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A multiplicity of match reports, a cornucopia of competitions, a ferment of features. All that and more in this bumper edition ...

V. B. H. B. A. B Grade Men Thursday 24.01.91
Baker Institute 38 d Melb Uni 24

Again, lack of fitness let us down. If five guys can't run around in 30° heat, 98% humidity for 40 minutes. Oh for the return of our holiday makers. Besides some absolutely woeful passing (good passes but to the wrong team), we really did have a red hot go. Gavin must have still been hung over from last week's night club effort, or was it the sideline distraction? A commendable performance from Mick Scales. His fitness and co-ordination improving every week (must be the extra exercise he's getting - Ed). Andrew Jirik left a winning team (D Grade) to play in a losing team, smart move Andrew (but thanks). Dave Morosoli held the D together as usual and no one scored enough to be worth a mention

And so with that inspirational piece behind us, it's off to Warrnambool for a weekend of sun, sand, sea and swizzle sticks.

Firstly though, a little triptych from a man who doesn't need to use alcohol as a crutch, he's already got two of his own.

Warrnambool Men's B Grade
Scorpions 48 d Uni 31

Games one. Let's get to know each other guys. Unfortunately it took some time to do this and it showed against an individually less skilful side that played great team basketball. A champion team will always ...

Uni 46 d Arsenal 29

By game two introductions had been made and names remembered. What a turnaround! Uni came out with all guns blazing (inappropriate Gulf War metaphor?). Up to half time, scores were fairly even with Uni playing as a coordinated, well oiled (must have been the Kentucky Fried) machine. With Trevor Andrew dominating the defensive boards and Brian and Jamie running the fast break, Henry's quick passes were continually finding their mark. Excellent follow up by Mick Scales and Arco meant any missed shots were fiercely contested on the offensive boards. Ten minutes of determined rampaging crushed the opposition early in the second half and Uni went on to a good win. A game that was a pleasure to watch and participate in.



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Uni 52 d Mazonod 50

In game three, Uni needed to win by a margin of twenty or more points to have any chance of making the finals. The first half went according to plan with the opposition playing a lazy zone defence and Uni going into the long break 10 points up.

We started the second half with a press and so did they. Suffice to say they handled the press a lot better than we did. They hit the lead and it was time to bring Andrew Jirik on to calm things down and organise our offence. Brian and Jamie started running again and we snatched the lead back again through some impressive fast breaks and a change in defence. Things were looking good with 30 seconds to go until a steal and fast break resulted in a 3 point bomb going in off the backboard to level the game. A cunning move by Trevor on the baseline inbound resulted in a tech' and two shots to us. Brian "The Iceman" took the shots, sank both and we won by two. A fine game of B.B.

Special mention for inspirational achievements over the weekend to Trevor "yes he can jump, finger roll" Andrew and Jamie "hyperactive terrier" Gorton

With games behind us, it was off to the park for the main event of the weekend, the cocktail party. The following verse eloquently and sensitively portrays the evening.

Anything you can spew, I can spew better

Drinks in the rotunda
and the partying began
The boys all took a number
Matt, Michael, Stu and Cam
To tell us what a wonder
they were, next to a ram
Voices rang like thunder
as they bellowed to a man
"I am not a fumbler
when a woman is at hand"
Then they'd drain another tumbler
and empty one more can
I think they made a blunder
'fore the girls had time to scam
Said they didn't mind cucumber
if the rounder fruit was banned
Well, slowly they slipped under
and I'm sure it wasn't planned
but a quiet little chunder
and enlightening undie cram
and deep and early slumber
Yes, it's off to noddy land
They were a little humbler
as the oldies stayed and sang

by Pitlock for
"The Elders Association to Trap Inexperienced Thinkers"



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DATE: 27&8/01/90

COMPETITION: M.U.B.C. vs COCKTAILS

TEAM: All in

SCORES: Ask Sandy

HIGHLIGHTS: (nb. any resemblance to true identities is purely coincidental.)

What started out to be a quiet night with the early (eager) arrival of Sally and Trevor, rapidly became a night of ostentatious frivolity laced with scenes reminiscent of *Animal House* and *Rocky* (nice punch to David's kidneys Cathy).

The regression of the evening could be put down to one thing which was concisely put by a hung-over Julie the morning after the night before:

"... they made the cocktails too strong!"

The only strong thing about them though was the gravitational pull they caused between Julie and the ground - talk about dead weight. With the likes of Karen B (chuka), Carolyn and Tammy trying inanely to keep her vertical, I am not too sure how Julie made it back to camp.

Matt the lesser (chuka the moster) performed to his truest ability with co-stars Stewart and Cameron putting on a show of the sagacious quality we have come to expect from this "terrible trio".

Dancer of the night goes to Graham who found solo was best (or maybe no one else was good enough).

Stayers, many of whom decided dancing on the tables would be fun, included Michael P. (chuka), Gillian, Michael S. (chuka), Arco (with the perpetual grin), Brian, Jamie, Trish, Simon, David L., Steve G., Melisa, Karen G., Kate B., Sue-Ellen (the lead dancer) and Kim J; all of whom seem to have had a great good ok time. Veterans J.C., Geoff and Henry came prepared having a seemingly endless supply of cold beers.

New comer to the scene, Kim Burgess certainly made her mark (surprisingly not a multi-coloured one) on the evening, with another casualty of the night being Kate D. who is sporting a multitude of bruises courtesy of Rick.

Questions still unanswered are: What were Nick and Shirley doing on top of the slide before they were so rudely interrupted? Did Steven R. and Sue deliberately get lost in the maze, or are they just slow walkers? How much straight Cream de Cacao did Ben and Sally-anne drink?

All-in-all a good night seem to be had by all. See you same time, same place, next year.



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Now for the report that we always eagerly await, well maybe one day

THE M. D. S. FACTOR'S WARRNAMBOOL '91 REPORT

ON FIELD HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Moses hitting 1 and 1 with 9 secs to go to draw the game
- * Brian, the man with ice water in his veins, hitting 2 foul shots to win the game
- * In the same game, Coops, the man with hot soup in his veins, hitting 1 from a million to give Brian the chance for glory

OFF FIELDS HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Cam being so very witty
- * Those crazy KB sisters nearly crashing into Stu's car and then disturbing our quiet meal at McDonalds with rude, crude and embarrassing jokes and shouts of poo, bum and wee - disgusting hey!
- * Indoor cricket in the club tent
- * J.C. and Geoff flying kites together - it's sad to get old
- * Bowlesy finding out you can fit two cassettes in Stu's car stereo, only it's difficult to get them out afterwards.
- * And of course the highlight of the weekend for J.C. was that his quest for a successor ended on Sunday night. Yes, John, who has been dacked at every tournament since Adam played fullback for Jerusalem so proudly, finally found a man to give it up to. This man has great intelligence, wit and honour .. Yes, Cameron will now have the pleasure of being exposed at every tournament and club function till 2006 and beyond (We thought we were trying to encourage new players, not put them off - Ed)

QUOTES:

- * "I am so witty" - Cam
- * "I had a good time" - Jamie
- * "I had a good time" - Kate
- * "I had a good time" - Sandy
- * "I had a good time" - Trish.
- * "I'll fix your stereo Stu" - Geoff
- * "Look what I found" - Cam
- * "I didn't pick up because I've got mates" - Stu
- * "I didn't pick up, I threw up!" - Matt
- * "I didn't get on with Julie" - Cam
- * "Fuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuck" - Stu & Matt

Overall another successful off field tournament, but I think we should make it a rule that you can't win a medal at a tournament until you've attended at least three - it's despicable to see certain people play for the first time in their lives and win a medal... Speaking of which, congratulations to the B Grade Women for finishing Runners Up : Cathy, Julie, Carolyn, Sue, Tammy, Shirley, Kim B, Melissa and Kate



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THE GREAT BASKETBALL JOKE OFF

The response so far has been disappointing - both the replies and the lack thereof.....

The first entry is all the way from the U.S of A ...

Spud Webb had a girlfriend called Wendy and he was so proud he decided to tattoo her name on his willy (I didn't know he played for Atlanta -Ed). When flaccid it read WY. One day, while in N.Y. he met Patrick Ewing in a subway toilet.

"G'day (he's Australian? - Ed) I couldn't help but notice your tattoo. Do you have a girlfriend named Wendy?"

"No", said Patrick.

"Then why do you have WY tattooed on your willy as well?" (Oh, so he plays for N.Y. - Ed)

"Mine says Wendy when erect, what's yours say?"

"Not much", replied Patrick

"Well?"

"Just 'Welcome to NY, come and see me play and have a nice day'" (That's it, I'm not opening any more letters from the U.S - Ed)

The second one is from Cam.....

Why did the Irishman stay at home?

Because he had no mates. (Oh, very witty, but where's the basketball relevance? - Ed)

We took a punt and opened another of those letters from the U.S. for our third joke.....

Chris Mullin walked into a bar with a piece of doggie do in his hand

Look what I nearly stepped in....(sorry - Ed)

And you'll never guess who this one came from....

Why doesn't God play basketball?

Because Matt Scholes does...(Watch out for lightning when reading this - Ed)

Please send in some good jokes, somebody.....



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Meanwhile, back at the Ranch ...

V. B. H. B. A. B Grade Men 01.02.91
API 50 d Uni 32

With four players for the early part of the game we played well. A lead was even established at one time. As the game progressed, the taller, stronger, more disciplined, faster, fitter, more skilful ... you get the picture, the bastards beat us.

David Liddle 13 Mick Scales 9

V. B. H. B. A. B Grade Men 08.02.91
Uni 51 d Westpac 36

Yeah, a win. The first for the year. A well disciplined display with all team members fulfilling their specific roles. Steve Galea controlling the offence gave more time for scoring options. Points being scored inside relieved the pressure on outside shooters. Gavin took absolute advantage of the creative opportunities landing 31 well earned points. Our unrelenting pressure finally cracked the opposition 10 minutes into the second half. Two intentional and a number of tech' fouls resulted. We kept our cool, they didn't. Mick Scales and David Morosoli kept them well out on the boards. A good running effort by all players.

In what appears to be an innovative and exciting new trend in match reporting, we bring you yet another example of literary excellence by that "Bard of the Boards" - Pitlock

CYMS A Grade Men 03.02.91

Albert Park is the nicest of places
When your team is loaded with aces
But five players we got
To play for third spot
And put Eltham through their paces

With just five, to win it takes
Tight defence, good shooting, good fakes
But with John "Assist" Campbell
That was too much to handle
So we beat them by running fast breaks

In good defence the odd helpful verb
FF24 language preferred
Something like "watch the cutter"
But Cam chose to mutter
A rather irregular verb



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Being offensive is part of the game
But in offence Cam, that is the aim
With expletive like sounds
Sorry Cam, they were nouns
You will soon win that "technical" fame

Competition he had, there's no doubt
And from people with good verbal clout
But he lasted 'til stumps
With just one or two lumps
And four fouls from three rebounding (?) bouts

At the end of the game we were there
So was Eltham three points to the rear
Their last charge at time
Gave John shoots from the line
One was in and the other was near

V. W. B. C. Division 2 13.02.91
Uni 41 d South Melbourne 34

After spending the Summer languishing on the back beach of court 5, our reinstatement into second division was warmly received by all. South Melbourne (AKA Melbourne) was the team responsible for putting us down into third division (actually, we were the team responsible, they just happened to be playing us at the time), anyway, apart from wanting to get off to a good start in the new season, we did have a point to prove.

We got off to a flying start with 6 or 8 unmatched points quickly while the opposition struggled against our defensive press, of course being the egalitarian people we are, we decided to let them catch up and even let them have a 15/13 lead at half time. We started the second half in a M2M defence and managed to keep their scoring to an acceptable level, our offence however managed to keep our scoring to an unacceptable level and with about 10 minutes to go, we were down by 7 or 8 points. Continued defensive pressure and an increased willingness to shoot the ball saw us gradually haul back their lead. With 56 seconds to go however, were down by 2, up 7 fouls to 1 and they had possession. Desperate aggression in defence combined with their missed 1 and 1 opportunity gave us the ball with seconds to go and a pressure lay-up by Trish levelled the scores at 29 each. We somehow managed not to foul on the inbounds pass and as a result, earned an extra 5 minutes of basketball.

The extra period might just as well have been a completely different game. Their offence all but stopped while we continued to hit just about everything we put in the air and ran out easy winners by 7 points. A genuine team effort with everyone contributing, particularly in defence and a very pleasing start to season '91

Sally 17 Trish 14 Tania 6 Gillian 4



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HELP SAVE GEOFF'S NUMBER PLATES

A proud club tradition is under threat - one more dire than losing our parklands - Sandie has refused to let Geoff use his FF-0024 number plates on their new BMW. If you think this is unfair, unjust, against all jurisprudence, and if you're not afraid of Sandie please sign the form below and send it to the editors or Matt. Besides, how else is Geoff going to be able to tell which BMW is his in the Uni car park

I _____ think Geoff Bowles should be allowed to keep his FF-0024 number plates as they are very dignified and add a certain charm to his BMW.

Signed _____



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