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Hail the return of Dribbling Balls. A new decade, a new editorial staff, the same old cliches and jokes. This edition see's the Club's hardest journey North to Swan Hill.

C1 Women vs The Rest

The last tournament for the decade and the C1 girls had only one objective in mind, one goal to aim for, one ambition for which the attainment was paramount, to drink Sean under the table every night. They were successful.

As far as basketball goes, we had a strong team for C grade with Gill, Trish Canny, Michelle (in her comeback performance), Sally, Nicole, Simone and Trish Mahoney. All in all a strong line up that promised to perform well.

Our first game set the scene for all of the preliminary round matches, aggressive defence on the ball and off the boards coupled with a fast breaking offence and strong inside work had us set up for wins by half time. We finished our first three games without a loss.

Sunday was finals day, it was also hot, damn hot. In order to reach the Grand Final we would have to win both a quarter and a semi final along the way. By 12:20 pm court 2 had warmed up nicely for our quarter final, none the less, a full court press followed by a man to man defence soon had the game going our way and we ran out with a comfortable 25 point win.

A highlight of the game was Simone's 12 first half points.

Our semi final game against "The Philistines" again saw us running our defensive press to great effect, and, as in previous games, we had virtually set up the win by half time.

And so it came to the Grand Final. The opposition turned out to consist largely of Dandenong Rangers 1st Division players (there aint no justice in this world - Ed) and having already played two games in the past 6 hours, this game was going to be tough. We again started with a pressing defence but their outside shooting against our zone soon had us down by 8 - 10 points. A switch to M2H and a few fast break baskets closed the deficit and at half time we were in with a chance. Unfortunately, the 2nd half continued much the same as the 1st, we were always close but never in front and at the final siren we were down by about 6 points. Finishing Runners Up was a good result considering our opposition and the conditions we played in.

As always, Gill and Sally played very well over the weekend, always putting in 100%, also Nicole and Michelle playing as supporting guards made valuable contributions. Trish M. played a dominant role inside and was well supported by both Trish C. and Simone.



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Once again it was a weekend of thrills and spills at Swan Hill. Let's go to the videotape of the three games your commentator was involved in....

UNI more than them d BLAZERS less than us

Ah Swan Hill, that great cesspool of inequity where communism is for the masses and sweat abounds. Oops - I hate it when my history paper and my D. B's reports get mixed up. Back to the plot. Against a team of champions the opposition had no hope as we shot well from outside and the forwards rebounded whatever the guards missed. Matt was also inspiring as a Coach. The boy will go far with such inspirational lines as "look Dave if you're open, shoot!" I always knew he had a great understanding of the fundamentals of the game. Anyway we won, they lost and it was a great start to the tournament. What else needs to be said? Oh yes, Dave Liddle shot 22 points and that about covers it, false modesty aside.

JETZ X d UNI X-1

In yet another sensational display, Uni hustled hard, fought well but suffered the inequity (do two inequities make one equity - Ed) of losing a close game. I'm not sure why but that seems familiar somehow.... Maybe I've been away too long. Anyway we lost, they won and Dave L continued to shoot well with 15. Special mention to Dave M who had 4 baskets from 4 attempts at one stage (or was that 10 attempts? Doesn't matter)

ADELAIDE UNI Y d UNI Y-heaps

In an inglorious exit to the tournament, the team of Champions, Mike J, Mick S, Dave M, Dave L, Kevin, and Joe lost to a team who left their best player on the bench until half time. Unfair tactics in my book but if that's the way they want to play then who am I to argue? We played well, but lost because they played better, and if you want me to be more succinct then forget it! Dave L continued to shoot well with 15 and the rest of the team also did well but ran out of legs - not a pretty sight either.

Did you hear about the Irishman who tied his balls together, "Well, if you can't lick'em, join'em"



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Off the court the usual drinks were drunk, the usual jokes were told and everyone generally had a good time. Mind you whoever brought Simon needs a serious talking to. That "What qualities does a person need for you to have a good one night stand f...?" just brought trouble for a lot of people. D.B's, in an attempt to take advantage of other's discomfort has the first quiz of the year...

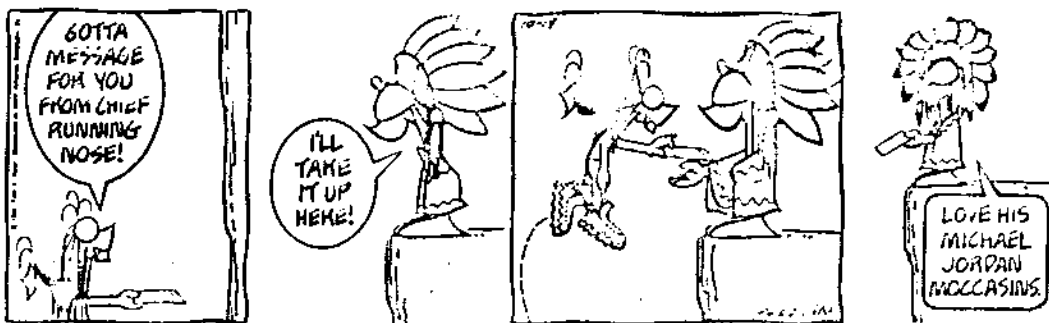
There aren't any prizes but you can send entries in to Dave M or Dave L if you wish. The winner will not have their name slandered for at least two issues. What more incentive do you need? Simply match the list of initials provided with the quotes given.

"Not Matt Scholes!"	M. J. (1)
"They just need to be warm"	S. G.
"Alive, human and male"	H. C.
"I don't really care, so long as they say yes"	K. G.
"Rich, without a pot."	K. J.
"They have to wear a lab coat"	M. S.
"I'm too old for that these days, however.."	M. J. (2)
"I'm only looking for serious relationships, that's the third one this week.."	M. J. (3)
"You're the nicest skirt in the club!"	M. H.

Well if you can't match these, don't worry; just make it up. I'm sure we just did.... Other quotes have unfortunately been censored or forgotten however here are two more pearlys for your pleasure...

- a) A certain young lady and an obnoxious young man were involved in this brief dissertation (not necessarily to each other).
 "I'm just going to shower, I always feel like a fresh girl afterwards."
 "I didn't know she needed a shower to be a fresh girl!?!"
- b) "You obviously want to lead a short life"
 "You already are!"

Anyone complaining about not being libelled, er, mentioned in this issue should write their own reports. Finally... this weeks couple of the tournament goes to two people who shall remain nameless. All I can say is that it could only have been Mick's inflatable pockets which attracted Karen. But remember don't mention any names, I think I did once but I'm pretty sure I got away with it...



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CONGRATULATIONS !!!

The aftermath of the Australian Universities Basketball Championships held late last year in Canberra saw the following awards being given by the Sports Union...

Jo Storer	...	Full Blue
Sally McMahon	...	Full Blue
Tracy Nero	...	Half Blue
Rowena Butler	...	Half Blue
Greg Scholes	...	Half Blue

Congratulations to those people for a top effort in representing their club.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 26/27/28	...	Warrnambool Tournament
Feb 1/2/3	...	Keilor Tournament
March 9/10/11	...	Ballarat Tournament

If you are interested in going to any of these, please tell either Sally McMahon or David Morosoli ASAP

Want to see your name in print? Have everyone read about how many points you scored in a game? Get back at the coach for sitting you on the bench? Then write your own Dribbling Balls Match Report. It'll save you having to read the drivvle we write. We have included the official Dribbling Balls Match Report Form for your reporting convenience, however, any scrap of paper will be acceptable. Remember, the more you write, the less we write.

Just to prove how desperate we are for material, here's a letter from a former world traveller that's so bad, the U.S. post refused to handle it, claiming they don't allow obscene matter in the mail.

Dear Anonymous Ex-Editor

Nothing is certain these days, what with Collingwood winning a premiership, anything can happen, however, B'Ball Playhouse shall continue to be written until such a time as someone comes up with some alternative rubbish, then again there were all those years under your penmanship...

B'ball Playhouse sets no great literary standards but then neither does Neighbours, and look how popular that turned out to be, at least it serves a purpose by allowing people to vent their frustrations, by abusing its corny, stupid jokes (see, it even works for its author !!). I eagerly await your critical appraisal and abuse of this one.



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BASKETBALL PLAYHOUSE

Yes, once again we delve into the everyday lives of a group of people whose story has become synonymous with poor jokes, lack of script and a source for researching the disposal of garbage. As you may remember, despite yourself, the last episode introduced a murky figure and quite possibly a story line

Murky Figure .. "Aha, all I have to do is pour petrol on the hut, light a match and BOOM, these guys are history"

Meanwhile ...

Shazza "Does anyone smell petrol ?"

Doreen "Now I know we forget the beer but are you really that desperate ?"

Phil (a new character) .. "Aaaah, I'm on fire" (a very shortlived character)

Whoooooosh! And up went the whole club, lack of characters, story line etc..

Murky Figure .. "Aha (he likes that word), at last we are free of that dribble and I can reveal myself at last. (He's a little sick in the head obviously)(It must be contagious - Ed) My name is .. Ahhh !!" (I told you he liked that word)

Well, what has happened to our murky figure, should he be knighted for his deeds? does anybody care? (No - Ed) Read on again next episode for more.

The End

There, what more incentive do you need to become a contributor to Dribbling Balls



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