

DRIBBLING BALLS



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EDITORIAL

Well, after around two months of organising, here it is - the very first MAIL OUT edition of the Melbourne University Basketball Club newsletter - Dribbling Balls.

As our regular readers will notice its not a lot different from any other DB except for the fact it arrived in the letter-box instead of at training but anyway.....

If you ever have anything you want published in Dribbling Balls; some goss, a match report or almost anything else, feel free to come see Tammy, Sam or me (Tash). And now for the newsletter, Dribbling Balls, a little truth, not much integrity and a lot of gossip, let the games begin...ENJOY

Love, Tash

C.Y.M.S. SUNDAY NIGHT TEAM REPORTS

A MEN

Coach : ?????

26th May : vs Jetz. The A grade men are still looking for a coach (any offers?!) and playing like it. Despite floating leaners in the lane from Matt Dunshea, the 3 point swishes from Adrian Frankling and the dogged D from new boy Choco, they could not beat the ageing Jetz team. (They all looked aged - to about seven foot!). Our constant turnovers and patchy D proved the difference as we failed to convert and let them score at will. Oh well, there's always next week ... season ...
- Marcus Howard (aka HOWIE)

AR MEN

Coach : Howie

26th May: vs Thesalanka. With a new look team this season after the departure of Ben McHarg, Simon

Gaymer, Matt Roach and Herman (last name's too bloody long!), the AR men's team was looking to rebuild this season. Adding Jason Teh, Mark Blackman, Tim Cotseil and "Big" Sylve into the mix has proven to be a successful move. The team is enjoying a two game winning streak currently after a slow start to the season. Against lowly Thesalanka, Tom King continued to be relentless on the boards (usually his own!) as was Sylve. Despite some shaky free throw shooting a win was in the offing. Score US: Quite a bit really, THEM: Not so much
- Marcus Howard (aka HOWIE)

B MENS

Coach : Tom King

Players: Matt Rafton, Matt Knight, Joe Carroll [aka Skippy], Ze-Min Chua, David Semmens, James Pearce, Justin Bokor, Mike Yeh.

After finally settling the B grade team we are now starting to shine as one of the premier contenders. With the inclusion of two new AR players and the experience of our other great players, we should go all the way.

- Tom King

C1 MEN

Coach : Herman Tokatlidis

This team contains some players new to the club. Dave Morosoli, Russell Hunter, Steve Marwick and Alex Zhitnik are joined by Steve Adei (insists on wearing No.23), Richard King (Tommy's brother), Tom Henderson (guard who loves playing inside), Andrew Hubbard (rebounding machine) and the injured Brett Manley. As the season goes on they are sure to improve on a 2 win, 1 draw, 3 loss record.
- Herman Tokatlidis

D MEN

Coach : James Pearce

Players: Max Gilmour, Paul Nidras, Brendan Green, Micheal Chang, Amir Nekoe, Ofer Kahn, Steve Thomas, Chris Chin, Ken Lam, Ralph Daber

Although the season started with a couple of losses, it was a very promising start, as the losses were only by a few points to teams from C grade. We are now on a roll, having won our past two games, and are now looking at world domination!

- James Pearce

A WOMEN

Coach : Dave Liddle

After a good start to the season when we were 2 and 2, we have lost a number of close games against good opposition. The team consisting of Gill, Boomer, Nola, Kim, Sam, Lara, Nicki, Linda, Natalie and Emma have tried hard but we seem to play 10 minutes of bad ball and thats the game. A draw against Monash was average and we need to team better to do well for the rest of the season.

- Dave Liddle

AR WOMEN

Coach : Adrian Frankling

The AR women finally worked out how to win this season - which is a change after the last couple!! After losing a few regulars to the "Rebels" and to overseas adventures, the team had to be almost completely rebuilt. The new look team comprises of the graceful Arne Matheson, the relentless Anna Rattray, the determined Bec Kluppels, and then the old girls - Amanda "Ouch" Sullivan, the rebounding power of Brenda Fox, the all round Tigerness of "Tiger", the experience of Tammy, the odd miss (!?) from Tash and words of wisdom from

Adrian.

I was going to write about our sweet victory over the "Rebels" - and their special guest player (for the game against us) Sally McMahon but I don't feel a need to - anyway we're in the 4 and should make finals !!!!

- Tash Sullivan

B WOMEN

Coach : Tash Sullivan

The B women are on top of the ladder and looking at the premiership flag with big smiles on their faces!!! They have played an amazing season to date with a grand total of 9 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

The individual talents of team members such as Claire Hooper and Marnary have made rebounding at both ends an easy task. Viv, Sam and Mush have collectively destroyed opposition teams from the outside earning us many points. Cath has also contributed well with her general game becoming more aggressive. The new girl Leonie has proved her worth in several games where her fearless tenacity has helped us to victory.

Now all we have to do is keep it up (and learn how to shoot free throws)!!!!

- Tash Sullivan

C WOMEN

Coach : Sam Sterling

Team : Claire Jordan, Maria La Porter, Vicky Machin, Sarsha McEntee, Jacqui Hill, Narelle Watson, Linda Davies and Shirley Green

This team is currently knocking on the door of the top four, it is quite a good combination, except for a lack of confidence in their own ability !!! More driving, more shooting, more ATTACKING and a grand final berth wouldn't be out of the question.

Go Team !!!

- Sam Sterling

THURSDAY NIGHT **TEAM REPORTS**

B1 MEN

Coach : Gary Pendlebury

After several lacklustre seasons

in A grade this team was put down to B grade. While not dominating the competition, they have only lost two games despite being hit hard by injuries.

Alistair Elliot, Mark Blackman, Mark Foster, Herman Tokatlidis, Ryan Webb, Linden Piastri, Jamie Cemrn, Edwin Luk, Simon McDougall and Andrew Mantzounas have all played in this team and are coached by Gary Pendlebury.

- Herman Tokatlidis

B2 MEN

Coach : Rubes

Winning

Nearly Top 4

Team is gelling

Pendles getting younger

Rubes getting thinner

Ed getting far too enthusiastic

Having nice beers at the Great

Britian

- Rubes

C MEN

Coach : Stuart Williams

Winning

In Top 4

Playing Well

Undermanned

Bad Night Tonight (11th July)

A WOMEN

Coach : Herman Tokatlidis

Coming up from B grade has meant that this team has struggled against the bigger, faster and more skilled opposition teams this season. However they are steadily improving and have been very competitive in the last few games. The regular players are Claire Hooper, Beck Kluppels, Sam Sterling, Viv Cucevic, Sue Randall, Julie Randall, Anke Wurzbacher and Anne Matheson.

- Herman Tokatlidis

C WOMEN

Coach : Tammy Walsh

Players : Eleanor, Justine, Rachel, Tracey, Georga, Cathy D, Shirley, Linda D, Lara

Well, what can you say about a team that is so far undefeated the season ? I guess it helps that we've got 5 girls tall enough to play inside, 2 guards capable of making amazing fast

breaks (Linda and Cathy) and another 2 guards who belong to the Anna Rattray school of defence (Lara and Georga) (they come up with the ball in the most impossible situations !!). Yes, I am gushing like a proud parent, but they deserve it. They even win when I'm not there to coach (OOPS, I wasn't supposed to mention that - Tash, can you edit out this part ?) (Sure - ed)

MONDAY NIGHT

TEAM REPORT

A MEN

What a team !! After a very slow start to the season, Bowlesy, Ryan, Neil, Al, Rubes, Ryan, recent recruits Gillie and Coops have got into gear. Two wins from our last three games and heading out of the relegation zone.

- Coops

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

TEAM REPORTS

This are top teams of the club, competing in the toughest of the Metropolitan competition

1st's MEN

Coach : Tony Goodwin

The 1st are not travelling as well as expected. We have only won 5 but have lost a lot from winnable situations. There has been four 1 point losses. Last week we lost to La Trobe by 3 (they have lost only 1 game this season)

This years team is a good team but they have lost the ability to get over the line. Stuart Verrier is doing well as Captain. Kenny G is carrying the ball well and our big Man James Hutton continues to drag in boards. Overall, they have improved as a unit but on the scoreboard it doesn't look like it.

2nd's MEN

Coach : Adrian Frankling

With a record of 8 wins and 6 losses in Round 14 and in 5th position, the Seconds look to be in with a chance of finals glory.

With a core group of Paul Schofield, Choc, Dave White,

Nick Martin, Adrian Frankling, Hugh De Kretser and cameo appearances from Howie, Nick Rintoul, Dave Liddle, James Hutton, Finn Westermann and Jason Teh, the team is putting together some strong performances. With 7 games to go, with a bit of luck and some strong performances the Seconds look to be up there at the end of the season.

1st's WOMEN

Coach : Tim Nolan

The women's firsts have had a very unsettled season. We have had a variety of players (including Anna Jarman, Natalie Johnston, Sally McMahon, Karen Burgess, Nola Hodgson, Gillian Payne, Madeleine Glaubitz, Linda Wubbeling, Nicki Highett, Amanda Barrett, Gillian Payne, Alex ?), are currently trying to learn our 10th offence for the season and are in the process of training with our third coach. Surprising, we are still in contention for the finals coming up to the business end of the season. Hopefully a good performance in the last 6 games will see us back in the finals this year with a chance to go a step further than we achieved last year.

2nd's WOMEN

Coach : Tammy Walsh

Players : Tracey N, Anna, Tiger, Claire H, Brenda, Viv, Daniella plus assorted fill-ins like Beck and Mush

We're not winning as many games as we should be considering - we've come down from Div. 2., but we have won the last 5 or so games in a row, so..... We need to finish 1st or 2nd in order to challenge to go up. This is a very good team though, so if we don't get back to Div. 2 it will be very disappointing.

(On a happier note) Claire H is doing very well in this team, and Viv is playing some fantastic games, Daniella has also been taking down some huge rebounds, the other 4 regulars are turning in fine performances each week as we have come to expect from the likes of Anna, Brenda,

Tracey and Tiger.

THE INAUGURAL LONDON PUB CRAWL

By Simon

18th May 1996

"Whatever you do, don't go drinking with Greggyl!" With Dave Liddle's words of advice still ringing in our ears, Jan and I decided to make contact with Greg Scholes, whose drinking prowess we knew more by reputation than experience.

Thinking of the motto, "Safety in Numbers", we arranged a meeting for the weekend when Tania Luders was in town.

We all arrived at Greg's 5 storey, 16 bedroom mansion in central London at around 4 p.m. After the obligatory tour of the house (45 minutes) and the introductions to his 2 (nameless) pet chipmunks, Greg asked,

"So what do you want to do tonight ? "

"How about dinner and a pub crawl ? " was Tania's suggestion. Maybe inviting Tania wasn't such a good idea !!!!

We decided on a restaurant and walked there stopping at any pubs met along the way. Lager and Guinness were mixed with the Famous Gayer Cider, first brewed by my great, great, great grandfather in 1770.

After dinner, a pub had to be found, so we headed for Soho. Drinking continued until closing time at the pub (11p.m. !! - can you believe it !!)

We headed then for whatever was open, with 3 Swiss German tourists in tow. It was a late night blues bar.

Everything was fine to this point, when Greg started to supply all with what appeared to be more normal cider. It was only later that we learnt that K-Cider is almost 10% alcohol.

Drunken scenes followed. The Older members of our four-some survived O.K, but first one of the younger duo, and then the next morning the other, had an opportunity for gastronomic examination.

The night ended unconscious on Greg's floor with no

bedding. Needles to say our planned trip to the Sunday market was cut short.

I will never ignore Dave's advice ever again.

THE SPORTS BALL

The Sports Ball was an idea conceived by the Sports Association as an IV Reunion/Fundraiser. After originally selling only 2 tickets they designated tickets to clubs according to numbers. We ended up with around 15 tickets - which we sold to various club members.

The Ball was held on Polly Woodside which was an unusual venue! The club members that went all proceeded to get totalled and ended up having a sensational night.

Highlights were the alcohol running out and a rather sozzled Ze winning one of the door prizes !! Anyway, it was a great night, enjoyed by us all !!

A special thank you must go to Jason who coordinated the ticket selling etc. for MUBC.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night at Stewart's was once again a successful night raising in excess of \$2,000 for the Club. Seventeen tables of serious/not-so-serious/drunk groups went head to head in 10 rounds of trivia. The eventual winners on Adrian Frankling's table (plus Ken?) collected a commemorative medal, the perpetual trophy and a mixed selection of fine table wines.

For those of you who didn't attend, try these questions out for size:

1. How many steps on the Eiffel Tower (within 50 steps)?
2. Who is William F. Cody better known as?
3. In poker, what is the lowest hand that beats a flush?

[Answers at the end of this article]

Congratulations also to Tammy for winning Stu's Stupid Questions and to Tony for winning the mobile phone kindly donated by Telstra and Karen Burgess.

The highlight of the evening was

of course the raffle for \$1,000. With only 250 tickets available, everyone had high hopes at the beginning of the night to take out the cash. In the "reverse raffle", tickets were drawn out and eliminated until the final 50 tickets remained. From there Paddy's Ball Machine™ drew the ping pong balls out with the ticket numbers on them until the lucky winner of the raffle emerged ... Karen "Boomer" Burgess for the second year running! By our calculations, the probability of someone winning the draw two years running is 62,500 to 1. Well done Boomer!!! Congratulations to the First's Men for organising another fantastic night and especially to Tony Goodwin for coordinating the whole event.

Answers to Trivia Questions:

1. 1,792 steps.
2. Buffalo Bill.
3. A full house.

TOURNAMENTS

Many of you will have given your name for the upcoming tournament at Moe on the weekend of July 20th and 21st. Teams and any other relevant information should have been announced by now. Someone will contact you on either the 18th or 19th July to provide game times.

As we've said before in "Dribbling Balls", tournaments are always a blast; you get to play basketball, socialise and drink lots. What else is there in

life???

We love to have rookies come along so if you're interested in experiencing one of these auspicious events talk to Tash Sullivan if you're a girl, and if you're not talk to James Hutton or Howie. Or talk to someone who seems important around the club and they'll point you in the right direction.

LOGO COMPETITION

At the moment the Club needs a logo. We need some creative people in the club (we know you're out there) to design a Club logo that would go on our t-shirts, key-rings, letter-heads and basically anything that is to do with MUBC.

There will be fame, fortune, and lots of hero worship for the winner, so even if you don't usually get out the crayons have a go and enter.

Please hand in designs to any committee member before the end of August !!!!

SOCIAL CALENDER

Enclosed in this edition of DB is the proposed calender of events for the rest of the year.

We encourage **EVERYONE** in the Club to attend as many functions as possible especially the Annual Presentation Dinner (but more on this later in the year.) Anyone with any other suggestions or ideas for social gatherings (or useful contacts!) please talk to Sam-Jo Sterling or Ze-Min Chua or anyone else with a hyphenated first name.

a Personal Invitation--

(Hand-written even!) to **EVERY CLUB MEMBER:**

Saturday 27th July

**"BACK TO UNI" BBQ
and CLYDE NIGHT**

To be held at the Sports Centre after training (i.e. from 11:30am). We encourage everyone to come, whether they train on Sat. or not. Come and meet the "new guys".

Food provided, at minimal cost.

BYO Drinkies.

CLYDE AFTERNARDS!!

COMMITTEE 1996

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MUBC Social Calendar 1996

June	29	Trivia Night
July	2	Australia v Italy Glasshouse 8pm
	5	Tigers v Giants Glasshouse 8pm **SOLDOUT**
	9-11	Intersarsity Southern Universities Conference Qualifying Tournament
	20	Moe Basketball Tournament
	27	Back to Uni BBQ and Clyde Gathering
August	3	
	10	
	17	MUBC Car Rally
	24	
	31	Magic v Giants - See the Magic DESTROY the Giants (As if!!)
September	7	
	14	Cocktail Party
		3 on 3 Tournament - Melbourne University
	30	Australian Universities Intersarsity Championships - Canberra
		From September 30 to October 4 (Canberra)
October	4	
November		Annual Presentation Dinner at the San Remo Ballroom - date to be announced
	23	Albury Basketball Tournament
	30	Christmas Party
December	28	Swan Hill Basketball Tournament

← NEXT WEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE MENS AND WOMENS SOUTHERN
CONFERENCE INTERVARSITY TEAMS WHO HAVE
OFFICIALLY QUALIFIED FOR
NATIONAL I.V.

WELL DONE
WELL DONE
WELL DONE

THANK YOU TO THE COACHES, TONY
GOODWIN (MEN) AND DAVE LIDDLE
(WOMEN)

LET'S GO MELBOURNE,
LET'S GO !!!!!!!