

Challenge Series BBQ:

This was held on the 27th of May (Challenge Series Finals day) and although unorganised to begin with, and I apologise for that, with the supreme assistance of Hermie and Steve, we were eventually underway. In the end, a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was even suggested that we repeat the event when the weather improves, which we just might do, but only if the other social rep. actually deems to turn up next time! A big thank-you to the people who helped cook (Herman and Steve again, as well as Nick and a few others), and to those people who didn't come (and the hockey players who had to smell our food cooking all afternoon)

BAD LUCK.

IV 95:

I.V. is the Australia-wide inter-uni games that are played every year. The I.V. basketball series is being held in Darwin this year, and the qualifying round for the Southern Conference (which covers all the Victorian Uni.s) is being held at Mill Park Basketball Stadium on the 3rd and 4th of July. Melbourne Uni has entered a men's, and a women's team (mostly MUBC players). Anyone who can make it, should go along and support these teams, they're the best student players our Uni has to offer, and we want them to kick the butts of all the other lesser Uni.s, so some support for our guys would be huge. Tony Goodwin (coach of the men's firsts and also the men's I.V. team) is convinced the guys can make it through the qualifiers, and the women's team has a great chance as well. Unfortunately, these games are held on weekdays, so those of us who are working better quickly organise a couple of sickies!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:***TRIVIANIGHT*TRIVIA NIGHT*TRIVIANIGHT***

Everyone must know about the trivia night by now (last issue of dribbling balls plus a flyer) but just in case there are a few people who've been living on another planet: the trivia night is on the 8th of July, starting at 7pm, it's at Stewart's (Cnr. Elgin and Drummond Sts.) and costs \$15 per person (covers food and prizes etc., drinks available at bar prices). It should be a big night, and will be the feature of an article in the next "Dribbling Balls" so come along and establish your prowess as an intellect (or just come along and have a great time). This is a fund-raiser for the club, which will, of course, directly benefit you (new equipment etc.) So get off your butt and come along. Get together a team of 8, or just put in an individual entry. Either way, buy your tickets from one of the Firsts and

BE THERE.

Currently being organised is a Booze Cruise on the Yarra. This will probably be held mid-second semester and should be a great night out. More details in the next issue (just so that you have to read it- ha ha).

MUBC T-SHIRTS

The MUBC t-shirts are now available from Michael Scales for \$15. (These are white long sleeve t-shirts with a black screen-printed design, designed by Michael Scales), which look great and can be worn to tournaments etc. The tops have "Melbourne University Basketball" on the front, with accompanying symbols for each word, and a list of the tournaments the club attends on the back. There are a few tournaments coming up (Moe, Morwell) so make sure you get yours soon.

Legends and Latecomers

Just what's been happening on the court over the last few weeks? Well our esteemed president finally got this team report in that was meant for the last issue...

Sunday Women's A-Grade

The CYMS women's A-grade side consisted of firsts and seconds players from the Wednesday night competition- Nola Hodgson, Gill Payne, Kim Jachno, Tracey Nero, Heather Watson, Sally McMahon, Karen Burgess and games from Trish Mahoney and Natalie Johnson.

While not the most successful season in terms of wins (If winners are grinders then this would be a grim side) However we were competitive in all games and lost a number of close ones within the last minute. If this improved form can be taken into the winter season then we should not only combine to be competitive, but post some more wins as well. (*Which they have done, 2 wins, 1 draw and a bye so far this season-ED*)

In the winter season the team has lost Gill and Karen who decided not to play and replaced them with Natalie and a new face to the club, Sam Dell. Dare I say roll on finals or should I just look for one win at a time?

The two top teams in the club, the Men's and Women's Firsts, play on Wednesday nights (home games held at Uni- in the Sports Centre, East Stadium- **entry is FREE!**) As they didn't get team reports in for the last issue, we've decided to highlight them this issue, especially for the newer members of the club (and anyone else who doesn't normally pay attention), as these are the top players in our club:

METRO. DIV.1 MEN:

The team consists of:
James Hutton, Ken Santamaria, Pat Lawrence, Lucien Boland, Nick Martin, Stuart Verrier, Mark Boland, Mark Howard and Jordan

Griffiths. They're coached by Tony Goodwin, and this is what he has to say about them: At this stage of a long session, the team has experienced a successful season. Right now they are 12 wins and 9 losses and heading for their first winning season in a long time. The last 11 games have seen the team mature to a well disciplined group. They have won 8 of these games, beating the current ladder leaders, Melbourne, by 7 points. They also beat other teams above them, including Kilsyth, Eltham, Bulleen and Dandenong, as well as winning the local Uni derby by beating LaTrobe by 7 points.

The key to their success has been a consistent overall team effort. If one player doesn't succeed on any given night, someone else steps up. The individual efforts have been:

James Hutton's huge haul on boards. At the moment he must be averaging 13-15 boards each week. He is revelling in the big man's dirty job.

When it comes to controlling the show, Ken Santamaria's assists are growing weekly and his turnovers are minimal. Having a smart on court general who is happening, has been essential to our jelling together. He is well supported by Pat Lawrence. The rookie is developing quickly and his weekly contributions are growing.

The shooting role has been well handled by Lucien Boland and Nick Martin. Their confidence has been high and the team have faith in their ability. Consequently they always give them the ball, but sharing the ball around with the team is not a problem.

When we talk about defensive jobs, running the offence, picking up a few rebounds and a few points, the 2 spare parts men we have are really helping to keep the unit tight. Captain Stuart Verrier running the 1,2 or 3 position has used his experience to guide the unit to this successful season so far. The 2nd spare parts man is

Mark Boland who is playing the 3 or 4 role. He has added a real "swing" man image to the team. He is consistently scoring and pulling in rebounds to compliment the other players around him.

Vice Captain Mark Howard and left hander Jordan Griffiths have been playing great defence against the bigger guys week in week out. Both have had their say at the other end at different times. In fact contributions against Auburn and Kilsyth at the offensive end were match winning performances.

Overall the unit has focused on playing defence and stopping the other teams. Generally it is working well and if they continue to develop at the rate they are developing at the moment, who knows what might happen. The future looks good.

(Most of the players are also fulfilling I.V. obligations (along with Paul Schofield from the 2nds and a few players from elsewhere) and we wish them all the best for this- see I.V item)

There are 7 games left in this season and the team would like to win 3 or 4 more games to post a winning season. We will report in a month on the I.V. and championship season.

Mens 2nds-

The second team, under the guidance of Adrian Frankling (HBTY, HBTY, HBDA, HBTY) has produced some good performances, but it is a young team and will need some more games to become successful. Players playing well apart from Adrian, are the big guy Paul Schofield, shooter Miki Bumpers and on court general David White. They are being ably supported by Rod and Matt Ennis, Ben McMary and Anthony Wheaton.

WOMEN'S FIRSTS-

The team consists of: Gillian Payne, Sally McMahon, Anna Jaman, Nola Hodgson, Martelle Cowan, Nat Johnson, Karen Burgess and Sally Bickerton. They are coached by Tim.

The first people that have to be mentioned in any round up of the firsts are people like Amanda Barret, Sam Dell, Kim Jachno, Trish Mahoney, Beck Stockdale and Debbie, and others, who have pushed the eight people who are (at present) in the women's firsts, more than some other first division teams this year, to train harder and play smarter. Without them, nothing like as much would have been achieved.

And what has been achieved has been impressive, although only those who hadn't really looked at the talent and determination already in the firsts would have been surprised. After 14 games of a 22 game season, the firsts are at 10 and 4, with a percentage above 140 because of consistently tough team defence and some very classy, smart and unselfish transition offence, which is fun to play and pretty to watch. Talking offence, though, one of the features of the firsts' play this year has been the way the ball has been shared around. The small army of weapons they can choose to use depending on what the defence is willing to give them: from the Sallys (Sally Jane and Sally B) and Marty spotting up for jumpshots, or Anna from the wing or the foul-line, to Nat and Gill creating opportunities in the gaps, or Nola-bear in the post.

The firsts could otherwise be known as the Jetsetters, since it seems that the most common excuse for missing training is "I'll try to be there but I'm on a six o'clock flight, and if it's delayed..." but the commitment to training hard and improving every week, bit by bit, has been a big part of the firsts unity and success. It's shown in everyone's game and the results have followed. In the past month, Uni beat Broadmeadows 50-28, Scoresby 87-16 and Eltham 48-25, but then lost to Diamond Valley 59-51 because of a lacklustre defensive effort (although giving up 38 points in the second half probably shouldn't be called an effort). *(Ouch! I think you've been told)*

At this stage of the season it might not be such a bad thing for the firsts to remember that losing really does suck.

With 8 games to go before finals, and (before the Diamond Valley game) Uni in second place, there is still something to be proved, but there is also, obviously, the ability to prove it.

Uni are playing Nunawading (currently top of the table and one of the teams that beat Uni earlier this year) AT MELBOURNE UNI on the 19th of July at 7pm. It should be a game well worth watching, and all support would be greatly appreciated.

WANT TO EARN SOME EXTRA MONEY?? There is a position available within the club, for someone to promote the Challenge Series from week to week. This is currently being done by Michael Scales, so anyone interested should chat to him about what's involved. It's 2-3 hours work a week (not necessarily on a Saturday- it's up to you really) and you'd be getting an extra \$30 a week. Easy! Talk to M.S.

Portland Tournament

For some reason there seem to be two versions of this report, the one Simon gave us in the pub on Saturday and the one he put on paper on Sunday (significantly less interesting) so the editors have combined the two versions to produce a comprehensive report.

Only one men's team made it to Portland (initially there was a women's team also but most of those players ended up in hospital in one way or another and had to pull out). The men's team consisted of: Stu, Herman, Simon, Matt Roach, Rod Ennis, Michael Scales, Trevor and Gecko, and Clare Hooper went along as scorer.

The tournament started badly for Simon, Herm and Matt. Putting their tent up in the rain, they found that they (read Simon) had left the centre pole in Melbourne. An improvisation

sufficed for the first night but the tent flooded the next day, so they spent the rest of the tournament sleeping in the car (Who got the back seat? Perhaps its better if we don't ask) To cap off a really enjoyable first night, they got kicked out of the pub with 6 minutes left of game one of the NBA finals.

On court, their first game went well, with a 30 point win. Simon tells us he hit 18 points. Apparently Herm played pretty well too, hitting a 3 from the baseline. The opposition helped our cause as well, their coach getting himself ejected. At one stage we had 6 free throws and possession. (Stu hitting 4/6).

The highlight of Saturday arvo seems to be Matt Roach causing a stir in the pub by leaving a receipt cashable for 10c on the Pokie machine. "It's my lucky day!" uttered a local. Saturday evening saw the second game of the tournament. Stu was on fire and the team won easily. Next stop was the Richmond Henty nightclub, and by all accounts a big night was had by all. Picture the scene, 9 blokes out on the town, one of whom (Matt) happens to have a birthday the following day. In the style of true mateship, they skull 6 pots each and then order cocktails for the birthday boy. Unfortunately the local barman doesn't know how to make a Flaming Lamborghini (heck, I don't even know how to spell it!) so instead Stu orders 2 of 'the most evil drinks you can make'. The next passage is directly quoted from Simon- "Matt skulled both and his night was only just beginning. We followed him onto the dance floor and were immediately surrounded by women. Matt picked up. We didn't." (Through no lack of trying we have been assured). All but Matt decide to return "home", Rod having had what is to be the first of many vomituous events at the nightclub, again chucks outside the tent. All sleep in cars. Matt is yet to return.

Having a 9.50 game the next morning, they arise at 9.38 to discover Matt returning from his

evening's "activities". It turns out that Matt has awoken at 7am in the front of a van parked in the main street. To this day, Matt has (so he claims) no idea who the guy asleep in the back of the van was, who the owner of the van was, and perhaps more importantly, how (and why) he got into the van in the first place. Waking at 7am and not knowing where he was, Matt goes back to sleep (a brave move some may say). A little later he is awoken by "a big man with a handlebar moustache" tapping on the window. Matt didn't stay around for the introductions! Matt is now affectionately known as Matt VanRoach.

They lose the 9.50 game by 1 point (probably still trying to take in the whole Matt VanRoach affair). Rod, still feeling seedy, fails to make it onto the court, but still manages to get a tech foul from the bench between visits to the bathroom to vomit. (Apparently the opposition made both free throws from the tech, and we lost by 1 point- but nobody's blaming you Rod!) Simon does his ankle and is out for the rest of the tournament.

They go to a restaurant and Rod chucks again.

The boys have done pretty well, getting into the semi, which is to be played at 7pm. Unfortunately the comfortable night's sleep they've had in the cars and the effects of alcohol over-indulgence caused the usual MUBC tournament finals form- they "played like shit and lost" as Simon puts it. "Stu was hot for 90 seconds" (2 threes and a fade away) and "Matt was huge on boards" (suffering no after effects of his night on the town).

The Sunday night meal was at the Chinese restaurant. In true MUBC tournament tradition much drinking and making of noise occurred. Michael Scales was shotgun champion (2 cans of beer in 2.82 and 2.81 seconds respectively). Stu is stunned. A long way back in second place is Rod with 6.52 seconds (Obviously he's feeling better now) and Gecko in 6.83 is third. A polite waitress standing behind

Rod and waiting for a gap in the conversation, overhears Rod say (loudly) "And then he cracked a massive fat". Next time she'll just butt in!

Off to the nightclub they go again where the highlight of the night seems to be that they played Bust a Move without it being requested. A special mention must go to Gecko who looks like picking up "a goddess" in the words of Simon and a "gorgeous babette" in the words of Herman, until she realises that she's dancing with the wrong person, having mistaken Geck for someone else! Simon assures us that had it not been for the fact he was dancing on one leg due to his earlier injury, then he would have picked up for sure. Everyone walks home in the rain, including Simon on his sore ankle, except Stu who drives past (on his own) honking his horn.

Again, another successful tournament. Roll on Moe! (*Moe tournament is on the weekend 15-16th July. If you haven't already given your name to James or Tiger, DO IT STRAIGHT AWAY (YES TODAY) or we'll go and have a great time without you*)

Around the Club-

If anyone has any gossip about MUBC members, remember, it is your duty to bring it to the attention of the rest of the club (especially really embarrassing stuff) so let the editors know and we'll print it here....

There have been a couple of events lately that have been attended by MUBC members, and are worth mentioning even though they weren't official MUBC events:

Gossip file from Tiger's SPA PARTY-

Only one MUBC team made it to the party in their entirety-a HUGE effort considering 3 of the team members are new to the club (*I'm glad we're not leading our new team-mates astray-ED*). How did our coach show her appreciation of having us all there?? You guessed it, she spent the evening with her head over

the toilet before passing out in Tiger's bed!! Not to be outdone, one of the rookies joined her at the toilet bowl and also went to sleep quite early (She says she was just following the lead of her coach). A special mention goes to this rookie though (yes, it was Michelle Chan) for recovering in time and spending the rest of the night (morning) in the spa with the all-nighters.

Gossip-wise, nothing much happened at the party- a few old couples getting back together, oh and Claire Jordan/James Hutton caught on film snavving in the spa, as well as Simon and Ellen making us all ill with their discussion of "What do you look for in the perfect partner" How much did those guys have to drink??

Paddy got confused by the spa (mistook himself for a submarine) and almost forgot to come up for air at all (what exactly were you doing down there Paddy- or maybe we don't want to know!) The low light of the evening involves Stu, who insisted on showing everyone his jocks.

Unfortunately he wasn't wearing any. Oh, and Michelle actually had film in the camera this time.

Jan's party- otherwise known as the Demtel Party (Want More?)

We won't dwell too much on this, but a few things must be mentioned:

SIMON CHUCKED

SIMON CHUCKED The theme was 70's, a fact overlooked by a lot of people who chose to come in Bad Taste instead- and we've got the photos to prove it! Also an apology- from Sam and Tiger to Herman "the stud" Tokilidis, hope we didn't cramp your style!

The first party of the year where the police had to be called to break it up (called by the neighbours, not by Jan- or maybe it was her housemates wanting some sleep?). But officer, it's only 3:15am!

The Demtel award goes to not one, not two, but three people.

This award is the "why just have one snav when you can have two snavs?" award. (A tradition started by Tiger after the AGM pub crawl but we won't bring that up again). These awards go to:

1. Ellen Scott (first snavved Simon, then Choco)
2. Choco (First Ellen then widely rumoured to have snavved her friend Sasha)
3. Sasha (Choco and also Nick Martin, so the rumour goes). Simon was heard to comment: "if only Nick and I had kissed, that would have completed the set" There's an offer you can't refuse Nick!

There wasn't much else in the way of goss, the usual Jan/Matt and Claire/Stu shows, and just who was that girl following Hermie around like a shadow? (*Further to the story of Herman's not-so-secret admirer, we hear that she not only followed him all around Jan's place but followed him all the way to Shepparton as well! Did you have any more luck in the absence of Sam, Tiger et al Hermie??*)

Did we mention that Simon Chucked?

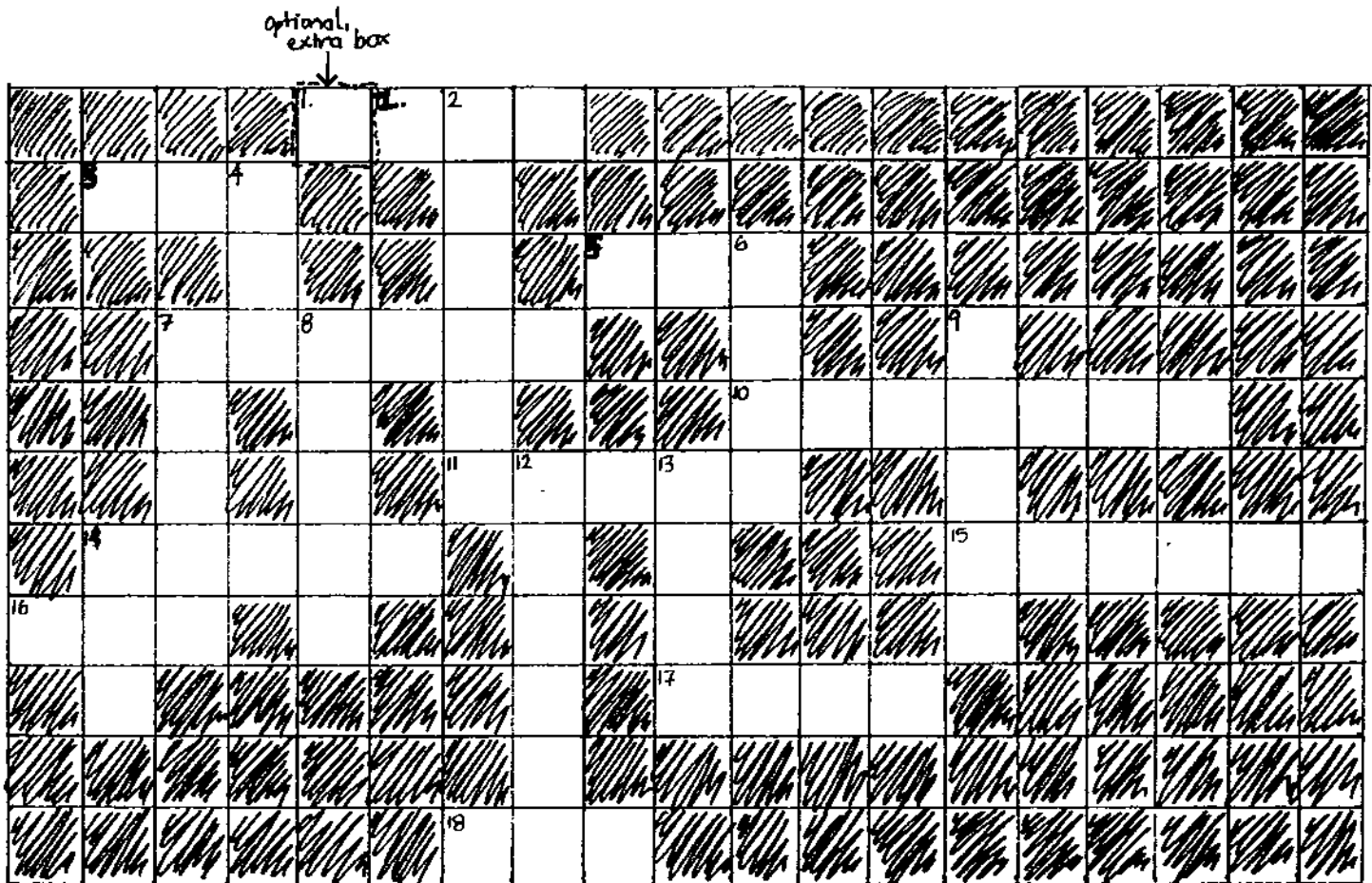
Quotes File-

Tash: Try playing D. on Tiger, you always have a bum in your thigh.

Tiger: Don't blame me, blame my Mum, it's genetic. (???)

Tash: I gave myself Wee Wee

CROSSBALLS



Across:

1. The best-looking ref. of the Challenge Series (and I'm not saying who says)
3. The correct response when someone asks if you're going to the Trivia Night
5. Fill in the blanks: Albert Park Stadium is a great sporting facility (_ _ _ _ !)
7. Lives in Shep. but you wouldn't know it
10. What Albert Park ref.s are good for
11. Spent most of the spa party cuddling the toilet
14. Has the biggest GROWL in the club
15. The person who decided to chop up herself instead of her apple
16. The next tournament, in July
17. One of the Demtel award winners from Jan's party
18. She's gonna make you sweat

Down:

2. The shyest guy in the club (NOT!)
4. Married to Steve but we don't hold that against her
6. Coach of the fabulous firsts and organiser-extraordinaire of trivia nights
7. The undeniable king of Saturday morning trainings (sorry Simon!)
8. Has the best fitting uniform in the Thursday A-Men's team
9. What Rod and Simon have been doing so well lately
12. Recently suffered from the 'kissing disease', and sister of the girl who gave herself "Wee Wee"
13. The best club in the world
14. One of the MUBC social rep.s

The first person to complete the 'Crossballs' and return it to one of the Editors (Sam, Tammy or Tash) will get a prize (a really ace prize too). The editors acknowledge that a fair amount of 'you had to be there' applies to some of the answers, so if you don't know, ask someone (But not one of us!) happy crossballing.