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Enjoy this edition of Dribbling Balls while you can, there's a rumour going around that Teddy's going to give me a bunch of match reports dating back to March 25 (1564). Should be great...

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 3/5)

Bulleen 86 d. Uni 57

Well, we continued our good form from the Yarraville game where we lost by 30 odd and repeated the performance here. It was virtually a carbon copy of that game with the team being well placed for most of the first half before falling in a hole so deep the worms spoke Chinese. Defence was non-existent as we were outscored 45-32 in the first half, but this was overshadowed by our offensive production of 25 points in the second half. The only facet of the second half worth reporting on was Jack Dillon stealing the ball from the dork who was trying to give him a hard time then taking it to the hoop and producing a monster slam right in this guy's face. As I said, the only highlight. We have won 5 and lost 6 and the finals are on a Very Fast Train heading away from us.

Jack 16, Sleepy 15, J.C. 12.

V.W.B.C. DIV 4 (Wed. 3/5)

Uni 63 d. Waverley 26

Having learnt the new zone offence, the team was confident of showing the coach that it wasn't going to work so they could free-lance as usual. Instead, shock, horror, it worked so well we completely demoralized the opposition. With Emma and Carrie dominating the boards at both ends and the guards hitting shots from outside off the screens a big win looked likely. In the second half though, with the two American "scouts" watching, Carrie took the game by the throat and made the winning margin a massacre, scoring 18 for the half. Combined tight defence finished the rout and we ran out the easiest of winners. A good all up effort which bodes well for the rest of the season.

Carrie 24 Emma 11 Renae 8, Tracy 7, Bridget 6, Margie 5, Andrea 2

C.Y.M.S. Championship Men (Sun. 7/5)

Princes Hill 68 d. Uni 64

As part of the new CYMS initiative to give lower grades experience on court one, this game was played at 5.30 out the back on court 7. It was such a success that it was decided that all A Grade games will now be played at 8.45 Sunday morning in the car park using two rubbish bins as the baskets. But back to the game. We were playing last season's premiers so what do we do? Simple. Show up with just 4 players when a minimum of 5 is required to start the game. Our fifth dimension appeared after 7 minutes of time had expired, thus we incurred a 7 point late start penalty. Students of vector calculus, advanced differential equation theory, trigonometric geometry and basic subtraction will realize that since we lost by 4, this 7 points was quite significant. Who cares? Truth is we blitzed in what remained of the first half and led 27-23 at the change, with their 23 including those 7 points. Swaartz was dominant with 12 points and Riq had 8. We threw the ball away a little too much to win the game in the second half, although J.C. found some touch with a string of 4 three pointers in his 17 second half points. We'll do well in the car park next week.

J.C. 20 (5 x 3 ptrs), Swaartz 19, Riq 14, Sleepy 8, FF24 3.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 10/5)

Uni 75 d. Blackburn Vikings 43

Just when you thought it was safe to write off the men's firsts as having no chance of making the playoffs, they turn around and keep their myriad of supporters in pain for another week by beating Blackburn, a team against which we usually struggle (and often lose). The first half was steady with good work from Dim on the break and Rick driving to the basket and the strong defensive presence of Jack Dillon. We worked our way to a 32-19 half time lead. With defence the key in the second half we played the first 10 minutes or so maintaining the pressure but finding it hard to score. At the 15 minute mark we broke loose with Col making a drive and a 3 pointer, Mal making 3 tough shots and Rick playing great offence around the hoop to bag 10 points for the half. Rick also rejected a bunch of shots in defence as we raced away to a good win which helped our percentage a little after the last couple of weeks. We are now 6 wins, 6 losses and not even talking about finals any more.

Rick 18, Dim 13, J.C. 11, Col 9, Simon 8, Mal 6, Scotty, Jack 5.

V.B.A. DIV. 2 (Wed. 17/5)

Werribee 70 d. Uni 66

The good thing about the drive home from Werribee after a performance like this is that you have time to get a lot of things out of your system and return to a state almost approaching humanity. My cat is very lucky that this is the case. We led for 39 of the 40 minutes of this game, by margins of as much as 17 points in the first half. However, when things got tough in the second half we wimped it and allowed the game to be taken away from us. We had 44 points in the first half, 22 in the second. With 33 seconds left we had sideline possession and a two point lead according to the scoreboard. We failed to get the ball into play the next three times we had possession and lost by two on the scoreboard. Fortunately the scoreboard was wrong and we really lost by 4. I mean, think how bad we would have felt if we froze the ball for 30 seconds thinking we were ahead, only to draw the game. We would have been really upset. Never mind, I'd rather have a four week rest while the finals are on anyway.

J.C. 20 (4 x 3 ptrs), Rick 14, Greg 11, Jack 9.

DENTONS PRODUCT OF THE MONTH : Some time ago (about a month) we had our first in this fabulously entertaining series featuring some of the wonderful products manufactured by our major sponsor, Dentons - the only company you need in bed. And here's another one....

Do you have a huge stomach? Do you wake up feeling sick every morning? In the middle of the night do you eat more weird food like pickle ice cream than Geoff Bowles? Well, this product could be for you. Yes, Dentons - the only company you need in bed - proudly announce DENTONS PREGNANCY PILLOW. Yes folks, this is the one thing no pregnant woman can afford to be without (if you exclude the baby). Tests in major women's hospitals found that the pillow relieved the back ache experienced in late pregnancy in the majority of cases. Tests in very minor and disreputable men's hospitals however, found it to be of absolutely no use in reducing the hangover head ache experienced after celebrating the baby's birth.

Yes, Dentons Pregnancy Pillow elevates and supports your stomach and the baby, so you can rest comfortably in the preferred position as

illustrated in the brochure available at all souvlaki bars across Melbourne. Following the birth of the baby you can use the Dentons Pregnancy Pillow to support your spine and pelvis while feeding the baby. This is important because opening those little jars of Heinz can really twist you out of shape. A further bonus is that the Pregnancy Pillow is covered with a zip off washable pillow cover, making an ideal cot pillow for the baby, because when the kid chunders you can simply throw it in the washing machine, then whack it in the tumble drier for a couple of hours on "hot" and it'll be as good as new. And if that doesn't work, try washing the pillow protector.

Yes friends, the Dentons Pregnancy Pillow is an invaluable aid to all those enduring pregnancy or infancy, and even better, it's available to MUBC members and their families at the incredible price of \$14, a saving of \$6 over recommended retail price, not to mention what they charge for them at Myer. I know because Dave Liddle told me they were advertised at \$35 when he was looking for them. Just one question Dave. Why were you looking for a Pregnancy Pillow? Hmmm....

COMMITTEE CLAPTRAP : Anonymous members of your fearless committee have asked me to inform you of their latest collective brainwave. That is, if your team gives a walkover, it has to pay the fine for it. So there. And they know who you are, too.

CLASSIC COMMENTARY : Well, the coverage and the comments continue, although I reckon the standard's down a bit on last year. Still, what can you expect when Sydney's Mr. Intelligent (Mark Chester) is commenting. Not even Bill Palmer can save him most of the time. From the Eastside - Sydney game then the Melbourne - Perth debacle...

"Ball didn't go in but it was two points anyway because the foul was after the shot - we've got that cleared up" - Mark Chester describing a Tim Morrissey charge/basket/goal tend

"The Kings should be pressing" - Mark Chester

"They are" - Bill Palmer in reply

"That would have been my advice to them" - Mark Chester in reply

"It was a back dive with pike" - Mark Chester as Keogh is flattened by Lockhart

"Let's have a look at it again - let's not have a look at it" - Mark Chester goes to the video tape

"The next best scorer is Brad Dalton with 6 and Mark Ridlen has 8" - Mark Chester

"It's all happening down there" - Mark Chester as Morrissey and Lucas tangle

"High off the glass to say the least" - Bill Palmer as Rupert Sapwell nearly throws a shot over the back board

"It's certainly been hotting up, so many teams on top of the ladder" - Glen Palmer's wrap up of the NBL season to date

- "Can you believe that stat?" - Mark Chester
"We have to. Numbers don't lie" - Bill Palmer in reply
- "That just shows how statistics can lie" - Bill Palmer on the rebound tally for Melbourne
- "Three pointer, all net from 18 feet" - Graham McNaney
"I'd love to see the 3 point line down to 18 feet, Graeme" - Bill Palmer in reply
- "Simmonds tries the reverse slam - a bit presumptuous" - Bill Palmer as the dunk is missed
- "His verticability is even better" - Bill Palmer comparing Crawford's foot speed and leaping after a dunk
- "Nobody in the league gets as vertical as quickly as Crawford does" - Graham McNaney jumps on the band wagon
- "That's an eyebrow fake if I've ever seen one" - Bill Palmer as Crawford goes skyward in defence
- "Sometimes when you get someone as tightly cocked as Crawford..." - Bill Palmer on the same play
- "Can't buy that little hooker" - Bill Palmer as Simmonds misses
- "Gaze's career field goal percentage is 53%, when I was playing I think that was my foul shooting percentage" - Bill Palmer
- "Little side on baby hook" - Bill Palmer as Colbert misses
- "Ellis has a wide open three pointer - to heck with winding down the clock" - Bill Palmer as a quarter nears conclusion
- "The ring got out of the way of that one - pick on the net, not me" - Bill Palmer as Simmonds' flat hook shot goes in
- "The proof's in the pudding" - Bill Palmer on Colbert's injury
- "You don't count the steps 'til you land the first time" - Bill Palmer explains travels
- "Great shot, didn't go in" - Graham McNaney on Crawford's turn around
- "A no-peeking pass from Bruton" - Bill Palmer on the assist to Davis
- "You don't often see him out that far" - Graham McNaney on Tiny's 3
"You do see Pinder out that far" - Bill Palmer in reply

NBA FINALS : Our very good friends in The Age have printed more results from the first round of NBA Playoffs (best of 5) : Seattle d. Houston 3-1, Milwaukee d. Atlanta 3-2 (96-92 in the fifth game), Chicago d. Cleveland 3-2 (101-100 in the fifth game). And in the semi finals (best of 7) : Chicago leads New York 3-2, Detroit defeated Milwaukee 4-0, Los Angeles defeated Seattle 4-0 and Phoenix defeated Golden State 4-1. Stay tuned for more details as the finals progress.