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I know I promised that the Classic Commentary competition would start in this issue of Dribbling Balls. Unfortunately I'm having a little trouble deciding on the best (and getting out of bed on Saturday morning). I promise, the next edition will be huge, dynamite - you'll see...

CYMS Championship Men (Sun. 12/11)

Uni 79 d. Sonics 70

The last time we played this team we lost because we let one of their players shoot 45 points. Things looked grim as he rattled up the points in the first half, but rather than stop him we tried to outscore him. This plan worked well for most of the half with J.C. hitting 4 three pointers in 16 first half points and Mungus finding the range with 10 points and a minute before half time we led by 8 points. Half time saw us lead 37-35. Slight lapse. In the second half we maintained a slight lead thanks to the work of our big boys. Rick was awesome with 18 points for the half, benefitting from our new man to man offence (post Rick up, give him the ball and let him score). Bowlesy also did some fine work around the boards for 6 points and in the end we ran out convincing winners by 9 points.

J.C. 24 (6 x 3), Rick 24, Mungus 14, FF24 9, Greg 6, Matt 2.

CYMS B Grade Ladies (Sun. 12/11)

Uni 61 d. Redlegs 29

Achtung! Yes folks, a 32 point sieg over Redlegs (or more appropriately "bare arse cheeks"). First spielhafte wir had a bequem lead, with gut running vergehen. At spielhafte time tranieren Luders decided to stomp on sie real gut and slapped on a voll court press. The opposition didn't wissen what had treffen sie. Wir built up a wahrhaftig handy lead damalig cruised for the remaining 5 minutes or so. What a spiel to bolster our percentage. What a mannschaft of legends! (Why mention that the opposition only had 4 players?) Also I should spitze out that wir haven't verluste a spiel yet and with a bye next woche wir retain our perfekt record.

Kim 23, Michelle (nee Tania) 14, Jenny, Caroline 8, Julie, Tracy 4 (but we gave heaps of assists).

MBA A Grade (Mon. 13/11)

Mavericks 64 d. Uni 51

The opposition was BIG. Even with Tim, Phil and guest player Gary Pendlebury in our starting line up they looked BIG. As soon as the game started we knew they were BIG and skilled. Overall a reasonable effort against an opposition who lead the premiership table. A super first half by Phil and a super second half by Tim kept us in the game. Carey popped in a few outside shots. Our problem was the few fast breaks the opposition generated from their domination of the defensive boards - this we couldn't stop. Anyway, we must have had them worried because they held the ball in the



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last three minutes to minimize out strong finishing effort.  
 Tim 17, Phil 12, Carey 11, Lonni 5, Scott 4, Gary 2.

VBHBA A Grade Women (Thu. 2/11)

Uni 51 d. J.C. Walsh 28

Let me first set the scene. It's 9.21 p.m. on the night after the morning before.... wait a moment, it's not 9.21 p.m. , it's actually past my bed time, hang on while I get into a DOS Access frame and put my PC clock forward one hour... picture yourself in a time that does not exist - you have just crossed over into the twilight zone.... (I wish this report would cross over into the twilight zone - Ed.)... it's now 10.27 p.m.; my mood isn't the best, and why should it be? The B grade men have just been thrashed by BP Australia and unfortunately we were the quiet ones and they were the achievers on the move; Eastwood is about to run the gauntlet; I'm tired, but a coach has to do what a coach has to do.

In recent editions of Dribbling Balls the match reports have been more colourful, with contributors using more adjectives, synonyms, anachronisms and have quite often crossed the fine line between poetic licence and utter waffle (and this has nothing to do with polly). This match report is different, it will not cross that line, it won't have the chance, it is already over that line and will remain there until the end.

"Why was I coaching?", you may ask. Well, after an ordinary season with Thursday night A Grade men a couple of seasons ago, Gary thought it was time I stepped back into the spot light. While the game wasn't one which would have improved the team members' skills, it certainly would not have done their bottom line any harm (pardon the pun please Gillian). With only five players the game was going to be hot and tiring for the young ladies, but to their credit they all put in 40 minutes of fine basketball.

Picture, if you will, the very bright pink fluorescent tops and imagine what it would have been like to play both offence and defence against it for 40 minutes. The opposition may have thought this would put us off, but they were wrong, horrible wrong (shame, shame, shame). Everyone scored (yes, even Sue-Ellen) with new team member Luders top scoring with 17 points.

The game was played in very lack lustre spirits (although it was good to see five bright, smiling faces out on the court) with McMahon stopping to read the Herald at one stage before she decided to shoot (if she had been less interested in the hunk on the sports page she may have realised her front foot was over the three point line and stepped back a little). Addison after switching positions with Luders fired on all four in the second half and Payne, having a great time out on the court, put in a game that was nothing short of what is expected of her ("Good job Gillian").

It's now 11.17 p.m. so I'm off to bed and I'll continue with this



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very creative piece of writing at a later stage.... "zzzzzzzzzzz"

Saturday, 7.00 p.m. Getting back to the evening in discussion... Sue-Ellen and I arrived early so we sat to watch the A grade men's game in progress. One of the State Bank players was running late (maybe his name was Ralph), so instead of going into the change rooms he just stripped off in front of all, and we discovered that he had uniform co-ordinated jocks. Upon discussing this over a couple of green cans after the game a suggestion was made that we have Dentons woollen underlays made into jocks (we won't say who by). If anyone would like to take this further, be my guest.

The highlight of the evening was when Miss Kennis arrived in the bar, and after asking what she had in the supermarket bag we were informed that it was a pair of men's jocks that she had found in her washing machine, and they weren't David's!!??? It's OK Cathy, we didn't believe a word you said about how they got there.

I realise after proof reading the above that what I have written is utter bull and not even near funny, but after reading episode one of Basketball Playhouse, it appears that anything submitted will be published.

Tania "Ring-in" Luders 17, Addison 15, Sally 12, Gillian 5, Sue-Ellen 2.

(The Editor apologizes for printing the above muck without a medical authority warning. I will try to give advanced noticed the next time such drivel is included.)

VBA Div 2 (Wed. 15/11)

Uni 71 d. Altona 51

This is our favourite game, down to the West Sunshine stadium to play Altona with only one referee. Fortunately we were playing their second side which meant we should win. Unfortunately we bludged a bit in the first half after building an early 18-9 lead and only managed to lead 34-32 at half time. In the second half we got the running game going, then we got the slamming game going. Greg kept his string of best missed dunks alive, but got a two hander, while Graeme was spectacular with a huge one hander then an even huger two hander. Showtime. Graeme dominated the second half and finished with 28 for the game, ably assisted by Dim and Greg. The rest of us were responsible for several bricks.

Graeme 28, Rick 13, Dim 12, Greg 8, J.C. 6, Mal 2, Henry 2.

(The Editor apologizes for printing the following load of muck. Medical authorities warn that this type of drivel can be hazardous to you appreciation of fine music - and Hi I'm Gary)...

VBHBA D Grade Women (Thu. 16/11)

Uni 23 d. Julies 16

With apologies to Creedence Clearwater Revival (don't apologize to them, apologize to us, we're the ones that have to read it - Ed.),



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the following is loosely connected to the above game and to be sung to the tune of "Proud Mary"....

If you go down to court 6  
Bet you're gonna find some women who play  
They don't have to worry, coz they're in no hurry  
Women down on court 6 play their own way

Chorus      D Grade keep on grooving  
              Up the ladder we go moving  
              Firing, firing, firing up in D grade.

Opposition was a bit taller  
But they didn't know just what was in store  
We are the improvers, no way you can move us  
Coz this team will leave you screaming for more.

First we have our Sally at point guard  
"Air", so I've heard, is her middle name  
Melissa and Kate S - they pulled down all our rebounds  
With skill and panache, dominated all game.

Chorus

Then there was Kathy and Kate D  
They're new to the game but they really put in  
Five big points to Kate D, another two for Kathy  
And from the bench we could sense a big win.

Last but not least Sue and Tasha  
Two awesome shooters with plenty of style  
When we needed a basket, we knew where to pass it  
With a 2-2-1 press we were ahead by a mile.

Chorus

Chorus

Scorus: Kate Dujela (Doo-yeller) 5 Tasha Bareldz 5 Kathy Denino  
Sue Harman 4, Sally "Air" Lamplugh 2, Kate Schneeberger 2, Melissa  
Bell 1

CYMS Championship Men (Sun. 19/11)

Uni 90 d. PFBYC 76

This looked like being an easy win once we got to the 39 minute mark. However the earlier part of the game proved a struggle. As time-tabling usually goes for us we were rostered to play this collection of South Pacific Islanders the same day the Phillipines Festival was on, consequently there was a huge crowd providing support for the opposition. Despite this we led comfortably in the first half with Matt "Killer" Miller awesome around the boards in offence, picking up 16 points. Mungus provided the outside shooting with 14 and we cruised to half time. Unfortunately while we were



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cruising our 10 point lead was cut to one at half time as we let them run breaks. In the second half the big crowd went berserk as the opposition ran breaks, made three point plays, jumped all over us and hacked our big men to death every time they went near the ball, so with 10 minutes to play we trailed by 10. A huge Killer dunk got us back on track, Mungus buried a heap of shots for 18 second half points, Rick was an excellent focal point inside the last 5 minutes when things were tight and grabbed points for the half and the deficit was turned around. Key to our recovery in the second half was Bowlesy's effort. He did a sensational job on the boards and was deadly around the basket in offence getting 12 points for the half and drawing many fouls in a frightening display of strength.

Mungus 32, Rick 19, Killer 18, Bowlesy 14, Greg 7.

MBA A Grade (Mon. 20/11)

Uni 50 d. Powerhouse 41

No doubting exams were over - 9 players including 5 guards. Coach was able to coach for a change, and watch all the inside players being jumped upon. In the end, pressure from our constantly harassing guards led to turnovers and lay ups. Tim, Michael and Rod made some crashing interceptions coming through from the back line. Some increased patience, passing off and better ball distribution on fast breaks would have given a winning margin closer to 20 points. Scottie a return to baseline bandit manoeuvres.

Michael 11, Scott 10, Tim 9, Marco 6, Rod 5, Lonni 4, Carey 2, Late Start 2, Phil 1.

VBA Div 2 (Wed. 22/11)

Monash 44 d. Uni 40

Last time we played out at Monash the court was slippery, we started 20 minutes late because no referees turned up, we finally played the game with only one ref, it was shocking standard game and we won by 3 points. This time at Monash things were different - the court was slippery, we started 20 minutes late because no referees turned up, we finally played the game with only one ref, it was shocking standard game and we lost by 4 points. Pathetic was one of a number of adjectives that readily came to mind as we were outrebounded, made silly turnovers, shot badly and generally appeared disinterested. All this against five players only. Graeme did well in a bad first half after which we trailed 20-15. Rick and Simon fired up a bit in the second half but generally it was a sad effort. Still, it was a hot night and we'd all had hard days at work and it's only summer season and we're experimenting etc. etc.

Graeme 15, Rick 15, Simon 8.

CYMS Championship Men (Sun. 26/11)

Uni 113 d. Oakleigh 75

As the scoreline indicates, this game was as close to show time as you're ever going to see from a Uni team. Rarely have such feats been achieved against reasonable opposition, and it wasn't just because Andrew Rogers was refereeing the game. This wasn't just



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awesome, it was awe-everyone. Swaaartz "Give me the ball on the break, it's only one on four - I'll dunk it", Mungus "What else could I do? - I was open 30 feet from the hoop", Greg "Oops, missed another dunk" and Killer "Coast to coast tomahawk through traffic". Fairly impressive. It was all happening on court one.

Mungus 39 (5 x 3), Swaaartz 21, Killer 16, Rick 14, Greg 10, J.C. 8, Bowlesy 4, Matt 1.

CYMS B Grade Women (Sun. 26/11)

St Albans 33 d. Uni 27

Dear Tania, Just thought we'd drop you a line to let you know how things have gone since you left us. It's pretty green around here what with playing Snalbans and Michelle's green shoelaces. I understand you have a touch of the Martian flu (at least you didn't go dotty like Teddy). We had our first loss for the season - we were missing you too much. They even got more fast breaks than Kim which is really saying something. Unfortunately, when it came down to the bottom line, they shot more baskets than we did. Every brick went in. There were enough to build an Olympic Village.

Tracy 9, Kim 8, Jenny 5, Tammy, Carolyn 2.

VBA Div. 2 (Wed. 29/11)

Uni 70 d. Kilsyth 55

Well, the Uni firsts' whistlestop tour of all parts out of the Melbourne phone book zone continued with a big game at Kilsyth. We zoomed past Coops on the way, then saw the Scholes Family and friends stuck at a service station trying to fix their windscreen wipers, Rick got drowned on the way and it looked like being a big night. In fact we played steadily for most of the night, leading by 30-28 at half time after Rick and J.C. combined for a few points, then accelerating in the second half with great boards from Greg and Rick, touchdown bombs from J.C., a great debut by Matt the Lesser Scholes particularly in the 3-2 zone and some breaks by Stuart. We won by a comfortable 15 points in an enjoyable game. Still took us an hour to get home.

Rick 18 Greg 14, J.C. 12, Stuart, Matt 8, Simon 6, Michael 4.

CYMS Championship Men (Sun. 3/12)

Uni 73 d. Floaters 64

I guess we were expected to win this game fairly easily, so it was surprising to most when we did. Mungus dominated first half scoring with 14 assisted by Greg "Best missed dunk - again" Scholes with 6, and we led 32-23 at the change. In the second half Mungus had a rest and Rick took over with 18 points as both teams decided to give defence a miss and cruise to a 41-41 half, giving us a 9 point win and keeping us close to the four. Rick said that I had to mention that J.C. threw about 80 assists, but that's hardly news!

Rick 22 Mungus 19 Sleepy 12, FF24, J.C. 6, Killer, Michael 4.

VBA Div 2 (Wed. 6/12)

Melbourne 67 d. Uni 53

Henry said that you need to lose some games like this one during



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the summer, so we thought we'd oblige. An entertaining first half saw teams dealocked at 32-32 after 20 minutes. A less entertaining second half saw us shooting a dismal 21 points and lose comfortably by 14 points. This was despite Graeme and Rick doing well on the boards. Look at the bright side, all those youngsters in the Melbourne side will be back playing Division 3 next season so we won't have to worry about them.

Graeme 17, Rick 17, Michael 11.

VBA Div 2 (Wed. 13/12)

Uni 76 d. Varpas 67

The last game of the 1980's saw us finish on a high note. We won. A comfortable victory over the persistent but undermanned Varpas team. A lazy first half featuring even team scoring from Simon, Rick, Ian and J.C. saw us sneak ahead 34-31 after 20 minutes. In the second half we began brilliantly and with Rick and Ian leading the way around the basket we established a 20 point lead. Henry then went into experimentation mode where we found some good ways to blow a 20 point lead. In the end we cruised to a 9 point win.

Rick 23, Ian 16, Simon 16, J.C. 11, Michael 6, Greg 4.

Well, I've always said there should be more coaching information in Dribbling Balls. This new feature looks set to help...

#### ANDREW STARES' BASKETBALL INTANGIBLES

Lesson One : The high five.

Requirements : Two people (beginners should be similar size).

A worthwhile play for a high five.

Step 1 : The two players about to execute the move should face each other. Beginners should start about 6 feet apart.

Step 2 : Raise the inside arm (arm closest to your partner). It is important to get this right, otherwise injuries may occur when you and your partner run into each other. It is not cool to run into each other during this manoeuvre.

Step 3 : Slowly move towards each other and attempt to clap your upraised hand against your partner's upraised hand making a noise (like a clap).

Congratulations, you have just completed a high five.

Note : For the full effect there should be no smiling. No smiling. Experienced high fivers make the skill seem natural - and that's cool.

Yours anonymously, Andrew Stare.

(I get it : Stare - Gaze. Took a while - Ed.)

And finally, what a way to start a new year....

#### B'BALL PLAYHOUSE - EPISODE 3

Once again we delve into the depths of poetic licence as B'Ball Playhouse makes a Days of Our Lives script look like a Homeric epic. In today's episode the scriptwriters delve into new depths-



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to see if they can write anything actually approaching a story...

Shazza and Doreen are talking once again on the all important issues that concern their everyday lives...

Shazza: "I always use a shampoo with extra body"

Doreen: "Damn, I always end up showering alone"

(That does it... someone has to get the Benny Hill joke book away from Dave Liddle - Ed.) Well it looks like we'll have to wait until next week for the plot to develop... although I doubt that the suspense will kill anyone.

### M.U.B.C. DIARY DATES

#### Happening

#### Contacts

*1989*

Christmas Party, Dec 15,  
\$2 - BYO.

Emma Addison  
Andrew Jirik

Swan Hill tournament, Dec 29 -  
31.

Cathy Kennis  
David Morosoli

*1990*

Moonee Valley races picnic,  
Jan 13, BYO everything.

Emma Addison  
Andrew Jirik

Warnambool tournament, late  
Jan - Australia Day week-end.

Cathy Kennis  
David Morosoli

Tennis Day, early March.

Emma Addison  
Andrew Jirik

Ballarat tournament, early  
March - Labour Day week-end.

Cathy Kennis  
David Morosoli

Mt. Gambier tournament, Easter.

Cathy Kennis  
David Morosoli

Commencement tournament

Cathy Kennis  
David Morosoli

Golf Day, late April.

Emma Addison  
Andrew Jirik

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