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Dribbling Balls

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Our new editorial policy, concentrate on quality and value for money rather than frequency. As someone who should have been great but wasn't once said, "It's not a matter of how often you come, but what you do when you get there"

PORTLAND '93 REPORT

Picture this, if you will. It's approximately 5° C, raining heavily, a strong wind is blowing, black ice reported on the roads. There's snow at Ballarat. If you were in this situation, would you,

- a) Stay in front of the heater and think warm thoughts.
- b) Have a cup of hot chocolate and share your bodily warmth with someone.
- c) Invest in thermal underwear and/or central heating.
- d) Travel 350 km's to Portland to play basketball in your shorts and singlet.

If you answered either a,b or c then you're sane, rational and definitely *not* a true Melbourne University Basketball Club member.

Yes, MUBC (how do you say that?) once again sent four teams of highly skilled athletes (what they're skilled at, we don't know) to do battle with the forces of evil and injustice (the opposition and the refs respectively). In what may well be the last Portland ever (it may be Jeffed next year) not one of our teams made the finals. Shame, Shame, Shame !! So there couldn't possibly be any highlights right ? Guess again, check this out.

Highlights

- Matt "the something illegible" Scholes cursing yet another car (H's this time) on the way to Portland. It broke down outside Ballarat. At least they got to see the snow.
- Al Elliot being ejected for trying to stop someone punching Gary.
- Rod "Buzzer Beater" Trevena launching a huge yet accurate desperation toss (no jokes please) in the "C" grade men's hotly contested second game to take the win (well, morally at least).
- The refs in said game ruling the points good as the buzzer had not yet sounded. (Hooray) Thanks for that Jules.
- Gary doing a victory leap and actually touching the backboard (Oh what a feeling) whilst Julie slank (or is that slinked) away.
- Julie being summoned to appear before the match committee the next day.

- The match committee overruling the refs decision and reversing the result (Boo). The "C" grade men thus becoming the first team ever to win all their matches and not make finals.
- The high quality of all our ring-ins (There was at least one in every team). Way to go Nigel Payne.
- Howies Fearless Fly impersonation on court.
- Jo's vocal, if loud, support of Gary er, and his team mates.
- Finally finding a restaurant that didn't kick us out for singing.
- Finding other people in said restaurant that sang as well.
- Napkin fights with said other people in said restaurant (or is that said said restaurant?)
- Al swimming in his jockey shorts at 2:30 am in the pool outside the Richmond Henty Motel, thus proving why he's call BIG Al (and it was cold)
- Lea getting to Portland a day late, starting on the bench and twisting her ankle after playing fourteen seconds.
- Matt telling Lea to get off the court so the game could resume.
- The C1 women being disqualified for playing a division one player. Well, four actually.
- The Richmond Henty.
- Steve and Sue proving they're not yet married by snawing in the disco.
- Julie, Howie and Tammy performing "New York New York" on the pier. Julie was attracted by the flashing red light.
- Greg and Heather not going to the disco.
- The liquor licensing laws in the fair borough of Portland.
- The games night at the Paynes

“QUOTES”

- o "Am I disturbing something, Pick?" - Howie on phone
- o "Yes" - Pick on phone
- o "Trevor never expedded the seed limit" - Howie
- o "What's your seed limit, Pick?" - Mick Scales
- o "Remember, seed kills" - Howie
- o "I'm so embarrassed" - Julie before her trial
- o "If this wasn't our last Portland, it'd certainly be our last Portland" - Gary
- o "Let's sing" - Matt
- o "There must be a bottle shop open somewhere" - Matt (there wasn't)
- o "Tamster, get me a toasted cheese sandwich" - Howie whilst being very hung-over, and she didn't.

Reminiscent of the days when Phil Beart and Monday night basketball were one in the same, here we have not one, not two but three match reports.

Monday Night A Grade 21.06.93

The wind tossed my hair and tickled my ears as I moved over the rough concrete of the Albert Park car park. I looked the doorkeeper in the eye and silently handed over my \$3.80 then walked quietly past the end of court one, surveying the empty rows of wooden seats. I'd rather sit on my own anyway.

"G'day, I'm Al. Al Elliot!" My solitude shattered, I looked up into a pair of fairly ordinary knee caps. We probably shouldn't mention the rest but what the heck ... Big Al is a hell of a man. Ask him about the time he engaged those two "youths" in conversation regarding why they were trying to push start his car at 5:30 in the morning. I think the one with the iron bar was probably abused as a child and could be a very nice person if you really go to know him.

I left the frivolity of this happy scene and tried to convince Scotty that centres had been called. He looked at the scoreboard, frowned, shrugged and spoke, "the clock's not going yet"

The game. We played a one-four press defence, (Rod hustling full court) then not much defence, shot baskets from everywhere, with Rod and Gav shooting 2's and 3's at will (who's Will? - Ed) Al and Sam cutting up the defence inside and Coops driving heaps.

We won, we won ...

Lightning T. Rod 25, Big Al 22, Coops 20, Sam 10, Gav 10

Monday Night A Grade. 05.07.93

I was lost in a blissful contemplation of the memory of when all women basketballers played in briefs. Wendy Harmer was right, women's bums look better than men's .

"These guys have not lost a game yet this season". Bliss shattered, I looked into Sam's smiling face. He thinks he's sharing a welcome secret with me, but I really don't want to know. We play the game and afterwards I scribble some critical statistics onto the clean corner of my handkerchief.

RT 7, HC 9, SBW 6, SB 9, AE 14, GR 12

Final scores 57 - 76 and those guys (Powerhouse) still have not lost a game this season.

Monday Night A Grade. 12.07.93

Hell, these guys don't look like they're going full pace but they manage to keep scoring. Twice in a row, Ray Gordon drives over a screen and puts in little ten foot jumpers. Gaze tries the long range jumper but misses and the next time into offence he takes it all the way to the basket but the defence is good enough to make him miss. Bradtke doesn't strain too hard on the rebound and scores without contest. Copeland is effortless on a drive finishing with a little one handed jumper which banks into the middle of the net. Finally it's time, Lindsay calls his players together to say a few words and we walk onto the court to start warm ups.

Sam has confided to me that the opposition (GIO) is six places above us on the ladder and I still don't want to know. Anyway, to the game ...

The first half was pretty tight but we managed to be a point up at half time. Coach Blair-West had a serious talk at the break, decided to stay with the 2-1-2 offence and told everyone to be looking for their shot. It must have worked, we shot 27 in the first and upped the rate to 36 in the second to win by ten points. The notes on my handkerchief yield as follows.

Rod T	11 points, lotsa hustle
Coach BW	14 points, excellent percentage
Sam B	7 points, couple of magnificent inside moves
Coops	2 points, masterful team contribution
Howie	4 fouls, sensational on blocked shots and rebounds
Gav	29 points, match winner

The MAS Factor's JH Qualifying Report Ballarat '93

Well, what a great fun time we all had. A three day tournament at Ballarat in the middle of winter where only the top 4 out of 20 make it through to Brisbane. Yes, what fun, and it gets better. Our motel was closer to Adelaide than Ballarat and the kettle in room 13 had some strange yellow stuff in it. But even more terrific was the great weather which peaked at around minus 10000 degrees and the fact that the men's and women's teams played at venues on opposite sides of Ballarat .. how convenient. The women's court leaked and appeared to have recently housed a large amount of livestock. While the men's court which was illuminated by 7 candles and a dolphin torch, had no clock, no scoreboard and was surfaced in bubbly vinyl.

Well, if this doesn't sound like your idea of paradise then wait because you also get ... to play 7 games in 2 days, kick Monash butt only to have them make it and you miss out. Bugger.

Well OK, it was a shocker, we missed out, I'm sulking but Stu felt it would be good for me to get it off my chest instead of bottling it up inside. Let's go to the video tape.

On Court Highlights

- Ellen's awesome performance in game 1 where Melbourne beat Rusden.
- Bec winning Stu, Wade and Macca in a scoring spree in games two and three.
- Michelle scoring 16 points in game two.
- Sheridan taking 1000000 boards for the weekend.
- Uni men kicking Monash arse (unfortunately, due to a quirk of fate, Monash made it through).
- Tim's shooting spree in game one to get us out of jail.
- Sleepy's (the Helicopter) awesome rebounding all week.
- Macca's shooting spree (4 x 3's in a row).
- Mark's drive, layup and score on the buzzer to win the game against Burwood.
- Kate Binge's magic dribbling (and knockers).
- Our warm up tape and chant.

Off Court Highlights

- Staying at Apricot lodge, 10,000,000 miles out of Ballarat.
- Dave putting on his club lock and then realising he'd left his key in Melbourne.
- The subsequent 8 people jammed into Wades car as Dave's car was left in the street.
- Having a few quiet beers on Sunday night.
- Matt making Stu get completely wet in the shower on Monday morning.
- Everyone sculling on Monday night.
- Sleepy sculling from a napkin disposal bag.
- All the girls (and some of the guys) lusting after Stu and Matt.
- Michelle not wanting to scull ... then eating the glass.
- Going out Monday night with 15 people in two cars, including Stu in the boot of Dave's car.
- Telling the time at the band night and that dumb girl saying "It's 9:30 ... Arghhh".
- Singing to Shaggy.
- Going to the toilet at the band night.
- Rowdy head butting us all on the dance floor.
- Tim slam dancing.
- Lisa pushing that faggy bloke down the steps.
- Bingers getting so spastic, she couldn't even remember getting piggy backed.
- Matt and Stu running along outside with their pants down in he middle of the night at Ballarat Uni.
- Michelle's wee wee with a white cloud in it.
- Tim sleeping in Michelle's bed after charming Lisa.
- Ellen telling Greg how good she is.
- Michelle telling everyone, repeatedly, that she scored 16 points.
- The girls being all over Gregggy.
- Ellen being off her face.
- Everyone's cricket skills.
- Going out on Tuesday night for tea, meeting Deakin (the real one) and then having a team boat race.
- Sheridan (Humphrey B. Bear) getting absolutely and utterly spastic and then running laps.
- Michelle and Lisa getting a home made present from matt and Stu. Lucky it was wrapped.

“QUOTES”

- o "This isn't IV so I'm not having fun" ... Matt
- o "How far out is this Cardigan Lodge?" ... Dave
- o "We're not necessarily trying to get the best team through!" ... John (a fuckwit)
- o "I only have deep rest" ... Stu
- o "Oh shit, I forget my club lock key" ... Dave
- o "It's great in your boot Dave" ... Stu
- o "I scored 16 points" ... Michelle
- o "I think I'll just do a few laps of the motel" ... Humphrey
- o "He's pissing on me in the shower" ... Stu

- "There was something suspicious in the kettle" ... The motel owner
- "I reckon he's a fag" ... Michelle
- " " ... Fungus
- "I think I might try in the finals" ... Sleepy
- "We hate Ballarat" ... Everyone except Tim
- "Da ... Do Da ... Do Da Do Da Do Da ..." ... our warm up tape
- "Drink this, it's white wine" ... Fungus
- "Here's to me" ... Sleepy
- "We're going to bog on you" ... Stu and Matt
- "Five cents" ... Matt
- "We are Melbourne" ... Everyone
- "I'm just having dinner with my family" ... Ant
- "I want you so bad Matt" ... Lisa

The Teams

Women

Michelle Worland

Lisa Thurling

Sheridan Westblade (Humphrey)

Rebecca Stockdale (Fungus)

Ellen Scott

Kate Bingeman

Men

Matt Scholes

Greg Scholes (Sleepy)

Stu Verrier (Sponge)

Nick Wade (Stud)

Andrew McFarlane (Macca)

Mark Boland

Lucien Boland

Tim Nolan

Anthony Michelin

Coach: David (Moses) Morosoli

Coach: David Liddle

The MDS Factor's Moe Report

Well it's been a while since the tournament so I'll have to check out Dave's tape he made to send to Kim to know what happened during the weekend.

...click... Hi Kim, we're at the restaurant having Chinese food, arghhh. Dave rooted ...click... here's to little brother Matty ...click... This is Henry here Kim and it's starting to get ugly, Pendles has had a few Bundy and Coke's, Stud, Macca, Stu, Matt etc. have started sculling early because their food hasn't arrived and Greg and H still haven't made it to the restaurant ... click ... Hi, this is Howie here and I'm sucking up to Mugsy and not drinking much and the guys are giving me a hard time. Hey, here comes Greg and H ... click ... Soft scull for H and Greggy, here's to brother ... click ... This is David's and my son, Matthew David. No, he's not named after you know who. Stu and Matt have been singing sculling songs to my baby, and what's worse is it puts him to sleep. See ya soon Kim ... click ... Sal, you know you're wearing the "Box of Truth"? Yes? , OK, who do you want out of the guys on this tournament? Tim arghhh ... click ... Here's a story of a lovely lady ... click ... team slash, team slash, OK is it recording? Right, listen to this Kim. Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle. Oh my shoe. Stop.

Watch it ... click ... It's Dave here again Kimmy, my ex ... excellent girlfriend and Gary just sculled rather than have the Box of Truth reveal what he did at Swan Hill. The singing has started in force with Gill, Booma etc. singing "I am Woman" while everyone else is singing with Gary though no one knows the words ... click ... It's Matt here Kim and I'm not going to mention any of Dave's affairs, oops. Anyway, here's Howie, we're going to put the Box of Truth on him. Oh no, he's just run out of the restaurant ... click ... I'm singing in the rain ... click ... Dave back love muffin and I'd just like to deny anything said on the tape to do with me. Well, the night's over, everyone had fun, some people were bad, others soft but that's what tournaments are about. See ya soonish, David ... click ... Arghhh Dave's a sex hound arghhh, arghhh, arghhh. He's rooted everyone, arghhh Let's scull arghhh.

Well, that's about it really except to mention the basketball briefly. All teams played well. A grade men won (MVP - Matt), B grade women won (MVP - Sal "She's the Best"), C grade men lost by 2 points in a well fought semi (Adrian playing a great game) and the C grade women won 2 out of 3 to miss out on percentage. Overall a successful fun tournament. Why don't you come to the next one ???

When *is* the next tournament? I'm glad you asked. The clubs next sojourn into the Victorian country side will be for the Morwell weekend - September 11th and 12th. Get your name in now to secure a place in a team. Vacancies are filling fast so avoid disappointment and see either Sally McMahon or David Morosoli

ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS

Domestic Summer Season starts in early October. Teams will be re-selected for the new season, so to ensure a place in your current team or to be considered available for selection to a higher level, attendance at Saturday morning trainings over the next four to five weeks is highly recommended.

ATTENTION ALL COACHES

As is club policy, the positions of Men's Senior Coach and Women's Senior Coach for the coming Summer/Winter seasons has been advertised in Tip Off. If you are interested or know of anyone (not necessarily from within the club) who is interested, please contact Michael Scales.

There are also many more coaching positions available. At present, we are about five to seven coaches short. Summer seasons for all competitions have either started or will start within the next few weeks. If you are interested in a coaching spot or wish to change from the team you are currently coaching, again, see Mick

Stop Press Howie, Dave and H have Huge House-warming

9 confirmed people spew, including Michelle, Wade and Paula
Described as biggest, baddest and best party of the year - Sunday Morning Herald

"I had a top time" - Dave

"I hurt my elbow" - Wade

"I need to clean my shoe" - Michelle

"I'm glad Tim arrived" - Matt (or was it Sal)

"I walked in, sculled 2 stubbies and knew it would be a great night" - Gary

"I think I drank too much" - Booma

"I liked dancing with Matt and Stu" - Patrick

"I loved it" - Howie

"I can't remember it" - Stu

If you missed it, you missed an extravaganza of drunkenness, nudity and violence. Don't miss the next club function ... speaking of which,

Annual Dinner

Well, it's almost that time again to dust off the old dinner suit, polish up those dancing shoes and bring along a box for all the medals you've won throughout the year. Mark it down in your diary as an event not to be missed.

Date: Saturday, October 16th 1993
Time: 7:30 pm to 1:30 am
Venue: North Melbourne Social Club
Cost: Students \$35.00
Graduates \$45.00
Graduate Couples \$80.00

Tickets will be on sale a little closer to the night. For any more details, see either Paula Hosford or Greg Scholes

John Bayliss Award

Attached is a nomination form for the John Bayliss Award. If you wish to nominate a club member for this award, please fill out the form and return it to either Matthew Scholes or David Liddle by the 31st August. If you would like further information regarding this award, please see Matthew or David (or any other committee member)



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THE JOHN BAYLISS AWARD

The John Bayliss Award is the highest award that the club can offer to a member of the Basketball Club. It recognises the time, effort and commitment that a person puts into the club over a number of years in administration, coaching .. and all other aspects of club life.

If you wish to nominate a person for this award please fill out the nomination form below. Nominations close on the 27th ~~August~~ and should be submitted to David Liddle or Matthew Scholes.

JOHN BAYLISS

PERSON NOMINATED: _____

PERSON NOMINATING: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION: _____
