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Again I must apologize for the delay in producing this Dribbling Balls, you know how it is with exams, work, Phil's match reports and similar uninspiring experiences. Try and get through all the match reports though, because there's some important news somewhere down the back of this edition...

CYMS A Grade Women (Sun. 25/9)

Uni 55 d. St Albans 43

ANOTHER 10.00 P.M. GAME!! As a result, I can't remember much about it except we let them get ahead of us early and then decided to pull away at the end.... a sort of Debbie Flintoff story (I hope we won by more than a nipple - Ed.) We played like woofas in the first half, dropping passes and letting them shoot uncontested etc. However, somewhere along the way, we picked up the defence and they became frustrated and ... well, you know the rest. This was yet another game that Carmel told me "was a good one to get out of!"

Spike 17, Lesley 13, Carmel 8, Bernie 6, Gill 6, Annette 3, Tracy 2.

VWBA Div 1 Summer Comp (Wed. 28/9)

Uni 74 d. Nunawading 68

Now I know they were without Maher, Timms and Gorman, but Nunawading are still a formidable side in anyone's language. We had six players and no coach. (John was playing at the same time and Robert told John he couldn't coach because we were his (i.e. John's) team now! Well, eat dust, Sweetten) (You can't write that, and I won't print it. Oops, too late - Ed.) Donna and Mary went out and blitzed in the first 8 minutes or so and we were therefore a few points up after 10. Nunawading were taking it lightheartedly at first, cheering when we hit three pointers etc. Now, I could have told them you don't let Donna Watt hit her first three three pointers uncontested and laugh about it, because she'll just keep doing it to you all night. However, something stopped me. The rest of the half was a bit of a see saw, with us trading baskets and the like. Fran was casually shooting over the top of Gaylene McKay and Spike put in the odd hook shot, just to show she couldn't be outdone. Our main advantage, however, was our defence (that man to man zone had them fooled) and the fact that we never thought about winning and consequently didn't worry when we hit the lead. They racked up the fouls and we kept hitting the free throws and as Burnsy told me later, "...just pissed it in." Shows what you can do without your coach and most valuable player!

Donna - millions, Mary - slightly less than millions, Fran & Spike - quite a few, Carmel & Gillian a substantial number. Everyone - good hustle defence.

MBA A Grade (Mon. 10/10)

EEAMA 46 d. Uni 41

An auspicious reentry to A grade, and a game that could well have been won. A poor start perhaps attributable to nervousness, but the arrival of Simon B-G and Phil on court steadied Uni down and let the opposition know this was going to be no cake walk. Bowlesy was doing a great job on the boards, Simon dropped 4 outside shots and Marco added three beautiful lay ups. Scoreline at half time 20-27. Well, I mustn't wax on at great length, our hallowed Editor needs room to practise his literary skills! (At this stage I observe that there's

still three quarters of Phil's report remaining - O.H.Ed.) Successive lay ups by Scott B-W and Marco gave a score line of 41-41 with 2 minutes to go (38 minutes played, half way through the report - Ed.) Simon with a great pass (Simon who? - Ed.) set Matt up for a fast break and from a huge drive the ball went round and round the rim, and out! Great defence saw us go into offence again. Bowlesy to the line, 1 and 1. No score! (Whatever happened to clunk swish? - Ed.) EEAMA generate a fast break from the rebound, Phil gets to the shooter (Phil gets to everyone eventually - Ed.) and stuffs the shot! Great guess work by the ref, a mere half court behind, and it's a foul. EEAMA now lead 43-41 and getting the ball attempt a freeze. A few fouls later Bowlesy, Scott, Tim, Simon and Phil are sitting on the bench. I could have sworn there was a number between three and five; but maybe Greeks don't follow the Arabic system of numerals (quick Editorial censorship was requested here, but I refused because it would have been discriminatory, after all, Phil's insulted just about every other nationality this year so why stop now? - Ed.) Anyway, EEAMA add a couple of points from the line. Oh Well.

Simon 16, Marco 10, Bowlesy 7, Scott 4, Tim 2, Matt 2.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 17/10)

Country Raiders 49 d. Uni 39

This was a reasonable effort against an opposition that included Andrew Bett, Paul Burke and Brian Connors. An even first half with Raiders starting better, but Uni finishing strongly. Good work by Skippy on the offensive boards including two enormous tap-ins. Score at half time 23-24. This game was lost NOT because Andrew Bett played good D on Simon B-G, NOT because their 6'6" centre notched up 21 points, but because we played about 5 minutes of shit offence against their man to man D a few minutes into the second half. Switching to man to man D saw Raiders now feeling the pressure, but our strong finish was all too late.

Skippy 15, Marco 7, Matt 6, Simon, Carey 4, Tim 3.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 19/10)

Melbourne 87 d. Uni 85

The first game of the summer season was an interesting affair, with the opposition still at full strength and including their new NBL recruit Warwick Giddey. Despite these odds we played one of our better games offensively, and were highly competitive. Graeme was tough on the boards both ends and Greg made some fairly impressive moves as we just trailed 43-41 at half time. In the second half we faltered in offence for a while but some sweet shooting from Les, some hustle from Col and some ambitious three point bombing from J.C. saw our last ditch effort fall 2 points short in a high scoring game.

J.C. 25 (6x3 ptrs), Graeme 17, Greg 12, Dim 12 (1x3 ptr), Les 11, Col 8 (1x3).

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 24/10)

Latvians 45 d. Uni 32

Another one of those snatching defeat from the jaws of victory! This game was lost in the first half when some great team man to man D was not deservedly rewarded at the other end of the court. Score at half time 12-17. The initial part of the second half looked good with Simon and Clarkie dropping in some long bombs. With 8 minutes to go we trailed 26-29 and all looked set for a close finish. Unfortunately a disparate number of fouls saw us in foul trouble and Latvians went to the line 4 times in two minutes. Virtually all these shots were sunk stretching the margin and we were never in it after that.

Simon 10, Clarkie 6, Scotty, Marco 5, Tim, Dieter, Skippy 2.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 26/10)

Monash 85 d. Uni 66

We were looking to open our summer account here, but unfortunately we didn't bank on Monash playing too well for us. We lost by 20 points, mainly because we were about that far behind at half time and didn't catch up much in the second half. Highlights in a game of low lights was Dim's good form and J.C.'s 19 second half points.

J.C. 22 (6x3 ptrs), Dim 18 (3x3 ptrs), Graeme 9, Les 8, Greg 5.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 31/10)

Uni 69 d. Telepost 32

After three reasonable efforts we finally notched our first win against an opposition best described as pathetic (or was it apathetic?) We started with only 4 players and it was nice of Matt to turn up after 5 minutes, anyway the scores were level at this stage. Scores were fairly even after the first 10 minutes, but a bonus for us was their strong rebounding centre losing interest in playing inside in the face of some close D from Phil (that face is enough to make most people lose interest - Ed.) At this stage the writing was on the wall, Telepost were not getting back on D and we were starting to fast break. Score at half time 27-15. Telepost scored the first 3 buckets on resumption, but this was the end of their challenge. Simon calmly dropped 3 in a row and was setting up the offence carefully (actually I'm not sure if he raised a sweat all night!). Phil was setting up the fast break off the defensive boards and Carey was having a picnic, good to see all 3 lanes being filled on the break. With the opposition reduced to four for the last five minutes, the only interest was whether Simon would succeed in flattening his little mate Jamie.

Carey 25, Simon 18, Phil 12, Scotty 7, Matt 5.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 2/11)

Uni 84 d. Varpas 72

Yet another free scoring game in the summer comp, this time with the right team ending up on top. Us. Varpas put up a good fight and there was only ever a few points in it, until we snuck away in the last couple of minutes. Coops was a surprise recruit to the starting five (when we only had four for a while), but made two of his fall back specials, and Warwick "What If" Bray was showing the benefit of several two man training sessions by making an auspicious debut in the ones. Highlight of the game was the Graeme and J.C. show in offence. They combined for 33 of our 43 first half points and 29 of our 41 second half points. Graeme was awesome on the boards and around the bucket and J.C. continued his good shooting touch. They like summer.

Graeme 35, J.C. 27 (6x3 ptrs), Les 10, Greg 6, Coops 4, Warwick 2

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 9/11)

Uni 62 d. Knox 37

Coops again managed starting five as we awaited the late return of Mark Carroll. With this explicit instructions to go out there and score more points than the opposition, we did. They were hopeless, we ran numerous fast breaks, with whoever could be bothered running into offence picking up the basket off the long court pass, or which ever of the posts who wanted to go back door scoring inside. Graeme was again spectacular and it was good to have Xmas and Dim back on board.

Graeme 21, Xmas 13, Dim 11, J.C. 9, Greg 8.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 16/11)

Uni 62 d. Kilsyth 54

The summer juggernaut continued with an all expenses paid trip to Kilsyth for this big game. The stands were packed, it was all the 6

spectators could do to find a couple of hundred seats each. Anyway, Henry forgot to tell us to score more than the opposition, so we didn't in the first half and trailed 31-33 at half time. Our offence was good with Graeme dominant on the offensive boards and Simon hitting a couple of neat outside shots, but our defence was somewhat less than effective. The second half saw the defence pick up a little, and with Dim popping in some points and Graeme continuing his awesome summer form we snuck away to a 10 point lead and held on to win despite an enthusiastic comeback by our opposition. Graeme must have had about 30 points before he got so tired he deliberately fouled out so he could have a rest with 38 seconds to play. Coops came off the bench and those 38 seconds managed one offensive rebound, one shot and one basket. Easy game.

KEILOR TOURNAMENT (30/9, 1/10 & 2/10) (Brave Dave L reporting)

Well, what's the best way to kill time on a weekend? I've often wondered, but this time we decided to play a local tournament, just for the hell of it. Only entered were an open men's and women's team.

The first game for the girls was at 9.20 on Friday night and this tournament idea was looking like a bad one, especially since our game wasn't until 10.10. The girls started well but were well beaten by a team which they had kept pace with up until half time. From being 2 points down they went on to lose 21-47. That girl who shot from further outside the three point line than J.C. certainly took the fun out of the game. Otherwise a good first up effort with Margie controlling the point and both Michelles and Emma threatening in offence.

Next came the men's game and were we confident? Not really, no. With Dave L coaching things were already looking ugly but the idea of running and gunning appealed to the team so he was kept on (a hint for all coaches - Ed.) After an even first half we went on with it in the second half, although Dave's time out wasn't popular - "The blood's pumping and we're scoring some baskets, I think we should settle down now guys. You gotta know when to hold it up and know when to walk away." (Apologies to Kenny Rogers - Ed.) It worked, we blew a 15 point lead with 5 minutes to play to a two point one with two minutes to play. Then, inspired by Riq's awesome stuff earlier on Nick made his guy eat his shot and J.C. completed the resulting fast break as we went on to win by four, 41-37. I still say he should have pulled up outside the three point line (I like Dave's coaching style - Ed.)

Well, with all the games out of the way what do you do at a tournament? Wrong, we didn't go to a Chinese restaurant but decided to party at Dave and Cathy's instead. "Come back for some home brew." Well we did and they were very nice too, although no one asked for seconds (I thought we got seconds - Ed.) The usual bad jokes were told and we settled in for the night. Someone wanted to know if Julie had a lilo but it was alright, she had a Matt to sleep on. (There goes the sponsorship - Ed.) A quiet night was then had by all, although Nick must have enjoyed himself considering his lilo went down on him during the night. Cheap laughs, but they're good if you can get them.

Well, after surviving the night and not feeling the best after Dave's beers, we proceeded to training. Bad idea, so we went to the pub instead. It was a tournament after all.

After the great win the night before we were pretty confident,

despite losing J.C. to his cricket team and Gary to a broken toe. Dave went to the point and we proceeded to blitz the opposition. He should learn not to call time outs though, because after saying we were good for a percentage boosting win we decided we didn't need to keep playing and only won by 8, 44-36 despite being 18 points up at one stage. A dominant game from Riq and a good team effort overall boded well for the important game that night to decide top spot in the pool.

Next came the girls' game, a must win game to make the semi finals, if not they're out. Losing Margie, Sarah and Dale might upset any other team, but Gary just had Sam and Janine play and the girls were fired up, especially Michelle J. A close tussle in the first half had the bench worried even though Emma was dominating the boards, but just before half time we saw the light when Michelle put up the three pointer "Short, oh shit, yeah" and in it swished! The rest was just academic as we proceeded to control the game, although the opposition bench was playing out plenty. Michelle kept them quiet again by quietly pointing out "Look who's winning, ass holes," as we won 44-36. Another good team win and now it was the men's turn again. Quiet girl Michelle.

We didn't really need to win this, but it would've been nice. Riq fired up in offence and proceeded to take the opposition centre out of the game. J.C. hit a few three pointers, and Dave M hit one of the flattest three pointers ever seen. Still, it went in, and that's what counts, or so Dave tells me. After leading at half time we were steadily outplayed in the second half. But in the dying minutes Dave L hit a three pointer, Riq made a three point play, Dave didn't call a time out and J.C. cranked up a few more threes. So with only 4 seconds left, J.C. was on the break, pulled up outside the three point line and.... have I mentioned we were only three points down at this stage? Now where was I? Ah yes.... and missed. We were surprised too. Still, we'd made the semi finals as had the girls, so there was cause to celebrate.

Avoiding the Chinese restaurant again (apparently a good move in Avondale Heights - Ed.) we sent out for a barrel of chicken and a slab, or was it the other way round? After J.C. and Riq virtually drove interstate to get the beers, we decided that the least we could do was drink them. So we did. Henry and Mike rolled up and we rocked on, although Mike was forced to leave after trying to read the Braille on Cathy's chest. No, I wouldn't have tried it either. I was told that Steve had really strange music coming out of his Speedo's. I didn't understand it either. Laugh, no not really. Well, maybe a little bit.

With the semi finals the next morning we had a quiet night, went to bed early and drank only milk. Sorry, Mum was watching while I wrote that. The women's semi didn't look good early as the opposition man to man depleted our scoring opportunities, i.e. we didn't shoot. Now I know the three point line isn't out there for decorative purposes and Michelle must have worked that out too because with 10 seconds left to play, up went another and swish. It didn't inspire her team mates too much though as the girls lost 51-28, a disappointing finish to a tournament and they played well and deserve to be congratulated.

The men's semi loomed as a danger, as these guys did what we did - run and gun. But were we worried? Well, we should have been. No matter what we tried we couldn't plug the 8 point gape they had opened up. J.C. cranked up some three pointers at the end but we relied on

him and Rig too much at the end, whereas we had all been contributing up until then.

Well, that was the weekend, quite successful for both teams despite semi losses. Thanks to all those who participated. Laughs (very cheap), basketball and beer - we must do it again soon.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS.....

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Yes, that's the word from the club's new sponsor, DENTON'S. What do they make you ask? Well as the zeds suggest, they make pillow cases, sheets, bedding accessories, sleeping Matts, sleeping Gregs, everything a normal person might associate with bedding. What are we getting for allowing this progressive company with such good taste to sponsor us? DON'T ANSWER! Warm up tops, prestige and the opportunity for us and our immediate families to buy all Denton's products at a huge discount (10%). The club probably gets some cash too, but I'm not sure if I'm allowed to mention that. Only one way to find out I suppose. And what do we give Denton's? Well, a high profile on the national, rural and metropolitan sporting scene, association with Australia's leading tertiary institution, lots of money when we buy their goods and all the free publicity in Dribbling Balls I can sensibly work in and then some (or less if they'd rather after reading this article).

Yes, it's a great deal, and a big step forward, for us too. So remember, tell all your friends to go with the new MUBC motto....

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Actually, we are all awaiting the new line of Denton's products released in honour of the sponsorship, and aimed particularly at the university basketballer. My industrial spies tell me that these products include, sheets designed specially for tall, skinny 18 to 21 year olds, very long pillow cases to slip over those uncomfortable writing surfaces that make it difficult for students to sleep soundly in lectures and join-up-the-dots doona covers for those who like to do their homework in bed (or find the whole concept too difficult to even try). Should be big. Get in before they sell out. More details later.

CLASSIC COMMENTARY (1) : We were going to have the final in this edition, but I don't think we will now, 'cause I haven't written it yet. If Gill doesn't give me her paid political announcements soon however, they may make a surprise appearance in this edition after all. Stay tuned.

CLASSIC COMMENTARY (2) : Ah, Gill has given me the paid political announcement, so the Classic Commentary final will be held over until the next edition. Bumper Christmas reading. Great for quiet times at the cricket, like when the Australians are walking to and from the crease...

PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT : The information on the following page is probably very important, so read it. That way we can get to the pub half an hour earlier after next year's A.G.M. since there won't be an argument about proxies. If you have any questions about the material, don't call me and I won't call you....

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Melbourne University Basketball Club have been proposed and will be voted on at a General Meeting of the Club to be held on Tuesday, 6th December, 1988 at 7.30 p.m. [address] 115 WESTON ST BRUNSWICK

1. That a further object of the Club be included being that:

Clause 2(e): To undertake any activity, event or course which is considered to be in the interests of members.

2. The details required to be maintained in the members register in respect of every Club member (Clause 4) be changed from:

"full name, address, date of entry of the name of each member"

to

"full name, address, student/sports union number and initial year of club membership of each member".

3. That the power of the executive committee contained in Clause 7(j) that:

"to make recommendations to the Recreation Grounds Committee for the appointment of coaches"

be removed as the Committee itself appoints the coaches.

4. That Clause 22(a) in relation to appointment of coaches be amended from:

"As vacancies arise, the Executive Committee shall select coaches for the club, including mens Head Coach and womens Head Coach and shall recommend its selections to the University Recreation Grounds Committee"

to

"As vacancies arise, the Executive Committee shall select coaches for the club, including men's Head Coach and women's Head Coach".

5. That Clause 9 be changed to allow other requirements of the Constitution to be complied with such as enabling the AGM to be held in first term (semester) from:

"The financial year shall commence in the 1st of May and end on 30th April"

to

"The financial year shall commence on the 1st of April and end on 31st March".

6. That Clause 10(a) be amended by removing the current requirement of the AGM of the Club to be held, inter alia,

"(v) to appoint an auditor for the next year".

7. That Clause 10(b) be amended from:

"Nominations for office bearers and committee men shall be made in writing and lodged with the Executive Secretary before commencement of the meeting. If a person is nominated for a position as set out above and is defeated at an election for that position he/she may be nominated for any other position"

to

"Nominations for office bearers and committee members shall be accepted by the Executive Secretary before the commencement of the meeting or upon being called for in the meeting before voting occurs to fill the relevant position".

8. To amend Clause 10(iv) from:

"AGM will only discuss business of which notice in writing shall have been given to the Executive Secretary at least 7 days before the time of the meeting"

to

"... at least 14 days ..."

9. That Clause 10(c) be amended from:

"At least 14 days notice of the AGM shall be given by the Executive Secretary. Notices calling and setting out the business of the meeting shall be:

- (i) sent by mail to each club member
- (ii) posted on the club notice board
- (iii) posted on the Beaurepaire Centre notice board"

to

"At least fourteen (14) days notice of the date, time and venue of the AGM shall be given by the Executive Secretary by:

- (i) notification in the club newsletter
- (ii) posting on the club notice board
- (iii) posting on the Beaurepaire Centre notice board.

Notices calling and setting out the business of the meeting shall be given by the Executive Secretary at least seven (7) days before the meeting by the above noted methods".

Note also that the requirements in the Constitution in relation to proxy voters will be enforced. (Clause 15 and Appendix 1) That is, notice of a member appointing another member as his proxy for a particular meeting must be given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting and must specify the resolution/s for which the proxy is authorised to vote on their behalf and whether they are in favour of or against the particular resolution/decision.