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Remember last Dribbling Balls (or have you tried to forget?) where the CYMS B Grade men submitted 4 fictitious match reports of the one game. Well, we kick off this edition with the fifth in the trilogy. I won't say who wrote it, you may be able to guess, but I will say it contains about as much truth as an Alan Bond statement to the Broadcasting Control Tribunal or his corporate tax return...

CYMS B Grade Men (Sun. 12/2)

Uni 46 d. RMIT 34

The game started with all RMIT's highly skilled team rushing to a 12 to 2 lead. But with Andrew Jirik throwing up a few bricks and lean, mean Steve Randall losing the ball consistently, RMIT's lead was increased to 22-2 at half time. The second half opened with Matt shooting 3 three pointers to bring Uni a little closer, but with Moses committing a couple of costly fouls RMIT started to pull away. But with 10 minutes remaining Matt made a couple of steals and hit a few 15 footers and suddenly Uni was back in contention. Mick then lost the ball a few times giving RMIT some easy baskets. But all was not lost, Stud and Dave L. weren't taking many shots and Uni began to rally. Moses hit a short range jumper and Andrew got a clothesline 3 pointer to drop. With two minutes remaining scores were level at 34 apiece, but with Matt powering home a 360 wheeler dealer followed by 2 three pointers RMIT were blown out of the stadium.

Matt 100,034 (5x3), Moses 4, Andrew 3, Mick 3, Steve 2.

CYMS B Grade Men (Sun. 26/2)

Uni 64 d. Moorabbin Marvels 24

The Moorabbin who? That's what I thought when I looked at the Sunday night fixture and it wasn't until I checked the ladder that I found them languishing at the bottom of B Grade, still, they were opposition and we have been beaten by bottom sides before, except when we were on the bottom (does that mean you've never beaten yourself? - Ed.) The game saw the return of Nick "Studd" Wade from a tax dodging seminar and the continuing good form of the premier big men in B Grade, Steve Randall and Moses Morosoli, whose inside play has become legend in the past few weeks. In a pleasing team effort we dominated on the boards at both ends of the court, playing tight and aggressive defence and moving the ball forward quickly and surely for many fast break opportunities. Confident ball control by Mick and Andrew provided easy avenues to the basket both for the big men and opened up the outside shot for Studd (bad for basketball - Ed.). In a game we should have won easily, we won easily.

Stud 20, Steve 14, Moses 12, Matt the Lesser 6, Andrew 4, Mick 3, Incorrect Uniform 5.

M.B.A. A GRADE (Mon. 27/2)

Mavericks 82 d. Uni 45

With the Editor desperate for articles, any report must be a welcome report. The summer season drawing to a close (perhaps being thrashed to a close would be more accurate? - Ed.), a brief review seems appropriate. A season of "might have been" efforts. Reasonable performances before Christmas with a win/loss record of 3/7. Four games were lost in close encounters of the 5 shocking minutes type. Guest players Simon B-G, Skippy, Bowlesy, Rick and Scholes the Elder



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played the odd game (I've seen them all do that - Ed.) and put in the odd good performance. Significantly, teams both first and second on the ladder were defeated on good nights. The effort against the top team, Mavericks, as the score line suggests, was not a huge night. Everyone struggled hard, but the opposition were too big and too classy. Only two notable features worth commenting upon. A great game by Scott B-W (Big-Waistline? - Ed.) in a welcome return to form. Secondly the notable lack of fitness shown by a couple of players - hard times ahead guys. Isn't it nice to have me back, John? (I certainly hope that's a rhetorical question, Phil - Ed.)

Scott 15, Rod 10, Matt, Carey 6, Phil 4, Tim 2, Clarkie 2 (1/10?)

V.W.B.C. Div 2 (Wed 1/3)

Bayside 42 d Uni 38

Q. How many players out of a team of seven should be warming up two minutes before a Championship season game starts?

A. It sure as hell shouldn't be four.

We didn't, for various reasons, manage to have our normal, settled pre-game preparation before this match. In fact we didn't settle for the whole game. When we played M2M we didn't stop their one tall player. When we played zone we didn't stop their one shooter. When we had the ball we mostly threw it away. When the siren went to end the game we were the losers. When it comes to the split we may well regret having lost to Bayside.

Mrs. Burns 10 Carmel 9 Fran 8 Sal, Trish 4 Bernie 3

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 1/3)

Uni 101 d. Varpas 51

Well, last season it took us twenty rounds to crack the ton, this season we did it second game in. Not only that, it was against Varpas, a team which always gives us a tough game and beat us during last championship season. Well, they didn't have a chance this time. In the first half we ran absolute riot. Graeme celebrated his return from Sydney with 13 points and Dim showed great aggression to also bag 13. Jack Dillon made a return from his death bed to dominate the offensive boards for 9 points and Col chipped in with a few as well. We led 55-26 at the change, and despite a slow start to the second half it was beyond even us to lose from this position. A comfortable 51 point victory was obtained. Graeme's 16 point second half was useful. We are now two wins from two starts in the championship season.

Graeme 29, Jack 16 Dim 15, Col 14, Mal 10, SBG 8, J.C. 7, Greg 2.

The following report was lovingly compiled by the coach's loyal supporter, but we print it anyway...

V.W.B.C. DIV 2 (Sat 4/3)

Uni 39 d Knox 30

Despite living under the threat of being publicly identified as Salman Rushdie in disguise, the following match report comes from the journalist behind the woman behind the man behind the team who sat slightly to the left but definitely behind the man behind the tallest woman on the team -

From the sublime to the almost better. From Aunty's NBA All-stars game at the Astrodome Friday night to my first "live" Melbourne Uni v. Knox Raiders game at Albert Park the next night. What a weekend of basketball it was folks! From the moment I arrived at the stadium I began to gain an appreciation for the tangential logic which seems to



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flow through this game - Uni wore a black uniform and Knox white, Uni was "light" on the scoreboard and Knox "dark" - it was going to be a long and difficult night.

Before the match one umpire appeared to be telling the other what to do, but during the game coach Sweetten appeared to take over the role as umpire's advisor - and in a most vociferous manner. Though to be fair everyone (except for me) appeared to be frequently bewildered by umpiring decisions.

THUMP on the scorebench! Didn't the scorers look surprised. Oh, that was just the Melbourne Uni coach (he look's as though he should be wearing a pigtail).

Both teams are pouring with sweat by the end of the game. (And the coach, which could be considered surprising given that from as far as I could tell he didn't actually do anything! But then eating Indian cuisine could hardly be described as energetic activity and yet it achieves the same result).

Anyway I've never seen so many people getting hot and sweaty playing sport on a Saturday night! Are these people social outcasts or what? Well, we all know the coach is a social cripple. It must be his fault.

And then it finally finished. Victory. Although the rules appear to be based around an amalgam of hurling and Royal tennis, it was entertaining to watch and barracking for the winning side and then driving back to East Melbourne for a beer is probably more satisfying than driving home to Knox a loser.

Coach's Note - for reasons unknown the above report appears to pay little attention to anything other than the coach. Just for the record the result was another fine allround team effort. Fran and Mrs. Burns responded well to the challenge of playing in front of a big home crowd (thanks Cath and Ian), working hard around the boards and scoring 13 and 10 points respectively. Carmel also kept up her good form and by jingo by crikey don't we play better when we're all at the game.

Fran 13 Mrs. Burns 10 Carmel 8 Trish 5 Bernie 4

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 8/3)

Uni 82 d. Knox 52

We arrived at the stadium to find ourselves clear on top of the Division 2 ladder by about 1 percentage point. Our opponents sat on the bottom having lost their two opening games. This would be recognized by all Uni supporters as a very dangerous set up. Disaster was on the cards. Things didn't look much better when a bright start in offence from J.C. and Graeme gave us an 8 point lead which was brought back to 24-24 with three minutes left in the first half. A change to zone defence and some last minute running from Col who played a top 20 minutes, saw us lead by 8, 37-29 at the half. Highlight of the first half? Well I spoke to Simon who said it was that Isiah Thomas bounce pass to Col for a lay up on the run, proving the bounce pass was nowhere near dead as a weapon in basketball. In the second stanza we drew away to lead by about 14 for most of the half and were never really threatened. Graeme continued to do well in offence and also 'blocked about three hundred shots, while Dim penetrated well in offence. Our fitness told in the final analysis and



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we scored 8 points in the last minute of the game to win by a convincing 30 points, thus retaining top spot on the ladder with a perfect three from three record.

Graeme 25, J.C. 16, Dim 12, Col, Jack 10, Mal 5.

I am reliably informed that the following match report is to be sung to the tune of "The Day We Went to Bangor". The mind boggles...

V.W.B.C. Div 2 (Wed 8/3)

Uni 36 d Sandringham 34

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
The weather was grim as I sighted the gym
and tried to find the entrance you know then
Up and down ramps I slowly advanced
and ended up in the right spot
I was quickly aware only Sally was there
as the clock ticked down.

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
The girls all arrived dressed in Denton's attire
and searched around for the toilets you know then
One of the refs said two minutes left
so we ran a couple of layups
The team gathered round but the siren did sound
as the clock had ticked down.

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
Carmel was hot, nailed five points on the trot
and we built a seven-nil lead you know and
We had all the play but the lead slipped away
as we quietly slipped into cruise mode
When half time did come we were up by just one
as the team wound down.

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
We tried to play man but things got out of hand
so we went back into a zone defence and
they hit the lead but they altered their D
and Bernie hit a three pointer
It started a roll, our defence took control
as the team fired up.

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
With five minutes left the lead stretched out to eight
and we started celebrations you know but
Sandy put in and it wiped off our grins
as the lead was cut to two points
My heart skipped a beat and the ball we did freeze
and the team fell in.

Didn't we have a lovely time the night we played at Sandy
The game had been won but it wasn't much fun and
we had a little post mortem you know but
We're 3-1 to date as things slowly take shape
and we're doing much better than Eltham (in Joke !)
And this time next week we must beat Werribee
and the wheels went round.
Bernie, Carmel 11 Mrs. Burns 6 Fran 4 Sal, Trish 2



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V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 15/3)

Nunawading 82 d. Uni 69

Well, after three weeks of high flying, the bolts blew off the cargo door of the Uni jumbo and it crash landed on court 34 with a deafening thud. We dominated the early going to take a commanding 4-2 lead in this game, only to see it slip away to a 20 point deficit before half time. We proved that by running against full court pressure and throwing up the first thing that came into our heads in offence (think "brick" here) we could quite easily throw away a game. Graeme was whacked and hacked but still managed 10 points in the first half, but our slack defence and non-existent defensive rebounding saw us establish a useful 27-45 half time deficit. The second half was pretty much the same story for the first 10 minutes, with very little inroad being made into the deficit. However, for one brief moment we started to rebound and run, with Simon grabbing a few boards, then Sleepy (who up to this stage had spent most of the game proving that Dentons products are so good they can put you to sleep two hours before your head hits the pillow) woke up and fired in 10 points from close range and we snuck the margin back to about 10. It was all too much like hard work though, and we eventually lost by 13. A disappointing game in a number of respects. Our record is now 3-1.

Graeme 18, Dim 13, Sleepy 12, Simon 8, J.C. 7, Mal 6, Col 5.

C.Y.M.S. Championship Men (Sun. 19/3)

Uni 87 d. Segarsonics 68

Jean Prior once told me (and I wasn't allowed to disagree) that the most important points in any game are the three you get for winning it. Never before was this more graphically illustrated than in this game where we got six points for the win. Why? Well, these guys didn't show up last time we were supposed to play them and cooked up some lame excuse which the association accepted and decided that this game would be for double points, six for a win two for a loss. Of course, I wasn't telling the team any of this. The merest mention of extra points, finals or must win games has the well documented "Uni Effect". Suffice to say, we played badly for the first 10 minutes, allowing them unguarded shots and numerous offensive rebounds as we opened up a 12 point deficit. Gradually though, we worked our way back into the game, with Bowlesy lifting our rebounding performance and Swaaartz going particularly well in offence. When Mungus scored on a break with 1 second left in the first half we had managed to get back to lead 45-40. In the second half our performance was solid, with Sleepy waking up long enough to grab a few offensive rebounds for buckets and our defensive rebounding picking up to the point where our running game finally got going. Mungus hit a couple of good baskets but it was Swaaartz again who dominated the offence completing a great game with about 30 points. A comfortable win by 19 points in a very physical game where we ended up with three on the court to their four. The scoresheet disappeared at the end of the game, so I'll make up the scorers.

Swaaartz 29, Mungus 19, Riq 15, J.C. 11, Sleepy 8, Bowlesy 5.

BALLARAT : I wasn't going to mention this tournament, but as Dribbling Balls basically chronicles the history of the Melbourne University Basketball Club I thought I'd better mention the fact that the men's A Grade side defeated a full strength, two American, first division Broadmeadows team by 7 points in their opening game after leading by up to 20 points for much of the game. Must rank as one of the best performances by a Uni team ever. Graeme Jane played a handy



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game and must have had about 30 points. I recall him missing a foul shot, but that's about all he missed. All the team played pretty well. I'm not going to mention that we lost the remainder of our games by margins of between 10 and 40 points, including a drubbing in our return match against Broadmeadows. Nor am I going to mention Mick Lewis running around the Criterion Hotel car park "heaverin" in his jocks at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. So there.

DENTONS PRODUCT OF THE MONTH : This is a new Dribbling Balls feature designed to introduce MUBC members to the range of products available from our major sponsor, Dentons - the only company you need in bed. First cab off the rank is the "SILENT KNIGHT PILLOW"....

Friends, how often have you been sound asleep at a tournament, only to be disturbed by a low rumbling which builds to a crescendo not unlike the roar of a McDonnell-Douglas F18 Hornet breaking the sound barrier in your sleeping bag? You wake to the horrible realization that you are within earshot of the slumbering Bowlesy on one side and Pendles on the other. Yes, you have mega-snoring in stereo. Well friends your problems are over. Dentons announces the Silent Knight Pillow, the pillow which prevents snoring.

Yes friends, the Silent Knight Pillow ensures that the air passages in the throat remain open and unobstructed, thus eliminating the snoring sound. The specially contoured design ensures even, unrestricted breathing by supporting both the head and the throat, whether sleeping on the back, the side or the wife. Slip one of these under Bowlesy and one under Pendles and that's it - blissful silence and undisturbed repose for all.

Of course, in the unlikely event that using the Silent Knight Pillow in the recommended manner does not stop the snoring, there are a number of other alternative methods of using the pillow to solve the problem. You can try grabbing the pillow back from the snorer and using it to block your ears, or even more effectively, using it to smother the snorer. University tests prove that 9 out of 10 people who aren't breathing aren't snoring either.

The good news is friends, that the Silent Knight Pillow comes with its own zip off protective cover and retails for \$47.50 but the MUBC sponsor's special price is only \$32 for MUBC club members and their immediate family. A small price to pay to shut up Bowlesy and Pendles.

DRIBBLING BALLS : Thanks to those people who gave some positive feedback on the Second Best of Dribbling Balls, it was much appreciated. Thanks also to the people who've been submitting stuff to print. Keep it up, but no more songs to the tune of "Day Trip to Bangor", Dribbling Balls is daggy enough as it is....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Well, it's that time of year again. The AGM will be held in the Board Room of the Beaurepaire Centre (above the Martial Arts Room at the Trinity College end of the gym) at 8.30 p.m. on Monday April 10. The new time is to encourage more people to attend (except Henry and the Monday night men training and playing) so please turn up and register your protest about there being no traditional pub crawl after the AGM. An agenda follows to trap those who always read the last page of Dribbling Balls first...



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MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne University Basketball Club will be held on Monday 10 April 1989 at 8.30 p.m. in the Board Room, Beaurepaire Centre.

AGENDA

1. President's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of 1988 Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Presentation of reports
 - 5.1 President's Report
 - 5.2 Secretary's Report
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
6. 1989 Subscription Level
7. Election of Office Bearers
 - 7.1 President
 - 7.2 Vice-President (to be of opposite gender to President)
 - 7.3 Treasurer
 - 7.4 Secretary
 - 7.5 Assistant Secretary
 - 7.6 Social Secretaries (one female, one male)
 - 7.7 General Representatives (one female, one male)
 - 7.8 Junior Representatives (one female, one male, not to have joined the club before the 1988 Annual General Meeting)
8. General Business (of which notice has been given)

David Liddle
Secretary
M.U.B.C.



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