

Melbourne University Basketball Club

Dribbling Balls

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Welcome back to both our fans out there as Dribbling Balls makes its way once again throughout the land of Basketball heads. Not exactly a bumper edition but there have been complaints lately about the lack of recent editions (well one, which is hundreds fewer than the number of complaints we normally receive after each edition we do print!). Read on if you dare

VBA Div 2 - 25/11/92

Uni x d Sandringham x-10

Once again the forces of good triumphed over evil and the land was safe to walk for all and sundry... oops, I mean the men's firsts won yet another game during silly season to improve their record to six and six. I think the opening gambit was more interesting, don't you? In all seriousness however the firsts are beginning to team well together and play the tough defence needed to win games. It all augers well for next season. Back to the game. We started slowly but built an early lead thanks mainly to Mark Boland and some good defence from Jamie. A top all round game from Greg including a monster jam against the backboard cemented the lead. Nick then finished them off with 9 points in six minutes and that was all she wrote. Seeing as I'm male, however, I'll put in that Michael had a good first game back and Cam and Patrick made valuable contributions.

Mark - 12 Nick - 11 The Rest - The Rest

CYMS C Grade Men - 8/10/92

MUBC 30 d ANZ 24

"Oh, Andrew said to say he won't be here", "Sam hurt his finger yesterday, he won't be here either". Great stuff, 5 players, no problems with subs, can concentrate on the game.

Tough first half, only 10 points each. Our M2M has them thrown. Strong rebounding at both ends by Rohan and Angelo

Slow start to the second half, they get 4 points up and stay there most of half. We start to rack up fouls. Nearly everyone has 4 and still 5 minutes to play! A couple of steals by Andrew Gilmour puts us level with a minute to go. Lots of 1 & 1's our way, win by 6 pts. Thank you linesman, thank you ballboys.

Fine second ever game of basketball by Paul, great D and assists by Adam

A.Gilmour 17 R.Christie 7 A.Lambrinos 6

VWBC Division 2 - 09/09/92 to 25/11/92

Date	Opposition	Comments
09-09-92	South Melbourne	We Win
16-09-92	Werribee	We Win by 2
23-09-92	Doncaster	We Lose by 2
30-09-92	Sunbury	We Win 59 to 48
7-10-92	Blackburn	We Win 43 to 40
14-10-92	Bye	A Bye's a Win
21-10-92	Boxhill	We Win 42 to 40
28-10-92	Diamond Valley	We Lose 30 to 33 (Home Court Refs)
4-11-92	Keilor	We Win 50 to 47
11-11-92	Sandringham	We Win 46 to 25 (26 to 2 at half time)
18-11-92	Tullamarine	We Lose 49 to 59
25-11-92	Blackburn	We Win 61 to 32

Eight wins, three losses and one bye from twelve games, not a bad record for summer season.

Firstly let me welcome our two new recruits to the Women's Firsts, Janine Lewis and Jo McGrath. Janine playing her first game with us out at Diamond Valley with some very interesting officiating and five players ... sorry, four players (Gill wasn't there so someone had to foul out) and Jo playing her first game with us against Blackburn.

With the inclusion of Janine and Jo plus with both Boomer and Katie still to come back after injury and with everyone else playing well, we look set to not only continue in a winning fashion over summer but to carry on into the initial part of the Championship Season and stand a good chance of advancing into First Division.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was once again the social highlight of the Club year and all who attended had a great time. Congratulations are due to Sally McMahon on winning MVP for the women's firsts and Michael Pitt for the men's firsts. Best first years were Cameron Mackintosh and Anita Marsden and most improved players were Kim Jachno and Jamie Gorton. The John Bayliss Award for outstanding service to the club over a number of years went to David Liddle.

A new commemorative plaque recognising winners of MVP awards for the Men's and Women's firsts was presented for the first time. Thanks to Henry Cooper for donating the plaque.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The gentlemanly behaviour of all
- The demeanour of the owner ("don't drink too quickly boys!?")
- Booma
- Matt and Stu dancing together
- Matt and Stu falling over
- Bowlesy doing a sensational job as M.C.
- Tinny shooting at the after party
- Gill and Sally, they like to get their names in Dribbling Balls

Congratulations and thanks are due to Carolyn and Matt for an outstanding Dinner, three cheers to them.

Up Coming Events

1. Basketball

- Swan Hill Tournament is on from January 1st to January 3rd. If you would like to come along, please give your name to either Sally McMahon or David Morosoli as soon as possible (limited spaces available)
- Warrnambool Tournament is on from January 30th through to February 1st. Again, give your name to either Sally or David as soon as possible. There are plenty of vacancies available but entries must be in by December 31 so decide NOW

2. Social

- The Basketball Club Christmas party is being held on Saturday, December 12th. The venue will be the Clyde Hotel starting after Saturday morning training (about 1:00 pm) and continuing on to David Liddle's / Marc Howard's abode at 118 Belair Street in Kensington. Contact Carolyn Pickburn or Matt Scholes for any further information

Attention MUBC Coaches!!!

Morgan Wooten, Head Coach of De Matha High School, New York State was recently in Australia. MW is a bit of a 'Lej' over there. 35 years coaching, produced heaps of NBA players, national championship teams, coached the only side ever to beat Kareem Abdul Jabbar's team during his high school career. Also a really nice bloke.

The weekend coaching convention featured MW, Brain Goojian, Bruce Palmer, Steve Breheny, Alex Palazollo, Eddie Crouch and very cold, hard seats. Its focus was on not just basketball skills, but how to teach them (the tough bit I find).

To cut a long story short, MW's books are available, of which I have bought several copies. They are \$25 dollars each, more copies can be ordered if required.

1. "Coaching Basketball Successfully", Morgan Wooten

A big book. The chapters on offense and defense are the reason to buy the book. Others are an interesting read, though more geared to a junior or school based program. (I personally don't care what sort of 'good citizens' turn up to Saturday trainings, and as for 'team rules on drinking, drugs and pre-match curfews'!!)

Offense chapter topics are: 'Positions, Skills & Sets', 'Teaching Offensive Skills', 'Developing a Running Game', 'Developing a Halfcourt Offense', 'Special Situations'.

Defensive Topics are: 'Basic Skills & Strategies', 'Teaching Defensive Skills', 'Teaching Team Defense'

Each chapter has clear simple descriptions of skills and sets, followed by individual and team drills, teaching points and summaries. Strengths and weaknesses of zones, man to man, presses, traps and fast break games are well covered.

2. "De Matha Offensive Notebook", Morgan Wooten and Patrick Smith

Chapters on: 'Individual Offensive Skills', 'Fast Break', 'Man Offense', 'Zone Offense', 'Pressure Offense', 'Time & Score', 'Out-of-Bounds Plays', 'Drills'

No philosophy, no cute stories on meeting Ronnie Reagan, just 110 pages of drills, diagrams, examples, rules and teaching points.

I'm away for a while, Sally McMahon has copies of both books to peruse or buy.

Michael Scales