

Melbourne University Basketball Club

Dribbling Balls

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A lot has been said about the effects of concentrated media ownership. Of how distorted and subjective view points insidiously find their way into our lives. How true freedom of speech no longer has a place in our society. Well, this edition features a veritable plethora of new ideas and fresh opinions from hitherto unknown sources that dare to challenge the established conventions. In other words, I take no responsibility for what follows.

VWBC Wednesday 13.05.92

Melb Uni (1) 50 v Knox (2) 59

Melb Uni (2) 36 v Blackburn 39

Melb Uni (3) 19 v Phantoms 21



This night was not the highlight of my coaching career.

6:00pm and a somewhat depleted (less two) Women's 1sts played their first 2nd Division game for the season against a young Knox team. We scored 50 for the game which wasn't a bad effort. They scored 59 for the game which was a better effort. Hopefully in future games we can pick up our team offence a bit and restrict opposition scoring to under 50 points. Good shooting from Anna to pick up 18 points as well as Sally M and Kim who picked up 10 apiece. Also thanks to Cathy for sitting on the bench (and filling the water bottles).

8:30pm and an even more depleted Women's 3rds (Lee .. "Where's Shelley? ... Oh I was meant to pick her up") took the floor against Phantoms. A surprisingly good start from four players saw us up at the break. After half time however, the other team went into a press and it was "Goodnight Irene". We struggled passing the ball in (except to the opposition), found scoring a challenge and all in all didn't have a very good time *Until*, with about 2 minutes to go and down by 6 or 8 we suddenly found that little extra and started scoring, handled their press and looked like we could win. Except we didn't. Paula+Lee+Shona+Rebecca = 19

10:00pm and I'm still here, this time with a surplus of Women's 2nds to contend with. For a 10:00 o'clock game, there was a surprisingly high level of intensity shown by all players. In what was a fairly (unfairly) physical game, we played tough defence and for the most part, good controlled offence. Despite losing by 3 in a game that could have gone either way, this was probably the best team effort for the night.

So there I was, after a long cold night at Albert Park, reflecting on the previous 5 hours - 3 games, 3 losses. There must have been a common thread between these events, but what was it ?

VWBC Div 2 Wednesday 27.05.92
Melb Uni (1) 79 vs Sandringham 50



This was clearly the best game we have played in a long, long, long time with everyone making a contribution to the win. Despite the 6:00 pm timeslot and some very nasty traffic, everyone managed to get to AP more or less by tip off time. The first half, although pleasing in as much as it saw us with a 32-26 point lead at the break was workman (workwoman/workperson) like rather than spectacular. The second half however was a different story. A 131 zone defence played to perfection caused the opposition all sorts of trouble and along with confidence in offence gave us a 47-24 second term. Another good game from Sally M to pick up 31 points along with Kim - 18 (including 10 from 11 from the foul line) as well as Anna and Anita both bagging 11.

If only we could play like this all the time (or play Sandringham all the time)

VWBC Div 2 Wednesday 04.06.92
Melb Uni (1) 42 vs Sunbury 49

This was probably not the best game we have played in a long, long, long time. It wasn't that we played badly, we just didn't win. We made it very hard for ourselves by being 17-3 down after 10 minutes although offensively we did everything right except score. Realising that we actually could play, it was a fine effort to come back to 25 all at the break and in with a better than even chance of winning. The second half saw the lead change several times and with 90 seconds left, down by 1, swish - 3 points - up by two. 50 seconds to go, swish - 3 points - down by 1. 17 seconds to go - foul - they go to the line for one and one - clunk/rebound - down by 1 with possession. We lose by 5

VBA Wednesday 20/05
Melb Uni lots vs MLS < lots

I don't know how but YeeePeee (?) we won. Yes, the drought is over, we've finally broken through with a victory after numerous 1 point losses on the buzzer. A great team effort with Macca bombing them from everywhere, Pittance moving sweetly to the hoop and anything missed was quickly mopped up by the ever present Sleepy. I'm not going to mention MLS is the bottom team... Oops, I did

VBA Wednesday 27/05
Melb Uni less vs Knox more

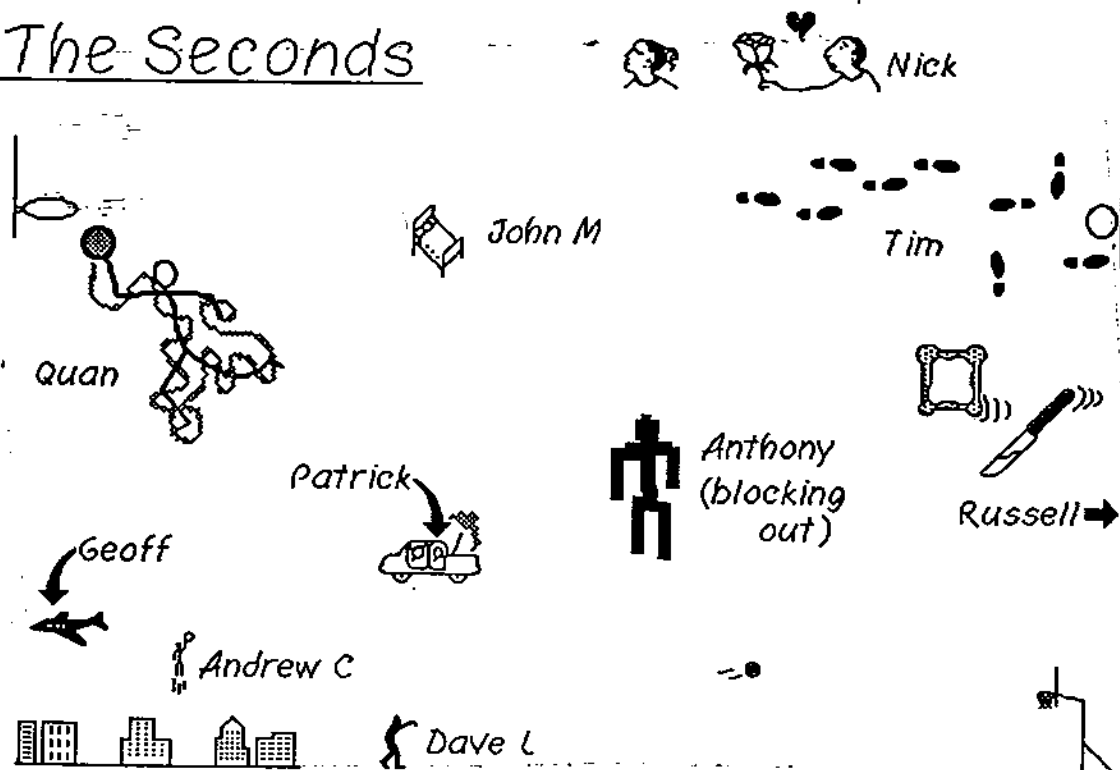
Well let's throw away the teamwork that reared its ugly head last week. Yeh, let's just shoot jump shots and go one on four. Well, we did ... we lost ... to a pack of poofs. We threw the ball away, we played as individuals, we paid the price ... rats !

VBA 3rd Division at Uni 27/5

Men's 2nds 55 def. Waverly Falcons 37

Our first very comfortable win of the season was indeed a welcome event. Waverly showed not the high pressure defense to which we have become accustomed...and we punished them in a convincing display. Some of our best percentage shooting reared it's accurate head for this game which was aided both by good boards in O and D and patient passing and team-work to get the percentage option (which we nailed more often than not). Tim "Whatayameancharge,hewasneverinpositionref" Smythe (under the guidance of Henry "IthinkhewasinpositionTim" Cooper) put in another solid game with some lovely assists and 10 points. He shared this total with Andrew "Hang time" Connolly (who used his middle name to great advantage with some athletic and effective one on one moves) and Russell Smythe who dominated in the start of the second period with 6 of his points coming from 3 consecutive trips up the floor. Top scorer though was Dave "I told you I could keep it up" Liddle who was one three pointer ahead of the competition. Patrick "I feel like this bench is a part of me" Lawrence clearly shone with a turnover/baskets ratio of 1 (none of either). His ample rest time gave him plenty of opportunity to reminisce last week's performance in those few moments when he wasn't cheering on the troops. Congrats to all. Apologies once again from John "I's still ahoppin'" Messenger and Anthony "Hey John, we should enter a two-legged-team race" Michelin.

The Seconds



VBA 3rd Division at Uni 13/5

Men's 2nds high 50s vs Oakleigh low 70s

Nick "I wish I could be a slut like Howie" Wade was given a rest from the job of playing coach due to the surprise appearance of, you guessed it, Henry Cooocooper. An average first half by our boys (including 17-odd fouls) saw the home team looking down the barrel at half time. I suspect that Oakleigh were missing a few of their shots intentionally just to raise their offensive rebounding tally, second shots bringing more than 50% of their points in the first half. But we regrouped and got off to a good start with Andrew "They tell me there is a law of gravity" Connolly winning the jump ball against a 6'10" Yankee (he really was big). Andrew took it upon himself to use this match to prove to the boys that he had been picked to play with the 1sts team for more than his slam dunking ability. With two big "In your face" rejections, a fist full of points and 6 from 6 from the line he played easily his best game of the season. Tim "I don't feel like I've been in the game until I've got 4 fouls" Smythe started the second half with a bunch of points that balanced nicely with his four fouls (which turned into five after a minimum of second term court time). A comeback in the second half, largely thanks to the razor sharp shooting of David "Shit happens!" Liddle who just couldn't miss, brought us within 5 points. A great effort on the boards in the second period, a mention here to Anthony "I'm going to dunk every one of these warm up layups" Michelin for tough blocking out (esp. of aforementioned Yankee), contributed to our valiant second term effort. Overall a good effort that was not enough to overcome our slow start. Apologies from John "Hop-a-long" Messenger and Geoff "I must have been taken hostage by the Libyans again" Bowles.

VBA 3rd Division at Uni 20/5

Men's 2nds 0 vs Blackburn N/A

Three unfortunate events coincided on this particular Wednesday.

1) 6 players on paper

2) Patrick "I gotta get a new car" Lawrence's arrival 15 minutes late

and

3) Quan "I gotta get a car" Luu's non-arrival.

All "Dribbling Balls" readers who know the VBA 3rd Division minimum players requirement and can subtract 2 from 6 will by now have realized why the scoreline above reads as it does. Patrick arrived to meet the glowering stare of Anthony M (having now wasted his warm-up dunks), the disappointed sigh of Russell Smythe (the opportunity to practise his bread-and-butter foul line jumper having been wasted) and the outstretched hand of Geoff "you've gotta pay your five bucks anyway" Bowles to name a few. I really am sorry Coops.

The HLT Enigma Report

Mount Gambier. Well, what can we say (Nothing ? - Ed). From a softer, feminine point of view, the following observations ...

Highlights

- The girls winning all their pre-finals matches
- Spin the bottle
- Answers to spin the bottle
- Carolyn admitting that she is capable of multiple orgasms
- Heather's German
- Tasja's Dutch
- HL&T drinking 15 shots EACH in one hour
- HL&T charming Bill the Barman and getting free drinks
- HL&T getting spastic
- Stu and Gary embracing at Javeds
- Stu being forced to come out of the closet
- Gary offering a girl \$10 to dance with Stu
- The girl refusing
- Stu spending \$83 at Javeds and throwing away his loose change
- Easter Bunny coming
- Collette
- The coin sculling game on Sunday night
- Sal's prowess at bouncing coins
- MDS getting drunk on 2½ pots
- Stu showing us his morning glory
- HL&T having orgasms on the double bed
- Stu and Matt getting a listening fat
- Geoff's car
- Geoff's mature attitude
- The guys fondling each others bums during the games

Lowlights

- Realising what the basin was being used for after cleaning your teeth (No guys, it's not a urinal)
- Sharing a cabin with Stu, Matt and Geoff
- The semi final at 8:00 am on Monday morning
- Losing it (the semi final)
- Driving 1¼ hours to a winery to play with a Frisbee
- The magic (sound proof) curtain
- Juicy fanny flashing
- Collette

In summary, a good time was had by all. Lots of alcohol, basketball, bum patting and a distinct lack of cute guys

A Fairy's Tale

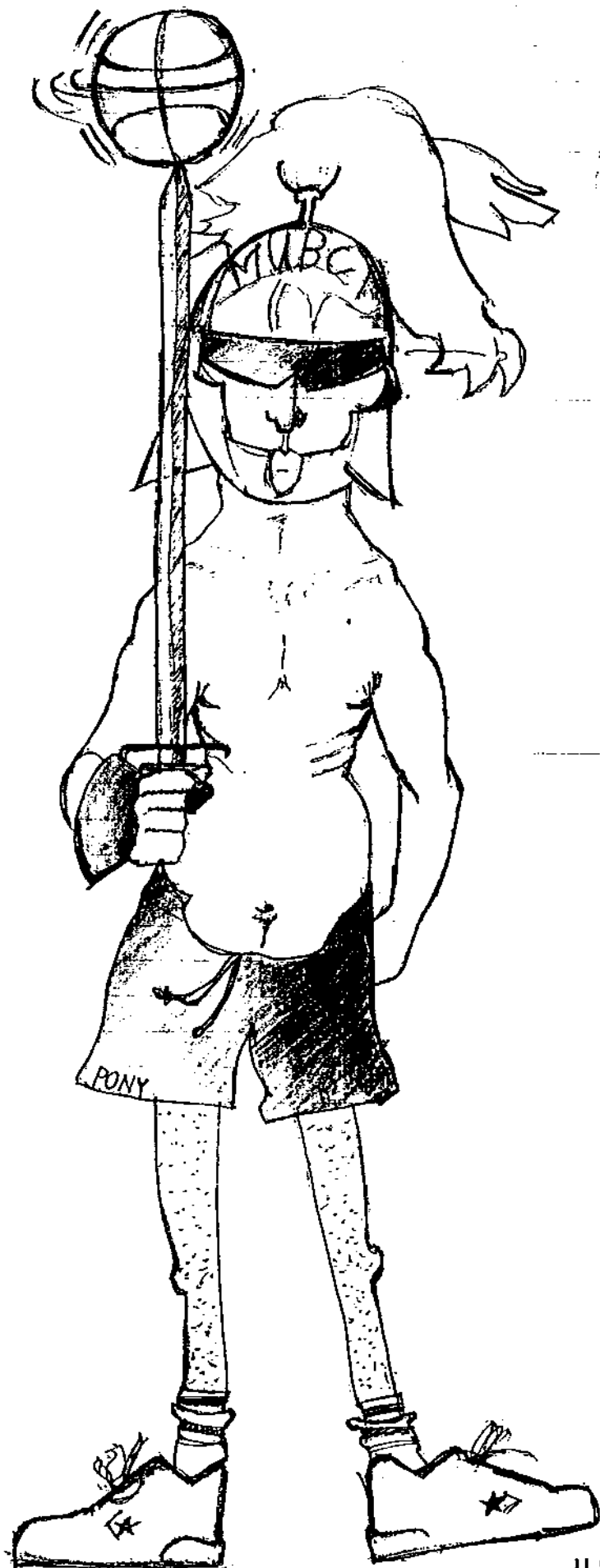
Once upon a time a man was created. A man so fine that women would faint at the sight of him. The creation of this man was a long slow process and required a lot of thought - for you see, this man was made from the parts of many men.

To create this man, three beautiful maidens (not in the true sense of the word - Ed) were chosen. These maidens lived in a wondrous castle and were renowned throughout the land for their fine artistic tastes.

To complete the task, the maidens appraised all those fine young men who had fought many a brave game to protect their land of MUBC. The maidens had great pleasure in doing this after hearing that the young MUBC warriors had rated all the females in MUBC and had created their own perfect woman. It was time the women got their own back.

The maidens chose shoulders, chest, hands, legs and bum. They were going to select penis but even after they'd combined all penises it was still not big enough to appear on this man.

Unfortunately, the land was a barren waste containing no suitable contestants. Consequently, this was the best they could do:



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