

DRIBBLING BALLS

The Newsletter of the Melbourne University Basketball Club

FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome

WOW!! So much has gone on since the O'Week Edition of DB and it's all packed into this Bumper Mail-Out Edition of Dribbling Balls.

Sex, Lies and Dribbling Balls

We know some of you out there like to write articles, help out as editors or draw cartoons. So if you would like to help us put this stunning newsletter together give us a call. Our numbers appear at the end of this publication. Alternatively, if you have any ideas for the newsletter, items you would like to see included or other suggestions come and talk to us!!

- Sam and Ze

President's Report

New Committee

At the end of March, the 1997/98 Committee was elected. Thank you to all those who served on the Committee last year and congratulations to all Office Bearers on this year's Committee.

Male Junior Representative

There is still one position on the Committee that has not been filled. The position of Male Junior Representative is open to anyone who has been in the Club for two years or less.

Basically, your responsibility is to be an avenue for the concerns and questions of our new Club members.

CYMS Sunday Night

Stadium Entry Fee Increase

With the move to the new stadium in July, CYMS have decided to change the stadium

entry fees. Parking will be free but the new charges are:

Spectators: \$2.50

Players: \$6.00

The move will take place at the end of August. The first game being played at the new stadium on Sunday 28th August.

- Tammy Walsh

Warrnambool Tournament Report

As far as tournaments go, this one was relatively quiet compared to last year's effort. But it did give rise to a new Uni chant:

GO UNI, GO UNI, GO UNI,
GO WOO WOO!! (as in the train whistle a la Thomas the Tank Engine.)

Team Reports

AR Men: James H, Mark B, Lucien, Howie, Ken, Stu, Anthony, Scott.

Coach: Tony

The team had some close games to make it to the finals. This could have been explained by (a) the point guard deciding to leave his shoes back at the rooms or; (b) the shooting guard deciding that it would save him a lot of bother if he just left his uniform at the main stadium – good logic except for the fact that we played at five different locations.

Nevertheless a semi-final win against the Jetz, 48-29 and a 65-44 win against AMP Eagles meant that Melbourne University took the flag and the prize money. SHOW ME THE MONEY!!!! Good job guys.

AR Women: Nikki, Anna, Kate, Alex, Sally, Nola, Jill, Karen.

Coach: Robert

No.1 Supporter: Stephanie
Two big wins and a narrow loss were enough for our

premiere women's team to make the finals.

In fact, beating Geelong 56-45 in the semi-final, and a big win against Growlers in the Grand Final 50-31 meant that Melbourne University had just won another flag and more prize money. SHOW ME THE MONEY!!!

Growlers weren't too happy about the loss, but that's just too bad – we're better than them. WOO WOO!!

B1 Men: Dave W, Paul G, Miki, Jordan, A.MacFarlane, Choco, Nick M.

Coach: Tony

Three big wins ensured a go at finals. Unfortunately our guys were up against East Preston at 8am on Sunday. On top of this East Preston were a team of former CBA players. We did well to stay in the semi-final, only losing by 10 points. I'm sure the huge cheer squad helped! East Preston went on to win the Grand Final by 20 points.

Quote of the Tournament belonged to an opposition coach who instructed his team to "Get away from the ball." We wonder what Tony had his guys doing to get that response from the opposition?

B1 Women: Tash, Amanda, Tammy, Tiger, Mush, Claire, Sam, Eleanor, Rachel.

Coach: Anne

One win, two losses. Played well against lots of Under 16's. As Anne yelled to us once (or was it several times?) "Go and grab them by their training bra!" We fouled lots (and Amanda charged lots!) but managed to sufficiently annoy the opposition and have a good time.

B2 Men: Hugh, Finn, Herman, Brendan, Ze, Mark, James P.

Coach: Herman

One loss by 2 points, a big win, and a 10am game in Terang [45 minutes from where we were staying - Ed.] which we weren't quite awake for (despite the cheer squad!). Played well and just missed out on a spot in finals. If only we had some more players...

Now for the other news:

Friday night saw lots of people learning how to play Pyramid. Showing super fitness, Ze, after sneaking up behind Howie to explode a paper bag proceeded to lie on the floor laughing and cramping for the next 10 minutes.

Later that night, Stu was stranded on Hopkins Highway wearing nothing but his basketball boots.

"It wasn't my fault," he says, "I just got out of the car naked." Apparently he had trouble recognising the car he was meant to go home in - so he bobbed up and down behind some bushes wondering whether or not to flag down each car that passed.

Meanwhile back at Deakin, some U/20 guys decided to stroll past the single females dorm ...

Saturday night and most started at Whalers. Nick got the dancing off to a good start. We then went on to Lady Bay to continue our drinking and dancing. James and/or Choco and/or Stu picked up a woman for Ken with the line, "You've got a cute smile, and our friend's pretty cute too. You two should meet!"

Two Grand Final WINS, and some other great basketball. WOW - Well done everyone, and what else can I say but: GO UNI, GO UNI, GO UNI, GO, WOO WOO!!

• Rachel

O'Week
Report

Who would be dumb enough to give up their whole week before Uni started, getting up at 7:30am, sitting at a table

talking to freshers asking you where the netball table was?! Well some of us did. (Yeah, we know - no life and all that.)

On the whole, it was a fairly successful week with the Club managing to attract a large number of male and female basketballers to the Club.

Thanks to Tiger, Tash, Eleanor, Nick O'Brien, Skip, Dave S, Ze, James H and anyone else who sat on the table.

Part of the O'Week festivities included the 3on3 competition held two weeks after Uni started. The competition raised almost \$500 for the Club and this money has been put towards the purchase of new basketballs. Thanks to all who helped out with advertising, organising, refereeing, coordinating, announcing, scoring, playing or anything else.

AGM Pub-Crawl
Report

The AGM was followed by a long-standing club tradition, the AGM Pub-Crawl. This event was definitely one of endurance, with quite a few starters dipping out at the very first pub. What with the sunshine, the calming Saturday afternoon ambience of the Clyde's beer garden and a significant time spent enjoying lunch, it looked like the pub crawl was going to be a very relaxed affair.

Enter Tiger, and her plan to get Adrian pissed on his last day in Victoria before heading West to the land of the Mighty Eagles. Everyone chipped in and Tiger ordered the largest glassful of mixed white spirits ever known to man. "Here's to Adrian, he's true blue..." and ten seconds later the pub crawl was off and running. Adrian, now fired up, decides to lead the rest of us in our quest for drunken anaesthesia. So off to the Moosehead/Queensberry/Nau

ghto's we go... The drinks are flowing thick and fast, and so are the quotes! First, Mush tells us that, "It's good when you're drunk, 'cos your bum's not so sore," then Finn informs us that: "It's all bent and hot." And Tiger hasn't even said, "It's still hurting, Adrian" yet.... It was at about this stage that I looked around and realised that no new club members were amongst the pub-crawling group. Did somebody warn them?? (Why didn't somebody warn ME??) Hours pass, and we decide to take a break from drinking (well, except for the wine with the meal that is) long enough to have dinner. It was then that Tiger posed the big question. Looking down her shirt she asked: "Where's my cleavage?" To which I STILL have no response... Then on we go, eventually returning to the Clyde many hours after we started. I'm still trying to determine whether or not it was a mistake to let this group of people stop off at my flat on the way. It wasn't so much the fact that they drank all of my beer and ate all of the Violet Crumbles that I was meant to be selling for fundraising, or even the fact that they wanted to taste the ORNAMENTAL chillies. It was more the effect they had on the people who know me in college... "Were those your friends that were here the other night??" people asked... "Ummm, no comment."

Once at the Clyde though, we settled down to the more serious task of drinking. It was around this time that Gecko got into the quote file with: "Oh, that felt good" to which our undeniable quote-master supreme (Tiger) replied: "Then we should do it again!" (And due to space limitations I haven't even included the one where she said to Herm: "It's a bit soft" and he replied: "Yeah, I know"). A couple of hours pass o-so-quickly, but eventually the decision must

be made by each individual still standing: to Metro, or to sleep?? The pub crawl was a small but very enjoyable affair, for those of you who didn't come- suffer in your jocks!! (I mean that in the nicest possible way). We had a lot of fun. The day was best summed up by Blackers, after 9 hours of drinking: "I'm having trouble taking myself seriously." Yes.

• Sam

Ballarat Tournament Report

There's not really much to tell about Ballarat basketball wise. Only the Men's Firsts and the Women's Seconds made it to the semi-final stage and were then knocked out.

Other tournament news included Stu's booking of the Chinese restaurant. But to be fair to Stu (not) it wasn't his fault that we couldn't find the restaurant and that when we got there, the staff decided that a good Chinese meal could take at least 2 hours to serve...

The traditional nightclub outing to Hot Gossip (yes folks, it's a converted church) led to the traditional wild night out for MUBC.

Sam snags Mark F (not Mark B);

Choco tries to dance with Linda... and Tammy... and Tash... and Rubes... and ...;

Dave, Ze and Skip decide at 6am that they will wake up in time for the 9am game if they set the alarm and then immediately go to sleep. I guess someone should have told them that to set an alarm requires one to have an ALARM CLOCK to start with;

Tiger, sharing a room with Anne and James finds the double and the single beds pushed together. 'No way' was the call made by Tiges;

Tash repeats her amazing technicolour yawn impressions of 1996. (Three-peat in 98?);

And the quote of the tournament:

"Stu, you played like a dog" (EVERYBODY).

• Tammy

Mt Gambier Tournament Report

I was going to give a blow by blow report of this tournament for all you people that missed out on one of the best tournaments on the MUBC calendar but I couldn't be bothered. Suffice to say that if you were not at Mount Gambier 1997, nyah-nyah-nyah-nah-nah.

Here is a brief synopsis:

Gambier 1997 wouldn't have been Gambier 1997 if

Amanda didn't get fired up;

Anne had a healthy respect for 14 year old girls that dared to beat her on a fast break;

Ardo was a sarcastic smart-arse (with all due respect, Doc!) [Example of a typical Ardo sentence at a match: "That ###\$@ was a \$\$%#* foul you *8^%^, \$%\$\$ ref! Are you ###\$ blind or something you ##@% #@\$ \$\$ \$%# \$!!" -Ed.]

Dave wasn't a SNAG;

Eleanor had not launched into her apprenticeship in the art of hairdressing;

Finn missed a shot;

Herman didn't party hard;

Justine spoke;

Mark didn't remember all those drinking games from his magic book;

Mush didn't sweat Sambuca (Baileys, Midori, Vodka ...);

Nick W didn't get a tech foul;

Ralph wasn't Ralph;

Sabina didn't chuck;

Sam was quiet;

Tash didn't know what we were going to do for dinner, lunch, breakfast, before the next games, what to wear, could tell the difference between Mush and Ze on a bed, when was a good time for a toilet stop ...

Tiger didn't enjoy a quick f**k;

Ze could handle his Fuzzy Ducks and hadn't brought that stupid puzzle book.

Anyway, heaps of stuff happened but you had to be there, like when we all laughed at Dave's haircut or when people said:

'We're in South Australia now. If you want it, you gotta blow it.' (SS)

'That's a lot of spoof.' (MC)

'It's not the first time.'

'And it won't be the last.' (FW,MB)

'Go Wayne Carey!' (JP)

• Tash

Portland Tournament Report

PORTLAND- The Town With a Short Memory.

Despite the Matt Van Roach saga of a couple of years ago, Portland was largely under-prepared for the might of the MUBC girls on tour. Incidents included:

- Tammy being threatened with a Tech foul for swearing AT HERSELF for missing a pass (yes, she used that naughty "shit" word)
- Being told that there was going to be a rather long wait for breakfast at the Cafe because it was busy (there were 2 other tables of people)
- Being told that when two people collide in the middle of the basketball court, it's a "No Call" because the

defender's not at fault, (HELLO!! Ever heard of the word "charge"?? It doesn't only refer to the allegation of a criminal offence). Although I personally got a lot of mileage out of this particular "no call". (Apologies to the opposition!)

- The team being threatened with eviction from the motel for noise made in the time between getting out of the taxi and walking to the rooms (loosen up!). On these grounds they must have threatened every group in the place (incidentally they were all basketballers). Besides which, we were only on the trampoline for a very short period...
- Sam got NO tech fouls

So it was with some amazement that we compared the Portland of today with MUBC's exploits of the past and wondered...Why haven't they become acclimatised to us yet??

The team that went consisted of: Tammy, Anne, Sam, Jess, and a couple of ring-ins, Pick and Rebecca the netballer. We had a typical tournament weekend. That is, we played ball, ate, drank, attended the mandatory nightclub (even though we really didn't want to) had little or no sleep, played more ball, ate more, drank more etc. etc. In true tournament fashion we managed to enjoy ourselves to the full extent of our abilities. Rookies Jess and Rebecca held up admirably under the strain of keeping up with Tammy and Sam in shouts. We managed to impress the Monash/Oakleigh boys with our drinking prowess (one day I'll probably tell Wright that I didn't actually drink all of those shots by myself, but was merely cleaning up after all of us when I placed the pile of

shot glasses on the bar before buying the next round). And then again, maybe I won't. All too soon came Jess and Bec's initiation to the obligatory early next morning game. Jess having to ask on the way to the game; "How did we get home last night?" Anne, having been injured the day before, was sitting this one out, so a team of 5 remained. 4 of those had been at the nightclub until closing (and then played on the trampoline) the night before, and then been refused breakfast 'cos it was too busy. So we played (sort of). And we lost (definitely). And best of all, Pick, after twisting her ankle 10 minutes into the second half (we were losing by about 30 points at the time) has said to the opposition coach - "You know, you could probably call off your full court press now. I think you're going to win." To which he replied, "IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT, GET OFF THE COURT," which promptly became our quote for the weekend. And incidentally, Sam got no tech fouls.

And then there was the dinner time discussion at the Chinese Restaurant. The guys (Mick, Coops, Trev, James) had seen John Cleese's Mens Health show during the week and it was necessary to discuss the contents over a meal.... There was a lovely looking family sitting behind us, but for some reason they didn't hang around for dessert. They were replaced by a much harder bunch- fellow basketballers. Mick knew them, so politely inquired; "Did you guys make finals?" To which the dejected team replied: "No. We missed out by point one eight percent! What about you guys?" Mick's reply: "No. We missed out by point 2.....games."

It was a great weekend, and thanks to Tammy's mum for lending us "The Van" ('cos

how else would MUBC get around Portland, hey Matt?) Did I mention that I got NO tech fouls??!

- Sam

Summer Season
1996/97

The Wrap

A consolidation of new team members plus some changes to coaching staff over Summer have led to some impressive results.

Teams who made it to the finals over Summer were Thursday A Men, Thursday B1 Men, Thursday B1 Women, Thursday B2 Women, Sunday A Men, Sunday AR Men, Sunday C1 Men and Sunday B Women.

Of these only the Women's Sunday B team progressed to the Grand Finals but unfortunately were runners-up. Congratulations to all teams who made finals. The number of teams making finals augurs well for Winter 1997.

Here's how all the teams fared over summer...

Men's Teams

Firsts and Seconds
Division One MMBA
10th out of 21 teams

'Summer season is the silly season and is basically used as practice sessions for the guys. I place no emphasis on it.'

- Tony Goodwin

Monday A MBA
9th out of 16 teams

'We managed to avoid relegation over summer and finished in the top two-thirds of the ladder. A difficult season all round.'

- Henry Cooper

Thursday A VBHBA
8th out of 13 teams
Semi-Finals

'After promotion from B Grade the guys found a new challenge of being competitive in A Grade. The team at one

point, the team vied for a place in the four against strong competition but two disappointing losses in the last four games to bottom of the ladder sides squashed our hopes. The team showed teamwork and commitment and we look forward to the winter season.'

- Gary Pendlebury

Thursday B1 VBHBA

3rd out of 13 teams

Semi-Finals

'We did really well up until the finals... It has been one of the most cohesive teams I have coached. We weren't a team of champions but were a champion team.'

- Kevin Dyt

Thursday B2 VBHBA

13th out of 13 teams

This team came up from C Grade, ended up playing with fill-ins for the entire season due to a large departure overseas (ie the whole team) and was relegated back to C Grade for the winter season. Oops!

Sunday A CYMS

3rd out of 12 teams

Preliminary Final

'The addition of Lucien, Mark and Scott helped the guys to their first winning season in a long time. However, defence proved to be a consistent problem and the men found themselves outscored in the preliminary final.'

- Marc Howard

Sunday AR CYMS

2nd out of 14 teams

Preliminary Final

'A great season. The team bonded together very well. However, a lack of consistency saw them lose to a lower seeded team in the preliminary final.'

- Marc Howard

Sunday B CYMS

8th out of 14 teams

'Some good performances but lost 4 games on the last shot

of the day costing us a place in the finals.'

- James Pearce

Sunday C1 CYMS

4th out of 15 teams

Semi-Finals

'After a good regular season where we finished 4th, we played our elimination final without Max and Kieren [To be fair, they were competing in a Tuesday night competition which decided to switch the Grand Final to a Sunday (!) - Ed.] which left us struggling to score. Despite this it was close until the last minutes and we eventually lost by ten points. DOH!!!'

- Herman Tokatlidis

Sunday C2 CYMS

9th out of 15 teams

'An inconsistent season. Losing all but two of your original seven people starting the season doesn't help the cause. We basically had a different team each week.'

- Nick O'Brien

Women's Teams

Firsts

Division One MMBL

3rd out of 14 teams

'We were just mucking around over summer but happened to be 13-1 and lost only one game since Christmas.'

- Tim Nolan

[The Firsts are still "mucking around" and are currently first on the MMBL Division One Winter Season ladder! - Ed.]

Seconds

Division Two MMBL

6th out of 13 teams

'Some good performances over the summer season. Our aim over winter will be to challenge for a permanent position in Division Two.'

- Tammy Walsh

Thursday B1 VBHBA

2nd out of 13 teams

Semi-Finals

'A big thank you to a wonderful team that made a return to coaching most enjoyable. Despite some personnel

changes, we maintained great winning form to finish 2nd behind an A Grade team holidaying in B Grade. The other B Grade uni team proved a worthy challenge, but some very big wins over other teams were awesome! Well done gang for a great season and a finals appearance to boot.'

- Brendan Green

Thursday B2 VBHBA

4th out of 13 teams

Semi-Finals

'A great effort by the team who (finally) believed they could mix it with the best in B Grade and showed it by winning 9 games in a row at the end of the season against quality opposition. A close semi-final loss to an A Grade team but next season we'll do one better and win the flag (maybe). Thanks to our dedicated cheer squad. (Matt R, Jamie, Mark, Finn - where were you guys for the final?!?)'

- Ze-Min Chua

Sunday A CYMS

5th out of 8 teams

'A good effort and a big thank you to all who played in this team over summer. The team has been disbanded for the winter season.'

- David Liddle

Sunday AR CYMS

5th out of 7 teams

'Since the team had a problem holding down a coach, I guess its up to me as team manager (ie scorebench and towel boy) to do the report. The team played well in patches during the season, finishing one spot out of the finals. Some free throw shooting practice and a bit more team cohesion should see this team have an excellent season next winter. There, I hope that wasn't too corny.'

-The Team Manager

Sunday B CYMS

1st out of 12 teams

Grand Final: Runners-Up

'A fantastic effort yet again. You girls deserved to win. No tears next time, OK?'

- Tash Sullivan

Sunday D CYMS

6th out of 10 teams

'We struggled for numbers during the season but things are looking up for us in winter.'

- Sam Sterling

Events Calendar

MUBC Trivia Night

Friday 4th July, 7:30pm

**Venue: Stewart's Bar,
Johnston St, Carlton.**

Traditionally organised by the Firsts Men and is always an awesome night. For \$10, enter the raffle for a cash prize of \$1,000. With only 250 tickets being sold, you better get your's soon. Lots of other fun and games included on the night.

Tickets: \$15 includes meal and trivia. Drinks at bar prices.

SUSA Intervarsity Qualifying Tournament - Shepparton

**Monday 7th July to
Wednesday 9th July**

The men's and women's IV teams need to make it to the last four to qualify for the national tournament which this year, is being hosted by LaTrobe University.

Moe Basketball Tournament Saturday 19th July to Sunday 20th July

See why they call this the 'no blood, no foul' tournament. A weekend of basketball and other stuff. [Wack?! - Ed.]

Tournament Entry Fee: \$10

Accommodation: Around \$20

1997 World Basketball Championship for 22U Men Friday 1st August to Sunday 10th August

**Venue: Melbourne Sports
and Aquatic Centre,
Melbourne Park, The
Glasshouse**

Anyone interested in attending this tournament should book their own tickets through

Ticketmaster Bass or over the counter at the venues. The enclosed flyer was only received by us on the 25th June and so we couldn't make use of the special offer. Sorry!

Annual Presentation

Evening

Friday 10th October OR

Saturday 11th October

Venue: TBA

The night of nights for the Club. A little bit like the Logies but mostly not like it at all.

Come and socialise with the crowd and perhaps pick yourself up a boy, a girl, an award or all three! There are trophies for the Most Valuable Player in every team, male and female for the winter season. Special awards include Most Improved Player (Male and Female), Best First Year (Male and Female) and the John Bayliss Award for Service to the Club.

Tickets: TBA.

The Committee

The new Committee for 1997/98 was duly elected on 1st April, 1997. The list of representatives, along with their contact numbers follow.

A special welcome to the new members, Sarsha and Karly. The new committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the out-going president, Dave Liddle, for his outstanding commitment to the committee over quite a few years.

Committee meetings are held once a month on a Tuesday night, and are open to all club members, should they wish to join us at any time. If you ever have an issue you want raised with the committee, feel free to approach any of the committee members (especially the general and junior rep's, as the whole reason for their existence [on the committee at least!]) is to liaise between club members and the committee). Or come

along to the next meeting - ask a committee member for details of these.

We still need a male junior rep! Any male who has been in the club less than two years is eligible for this position. The duties of junior rep's are just to provide a voice for the newer members of the club, the time involved is one Tuesday a month. All interested persons should hassle a committee member for more details (Dave Semmens was male junior rep. last year, and he's still on the committee, so how hard can it be???)

If you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints or problems relating to the Club, contact one of the committee members listed below. Tell us what you want! After all, it is your club ...

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Tammy Walsh
9364-8682

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James Hutton
9690-1438

Secretary:

Michelle Hansen
9722-1897

Asst Secretary:

Sarsha McEntee
9534-8029

Treasurer:

Brendan Green
9380-6776

Male Social Rep:

Ze-Min Chua
9878-6359

Female Social Rep:

Sam Sterling
9349-0414

Male Junior Rep:

TBA

Female Junior Rep:

Karly Finlayson
9342-1643

Male General Rep:

David Semmens
9380-4637

Female General Rep:

Natasha Sullivan
041 2066 128

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