greg). Stud Wade lived up to his name by being molested in the middle of the rink by some one he declares he'd never seen before! By halfway through the night most of us had been very close to the ice - Pauline declares she didn't fall over all night. Jackie and Ruck attempted waltzing, much to the disgust of Jack's knee. Scott Blair-West should be told that if you bring some one to a social event they shouldn't be good at it!! Thanks to all that turned up, see you at the progressive dinner on Saturday, June 20. See more details later.

ANNUAL DINNER : The Annual Presentation Dinner has been booked for Friday October 9. Watch out for more details. Talk about advance notice.

Against the better judgements of the people being slagged, Dribbling Balls is wonderfully proud to present the following :

THE RETURN OF THE PLAYER PROFILES

NICK WADE :

Nickname : Stud  
Height : Tall  
Weight : Thin  
Favourite Drink : UDL Cans  
Ambition : To change his nickname (or live up to his present one)  
How he likes his women : In packs with numbers on their backs -  
he's not very good with names (thank goodness the words  
"with numbers" were included in that description - Ed.)  
How his women like him : As far away as possible.

DAVID LIDDLE :

Nickname : Radar  
Height : Tall  
Weight : Thin (there's a lot of this going around)  
Favourite Drink : Anything paid for by some one else  
Ambition : To get his half time shots in during the game  
Greatest Achievement : An 11 second tinnie shoot (10 to go down  
and 1 back up)  
How he likes his women : What women?  
How his women like him : With Nick.