

# Sandringham Sabres

The First 25 Years  
1974 – 1999



**Southern  
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Association**

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**In Memory of  
Michael 'Spick' Stepien**

*“For each and every organisation it is important to have a historical record because those who follow need to have an understanding of from whence they came.*

*Those who do not have knowledge or observe history may well make the mistakes of the past.*

*It is important to maintain a history because from that people will learn and it is part of the culture of the community.*

*The younger you are the less likely you are to be interested in history but as you get older your appreciation for your origins and history increases.*

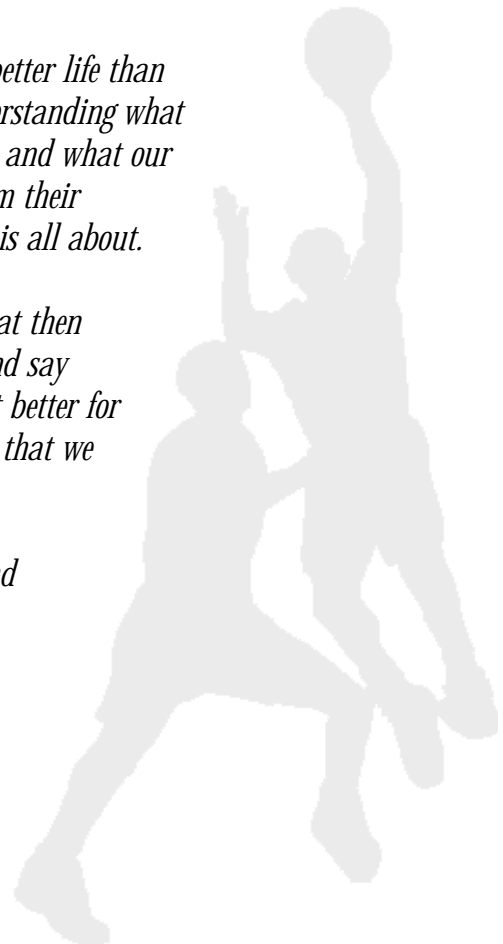
*Do you have any fond memories of your parents and grandparents? Do you have an understanding or appreciation of what they did and in cases the sacrifices they made so that we might be better?*

*Each generation is expected to have a better life than the ones before. So in that context understanding what our grand parents did for their children and what our parents did for us to help us benefit from their experience I think that is what history is all about.*

*When you have an understanding of that then you can have an appreciation of that and say ‘these are the things they did to make it better for us kids or for their kids and what is it that we can do to make it better for our kids.’*

*The lessons are learnt along the way and hopefully we progress and improve.”*

**Lindsay Gaze**





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### **Please Note:**

The material in this manuscript is the result of research conducted in 2000 – 2001. It was sourced from interviews, club newsletters, reports, photos, pennants, local newspapers, articles, game result sheets, diary, flyers, and badges.

Information transcribed from some documents (such as newsletters or game result sheets) may at times include spelling or grammatical errors. Corrections were made only if absolutely necessary to clarify meaning. This was done deliberately to remain true to the content and spirit of the original documents.

The content is as accurate as possible based on information gathered at the time. All efforts were made to check the facts for accuracy. However it is possible there are some factual errors, which others involved in the various events at the time may be able to correct.

As far as possible permission was obtained from all those who contributed, to include the information they provided.

# Introduction

## The History of the History Book

In December 1999, Michael Stepien, then Vice President of Southern Basketball Association, visited me at my home in the Dandenongs. We sat in the garden and had a yarn about the 'good old days' of Sandringham basketball, as we often did, and realised it was 25 years ago when the club started.

I said to Michael 'it would a good idea to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club in a book.' Michael thought it was a great idea and in his typical way of doing things, got out his mobile phone and immediately called an executive member of the Association and told him in an 'assertive way' about the book idea.

Well, very quickly the idea took hold – and in a short time I presented a proposal to a sub committee in early 2000 at the King Club to oversee the project of the '25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book'. Soon after, this proposal was officially accepted by the executive committee.

I was commissioned to go ahead with the project. My paid responsibilities were to oversee the project, edit the book and provide a marketing plan to sell the book to recoup the expenses of publishing it. The Association would pay for the design, artwork, layout, scanning and printing of 1000 books.

During 2001, a draft copy of the edited book (text only) was provided to the committee and it was ready to go to the printer for the final stages of publishing it. These stages included scanning, design, layout, artwork and printing of the book.

Unfortunately the executive committee at that time was unable to fund the project and the book was not published.

In December of 2007 I was cleaning out my cupboards (a rare occurrence) and discovered all the research material I had collated, stored away in bags. In a moment of (weakness?) I thought it would be a shame if this history of the club were to be buried away and forgotten.

So at the start of 2008 I decided to create a copy of the remaining material in an electronic format and donate the end result to the current Executive Committee to do whatever they deemed appropriate.

Having the appropriate computer hardware and software available (as well as the assistance of Sue James in design, image editing and layout) I revisited the original copy and research material in order to produce this electronic version.

My other motivation to complete this endeavour occurred more recently. Michael 'Spick' Stepien passed away in July 2008, and I thought it would be a fitting tribute to Michael (a Life Member) for his thirty years' involvement and dedication to the club.

The title of this copy has been changed to 'Sandringham Sabres - The First Twenty-Five Years: 1974-1999' as the original title of 'Sandringham Sabres - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' is no longer relevant.

## About this Copy

After an 8 year gap, I have used my existing research to complete this copy. Photos vary in quality and the dates they were taken are generally accurate. Some photos did not have dates and I have placed them in the decade where I believed they belong. Although they may not be under the exact year they were taken.

When this project began in 2000 we advertised extensively to all current and ex members to provide any information they could of the twenty-five year period. We had a modest response which resulted in some years not being as well represented as others.

The sources of information were extracted and edited from interviews, club newsletters, reports, photos, pennants, local newspapers, articles, game result sheets, diary, flyers, and badges.

The original version of the book was tightly edited because of the cost of producing a hard copy.

However, in this electronic format I decided to include more information such as extra interviews, game results and more of my own personal records because I am not restricted in terms of space requirements. The end result is that this copy will also hopefully act as a historical document for the Southern Basketball Association.

### Significant Events

The significant events are my interpretation based on the research available. These are first time events. Individual achievements are not listed here. They can be found in the relevant year in which they occurred.

### Beginnings

The information in this section resulted from the many discussions I had with Basil Cervi, from my own memories and from other research material.

### Reflections

The reflections were a series of interviews, which I conducted in 2000 with various members and ex members of the Southern Basketball Association.

I wanted these reflections to be included because the 'Sandringham Basketball Story' is really about the 'experiences and relationships' of people, not just the results of games.

### **Snippets**

All the information in Snippets is from verifiable sources. For clarity of reading I have added, where necessary, sub headings for various snippet items.

### **Game Results**

Many extra game results were included, both significant and not so significant, over the 25-year period. Hopefully this will help jog the memories of those who played in these games, about their fellow teammates and their shared experiences.

### **Memorial Hall**

The Memorial Hall was the 'heart and soul' of our Basketball Club for over four years in the 1970s and deserves a section of its own.

### **Representative Team Names**

The 1970s representative teams are listed as the 'Zebras.' The representative teams from 1980-1999 are listed as the 'Sabres.'

### **Significant Teams**

Two teams that made a significant impact for our Association were the U/14B boys' representative team in 1976 and our VBA Men's First Division team in 1989. Each team has its own section. There were other significant teams in the Association's history but unfortunately I had little or no information about them.

### **Looking Forward**

This section is about looking forward from 2000 onwards.

No doubt, with a project of this size errors may have occurred, but hopefully there were not too many. However please don't send me any information or corrections because, after this electronic copy is completed, I intend to get back to my original project which is a basketball screenplay, but that is another story!

I hope you find this is a good read.

Regards

**Chris Bennett**

(Editor)



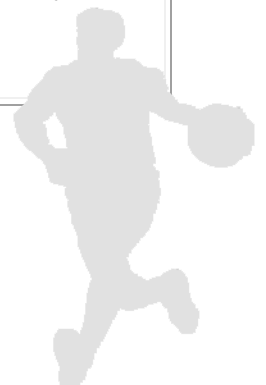
# Significant Events

*This is a list of 'first time' significant events in the first twenty-five years of the Southern Basketball Association.*

<b>July 1974</b>	Meeting held to discuss the formation of the Sandringham Basketball Club. Basil Cervi, Chris Bennett and Brian Files authorised to proceed with the formation of the club
<b>August 1974</b>	First junior clinics held
<b>September 21, 1974</b>	First basketball games played at the Memorial Hall in Waltham Street Sandringham
<b>November 16, 1974</b>	Official opening of the Memorial Hall
<b>January 1975</b>	Junior boys' representative teams played in the Victorian Junior Championships competition at Albert Park stadium
<b>March/April 1975</b>	The domestic men's competition started at the Memorial Hall
<b>September 1975</b>	Referees' school started
<b>October 6, 1975</b>	First annual general meeting and the official start of the Sandringham Amateur Basketball Association
<b>December 1975</b>	U/13 boys' representative team made the C grade finals, Victorian Junior Championship competition, Albert Park stadium
<b>1975</b>	The domestic women's competition started
<b>April 16, 1976</b>	Women's and men's representative sides played at Sale Tournament
<b>July 1976</b>	U/14B boys' representative team were premiers, Victorian Junior Championships competition
<b>October 6, 1976</b>	Men's representative team played fourth division, Victorian Championships, summer competition
<b>October 1976</b>	U/14 boys' representative team were premiers, Castlemaine Tournament

<b>1976</b>	U/15 boys' representative team played in A Grade, Victorian Junior Championships, summer season
<b>May 1977</b>	First Annual Sandringham Senior Tournament held at the Memorial Hall
<b>December 1977</b>	U/15 boys' representative team were A Grade finalists, Victorian Junior Championships, summer season
<b>1978/79</b>	Junior girls' representative team played in the Victorian Junior Championship competition at Albert Park stadium
<b>January 1979</b>	The Memorial Hall in Waltham Street was demolished after 53 years
<b>February 11, 1979</b>	Official opening of The Family Leisure Centre in Tulip Street, Sandringham
<b>February</b>	Junior and senior competitions commence at the Leisure Centre
<b>May 15, 1979</b>	First Sandringham Basketball Referees Association general meeting
<b>May 1979</b>	First Annual Sandringham Junior Tournament held at the Family Leisure Centre
<b>1980</b>	U/13 girls' representative team were finalists, Victorian Junior Championship competition
<b>March, 1981</b>	U/14 girls' representative team were B grade premiers, Coburg Tournament
<b>1981</b>	U/17 girls' representative team were B grade premiers, Victorian Championship competition
<b>April 1982</b>	Men's representative team were B grade premiers, Sale Tournament
<b>1982</b>	Men's representative team were third division premiers, Victorian Championships, winter competition
<b>1984</b>	Moorabbin Gas works stadium proposal shelved by the State Government and Moorabbin council
<b>1985</b>	Sandringham Basketball Association becomes incorporated

<b>1988</b>	Women's representative team were third division premiers, Victorian Championships, summer competition
<b>1989</b>	Men's representative team were semi finalists, Victorian Basketball Association first division, winter season competition. First team in VBA history to make the finals in their first year of competition
<b>1989</b>	Women's representative team were B Grade premiers, Wangarratta Tournament.
<b>March 30, 1993</b>	Name of Association changed from Sandringham to Southern
<b>March 1993</b>	'Youth Policy' adopted for the senior men's team
<b>June 1993</b>	Referees' Association reformed
<b>June 1993</b>	Southern Basketball Association chosen to manage the proposed four-court multi-purpose courts at Sandringham Family Leisure Centre
<b>1993</b>	South East Melbourne Magic loan a few players to play for the Sabres
<b>August 21, 1994</b>	Official opening of the 4-court stadium at the Family Leisure Centre
<b>1994</b>	First Southern Sabres Primary School basketball round robin played
<b>December 5, 1997</b>	The first SBA junior team to tour USA
<b>1998</b>	The last of the Magic players leave the senior program
<b>November 1999</b>	Save Our Stadium rally held at Council Offices
<b>1999</b>	U/18 boys, grand finalists, achieve the best ever result for a junior representative team playing in A grade, Victorian Junior Championship competition



## Life Members 1974 - 1999



**1977 – Basil Cervi**



**1977 – Paul Larkins**



**1987 – Ross Graham**



**1989 – Terry Walsh**



**1991 – Michael Phillips**



**1992 – Carmel Fletcher**



**1994 – Chris Bennett**



**1996 – Michael Burke**



**1997 – June Hamill**



**1998 – Mark Mitchell**



**1998 – Frank Russo**



**1999 – Michael Stepien**

# Beginnings

In 1968 the first basketball teams from Sandringham to play in an organized competition came from the Sacred Heart U/18 football club.

The football team was losing games by more than ten goals and it was decided that the players needed to improve their fitness. So the football club entered two basketball teams to play in the YCW summer competition, held at Montague Hall in South Melbourne.

**Father Ernie Smith**, who had played football and basketball (at St Brigid's in North Fitzroy), joined Sacred Heart Parish in 1969 and wanted coaches and players for the basketball teams.

Molly Cervi who was a member of the parish asked her husband, Basil, to help out. So at the ripe old age of 35, Basil restarted his basketball career and helped Father Ernie Smith train the teams at the Sandringham Youth Club, located behind the Sandringham Football Club in Jetty Road.

Basil recalls the court had only one ring and also remembers Father Ernie Smith scoring more than 30 points to help the side win its first game in twenty attempts.

In 1971 the YCW basketball teams transferred to the Brighton YMCA competition. In 1972 Father Ernie Smith left the parish and Basil took over the teams. They won two premierships and were runners up twice against Gardenvale YCW (who had Chris, Paul and Patrick Meehan).

In 1973 **Basil Cervi**, **Chris Bennett** and **Brian Files**, co-founders of the Southern Basketball Association, met for the first time at the Albert Park basketball stadium. Basil and Brian were then involved with the Southern Districts Spartans. Chris had recently joined the Spartans when his club, Northroys, merged with Southern Districts.

**Basil Cervi** was 19 years old when he joined Northroys in 1953. They trained at the St. Brigid's church hall located at the corner of Nicholson Street and Alexander Parade, North Fitzroy. He started playing in the B grade competition at CYMS.

In those days Basil worked as a 'captain of the food' in the main Chandelier room of the Menzies Hotel (now the BHP building), located on the corner of William and Bourke Street, Melbourne.



In 1954 Basil played in his first grand final – or half a grand final, as Basil recalls. The game was on at 8.00pm and he had to work at the Menzies Hotel and cater to a party of 25 people. He served the main course, then told the other waiters to serve the sweets and he would be back for the coffee.

Basil served the first and main course, then at 8.00pm dashed out of the Menzies still wearing his uniform (black tie, vest, gold stripes). He jumped into his car, hurried to St Brigid's, got there at half time and changed in three minutes flat. He played as a point guard in the Grand Final and his team lost by 6 points.

Five years later, in 1959, Basil played in his first premierships when two of the Northroy teams combined and won the first CYMS A grade competition.

Northroys folded in 1959 and Basil did not play again for several years.

Basil joined Southern Districts in 1971 and coached the U/12 team with Brian Files. He left in 1975 when his son, Paul, transferred to the Sandringham Basketball Club.

**Chris Bennett** started playing basketball in 1969 at the age of 17. A friend asked him to play in a senior outdoor competition at St. John's Roman Catholic Primary School in Alexander Parade, North Fitzroy. After the game he was asked to join the newly re-formed Northroys.

In 1970 he coached his first basketball team, Orange. It was an U/12 boy's team. They won a lightning premierships competition held at the Reed Street Hall in North Fitzroy.

He then coached one of the first re-formed Northroy junior representative teams, U/12, which played in the B grade competition at Coburg Basketball Stadium. The team started playing a few weeks into the season and ended up semi finalists. Next season, the team played U/12A grade and ended up grand finalist.

Most of that team, which Chris coached, went on to play in the U/14A Victorian Junior Championships competition at Albert Park stadium.



Sandringham &  
Brighton Advertiser,  
28 August 1974

Chris played with the senior team and trained at St Brigid's in North Fitzroy. He also played in: a competition at Reed Street Hall in North Fitzroy; Fawcner C grade competition for two seasons; A grade CYMS at Albert Park stadium; and third division Victorian Championships. He also won a best and fairest award and was captain of the senior team.

Besides coaching and playing, Chris also helped with junior clinics and was the editor of *The Epitaph*, the club newsletter.

**Brian Files** got involved in basketball in the early seventies. He played in a local senior basketball side at Brighton Y with Basil Cervi until the 1974 summer competition.

Brian helped out in the first few weeks at the Memorial Hall until he moved to Keilor because of work commitments.

In July 1974 Basil held a meeting at his place to discuss the possibility of forming the Sandringham Basketball Club. In attendance were Chris Bennett, Brian Files, Pat Carey, Bob Hehir, Joe Cervi; all ex or current Southern Districts members at that time.

At the end of the meeting it was decided that Basil Cervi, Chris Bennett and Brian Files would go ahead to form the Sandringham Basketball Club.

In August 1974 a second meeting was held at Basil's home with Chris and Brian attending. \$150 was put in to start the new club. The money was held in an account for six months.

It was also decided to run junior clinics in the area and Basil organised the publicity. An article was published in the local paper, *The Advertiser*, to promote a junior clinic for U/16 juniors. Two more articles were published soon after.

As a result of the publicity, four junior basketball clinics were run between August and September. They were held at the Sandringham Youth Club (also known as the roller skating club at the time) on three Saturday mornings and one Sunday morning between 10.00am and 12 noon.

The Sandringham Youth Club was chosen because Basil used to train there on Thursday nights with a men's team and felt it would be a good venue to run the clinics. There was only one ring up at the time, but Basil arranged to get another ring put up for the princely sum of a dozen bottles of beer.



The junior clinics averaged twenty to thirty juniors, which included all the Cervi clan (Joe, Paul, Alfred, Robert, David, Linda, Sandra) and the Carey clan (Peter, Matthew, Shaun and Craig).



Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 16 September 1974

The clinics were run by Brian Files, Basil Cervi, Graham Rapke and Chris Bennett.

Many of the juniors who attended the clinics eventually joined the newly formed Sandringham Basketball Club and played in the local competition. Some of the juniors played for the representative teams later on.

While the clinics were run, Basil organised the first junior competition to be played at the Sandringham Youth Club. Basil got his sons, nephews and all their friends to form U/18 teams, which included Highett,

Sandy Tech 1, Sandy Tech 2, and Hampton.

The U/18 boys' teams were due to play on a Saturday morning at 10.00am. Basil arrived at the Youth Club at 9.30am to find new locks on the door and to discover the hall was no longer available.

Basil quickly organised the teams to play on the outside asphalt court at Highett High School.

It was a hot and windy day and Paul Cervi stayed at the Youth Club to tell the other teams what had happened and where to go. He then followed the last team on his bicycle to Highett High School; two or three weeks later the U/18 competition was transferred to the Memorial Hall in Waltham Street Sandringham. The teams played on Saturday mornings for one or two games and then moved to Monday night.

While all this was happening, the search for a permanent hall began. Basil was talking to his neighbours about the problems he was having in finding a suitable hall for basketball. They suggested he see Sandringham councillor Paul White.

Paul White suggested five possible locations and Basil went ahead to check them out. The first one was the Sandringham Beach Community Centre located in Sims Street. The Centre was not practical because of the parking facilities and because it was too close to Beach Road, which may have made it dangerous for children.

The next place to check out was the Beaumaris Community Centre but it was like a glasshouse, with windows all round the building; impractical for playing basketball.

Then the Girl Guides Hall located in Hampton Street was looked at but the ceiling was too low. The Hampton Community centre was checked but it too was unsuitable.

Finally, Basil went to the Memorial Hall in Waltham Street Sandringham to see if it would be suitable for basketball. It was in a bad state, but he saw the potential because the surrounding area was ideal and the height was right for playing basketball.

However plaster was coming off the walls and there were eight 3-inch (75mm) holes drilled into the rotten floorboards for drainage, because water would gush through the rotted spouting and flashing when it rained. There was also a stage at one end with a catwalk extending out towards the centre of the hall.

Basil then called Chris Bennett to come up and have a look at the hall. Chris came up during a weeknight. He walked down the corridor and opened the door to see the hall.

He saw a karate class in action and his first impression was that it was too small for playing basketball. The hall was less than half the size of a normal basketball court. However Basil convinced Chris it was worth a go.

Basil then went back to Councillor Paul White and said he wanted the Memorial Hall. Paul arranged the hall to be used for basketball and asked Basil how much he would need to fix it.



Basil said one thousand dollars. One week later a grant of one thousand dollars was made available.

The money was spent on lights, roof repairs, basketball rings, backboards, floor sealer with applicator, hire for a sander, and guards for the windows, lights and gas heater. The total cost was \$863.25. The remainder had to go back to the council. Basil recalls that, had he known that, he would have spent all the money for the basketball club.

Once the money was received, work began on getting the hall ready for basketball. Basil got Luigi Baldessin to fit six fluorescent lights and an electrician wired the lights.

Basil made the guards for the windows and a plumber fixed the leaking roof. Luigi and Basil dismantled the catwalk and used the boards to fix up the stage. Michael Beatrice and Basil made the electronic components for the scoreboard.

Basil organised working bees (of about 16 people) to help punch the nails into the floor and sand and varnish the floor twice with Estapol. The floor area was marked out by Peter Carey and both keys and side lanes were painted blue.

On 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1974, the first basketball games were played at the Memorial Hall.



# The Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall in Waltham Street, Sandringham, was the home base for the Sandringham Basketball Club between 1974 and 1979. Competitions commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1974. In early 1979 the hall was demolished after the club moved to the one-court Family Leisure Centre in Tulip Street, Sandringham. A supermarket now stands on the site where the Memorial Hall used to be located.

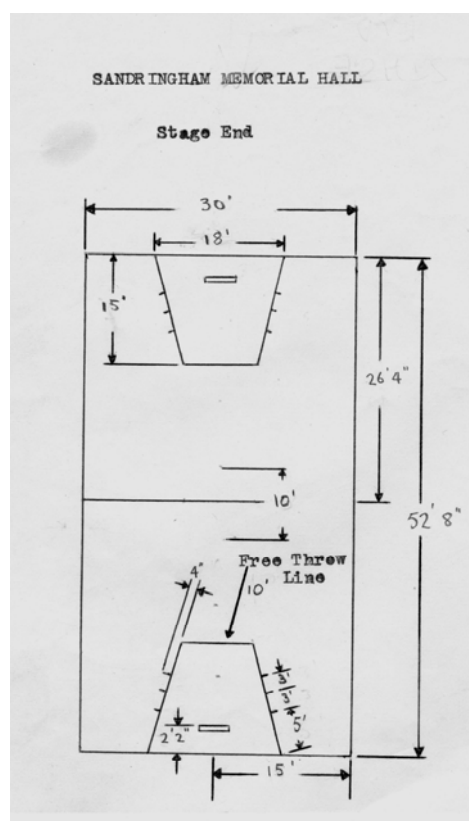
The Memorial Hall had an interesting history behind it. In 1919, just after the First World War, the Returned Service Leagues and others decided to build a public hall to commemorate Australian servicemen.

A large block of land opposite the Post Office was purchased for 800 pounds. In 1925 a tender for the building of the hall was estimated at 4,600 pounds.

It was built in 1925 and officially opened on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November by the Governor General, Lord Stonehaven. 1300 school children in the district formed an avenue of honour for the Governor General.

Many clubs and associations had their annual balls at the Memorial Hall. During the depression era, community singing on Monday nights was a regular feature. An Epidiascope or 'Magic Lantern' was used to project the words of the songs onto a screen and a piano was used on the stage. Admittance was 3 pennies for adults and children were allowed in for free.

The first six photographs below were taken in 1976 inside the Memorial Hall. The players were part of the then U/14 representative team that Chris Bennett coached. The photos were originally slides and were used as teaching aids to demonstrate various basketball fundamentals.



*Memorial Hall measurements in feet and inches, sketched by Chris Bennett, 1974*



*The opened door was the entrance to the hall and if you look closely you can see our 'high revenue raising' soft drink machine in the corridor.*

*Memorial Hall 1976*

*Paul O'Riley shows how small the basketball court was. The centre circle is almost touching the top of the key!*

*Memorial Hall 1976*



*A full length shot of the court near the entrance. The doorway next to the stage led to the backrooms. The other door led to the laneway.*

*Memorial Hall 1976*





*That little box in the corner was our score bench.*

*Memorial Hall 1976*

*Above the missing plaster was our electronic scoreboard. The latest in technology, compared with the rest of the hall.*

*Memorial Hall 1976*



*More plaster missing in the top right hand corner.*

*Memorial Hall 1976*



*Back room of the Memorial Hall in the 1970s: Danny Lee playing the pin ball machine and to his left was the room where we held our committee meetings and tribunals.*

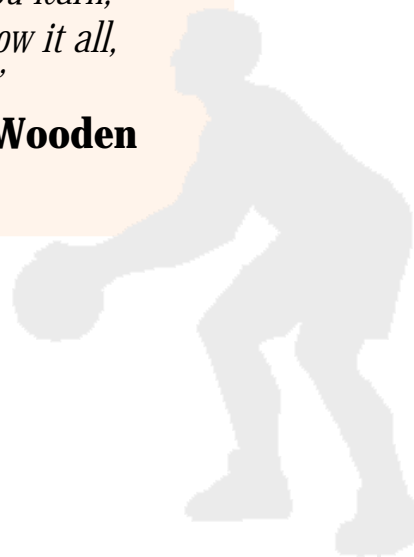


*The front of the Memorial Hall in 1978: Behind the boys was a basketball display window and to the side was the entrance to the hall.*



*"It's what you learn,  
after you know it all,  
that counts."*

**John Wooden**



## The 1970s



*“In the seventies what stood out was the genuine willingness of the players to play the game without knowing what they were doing. It was a fledging sport. The atmosphere was good fun, everybody friendly, having a bit of fun.”*

**Bill Evans**

*“First impression of the Memorial Hall? It was scary, sensational when you have to put your feet on the wall to pass the ball. It was old. Peeling paint off the walls, lines everywhere. It was so small we had to play four a side. It was great. I got to touch the ball. It was small, quick, fast and from that hall you made friends for life.”*

**Ross Graham**



# Reflections - 1970s

## Bill Evans

I joined in 1977. I used to work in the Post Office across the road from the Memorial Hall and I would see blokes go inside. Basil Cervi was one of them, and so I wandered over. I never had any background in basketball and formed a team called the Stones, which is still playing under that name today. The rules were a bit strange at first.

The Memorial Hall suited most teams because you only needed to have four players. You only needed three players to start a game. With this rule a lot of teams blossomed because all you needed for a full squad was five players. A lot of teams only had this quota.

Other people used the Memorial Hall besides us. It was used for dancing. Senior men's competitions ran on Sunday and Monday nights. And a women's competition on Wednesday night.

I remember the Carey family. Mrs. Carey, Peter, Shaun, Matthew and Craig who were nice people. Mrs. Carey talked me into becoming a referee and Paul Larkins talked me out of becoming a referee.

I went to the 1977 Annual General Meeting and bumped into one of my neighbours, Terry Walsh. At the meeting they called for people to go on the committee and I committed myself for a few years there until we went to the new stadium in 1979.

I became grade secretary of the B grade men's competition. I coached one of the women's teams, which included Pauline Harmshaw. And I gleaned information from Chris Bennett because I didn't have a clue on what I was doing. I got practice drills from Chris. That was really the essence of the game, standard practice. The girls took to the training more than the boys.

I remember one night at the committee, Val's daughter, Terry Walsh, Basil Cervi and myself were there, waiting for Chris Bennett to turn up and explain the dribbling aids he had got. He didn't turn up. And lo and behold, the meeting was over in twenty minutes. They normally went from 7.30-10.00pm.

During committee meetings, the domestic stuff was usually over in a blink of an eye and then it was representative stuff. The whole club was based on putting its name on the map, becoming an entity, Sandringham being up there. I felt the roots of the club was domestic, too much emphasis on rep. Domestic didn't get enough airing.

The first Annual May Tournament in 1977 at the Memorial Hall was fairly successful because of the work Basil Cervi, Chris Bennett, Terry Walsh, Neville Crisp and myself put into it.

I remember a player, Ian Murrells, going for a lay up at the stage end of the court and coming down and going straight through the floorboards. Then there was stark silence. All you could see was Ian's torso sticking out of the floor. He went right in up to his rib cage. The expression on his face was just stunned. Ian at the time was playing for a team called the YOBS and I think playing against the BONGS, which is an infamous name.

I remember when I gave an award for the Most Foulest Player, which I had printed up. When I presented it to the winner he ripped it up.

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In 1979 when the new stadium in Tulip Street just opened up, I was refereeing one game on a Sunday night and one of the players got upset with the other referee who kicked him out. The player went outside to his car and came back with a tomahawk. He came running back into the stadium and his endeavour was to kill or maim the referee. He only got past the door when a young bloke from the crowd whacked him and stopped him dead in his tracks. He stopped what could have been a nasty serious incident. The player with the tomahawk regretted his actions afterward.

There was a team called the Harry Beitzel All Stars. Two of their guys were killed in an accident in Hampton and the team donated two memorial trophies, Best Player and Best Team, for the B grade men's competition.

In one game the Harry Beitzel All Stars were a couple of players short and Don Chipp's son brought his dad along to fill in for a couple of weeks. There was this temporary Prime Minister gracing the courts of the old stadium. He played three or four games and was quite a good player. He had learned to play in America when he was a kid, a really good athlete.

In the seventies what stood out was the genuine willingness of the players to play the game without knowing what they were doing. It was a fledging sport. The atmosphere was good fun, everybody friendly, having a bit of fun. It rarely got heated.

## Damien Larkins

I first started playing basketball around 1975/76 in an U/11 team.

Dad was coaching a team that was playing at Oakleigh. He took me to Albert Park (basketball stadium) and I started training with Templestowe but was not good enough to get a game. Dad heard a team was starting up at Sandringham and that's where I met Terry Walsh.

The Memorial Hall? Oh my god, what is this. I thought I could probably take a shot from the centre. I was 12 or 13 because I was playing primary school (basketball) about 1976. I can

remember the walls as being a bluey colour and they were right next to the edge of the court so if you got bumped off the court you went straight into it. There were old school seats that flip up, so if there was anyone sitting there you would end up in their lap.

I remember the first game on Saturday morning and Michael Burke was guarding me and because I was so skinny and unco and had arms everywhere. And I remember Burkey, I was guarding him and he had the ball and he just cracked up and he thought it was the funniest thing he had ever seen. He had to throw the ball away and get out of there because he was laughing so hard at my unco guarding technique.

I remember every Friday night we would meet at the Memorial Hall and go to Albert Park stadium to play in the Victorian Junior Championship competition.

Terry Walsh coached, Basil took over the U/16 team and I can vividly remember him telling me I would get into the U/16 state team, which was the funniest thing I'd ever heard. He was really dead set keen and I thought as long as I play on the left hand side of the court I am probably in!

I remember some of the mums driving us to Albert Park. One mum, if she got out of second gear it was a miracle. It was a scary thing. I used to want to get public transport if a certain mum was driving. There would be a full team in the car.

Andrew Bray's mum drove us down in a Volkswagen and we had seven people sitting in that. Andrew was sitting behind the back seat, the little parcel shelf, that's how small he was.

I remember Lumpy's dad, and Robert Lunardon was under Steve's feet in the front, on the floor.

The tournaments were the major part. The Ballarat Tournament was the one we looked forward to, Queens Birthday, because we won a couple of years. We used to stay at the RAAF base, which was a nightmare of a place. Everybody had fun. It was bloody freezing. There always was some one like Enzo running around with those 'ten shooters' (ten fire crackers) and blowing things up in your bed. I remember Enzo getting Lumpy with a ten shooter. All the parents would come along and we generally would win the tournament or come close.

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In 1979 we went to the Tulip Street hall for the first time. We all met at the old hall and went around to Tulip Street and thought 'wow, we have hit the big time.' And it was even better when we put the three point line down.

## Teresa Kennedy

I started playing at the Memorial Hall in 1978. It was tiny, plaster fell off and birds were flying around in the curtains on stage. I remember Cecelia Kennedy and Loretta Virgona played. And the phone box across the road; you didn't have to put in any coins.

## Steven Lunardon

I started playing basketball in 1976. A friend of mine, Steven Petricevic, got me down to play with Paul Cervi's Vikings team.

The first basket I ever scored, a fantastic full court pass from Paul, hit me right in the head and went in. I'd never played before and Paul Cervi came up to me and hugged me. He didn't know what to say.

My first impression of the Memorial Hall, I thought it was fantastic; I remember the old plaster and fixtures.

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In one game plaster from the roof smashed down onto the floor, just missing Johnny Harper as he dribbled down the court. Coins that were in the roof scattered everywhere. The game was stopped because everyone was busy trying to pick up the coins; old pennies.

## Paul Cervi

The Memorial Hall? Yes. It was quite an amusing court. A very small court, the heaters jutted out right next to the court line. We were shooting the ball from the centre line. If only they had a three point line then. I can't even throw the ball that far now.

We played the Australian Globetrotters in the grand final; our team didn't score a hell of a lot. The Globetrotters could play but we couldn't handle them when we first played them.

The rep players were separated into other teams and were restricted in how many points they could score. I remember Danny Liddell, he had 20 points. I got 15 points. It made it hard because I was the only rep player in my team, Vikings. We didn't have a coach when we first started.



We had Johnny Harper; he was pretty small. Because of my restrictions on scoring I would have 35 rebounds, kept passing the ball and throw it out to him to shoot and say, 'have another go.' My rebound stats were pretty high in those days.

The rep side I thought was a good competitive side. Any tournaments we went on we did really well. There were only three or four teams that were better than us, like the Nunawadings. I thought we could mix it with all of them until the years went by and we just didn't have depth or height.

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My junior highlight was when I started playing with my old man and his Baretta's Boys. We were playing Toshiba and gave them a 45 point start, and the first time I played I scored 2 points and I was scared. Here we were playing against three ex-Olympians and Yanks. It was Monday night. At the end of the game I thought 'what am I doing here?' They knocked us off with two or three minutes to go.

In 1977, Toshiba won the first May Annual Tournament at Sandringham. It certainly got the crowds in to watch.

The good times were the tournaments. We had one or two rep teams and went to Castlemaine and Ballarat. I remember sleeping in at a Ipec bus depot; freezing cold in the morning; getting pies out the pie warmer for brekky, lunch and dinner; sleeping in basketball stadium's grandstands.

## Ross Graham

I started in 1975 when a friend asked me to play for a team called the Skegs, who became arch rivals of Terry Walsh's team, the Rockers.

First impression of the Memorial Hall? It was scary, sensational when you have to put your feet on the wall to pass the ball. It was old. Peeling paint off the walls, lines everywhere. It was so small we had to play four a side. It was great. I got to touch the ball. It was small, quick, fast and from that hall you made friends for life.

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The highlight of the venue was Basil Cervi's scoreboard. A brand new scoreboard he made at home, in this old hall that should have had a demolition order on it. But the intention was to get it up and running. And boy, when you look back then there was probably fifty people playing basketball and now there are thousands playing in the association.

I remember Michael Phillips, who smashed up his knee and then decided to referee. The Presidents were Paul Larkins, Tom McNamara, Val Virgona, Tom Carrigg. I did grade secretary work.

Toshiba Hawthorn played there and used to give everyone a 45 point start and they beat every one by 45 points.

The original plans to go to Tulip Street evolved around a two-court facility. Basil Cervi was the instigator, and worked with Paul White, the Mayor of the Sandringham Council at the time.

It grew from a two court to a multi-facility sports complex for the community. Unfortunately other sporting facilities got involved and then it grew into a Leisure Centre for a range of activities. So it went from two courts to one. It took about twelve months to build.

Even before it was built we were looking at how to expand it. Our biggest nightmare was operating at too many different venues on the same night because it totally skinned your resources.

It was leased privately and we entered into an agreement with Lifestyle. Ron Clarke, the original owner, was the most co-operative of them all.

## Michael Sawyer

I started playing basketball with my next-door neighbour, Paul Cervi. I was only about 10 years of age. Probably in 1974.

Paul Cervi had a really good backboard and ring and I used to get beaten by Paul every night and eventually they got me down to play domestics.

The first game I played with Sandy, I sat on the bench and I think Chris Bennett was coaching. And I got on in the last thirty seconds, got the ball, did a lay up and travelled.

The Memorial Hall was an old basketball stadium, pretty worn down; it was the hub of all the basketball in the area.

Once I become hooked, it became part of my life. Early days was a constant struggle just learning the game.

My first memory of getting really serious was training under Chris Bennett. It was pretty fair dinkum. Training wasn't just mucking around. I was a bit of a lout when I was a kid. My first

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initial training session was very hard and a few times I was told to sit out because I wasn't prepared to train as the whole group was supposed to train.

We were pretty successful in tournaments. Over the next few years we gelled together as a good unit and ended up staying together.

## Molly Cervi

I was always in the background. I encouraged Basil to do something, get involved a little bit, but Basil does it all or nothing. Some people used to say 'Oh, you are a basketball widow.'

Basil always kept me busy, making uniforms. Any one who left their uniforms lying around, Basil used to pick them up and bring them to me to wash and then take them to the next game. He got everybody going, even my mother, busy making and stitching numbers on singlets. I remember the first set of uniforms. They were satin. Basil wanted them made so elaborate. They had stripes, sky blue satin, beautiful, but we had to make them from scratch. Basil always had ideas, but for some one else to do it. Always kept me on the go.

I used to go to the old hall when we had functions to help out. We had a lot of presentations, social get-togethers. I made something to eat, sweets.

My first Impressions of the Memorial Hall? It was terrible, plaster coming down, holes everywhere. They put in a lot of work on the hall. I couldn't get Basil to come home; sometimes he would come home at 1.00am.

The kids loved basketball; the five of them had lots of BBQs, and fund raising. Basil was working for Ipec and he got a lot of clients to donate something for the basketball raffles.

I used to go and like to see and watch my children play. I didn't go to many games. I couldn't take it. Paul Cervi used to get hot; he worked very hard, especially in the finals. I used to get very nervous. I couldn't take it. It didn't worry me whether we won or lost as long as they enjoyed the game.

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I remember Brian Files and his wife; they lived in Hampton, lovely people. He was a butcher and used to supply the meat when we had turnouts.

And I remember Steven Lunardon and Strop, they were always together.

We represented one of the Italian clubs at Veneto Club in Bulleen and every year we were asked to play basketball for them and it was a nice outing for the whole team. We represented the St Marco in Lamos Social Club, a town in Italy. They used to compete at the Veneto club (Basil's people). We had a full team from Sandringham, all our boys played, for a

few years. I think we won most basketball games. We had both men's and women's teams from Sandringham.

They had a competition which involved greasy pole, called La Cucagna, 18 feet high, and whoever reached the top of the greasy pole got the goodies; wine, leg of ham, salami, chicken. The goodies were attached to a steel ring, which was on the top of the pole.

They had teams. Terry Walsh was anchorman. Paul Cervi went up and someone pulled his pants down. It was quite funny.

They also had a tug of war competition.

Lots of good memories when the family was growing up; they all loved it. I think it was a good thing. They used to meet socially, not just for basketball. Adam Russell and Paul Eadie still see each other.

Some of my older boys wanted to play football but Basil got them involved in basketball, plus the nephews, Robert and David Cervi.

One night the surf was up and they didn't show up for the game and, oh boy, did Basil give it to them! He didn't talk to them. To Basil the surf didn't matter, basketball came first. I think it was only one time they did that and they learned their lesson.

## Val Virgona

My girls were playing at Albert Park with Telstars and Southern Districts and some of their friends wanted to put a team in a Saturday morning competition held at Sandringham. This was in 1975. The team had Megan Nash, Anne Marie Jarmon and Jenny Cody.

Other girls in the competition included the Gilpins, Vicky Kennedy and Karen Muehlkie.

Basil Cervi asked me to take over to get the girls under control. Some were smoking in the toilets and carrying on like twits. I also was President and Treasurer.

I thought the hall was great. I thought the whole set up was great. It gave the kids something to do on a Saturday.

It was a shame when it went up to Tulip Street, as it lost that personal thing. When we were down at the old hall we all knew each other; you could have a bit of a joke and nobody took it personal. Everybody worked towards it.

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## Gaele Fischer

Basil Cervi got Carmel Fletcher to start the senior daytime ladies competition on Monday mornings in 1979. I played a couple of games with Carmel's team and then started a team called Bentleigh West, made up of school mothers.

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We had four or five teams and it was all very friendly.

The idea was to get the competition going and give some people a run. Then we got a few players who could play. Six months after the Monday morning competition started, a Thursday morning competition began.

## Tracey Stephens

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The Memorial Hall was a really old hall, small and at the time quite appropriate for our needs.

The floorboards were terrible. There was one panel, left of the key, that when you bounced the ball it would not come back up. Never anywhere to sit and no nets on the rings when we first started. The guys could take ten steps and be down the other end. I remember Michael Phillips and Basil Cervi refereeing.

## Sandra Cervi

I started playing basketball when I was eight years old. Terry Walsh coached. We trained at the Memorial Hall and played at Albert Park.

The Memorial Hall was my second home. A fun hall where all your friends used to hang out. There was a café out the back, a Basil Cervi style café. It was just a table and we sold food and drinks between games.

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## Adam Russell

Michael Sawyer got me involved in basketball in 1975 when I was about ten or eleven years old. I played for a team called the Warhawks.

I remember the Memorial Hall was small, dusty, smelly - and a hell of an adventure out the back where the kitchen and storerooms were. The back rooms were very empty and run down.

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I played with Johnny and David Harper in the U/13C representative team in 1977. The team won the premiership but something went wrong and I didn't turn up for the grand final. However I did play for the whole season.

## Michael Stepien

I was playing for the Australian Globetrotters in 1977 and Chris Bennett asked me to come over to Sandringham at the end of the winter season. I played in the U/17 Sandringham team coached by Chris Bennett during the summer season.

In 1978, I played in the U/17B team. Basil Cervi coached in the latter part of the season and we made the semi finals. I did my achilles tendon and had to sit out the game and we lost by 6 to 8 points. I was also invited to try out for the U/18 State team. In 1979 I played in the U/20 team and Basil Cervi coached. Players included Harry Telogthou and Dean Howe.

I also played in the local senior men's competition and remember how small the court was. Shooting the ball from the centre line, equivalent to the 3 point line of today. Also watching the plaster fall off the walls.

I remember playing in the 1978 Coburg Junior Tournament. We missed the semi finals when we lost to Coburg.

Our coach, Chris Bennett, picked me up from my home in South Melbourne and as I was about to get in the car he drove off running over my toe. I said, 'Hey, Hey, you are on my foot.' I wasn't impressed. I thought I had a broken toe but there was no injury and I played in the tournament.

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The highlight of the tournament was when we played Coburg who had their U/18A championship side; they were one of the top four teams in the state, if not the country. We lost by 6 points.

We surprised Coburg. The defensive intensity of Coburg was unreal. I remember getting the ball and there was a bloke right in my face. It was one of the few times I didn't score.

Our side was B grade level and our attitude was 'we are going to have a go, no matter what' and we did. Our offense was sound, our defense was sound and I don't think they expected it from us. They got the biggest scare in their life. We threw it back at them. We had the heart, guts and intensity and that's what shocked them. They thought we were going to lie down and die.

In the 1970's we played in the Ballarat Tournament. We stayed at the old RAAF base and it was freezing cold. Dorms had four bunks to a room, heating didn't work. Couple of holes here and there in the walls and ceiling.

Basil called a midnight training session at the hall on the base. No wonder we lost the next day.

The camaraderie was special; the whole club used to go as one. Everyone was together for two to three days. That was the best thing. We were a small club, didn't have a lot of rep teams. We went as a group and we had great fun. It was more like belonging to something.

At a Shepparton Tournament we stayed at a caravan park. One of our coaches sat on a table and broke it. We were leaving for the last game and the owner of the caravan park chased us down to the stadium and got Terry Walsh to pay for the damage.

## Alfred Cervi

I started with Southern Districts and came over to Sandringham (about) 1974-6.

The Memorial Hall was a bit of a joke. Dad (Basil) was going to make a basketball court. The building used to be a picture theatre; there was a stage there and it was an old grotty building. I think we all had a bit of a laugh.

Plaster cracking and falling down. Basil repaired it, sanded the floor - had a working bee.

Felt good to play in it; it was a short court.

Had a team. All our mates were surfers and when the surf was up we left the games.



Toshiba (Hawks) gave us a 50 point start. We felt they were 'two bob lairs', but they were good players. I thought it was a good experience. They played in the local comp in the 70s. No team beat them.

We played at the Veneto Club once a year. Basil organized it.

## Graham Rapke

I was a member of the Brighton YMCA basketball team, which used to train on a Saturday afternoon. Given the court was vacant on a Tuesday night, I would take the opportunity to take a few shots alone.

One Tuesday night, while shooting baskets, players in team outfits started to arrive. At 6.20pm I was unceremoniously asked to leave the court, as a new competition was about to begin.

I watched the first game, and when teams started to arrive for the second game I approached them to see if I could get a game. Neither was interested. Undeterred, I waited for the next two teams to arrive and the first person I asked was Basil, who greeted me with open arms.

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We played a number of seasons together at the Brighton YMCA and had very successful results. However Basil had a vision to develop a community activity within Sandringham, where he considered there was a desperate need. Basil asked me if I would support him in his endeavours to establish such a centre. The main thrust was to build a basketball court, but to provide more than just a court for games - a place where young children and young adults could spend a night with friends in a safe environment.

## Paul Larkins

My first impression of the Memorial Hall was what rules do you have here. It was a bit daunting to think what had hit the walls. There were holes in the floor and you had to watch in case players hit the stage.

I came and reffed a few games as Bob Hehir was just leaving. I started by getting some of the referees on the side and giving them a few words of advice. I had a State referees badge at the time. I ran a couple of ref schools and that was the start of getting the Sandringham referees identified as a separate identity. I set up the Sandringham branch of the Referees Association and it took two years to get it accepted by the Victorian Basketball Referees Association.



I was President and on the committee from 1976 onwards. I refereed juniors on Saturday mornings, and the seniors, and started running referee schools when we moved to Lifestyle in 1979.

In the seventies there was a big transition going from being a junior club to a senior club. I think I rewrote the constitution with Ross Graham. Mark Mitchell helped, because I was already involved in working on several other constitutions. We took it on board as an Association.

In the 1970s I went to meetings with the Sandringham Council. Ross Graham and myself went to the first meeting and put forward a case for extending the Lifestyle Stadium to three courts, which was in the original plans. Basil Cervi, Ross Graham and myself were involved and I even took up the case with the Victorian Basketball Association's Lindsay Gaze and Ken Watson, but they hit a brick wall. The greenies were too strong.

The trips away with the juniors certainly made a difference to the club. I drove a bus to the Ballarat Tournament on two or three occasions. One year there was only my wife and I and one other parent and we stayed at Craig's Hotel with all the U/18 and U/16 boys' teams and the U/16 girls' team. We filled the bus, which seated forty-eight passengers. One of the hardest things was keeping track of where everyone was and keeping the U/18 boys away from the U/16 girls.

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I think we were one of the few lucky associations that progressed on the officiating front the same time as did the players and coaches. We were in a situation where we were a virgin club. The initial charter was that Sandringham was a junior club, and then the seniors came along. I stuck with the referees.

When we started out we had a lot of opposition about becoming an association but it had to be done to meet the guidelines set out by the Victorian Basketball Association. You had to have senior teams.

## Dianne K & Christine Cox

We started playing basketball in our late teens when our Uncle Basil wanted to start a basketball tournament at Sandringham (Waltham Street Hall).

Both Christine and myself had only played netball up till then so it was a real learning experience with plenty of coaching from our Uncle Basil. We found players for a team through friends and acquaintances and were able to have at least seven girls in our first basketball team. They were Gail Brodie, Ray Daw, Linda Cervi, Louise White, Christine Cox and myself.

We experienced many wins and losses and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves throughout this time. We were able to partake in basketball tournaments and for the Italian Veneto Club. From our small basketball court at Waltham Street we saw the sport grow into a major concern with the development of a new stadium in Tulip Street in 1979, where we continued to play. Our team was called the Demons and we wore orange tops with black shorts. Both my sister and myself played basketball for at least another 15 years before leaving Sandringham to play at local stadiums.

It was a wonderful period in our lives, keeping us fit and active, with lots of fun experiences.

## Basil Cervi

I started the U/14 competition and got Mark Mitchell from Brighton YMCA and Graeme Brown and Brian Shepard from the Australian Globetrotters involved. We had representative teams from Mordialloc, Globetrotters and Collingwood play in our local competition.

I had my sons and the Careys refereeing. Chris Bennett, Terry Walsh and myself coached the junior representative teams. Michael Phillips was a referee and treasurer. Ross Graham was on the committee. Joseph Cervi designed and stenciled player's singlets. Michael Beatrice organised and made the electronic score board and Celeste Beatrice helped my wife make pennants and other things.

Most of the older players coached. We used to give players clinics after the game. I used to coach at Sacred Heart and Sandringham primary schools to get them going.

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I used to open the Memorial Hall at 8.30am on Saturday mornings and close at 6.30pm. I used to give Terry Walsh a can of coca cola for refereeing all day.

The finals at the Memorial Hall, it was always packed. My wife used to make all the sandwiches, buy sausage rolls, give tea and coffee and organise the drink machine. The

stadium was full, all the seats full, people standing in the foyer watching. That stadium had a good atmosphere because it was only a small hall.

We used to go to the Ballarat Tournament and I remember the old Air Force barracks we stayed at; no windows, sometimes no doors. We used to bring our own sleeping bags. Some rooms had mattresses. It was shocking.

Once we used the Ipec depot to save money because we couldn't afford to stay elsewhere. Some slept on the depot's landing dock. We went in two cars, mine and Chris Bennett's. It was very cold up there.

I think we enjoyed it more when we first started. It was more like a family. That was my intention; to have a nice club where people would love to come and enjoy themselves. We were very close.

The 1977 May Tournament was organised to get every one involved in basketball and I wanted to promote the game in the area.

I went around to all the firms I used to look after and tried to get them to sponsor the tournament. I got basketball shoes, dressing gowns for men and women (from Giovanni Mills), a welding gun and basketball bags and basketballs.

The prizes for the tournament added up to \$1500. We had Hawthorn Toshiba, coached by ex-Olympic coach Erik Erkens, play in the tournament. I asked Erik to have his team do a demonstration game for us at half time for one of the games. They ended up playing in the tournament. They gave every one a 50-point start and won the tournament. They beat Terry Walsh's team, the Rockers.

Social functions were mostly at the Memorial Hall. In those days we gave out trophies for juniors on election nights. I started the married women's competition when we went to the Family Leisure centre in 1979. I remember Carmel Fletcher who took over my role in the running of the married women's competition

Players who passed away from the seventies era were Danny Lee, Robert Edwards and Andrew Hockett (2000).

The significant events of the seventies were;

- The first May Annual Tournament in 1977
- The junior tournament held at Tulip Street. Terry Walsh entered a Fawkner High School team in the tournament, which ran all week
- Our U/14 team won the Castlemaine Tournament in 1978. Something we never expected to win. A great event for us

- We also won the U/14 Ballarat Tournament in 1978
- Paul White's help
- The junior rep team that got into A grade Victorian championships and stayed there for several seasons
- The move to Life Style in 1979

## Louise Graham

I first started in 1977. Played for Demons at Waltham Street hall. Old, felt strange at first because it was too small, but you got used to it. In one game I shot 77 points out of 105. The team used to go to the pub before we played and most of the people I played with I still associate with. I remember Gail Brodie, Jenny Tancheff, Linda Cervi, and Chris Eichner.

## Terry Walsh

I went to a Sunday morning mass in 1972 and saw on the back of a newsletter that there was basketball training at Highett High School and I went there. There were fifteen blokes there, and Basil Cervi asked me to play Tuesday night senior basketball at Brighton YMCA.

Basil asked me to come down to the Memorial Hall to help out on Saturday mornings. I first came down as a general helper and helped when they were punching the nails into the floor in 1974.

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I used to ref all day on a Saturday at the Memorial Hall and I remember giving a clinic at St Katherine's Primary School in Moorabbin. Players who played at Albert Park in the Victorian Championships U/14B grade girls' competition included Tracy and Christine Aitken, Bridgette Stuart, Tess Ryan, Natalie McGaw and later on Donna Mitchell

I used to write the rep newsletters every week, and handed it out to the kids, in the late 70's. We had a raw prawn award. I took over that job after Chris Bennett stopped doing them. The tournaments gave us lots of fun. The kids looked forward to the Ballarat Tournament. We used to go out to the Air Force base and slept there. I had to look after them. Make sure they didn't get into any trouble. In those days not many parents came along. They were glad to get rid of them. Basil Cervi and Paul Larkins used to come with us.

I played in the first senior representative team in 1976. We were in fourth division. Then we kept playing throughout the seventies at places like Collingwood.

The significant events of the seventies were;

- The new stadium in Tulip Street
- We had Chris Bennett's group win
- The U/13C that I coached won

- We started the girls' program
- Starting the rep teams
- The efforts of Paul White in getting the new court
- Playing four on four at the Memorial Hall
- Basil being the main driving force

## Chris Bennett

Sandringham! Somewhere out in the sticks. Near Mars. That's what I thought back in the early seventies when I lived in Fitzroy.

In 1973 I met Basil Cervi and Brian Files, fellow co-founders, when I joined Southern Districts Spartans. My club Northroys (North Fitzroy) had just merged with the Spartans.

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Later on in the year Basil Cervi suggested to me to come over to Sandringham and start a basketball club. I did not give it too much thought because I was happy coaching the U/16A boys' rep team, which included Shaun Carey (Captain), who lived in Sandringham.

Over the next few months I became unhappy with the way the club was run and decided to leave in early 1974. I coached the U/14AR boys to a winter premiership and left at the end of the season in June.

When I left Southern Districts I had over four years experience coaching junior basketball, which included two years coaching at championship level. So there was no reason to go to a 'foreign' land called Sandringham. Why go and start from scratch again and travel all that distance?

Logically I would have been better off to go to one of the larger basketball organisations where the facilities and opportunities were far greater. But for some reason, and I still don't know why, I decided to go to Sandringham and help Basil set up a basketball club.

In those early days, Basil, myself and with the occasional help of Brian Files, were the key decision makers until the Sandringham Amateur Basketball Association was officially formed on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

It was basically a 'two-man dictatorship' and we would spend many hours on the phone discussing the various jobs that needed to be done. Because I lived in Fitzroy and Basil in Hampton, we decided to work it this way. Basil would look after the local competition and I would look after the coaching, training and newsletters.

When I look back now, I am amazed at the amount of work Basil put into the setting up of the basketball club. He was the 'perpetual motion' man. Always on the go. He was the major driving force and reason why basketball became established in Sandringham.

I remember traveling from Fitzroy (and later from Elwood) to Sandringham and spending a lot of time at the old Memorial Hall in Waltham Street. At one stage I was there four times a week, plus coaching the junior rep teams on Friday nights at the Albert Park stadium and taking players home after the games.

Occasionally I would attend the Monday night domestic men's competition. Wednesday evenings I coached the Demons, a women's domestic team. Spend some time helping out at the Hall on Saturdays during the junior domestic competitions and on Sunday mornings conducted junior training sessions. When I coached the first senior men's rep team I would be at the Hall on Sundays from 9.00am to 7.00pm.

The junior boys rep teams achieved great deal of success in those days considering Sandringham was regarded as non-entity when it came to basketball. In 1975 we entered our first junior teams into the Victorian Junior Championships competitions playing in the lower grades.

We were competing against the larger associations, which had huge amounts of players to select from. At Sandringham we had very few players to choose from. If you could stand upright, move and breathe, then you had a good chance of playing rep ball!

The rep teams I coached were inexperienced, had average skills and height and no pure shooters. Yet in three years we won the U/14B premiership in 1976, Semi Finalists Ballarat Tournament, won the Castlemaine Tournament, made A grade Victorian championships and stayed there for several seasons. In 1977, we reached the semi finals of the A grade Victorian Junior Championships summer competition.

A great effort considering it was our sixth season of playing championship basketball.

Why the success? I think we started to take off when Paul Cervi finally got a transfer from Southern Districts and joined the rep team. Paul had the talent and experience to lead the team to success. So he was used as the 'go to player.' He would quite often play guard, forward, or centre when required. In that team, I never had a most valuable player award, which Paul would have easily won. I wanted an award system where every player had an equal chance of winning. The awards for the 1976 team were Best Defensive Player and Most Improved Player.

Another reason for our success was due to the size of the Memorial Hall. It was tiny and very easy to score points. Many players would rack up huge scores and not play defence (some things never change!). So there was a concentrated effort to emphasize defence,



especially to the rep players, and we built a reputation as a tough defensive team when playing in the Victorian Championships.

The efforts of other players in those early rep teams also helped. Players such as Michael Burke, Paul Lafontaine, Steven Wright, Greg Nixon and Colin Luxton.

I also developed ways of improving the skills of the players. We had a defensive tournament for the U/14C team in 1975, free throw championships at the Hall, competition sprints with the ball and without the ball. I created a standard badge system based on the Northroys' one; a Fifty Club that required players to complete fifty hours of personal training during the season. A system card was used to record their drills and times and it was based on an honour system.

Unlike today, little coaching material was available and I subscribed to magazines, *Athletic Journal* (Canadian), *Coaching Clinic* (American) and *The Basketball Bulletin* (National Association of Basketball Coaches), an American journal, to get ideas. I bought many books and kept articles written by the best American college and professional coaches and adapted many of their ideas to suit our team.

After about three years of travelling I decided to have a break and coach closer to home. I coached the U/17B Australian Globetrotters in 1977, which included Michael Stepien and Matthew Carey and in 1978 coached the U/15A Collingwood team. I also coached at Bulleen for a short time.

However after each break I always came back to Sandringham. Something that has been repeated over the last twenty-five years.



*Domestic Men: Memorial Hall, 1970s*



## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Memorial Hall Games

The first basketball games were played at the Memorial Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Four U/14 boys' teams and four U/14 girls' teams played a short season on Saturday mornings.

#### U/14 Players

##### Cougars

Linda Cervi  
Margaret Strafford  
Sandra Cervi  
Ann McCarthy  
Margo Haines

##### Cobras

Monica Lochert  
Christine Sergeant  
Vicki Kennedy  
Sandra Davidson  
Michelle Davidson

##### Saints

Cassandra McClean  
Louise McClean  
Kate Pearce  
Maggie Sadyky  
Jeanette Anderson  
Joan Mienny

##### Pegasus

Louise House  
Genevieve House  
Gabrielle House  
Anne James  
Kate James  
Cindy Harper

##### Cougars

Paul Cervi  
Brian Kirk  
Richard Peyton  
Tim Lee  
Daniel Lyndall

##### Cobras

Craig Carey  
Mark King  
Robert Pollock  
Timothy Page  
Edward James

##### Saints

Mathew Carey  
Danny Parsons  
Michael Parsons  
Guy Ferrands  
Adam Fraser

##### Pegasus

David Cervi  
Mike Sawyer  
Adam Gale  
Rohan Fraser  
Paul Milham

#### Memorial Hall Official Opening Program

The Memorial Hall was officially opened on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1974.

##### **2.15pm** U/14 Boys Game

Australian Globetrotters (26) 51 d Sandringham (16) 26

*Scorers: Globetrotters - R. Eastwood 16, A Clark 14; Sandringham - P. Cervi 10, C. Carey 8*

##### **3.00pm** Official Opening

##### **3.15pm** Basketball Training Demonstration by Chris Bennett and junior players

##### **3.30pm** Karate Demonstration by Mike Costello and pupils

##### **3.45pm** U/16 Boys Game

Sandringham (35) 59 d Australian Globetrotters (8) 29

*Scorers: Sandringham - J. Cervi 15, S. Carey 12; Globetrotters - S. Wood 8, D. McLinden 7, D. Wilson 7*

##### **4.30pm** End of program

## U/18 players

C. Pearson, P. Hubbard, T. Britten, Peter Carey, P. Dunstan, D. Cafarella, Joe Cervi, Robert Cervi, M. Searles, M. Hayes, C. Hill, P. Anderson, I. Knox, B. Leathem, D. Spalding, Paul Cervi, Mark King, D. Scarborough, R. Pollock, M. Lochert, Craig Carey, Michael Sawyer, David Cervi, B. Kirk, K. Murphy, Danny Liddell, Danny Lee, Dale Patterson, T. Cook, Jacky Muehlke, Shaun Carey, T. Mercuri (ex-Northroys), P. Hawthorne, Scarbealch, Stafford, J. Hamilton, Paul Lafontaine, C. Taylor, L. McLean, T. Lee, T. Hamilton, D. Spaulding, S. Hunter, I. Semmens, B. Semmens, G. Pearson, S. Hunter, B. Harper, R. Millman, R. Smallwood, S. Nash, T. Reid, R. Harvery, Rutlidge, Howe, Dible, G. Pussion, R. Lunt, H. Flint, White, Alvio Pugliese, Graham Cole, Mark James and Robert Edwards the oldest player (19 years old!).

## First Time

**Games:** Played at Memorial Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Four U/14 boys' teams and four U/14 girls' teams play a short season on Saturday mornings.

**Memorial Hall:** Officially opened for basketball on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1974.

**Junior Newsletter:** Edited by Chris Bennett, published 21<sup>st</sup> September 1974.

## Numbers

**30c** entry fee for players.

**10c** fee for training and use of club facilities.

**20c** entry fee for spectators.

**80** plus junior players in the local competition.



*U/14 Time Out: Memorial Hall, 1970s*

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### U/14

##### Played at Memorial Hall

Black Rock (32) 42 d Hampton (19) 35

*Scorers: V. Kennedy 18, M. Prior 12, L. Cervi 13, C. Sargeant 10*

Sandringham (26) 38 d Beaumaris (10) 12

*Scorers: L. Mew 20, D. Dadof 8, M. Cockrem 8*

Black Rock 54 d Hampton 8

*Scorer: B. Hannon 26*

Black Rock easily accounted for Hampton. B. Hannon was impressive with a final score of 26 points.

Sandringham 46 d Beaumaris 17

*Scorer: L. Mew 24*

Another high personal score was recorded by L. Mew with 24 points.



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7 August 1974

### Domestic - Boys

#### U/14

##### Played at Memorial Hall: 9-11-74

Beaumaris Vikings (22) 74 d Sandy Rebels (4) 21

*Scorers: P. Cervi 30, A. Ellerton 16, M. Sawyer 15, G. Taylor 6*

Mordialloc (16) 29 d Hampton Warriors (10) 13

*Scorers: R. Callaway 16, H. McKay 6, M. King 13*

Australian Globetrotters d Black Rock on forfeit.

Hampton Warriors 12 d Sandringham Rebels 6

Australian Globetrotters 39 d Mordialloc 20

Vikings 33 d Cobras 17

##### Grand Final

Australian Globetrotters (24) 65 d Beaumaris Vikings (19) 47

*Scorers: Globetrotters - A. Clark 21, R. Eastwood 16, D. Hawker 10, R. Murphy 6, R. Green 6; Vikings - P. Cervi 43, G. Nixon 4*



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The Australian Globetrotters defeated the Beaumaris Vikings in an exciting grand final. Globetrotters proved they are the top team and completed a successful season without a loss.

The Vikings were far from disgraced. They put up a tremendous fighting effort and were beaten only by height and experience.

Paul Cervi's individual tally of 43 points and assistance to teammates was the highlight of the game.

The first half was even and Vikings led in the early stages. Globetrotters edged to the front and at half time led by 5 points.



*Globetrotters vs Vikings: Memorial Hall*

Second half the Vikings kept within striking distance, but eventually the opposition's height and experience showed. Although the Vikings tried to break through several times the Globetrotters' big men countered the challenges.

Congratulations to the Australian Globetrotters for winning the grand final and to the Vikings for participating.

*By Chris Bennett*

### **U/18 Boys**

#### **Played at Highett High School: 6-9-74**

Highett (10) 18 d Sandy Tech (3) 17

*Scorers: Highett - P. Carey 9, G. Pearson 4, P. Dunstan 2, J. Cervi 2, D. Cafarella 1; Sandy Tech - M. Searles, P. Anderson 6, C. Hill 2*

#### **Played at Memorial Hall**

Hampton (20) 52 d Sandy 2 (10) 38

*Scorers: Hampton - P. Carey 22, D. Lee 14, J. Cervi 8, T. Cook 4, D. Patterson 2; Sandy 2 - S. Carey 24, T. Mercuri 6, D. Cervi 4, I. Knox 4*

White (18) 52 d Purple (9) 17

*Scorers: White - C. Carey 32, D. Cervi 20; Purple - M. King 9, P. Lafontaine 4, P. Cervi 3, L. McLean 1*

Hampton (30) 70 d Sandy 2 (11) 32

*Scorers: Hampton - P. Carey 32, J. Muehlke 16, J. Cervi 14, T. Cook 8; Sandy - T. Mercuri 16, D. Spalding 12, M. Hayes 4*

Sandy 1 (3) 19 d Highett (11) 17

Scorers: Sandy - M. Searles 6, R. Edwards 6, C. Hill 4, P. Anderson 3; Highett - G. Pussion 9, B. Simmons 5, R. Cervi 3

Highett (22) 28 d Sandy 1 (2) 23

Scorers: Highett - R. Cervi 14, B. Harper 6, D. Cafferla 4, B. Semmens 4; Sandy - H. Flint 10, P. Anderson 9, Spalding 2, R. Edwards 2

Highett (20) 49 d Sandy 1 (15) 27

Scorers: Highett - G. Pearson 20, R. Cervi 13, B. Harper 10, A. Cervi 2, D. Lee 2, P. Hubbard 2; Sandy 1 - B. Semmens 10, J. Cervi 8, T. Mercuri 4, I. Semmons 3, S. Hunter 2

Hampton (15) 59 d Sandy 2 (6) 12

Scorers: Hampton - Pearson 22, Cervi 14, Carey 13, Patterson 6, Muehlke 4; Sandy 2 - S. Carey 8, R. Harvey 4

Hampton (40) 86 d Highett (14) 36

Scorers: Hampton - P. Carey 52, J. Cervi 16, D. Patterson 8, J. Muehlke 6, T. Cook 4; Highett - G. Pearson 12, R. Cervi 10, T. Britten 6, B. Harper 4, P. Dunstan 2, I. Semmens 2

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**U16**  
EXHIBITION GAME

**OFFICIAL BASKETBALL SCORE SHEET** 340  
ASSOCIATION

GRADE  
DATE 16-11-74

TEAM SANDRINGHAM		COACH		Tech. Fouls		1 2 3 4 5	
No.	NAME	In Play	FOULS	First Half	Second Half	Total	Extra Period
10	S. Carey	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	8	2	10	
20	A. Cervi	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	5	2	7	
5	J. Cervi	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	6	2	8	
4	R. Cervi	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	10	2	12	
8	T. Muehlke	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	4	2	6	
6	P. Pearson	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	10	2	12	
25	T. Cook	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	6	2	8	
Time-Out—First Half		1 2		35	Time-Out	1 2	24 1 2 3 4
Running Score		63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100					

TEAM Australian Gladiators		COACH		Tech. Fouls		1 2 3 4 5	
No.	NAME	In Play	FOULS	First Half	Second Half	Total	Extra Period
7	C. Lambert	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	2	2	4	
8	D. Wilson	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	3	2	5	
6	R. Anderson	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	1	2	3	
11	D. McLinden	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	1	2	3	
15	A. Clark	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	1	2	3	
14	C. Ellis	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	1	2	3	
4	A. Clark	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	1	2	3	
9	S. Wood	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	2	2	4	
10	S. Ashley	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	2	2	4	
12	N. Hurland	1 2 3 4 5	2 2 2	2	2	4	
Time-Out—First Half		1 2		9	Time-Out	1 2	0 1 2 3 4
Running Score		51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100					

SCORING SYMBOLS: ☐ Field Goal ☐ One successful ☐ Both successful  
☐ Free throw awarded ☐ One successful ☐ Both successful  
☐ Successful free throw—one shot ☐ Both successful

NOTE: Disqualified players and injured players to be annotated on back

Won by \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Scorer \_\_\_\_\_ Timekeeper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referees \_\_\_\_\_ Umpire \_\_\_\_\_

U/16 Boy's Exhibition Game Scoresheet, 16 November 1974

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Finance**

Although we have enjoyed an encouraging start, we are however in a very poor financial situation. To enable us to expand the Junior Competitions, pay weekly rent and to buy equipment for the Club we need money. If anybody can help, please do so by contacting Basil Cervi.

We need money to keep the club afloat, which in turn provides a worthwhile activity for the youth of Sandringham.

#### **Domestic Finals**

##### *Men's Semi Finals*

Rockers v Brighton

Zebras v Sandringham

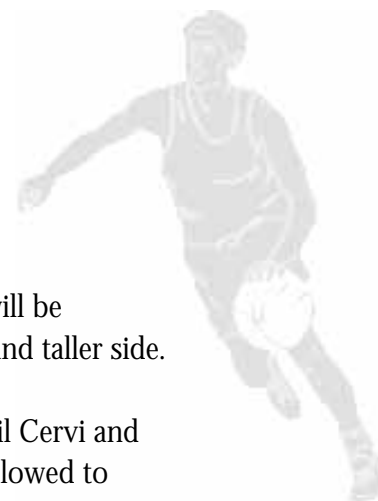
This match will be strongly contested by both sides, as the loser will be eliminated from the finals. Sandringham has a more experienced and taller side.

The danger players for Sandringham are the 'prehistoric man' Basil Cervi and the 'backcourt bomber' Graham Rapke. If these two players are allowed to dictate play, then it will be all over.

The Zebras in comparison are a far lesser experienced and smaller side. The team is made up of mostly junior players with the average age of 17 years and two senior players. Jackie Muehlke for Zebras has a springboard leap that will put pressure on the opposition, but he will be outnumbered on the boards. Joe 'hot lips' Cervi will worry Sandy with his offensive manouvers and Danny 'dunk' Lee can be troublesome if he consistently scores from his jump shots.

If the Zebras exploit Sandringham weakness, of relying on one or two players, then they will win. On the other hand, Sandringham could have the advantage because of the Zebras' brittle defence.

We predict that Sandringham will win. For the Zebras, we can encourage the players with the thought that this newsletter's forecasts could turn out to be like Lou Richards 'Kiss of Death' predictions.





### **Women's Semi Finals**

Tigers v Sapphires

Demons v Bentleigh

At the start of the season we fielded four teams only. But with the addition of two extra teams (Bentleigh and Belles) the season has provided many close and exciting matches.

The season highlighted by many individual performances in each side. For Bentleigh, A. Weir and A. McKenna 'gunned' at shooting, (and) the Demons with the robust play of C. Eichner and her fellow 'little demons.'

Tigers Two, with an outstanding pair of outside shooters in K. Dunne and J. Horner, combined with other exuberant players in a young band. Sapphires provided the loudest and aggressive entertainment with J. Barnes and H. Williamson at the forefront.

Southerners, as one of the older teams, had fine players in J and S. Whyte to form the basis of a talented team, while the Belles although only beginners acquitted themselves well improving in each game as the season progressed. S. Henzell and C. Hale provided dribbling and shooting prowess.

The finals look to be a close affair with Bentleigh favourites, followed by Demons, Tigers Two and Sapphires.

### **Top Ten Scorers - Domestic Season**

#### **Men**

1. G. Rapke 423
2. S. Rammon 313
3. M. Mitchell 284
4. T. Walsh 280
5. J. Cervi 194
6. R. Graham 189
7. J. Duthie 184
8. R. Cervi 169
9. J. Muehlke 168
10. M. James 160

#### **Women**

1. K. Dunne 246
2. A. Weir 218
3. J. Barnes 154
4. M. Williamson 145
5. S. Whyte 143
6. J. Horner 132
7. A. McKenna 132
8. J. Whyte 129
9. C. Eichner 104
10. R. Daw 83



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### **Learner Referees**

It has been found that due to the inexperience of learner referees some coaches and players become agitated because of the decisions that are not made or wrongly called.



The only way for the learner referees to gain experience is to referee a game. Their job is twice as hard as the experienced referees, because they are under considerable pressure because of their inexperience and the fact that they are referees. Games that are considered important in the future will be handled by at least one experienced referee.

## Referees

A subcommittee has been formed to re-organise the referee program. The following proposals are to be finalized:

1. Four to six permanent referees are to be selected.
2. The referees' fees to be increased.
3. Most games will be refereed by at least one senior official.

These and other proposals are to be discussed and agreed upon.

## Junior Training Sessions

**Girls:** Tuesday 4.00-5.30pm trained by Joe Cervi,  
Friday 4.00-6.00pm trained by Bob Hehir.

**Boys:** U/12: Monday 4.30-6.00pm, U/14: Saturday 2.30-4.00pm, U/16: Sunday 9.00-10.30am, U/18: Saturday 5.00-6.30pm and Sunday: 10.30-12 noon.

## Junior Zebras Coaches

U/12 Boys: Chris Bennett  
U/14 Boys: Chris Bennett  
U/16 Boys: Graham Rapke  
U/18 Boys: Chris Bennett



**Newsletter Cover**  
**Vol 1 No.11, Oct. 1975**

## Table Tennis Competition

A table tennis competition started on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1975. The competition was held in the back rooms of the Memorial Hall. Registration fee was 50 cents and it cost 30 cents to play.

## Player Survey

A survey was conducted in 1975 to give players an opportunity to have a say in the running of the junior competition.

Pay should increase for door comp and cleaning. Increase the pay.

The seasons are too long. Shorten the seasons.

Because of some of girls go mad at the referees. Tell the girls to be quiet.

I think the pin ball machines is a grouse idea and I'm glad that your thinking on our level now.

**Q1.** What do you feel is wrong with the Club's method of organising the competitions?  
**Q2.** What are your suggestions to improve this?

Qualified refs on the court at all times.

Because of the girls. They scream and shout and make a lot of noise. The poor umpires are trying to ref the game. If the girls think there so good let them ref.

The games should be on time. I think everything else is alright. If the teams aren't there on time then more prosecutions should be taken.

### Ring - Rebounder - Kant Peek

A third basketball ring was purchased and attached to the wall, facing the right side of the court, as you entered the hall.

A 'Basketball Rebounder and Undersized Ring' was also bought from America for US\$11.95. You could either practice rebounding or sharp shooting. It comprised of a small ring (just enough space for a basketball to fit through) and five straps. Four straps secured the small ring to the normal ring to develop accurate shooting. For practicing rebounding, a fifth strap was added and clipped onto the smaller ring so the ball would bounce out.

Another aid purchased were 'Kant Peeks' which were made of a strip of foam and elastic bands attached to each end. You attached the bands around your ears and the foam strip would fit just under your eyes. They were designed to stop you looking down when you dribbled the ball.

### Foreign Legions

The majority of teams playing in the junior domestic competitions came from the surrounding suburbs. During the year the Australian Globetrotters and the Collingwood Hellcats entered teams.

The Australian Globetrotters also played in the Victorian Junior Championships competition held at Albert Park stadium. They had permission from the American Globetrotters to use their name and wore the same coloured uniforms. They dominated the competition with their experience and two six-foot players and at the same time raised the standard of the competition.

### Defensive Tournament

U14C boy's representative players participated in a defensive tournament organised by their coach, Chris Bennett.

#### Rules

- The winner is the player who earns the most points at the end of the season
- A defensive foul or offensive score ends the game
- Every player has two chances. The best score of these two tries will be listed
- Coach will pair players
- Any player who disputes any referee decision during the tournament will have his score halved on the day

#### Points System

- Drawing an offensive foul = 4 pts
- (Causing) a violation = 3 pts
- If the opponent is forced to receive the ball at (certain point on court) = 2pts
- A steal = 1 pt
- A score after a steal = 1 pt

### U/18 Players

<b>Hampton</b> J. Cervi J. Muehlke T. Walker M. Lithgow R. Harvey	<b>Cheltenham</b> R. Cervi B. Harper S. Hunter I. Murrells G. Pascoe	<b>Black Rock</b> J. Boniville S. Thomas P. Dunstan G. Dow J. Korigiannis T. Daly I. Shevers
<b>Highett</b> P. Anderson J. Anderson T. Brittin R. Edwards I. Knox A. Cervi S. Dimarco J. Heales	<b>Beaumaris</b> G. Pearson D. Patterson I. Semmens C. Hall P. Hubbard T. Carrigg T. Mercuri D. McMeikin	<b>Sandringham</b> D. Howe T. Cooke B. Shannahan G. James R. Lunt S. Nash M. Jenkins R. Montgomery

## U/17C Boy's Representative Team

Dale Patterson - Alfred Cervi - Robert Cervi - Graham Cole - Mark James - Wayne Sweatman - Stewart Nash - Tom Carrigg.

### First Time

<b>Elections:</b>	Held to form the Sandringham Amateur Basketball Association on 6 <sup>th</sup> October.
<b>Representative teams:</b>	Play at Albert Park Stadium in the Victorian Junior Boys Championship winter competition. The teams are U/12, U/14C, U/16 and U/18. Season starts 31 <sup>st</sup> January. Also first walkover wins by the U/12 and U/14 teams in their first games.
<b>U/13C boys:</b>	Representative team plays in the Victorian Junior Boys Championship summer season semi finals. Lose to Southern Districts by one point.
<b>Referees' school:</b>	Starts in September. Supervised by Bob Hehir.
<b>Junior &amp; senior newsletters:</b>	Published and edited by Chris Bennett.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Winter Season

##### U/16

Black Rock (23) 43 d Beaumaris (8) 26

*Scorers: Black Rock - D. Dodd 20, M. Cochrane 12, M. Prior 6, C. James 5; Beaumaris - L. Mew 14, C. Heaton 10*

Sandringham (21) 51 d Brighton (8) 12

*Scorers: Sandringham - L. Leedan 25, C. Gilbert 23; Brighton - N. Gyergye 5*

Hampton d Highett

Sandringham (28) 68 d Highett (11) 29

*Scorers: Sandringham - Jenny Leeden 40, C. Gilbert 22; Highett - H. Williamson 14, K. Barnes 8*

Brighton (7) 18 d Hampton (11) 17

*Scorers: Brighton - V. Kennedy 6, S. Cogley 4, S. Quirk 4; Hampton - T. Browning 9, L. Cervi 4, S. Kenny 4*

Brighton, fifth ranked. Squeezed past fourth ranked Hampton by 1 point. At half time Brighton were 4 points down and made up the difference in the second half.

Black Rock (17) 40 d Beaumaris (18) 25

*Scorers: Black Rock - M. Cochrane 23, M. Prior 9; Beaumaris - L. Mew 15, C. Heaton 6*

Black Rock (7) 35 d Brighton (12) 22

*Scorers: Black Rock - M. Cochrane 10, D. Dodd 6; Brighton - C. Quirk 8, A. McCarthy 6, V. Kennedy 6*

Sandringham (10) 30 d Hampton (2) 10

*Scorers: Sandringham - J. Leeden 18, C. Gilbert 16; Hampton - L. Cervi 8, M. Sambell 2*

Beaumaris (12) 38 d Highett (2) 6

*Scorers: Beaumaris - L. Mew 16, D. Shannon 6, C. Heaton 12; Highett - H. Williamson 4, J. Barnes 2*

Beaumaris seem to be the strongest team with good players like L. Mew, C. Heaton and D. Shannon. This competition is getting very strong. We must congratulate Bob Hehir with his coaching of the girls. We feel quite sure he will get good results with them. Best of luck, Bob.

Beaumaris (24) 66 d Brighton (21) 33

*Scorers: Beaumaris - L. Mew 28, C. Heaton 28, R. Cambell 6; Brighton - V. Kennedy 9, A. McCarthy 8, B. Quirk 8, H. Gyergy 8*

Sandringham (8) 30 d Highett (40) 12

*Scorers: Sandringham - Jenny Leeden 16, Jo Leeden, C. Hunter 4; Highett - H. Williamson 8, J. Barnes 4*

Sandringham (28) 68 d Highett (11) 29

*Scorers: Sandringham - Jenny Leeden 40, C. Gilbert 22; Highett - H. Williamson 14, K. Barnes 8*

Brighton (7) 18 d Hampton (11) 17

*Scorers: Brighton - V. Kennedy 6, S. Cogley 4, S. Quirk 4; Hampton - T. Browning 9, L. Cervi 4, S. Kenny 4*

Black Rock (17) 40 d Beaumaris (18) 25

*Scorers: Black Rock - M. Cochrane 23, M. Prior 9; Beaumaris - L. Mew 15, C. Heaton 6*

## Summer Season

### U/17

Sharks (16) 49 d Sandringham (6) 22

Sandy almost topples Sharks. Sharks scrape through by only 3 points. Jenny Leedon top score for the game with 12 points.

Carey Crushers (21) 49 d Penguins (21) 31

Penguins put up a good effort to be level at half time. Crushers over run Penguins in the second half.

Sapphires (16) 36 d Hampton (2) 12

Sapphires had an effortless win against Hampton.

Sharks (26) 34 d Sapphires (25) 31

*Scorers: Sharks - M. Cochrane 12, L. Mew 10; Sapphires - S. Henzell 12, J. Barnes 6, C Heaton 4, V. Kennedy 4, Pauline 4*

A close game with very little separating both teams. Sapphires played well to be within three points against the second top team.

Sandringham (24) 48 d Penguins (16) 22

*Scorers: Sandringham - J. Leedan 17, R. O'Neill 12, Jo Leedan 7; S. Quirk 8, H. Gyergyoi 4*

Carey Crushers (28) 66 d Hampton (5) 11

*Scorers: Crushers - D. Virgona 16, C. Stewart 16; Hampton - S. Cervi 4*

Highlight of this game was Sandra with her first score.

Carey's Crushers (28) 69 d Sapphires (9) 23

*Scorers: Crushers - D. Virgona 27, C. Stewart 20, L. Coady 8, L. Virgona 8; Sapphires - S. Henzell 13, J. Barnes 4, K. Barnes 4*

Sue Henzell and Jill Barnes try to lift Sapphires against Crushers. Crushers all around ability was too much for the inexperienced Sapphires.

Sandy (15) 41 d Hampton (9) 35

*Scorers: Sandy - Jenny Leedon 23, C. Gilbert 8, Jo Leedon 4, P. O'Neal 4; Hampton - Cheryl 18, L. Cervi 13*

Hampton almost upset Sandy. Hampton equaled score in the second half but could not make up the extra 7 points needed for a win.

Sharks (17) 31 d Penguins (12) 21

*Scorers: Sharks - L. Mew 13, V. Kennedy 10; Penguins - H. Gregory 10, M. Prior 5*

Sharks savage Penguins by 10 points.

Carey's Crushers (28) 60 d Sandy

*Scorers: Crushers - C. Stewart 20, L. Virgona 19, D. Virgona 15; Sandy - J. Leedon 8, P. O'Neill 4*

Crushers coast to an easy victory against a determined Sandy. This game was marred by a stupid intentional foul by a Sandy player.

**Game of the Week**

Hampton (14) 29 d Sharks (11) 28

*Scorers: Hampton - 19, L. Cervi 7; Sharks - C. Cogley 8, D. Shannon 8*

Fantastic game. Hampton kept a narrow lead until the closing stages of the game. Sharks gained advantage and out scored Hampton to be up by a point with only seconds left to play. Hampton made an attempt at the basket but missed. Another try was made right on the buzzer and Sharks fouled the shooter.

Two free throws were given to Hampton. First shot hit the back of the rim and dropped in. Scores were level. Second shot went straight in and gave Hampton a 1 point victory. This game was exciting and one of the closest games ever played at Sandringham. Congratulations.

Penguins (15) 27 d Sapphires (18) 22

*Scorers: Penguins - A. McCartney 12, J. Lane 4, H. Gregory 6; Sapphires - J. Barnes 8, A. Mann 4, S. Henzell 8*

Sapphires 'siesta' in second half and poor free throw scoring allowed the Penguins to out score them.

Carey's Crushers (22) 41 d Hampton (18) 20

*Scorers: Crushers - L. Virgona 18, D. Virgona 10, A. Lovelock 4; Hampton - L. Cervi 11*

Crushers win by only 21 points. The terrible trio (Virgona's incorporated) add another victory to their credit.

Sandy (28) 53 d Penguins (23) 41

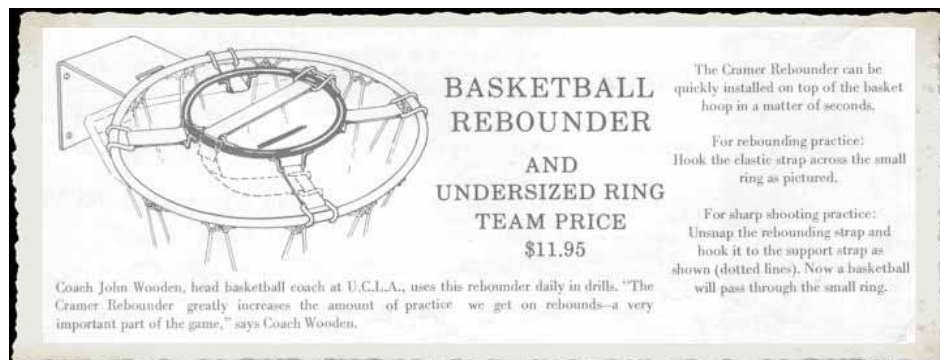
*Scorers: Sandy - Jenny Leedon 31, P. O'Neill 13, Jo Leedon 2; Penguins - M. Prior 14, H. Gyergyoi 14, S. Quirk 6*

Sandy oil the Penguins tails. Penguins wobble off with a 12 point loss.

Sharks (30) 50 d Sapphires (15) 34

*Scorers: Sharks - L. Mew 18, M. Cochrane 18, V. Kennedy 10; Sapphires - J. Barnes 17, S. Henzell 15, T. Walsh 2*

The Sharks gobble up the Sapphires by 16 points. Jumping Jill top scorer for the Sapphires. Sharks lay in wait for their next victim.



**'Basketball Rebounder', promotional advertisement, 1975**



## Domestic - Boys



*Domestic Boys' Team: Outside Memorial Hall, 1975*

## Winter Season

### U/14

Mordialloc (16) 26 d Hampton Warriors (10) 24

*Scorers: Mordialloc - C. Lewis 10, M. Loh 6, K. Loh 4, R. Calloway 4; Warriors - D. Cervi 14, C. Luxton 8, T. Lee 2*

In this game Mordialloc defeated Hampton Warriors in what was an exciting and close tussle. At half time Mordialloc led by 6 points. During the second half the Warriors edged closer. It was point for point and both teams fought hard to lead.

With only seconds to go the game was drawn and an extra three minutes was played. Warriors made several thrusts forward toward the basket but lost the ball on each occasion. Mordialloc remained cool during the crisis and scored the winning two points.

Vikings (16) 43 d Australian Globetrotters 2 (14) 38

*Scorers: Vikings - P. Cervi 31, P. Lafontaine 10, R. Pollock 2; Globetrotters - J. Orfanidis 16, D. Hawker 14*

Another thrilling match. The Globetrotters 2 were without their big men and this evened the two sides. In the first half the Vikings fought hard to maintain a two-point lead.

In the second half the Vikings led most of the time by 3 points. The last couple of minutes Globetrotters made a determined challenge and got within 1 point. Vikings steadied playing control basketball scored two points to lead by 3. Robert Pollock (U/12 player) sealed the Globetrotters fate by scoring 2 points in the dying stages of the game.

Australian Globetrotters 1 (15) 43 d Highett (2) 13

*Scorers: Globetrotters - T. Eastwood 20, R. Green 18; Highett - M. Sawyer 5, G. Nixon 4*

Sandringham d Beaumaris Gorillas on walk over.

Australian Globetrotters (28) 56 d Vikings (23) 51

*Scorers: Globetrotters - R. Eastwood 16, T. Grigoardis 12, R. Green 10; Vikings - P. Cervi 29, G. O'Sullivan 16, S. Carey 6*

This was the game of the day. The Globetrotters led by 5 points at half time. In the second half, both teams fouled heavily. In the dying stages of the game, the Vikings lost the ball three times on bad passes and the Globetrotters converted from being 1 point down to be up by 5 points.

Highett (18) 38 d Beaumaris Gorillas (18) 26

*Scorers: Highett - S. Carey 16, M. Sawyer 8, G. Nixon 8; Gorillas - M. King 26*

Beaumaris Gorillas, a new side in the competition have improved with every game. Erwin Leyden has been the organiser of the side and has done an excellent job.

Hampton Warriors (28) 54 d Australian Globetrotters 2 (21) 27

*Scorers: Hampton - D. Cervi 44, C. Luxton 6*

Hampton Warriors had an easy victory over Australian Globetrotters 2. The experienced players for Hampton proved too much for Globetrotters to handle.

Australian Globetrotters 1 (42) 101 d Sandringham (-) 4

*Scorers: Sandringham - G. Emmins 2, R. Turnbull 2*

Australian Globetrotters scored an incredible 101. It is doubtful whether any team in the future will be able to beat this score.

Vikings (18) 32 d Mordialloc (11) 21

*Scorers: Vikings - P. Cervi 18, G. O'Sullivan 12; Mordialloc - C. Lewis 12, K. Loh 4*

Vikings defeated Mordialloc in a very close game. G. O'Sullivan, a new player for the Vikings and C. Lewis for Mordialloc were very impressive. Mordialloc played well and were unlucky not to win. This side has improved immensely from last season.

Australian Globetrotters 1 (16) 42 d Vikings (11) 33

*Scorers: Vikings - P. Cervi 18, G. O'Sullivan 7, P. Lafontaine 6, R. Pollock 2*

Mordialloc (31) 67 d Highett (3) 3

*Scorers: Mordialloc - C. Lewis 39, H. McKay 14, C. Low 12, M. Low 12; Highett - M. Sawyer 3*

Hampton Warriors (36) 81 d Beaumaris (23) 54

*Scorers: Hampton - D. Cervi 57, C. Luxton 16, D. Liddell 6, S. Wright 2; Beaumaris - M. King 40, M. Burke 8, G. Ryan 2, P. Cerone 2*

Sandringham (22) 42 d Australian Globetrotters 2 (14) 37

*Scorer: Sandringham - C. Carey 42*

## Faces of the 70s ...



**U/18**

Hampton (30) 70 d Black Rock (20) 28

*Scorers: Hampton - J. Muehlke 27, J. Cervi 21, M. Coffey 20; Black Rock - M. Carey 12, D. Lee 10*

Hampton would be the strongest team in the competition. Two of their major assets are Jackie Muehlke and Mark Coffey. Tony Walker is another player who has contributed to the team's win.

Black Rock have a secret weapon on their side. With this mystery man and Tony Harper playing for them they could over take Hampton's standing.

Beaumaris (20) 69 d Highett (19) 43

*Scorers: Beaumaris - D. Patterson 34, B. Shanahan 15, I. Semmens 14; Highett - D. Cervi 28, A. Cervi 10*

The highlight of this round was Beaumaris performance, who although ranked last, defeated second ranked, Highett. Highett were down by 1 point at half time. In the second half due to fouls, they were left with two players.

Cheltenham (20) 44 d Sandringham (19) 36

*Scorers: Cheltenham - P. Cervi 24, R. Cervi 20; Sandringham - S. Browning 12, T. Cook 7*

**Summer Season****U/13**

Gorillas (8) 34 d Warhawks (9) 26

Gorillas made it two in a row (wins). Down at half time by one point, gorillas put it together and win. Michael Burke was the main reason for the revival in the second half.

Redskins (28) 52 d Devils (8) 18

*Scorers: Redskins - G. Virgona 27; Devils - P. Surani 8, B. Carmel 3*

Redskins side downed the Devils to take their winning streak to two in a row. Choo choo Greg Virgona, best scorer with 27 points. Devils are a new team to the competition.

Gorillas (12) 27 d Redskins (14) 26

*Scorers: Gorillas - M. Burke 13, P. O'Riley 4, R. Fennessy 4, E. Leyden 2; Redskins - Greg Nixon 20, S. Wright 4*

Great win by Gorillas. Redskins up by two points at half time, Gorillas in the second half fought back to take the game by a point. Michael Burke played exceptionally well and was ably supported by his teammates. Greg Nixon held the Redskins together but could not do it alone in the dying stages of the game. Redskins were down by 1 point and two successful free throws would have clinched it.

Redskins (12) 32 d Gorillas (6) 21

*Scorers: Redskins - P. Dent 20, S. Wright 4; Gorillas - P. O'Riley 10, M. Burke 7*

Redskins scalp Gorillas in an exciting game.

Devils d Warhawks on w/o

Gorillas (20) 30 d Devils (15) 25

*Scorers: Gorillas - M. Burke 13, P. O'Riley 6, G. Ryan 4, Fennessy 2; Devils - G. Faulkner 17, D. Griffith 6*

Gorillas revenge a previous 2 point loss by the Devils. Devils made several attempts to take the lead during the game but the Gorillas resisted fiercely.

Redskins (29) 61 d Warhawks (24) 53

*Scorers: Redskins - P. Dent 36, G. Nixon 17, T. Lee 4; Warhawks - M. Sawyer 31, D. Liddell 14, T. Griffiths 4*

Redskins lift Warhawks bonnet. The whooping Redskins blunt the Warhawks attack. T. Lee and a new player T. Griffiths, played well.

Devils (11) 26 d Gorillas (15) 22

*Scorers: Devils - D. O'Reilly 9, B. Carmel 6; Gorillas - M. Burke 10, P. O'Reilly 6, R. Fennessy 4*

Devils destroy Gorillas by 4 points. Gorillas lose no.1 ape M. Burke in second half on five fouls. Devils take advantage. Gorillas unlucky to lose.

## U/15

Mordialloc (27) 49 d Australian Globetrotters (14) 30

Mordialloc beat the Globetrotters for the first time. This is the Globetrotters second defeat ever. It was said that both teams could not adjust to the learner referees.

Brighton Y (37) 89 d Generals (17) 28

Brighton outrank Generals with an easy win.

Brighton Y (32) 47 d Vikings (28) 39

*Scorers: Brighton - G. Rammon 25, A. Turner 6, A. Jean 6; Vikings - P. Cervi 29, S. Wright 4*

Great effort by Vikings (without tall players Craig McCleod and David Longshore) to contain Brighton. The Vikings almost caused an upset against the top team. The game was kept under control with a brilliant game by Paul Cervi.

Wildcats (20) 37 d Mordialloc (10) 35

*Scorers: Wildcats - C. Carey 19, T. Carrigg 10; Mordialloc - K. Bull 23, W. Bull 6, D. Laidlaw 4, D. Sheppard 2, C. Sheppard 2*

Wildcats in a very close game just squeeze in against Mordialloc by 2 points. Good overall effort by the Cats to win without experienced player Matt Carey.



**Greg O'Sullivan out-rebounded by two six footers**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser*

Australian Globetrotters (29) 61 d Generals (3) 7

*Scorers: Globetrotters - R. Eastwood 28, D. Hawker 6, R. Green 6, T. Grigoriadis 21; Generals - M. Sawyer 5, D. Howe 2*

Depleted Generals were over run by the Globetrotters.

Australian Globetrotters (17) 56 d Brighton Y (18) 32

*Scorers: Globetrotters - R. Eastwood 20, T. Grigoriadis 13; Brighton Y - A. Jeans 8, G. Rammon 8, A. Turner 8*

Undefeated Brighton Y lose their first game of the season. G. Rammon and A. Turner for Brighton fouled out and the Globetrotters big men took over.

Vikings (17) 34 d Mordialloc (16) 32

*Scorers: Vikings - P. Cervi 20, P. Lafontaine 10; Mordialloc - K. Bull 14, N. Collins 6, R. Callaway 6*

In a tight finish Vikings freeze the ball to take the game by 2 points.

Generals (26) 50 d Wildcats (10) 21

*Scorers: Generals - D. Cervi 26, D. Howe 10*

Wildcats enthusiasm not quite enough to defeat a much more experienced and taller team in Generals.

Vikings (21) 41 d Generals (13) 26

*Scorers: Vikings - P. Cervi 29, S. Wright 4, T. Carrigg 4; Generals - D. Cervi 14, M. King 6, M. Sawyer 5*

Australian Globetrotters (42) 61 d Collingwood Hellcats (14) 32

*Scorers: Globetrotters - T. Grigoriadis 26, R. Eastwood 20, D. Hawker 12; Hellcats - Steven 10, B. McCabe 6*

Collingwood Hellcats in their first game of the season met a much taller and more experienced side in Globetrotters. The Hellcats showed potential and will be a hard side to beat once they gain match practice.

Brighton Y (38) 73 d Mordialloc (14) 26

*Scorers: Brighton Y - G. Rammon 28, A. Turner 27; Mordialloc - K. Bull 15, N. Collins 4*

Mordialloc were in there battling against a higher standard team in Brighton.

Collingwood Hellcats (34) 57 d Mordialloc (13) 48

*Scorers: Hellcats - A. Karagoz 20, B. McCabe 16, K. Vargin 10; Mordialloc - K. Bull 30, R. Callaway 13, T. Benjamin 3*

Hellcats win their first game at Sandy. Mordialloc led by K. Bull could not bridge the 9 point leeway.

Australian Globetrotters (26) 62 d Generals (21) 41

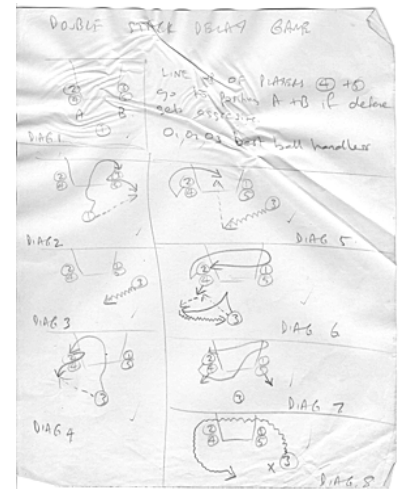
*Scorers: Globetrotters - T. Grigoriadis 20, R. Eastwood 16, R. Green 16; Generals - D. Cervi 34, D. Howe 5, M. King 2*

Globetrotters reduce Generals to buck privates. Vocal Val gets laryngitis.



Vikings longships turn into rubber duckies against Brighton Y. G. Rammon had his feathers ruffled after his fifth foul in the second half (bad bird).

Surfies did not have the defensive ability to stop the Hamilton hotshots.



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**U/17C Zebras boys' Minutes**  
**Played stat sheet**

## Domestic - Women

Tigers 2 (12) 36 d Southerners (7) 30

*Scorers: Tigers - K. Dunne 18, J. Dunne 8, J. Tygin 8; Southerners - S. Whyte 15, J. Whyte 13*

Tigers 2 almost bomb themselves out of the game. Shooting in the first half was atrocious. J. Whyte for the Southerners was impressive in her general team play.

Bentleigh Blues (18) 48 d Belles (24) 42

*Scorers: Blues - C. Meehan 28, L. Smith 14, A. McKenna 6; Belles - S. Henzell 24, K. Scott 8, P. McMahon 4, H. Munro 4*

Bentleigh Blues take on the Belles without their two experienced players. Belles, a much improved side, had the advantage but could not seal the game. They were 6 points up at half time and had Bentleigh with only two players on the court towards the end of the game.

Demons (10) 33 d Sapphires (11) 28

*Scorers: Demons - R. Daw 10, C. Eichner 8, L. Cervi 8; Sapphires - J. Barnes 14, K. Clark 6, P. Harmshaw 6*

Demons out run Sapphire. Not even Terry 'Wizzard' Walsh could halt the Demon's tremendous finish. The Demons applied a vicious half court press in the second half and had the Sapphire players in trouble. Sapphires fight back towards the end and were 1 point down and with two minutes to go. Demons got the break and finished strongly.

Demons (13) 30 d Bentleigh (14) 26

*Scorers: Demons - Bernadette 9, R. Daw 8, K. Muehlke 8, C. Eichner 5; Bentleigh - C. Meehan 12, A. Weir 10, A. Meehan 4*

Second ranked Demons roll the top team, Bentleigh Blues. Demons defence severely pressured the Blues. The Demons could have won by more but continued their 'volley ball' type offense. They made position but could not score the easy shots. The Blues tried hard but were at a disadvantage with only four players and no substitutes on a very warm evening. They also had one of their regular players missing.

Tigers 2 (20) 50 d Sapphires (18) 28

*Scorers: Tigers - K. Dunne 34, J. Tyguin 14; Sapphires - J. Barnes 12, Kerien 10*

Tigers 2, out bombed the Sapphires. K. Dunne top scored from long range shots. Sapphires seemed to lose concentration and paid the penalty.

Belles (33) 54 d Southerners (20) 30

*Scorers: Belles - S. Henzell 23, K. Scott 15, J. Dodd 6, M. Dunne 6; Southerners - J. Whyte 12, M. Thomas 12, M. Allen 4*

Belles almost double the Southerners score in the second half.

Southerners (20) 34 d Sapphires (15) 31

*Scorers: Southerners - J. Whyte 20, M. Allen 6, A. Vanderblink 6; Sapphires - J. Barnes 16, C. Baker 7, T. Harmshaw 4*



Demons (10) 32 d Belles (9) 29

*Scorers: Demons - Jenny 9, C. Eichner 8, L. Cervi 6, C. Muelhke 4; Belles - S. Henzell 16, H. Munro 6, K. Scott 5*

Demons press was to tight for the Belles to break. In a point for point game the Demons survived. Two outstanding features of the game, the Belles inability to advance the ball up the court due to the pressure and the Demons 'volley ball offense' made it a close game and exciting game. Terry 'Wizard' Walsh fizzles again.

Bentleigh Blues (14) 32 d Tigers 2 (12) 30

*Scorers: Blues - A. Weir 14, L. Smith 8, C. Meehan 4; Tigers - K. Dunne 20, J. Tyguin 8*

## Domestic - Men

### August - November

Zebras (29) 73 d Athletes 1 (27) 63

*Scorers: Zebras - R. Cervi 26, D. Lee 16, M. James 14, J. Muehlke 13; Athletes - Wood 28, R. Graham 23*

Athletes I, give the best performance of the night. Athletes pressured the Zebras all the way. The Zebras got on top in the last couple of minutes of play. Zebras experience helped them out of a very tight spot.



**Sandy Badge, 1970s**

Athletes 2 (43) 77 d Highett (15) 32

*Scorers: Athletes - S. Carey 39, B. Guyatt 28; Highett - D. Allen 10, M. Deaton 8, G. James 8*

Sandy (52) 104 d Rockers (34) 65

*Scorers: Sandy - G. Rapke 50, G. Pearson 28, R. Fraser 20; Rockers - T. Walsh 45, M. Holden 12*  
Sandy bury Rockers. G. Rapke hits a half century. Rockers were missing Tim "Tenacious" Carrigg from their line up. Up and coming new player Basil Cervi scores a creditable 4 points.

Kookas (27) 49 d Highett (17) 31

*Scorers: Kookas - B. Conroy 16, T. McElinogue 14, G. Harvey 8; Highett - M. Deaton 9, G. James 8, D. Allan 8*

In a very 'physical' game Kookas managed to out clash Highett.

Zebras (54) 97 d Athletes 2 (44) 76

*Scorers: R. Cervi 28, M. James 24, D. Lee 22, J. Cervi 21; Athletes 2 - B. Guyatt 51*

The 'Battle of the Bulge' was re-fought last week. B. Guyatt gave G. Eichner an inferiority complex by outscoring and out weighing the gentle giant. The Athletes have a natural resource in B. Guyatt and consider him more valuable (and bigger than Fort Knox). His single effort of 51 points was not enough to carry the Athletes to victory.

Athletes 1 (22) 68 d Rockers (33) 59

*Scorers: Athletes - G. Wood 29, R. Graham 22, J. Calhoun 5; Rockers - T. Walsh 39, T. Carrigg 20*

Rockers (37) 74 d Athletes 2 (22) 52

*Scorers: Rockers - T. Walsh 42, R. Edwards 18, T. Carrigg 14; Athletes - B. Guyatt 40, A. Bedwell 17, T. McElvogue 10*

T. Walsh and B. Guyatt canceled each other out with their high scores. Rockers won the game but lost a couple of teeth (T. Carrigg).

Zebras (31) 59 d Kookas (34) 57

*Scorers: Zebras - R. Cervi 18, J. Muehlke 16, D. Lee 12; Kookas - B. Conroy 20, K. Harvey 17, T. McElvogue 10*

Kookas almost make a laughing stock of Zebras. Great game by the Kookas. Zebras individual offensive players almost throw away the game. Excessive fouling in the second half by the Kookas gave the Zebras their chance to win the game.

Sandy (56) 94 d Athletes 1 (32) 83

*Scorers: Sandy - G. Rapke 32, R. Fraser 28; Athletes - R. Graham 34, G. Wood 27, T. Oliphant 10*

Athletes 1 romp on Sandy in the second half. Sandy lead by 24 points in the first half but fell apart for the remainder of the game.

## Zebras - Boys

### Winter Season

#### U/12

Sandringham d Varpas on w/o

#### U/14C

Walkover win to Sandringham (31-1-75)

Essendon Y (12) 42 d Sandringham (2) 4

*Scorers: P. Lafontaine 2, C. Luxton 2*

This is the second week of playing championships for the U/14 squad. Essendon Y too experienced.

Sandringham (4) 34 d Melbourne 3 (4) 10

*Scorers: P. Lafontaine 12, C. Luxton 14, R. Turnbull 8*

The first half was even. We had many opportunities but could not convert. The first ten minutes of the second half was superb. Passing and fast breaks were of high standard.

Essendon Y (13) 22 d Sandringham (8) 11

*Scorers: C. Luxton 7, D. Liddell 2, Graham Nixon 2*

Players are improving each week. We contained Essendon Y but could not convert our opportunities. Essendon Y experience showed in the second half and slowly drew away.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Colin Luxton, Danny Liddell, Greg Nixon, Paul Lafontaine, Russell Turnbull, Mark Turnbull.

### U/16

Southern Districts d Sandringham

### U/18

Sandringham (14) 27 d St. Kilda (4) 16

*Scorers: T. Mercuri 8, S. Dimarco 7, J. Muehlke 7*

## Summer Season

### U/13C

#### **Semi Final**

Southern Districts d Sandringham by 1 point.

First representative team to make the finals. What a game. 1 point up with two minutes to go. Sandringham runs a double high post delay game.

Opposition coach unaware of what is happening. Clock ticks down. Bob Hehir (Southern Districts) sitting opposite courtside discovers the delay game offense. Bob runs around the court to the unsuspecting Southern Districts coach to let him know.

Seconds to go. Southern Districts pours on the pressure and intercepts the ball and make a lay up. Siren sounds.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Greg Nixon, Michael Burke, Erwin Leyden, Danny Liddell Tim Lee, Paul Lafontaine, Steve Wright, Paul O'Riley.

## Practice Games (30-11-75)

### U/13

Sandringham (20) 36 d Mordialloc (14) 28

*Scorers: Sandringham - P. Cervi 24, P. Lafontaine 4, G. Nixon 4, M. Burke 2, S. Wright 2; Mordialloc - C. Lewis 18, D. Howarth 4, C. Loh 2, M. Loh 2, J. Sly 2*

### U/15 (1)

Sandringham (13) 31 d Mordialloc (10) 26

*Scorers: Sandringham - D. Cervi 19, P. Cervi 6, G. Nixon 4, P. Lafontaine 2; Mordialloc - C. Hunter 13, L. Hunter 7, K. Segota 4, N. Freeman 2*

**U/15 (2)**

Mordialloc (18) 39 d Sandringham (2) 8

*Scorers: Mordialloc - K. Bull 18, M Nixon 10, W. Bull 4, R. Callery 3, K. Parker 2, N. Collins 2; Sandringham - M. Sawyer 2, D. Longshore 2, G. Nixon 2, P. O'Riley 2*

**Officials****Executive Committee**

**President:** Colin Henzell

**Vice President:** Basil Cervi

**Secretary:** Tim Carrigg

**Treasurer:** Sue Henzell

**General Committee**

Terry Walsh, Marjory Dunn and Chris Bennett.

**Others**

**Girls' Supervisor:**

Val Virgona

**Grade Secretaries:**

Basil Cervi and Terry Walsh

**Communications**

Basil Cervi

**Officer:**

**Senior Grade Secretary:**

Terry Walsh

**Junior Grade Secretary:**

Terry Walsh and Tim Carrigg

**Referees' Supervisor:**

Bob Hehir



**CLUB GROWS TO A . . .**  
**Basketball army**

In little over a year the Sandringham Basketball Club has grown from a handful to 250 junior and senior players.

When the club was formed it had virtually no players and only a small number of seniors. Now it has 36 teams in six competitions each week based in the memorial hall in Waltham St.

Players range from eight year olds to senior men and women and the club has an under 12 and an under 14 team playing in the Victorian championships at Albert Park.

One of the teams missed playing in the Albert Park grand final by one point.

An electronic scoreboard, a clock and other essential equipment was bought by the club with money raised last year.

"Our members, mostly juniors, responded magnificently to raise \$1050," a club spokeswoman said.

"The committee also organised training sessions for new players, coaches and referees for games, social functions, low admission and membership fees and free uniforms and these have helped the club progress so far in such a short time," she said.

To illustrate the popularity of basketball in Sandringham, one of the club's senior officials contacted a local primary school for interested players and the following day 20 new players arrived for a training session.

A youth club is a logical extension to the club's program.

"We have obtained a table-tennis table, billiard table and we plan to renovate the back section of the hall to provide a place where people can relax and enjoy themselves," the spokeswoman said.

Attendance at the hall has almost reached saturation point but the club believes that what it has achieved is only a "drop in the bucket."

With proper facilities, a stadium with at least two full-sized courts would be self-sustaining.

"Stadiums at Coburg, Northwading, Dandenong, Albert Park and many other suburbs and country areas have proved this," the spokeswoman said.

**Junior Girls' competition at the Memorial Hall**  
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Sandringham players at a training session in the Memorial Hall in Waltham St.

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### Free Kick

One of the Hihett boys was not amused when referee Basil Cervi gave a decision against him. He showed his disgust by kicking the ball. Less amused was a teammate nearby because it hit in him in the midsection. He was left gasping for air.

#### Gorgeous George

A biting remark from our resident cynic Gorgeous George. A player in one of the girl's game gave away two bad passes, one after the other. Gorgeous remarked 'put the ball in your mouth and carry it down court.' Horse sense or non sense?

#### The Blues

Bentleigh Blues women's team has won two grand finals, one runners up in the last three seasons, have been knocked out of the final four by one point.



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#### Basketball Highlights

A film night was organised on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1976 for club members. The films featured college and professional players Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, John Havlicek, Oscar Roberston, and Tom Burleson. The two 35 minute films were from 'Converse Highlights; 1968-69 and 1973-74.' Hire costs were \$10 and \$16.

#### New Name

A survey was conducted in 1976 to find a new name for the club. Sixty-three names were provided and you had three choices. Some of the names included; Titans, Fighting Sioux, Grizzlies, Flying Dutchmen, Thunderbirds, Magicians, Purple Knights, Ducks, and Sun Devils.

#### Photo Shoot

Saturday, 10.00am training cancelled. Photos were taken of the U/14 representative team demonstrating fundamentals. To be used as visual instructional aide.

## Standard Badges 6-8-76

The club has a standard badge system. There are four badges; A, B, C, D. A chart will be provided for each player. The idea of the standard badge system is SELF IMPROVEMENT. You will be marked by your performance in games and trainings. Cost of each badge is \$1.

### D Class

History of basketball  
 Footwork - pivot, balance  
 Passing - chest, bounce, baseball  
 Shooting - lay up 50% of 10 - foul 40% of 10 - field 40% of 10  
 Score a game  
 Knowledge of rules  
 Guarding - correct way of guarding a shooter  
 Offence - how to pass and screen



### C Class

Footwork - boxing movement  
 Passing - 70% of 100  
 Dribbling - speed with natural hand  
 Shooting - layups 60% of 10 - foul 60% of 10 - field 60% of 10 - jump - 40% of 10  
 Knowledge of rules  
 Guarding - out guard a dribbler for a minute  
 Offence - be able to create play  
 Fitness - as coach requires



### B Class

Footwork - balance and boxing stance  
 Passing - 80% of 100  
 Dribbling - speed with both hands  
 Shooting - layup 70% of 20 - foul 80% of 10 - field 80% of 10 - jump - 50% of 10 - hook 50% of 10  
 Guarding - out guard 2 dribblers for minute  
 Knowledge of rules  
 Offence - captain and coach a game  
 Fitness - as coach requires



### A Class

Footwork - as B class under guarding pressure  
 Passing - 90% of 10  
 Shooting - layups 80% of 20 - foul 90% of 10 - field 85% of 10 - jump 60% of 10 - hook 75% of 10  
 Pivot and post - knowledge of playing positions





Knowledge of rules

Guarding - 1 on 2 for one and a half minutes

Offence - teach a move

Fitness - as coach requires

Dribbling - as B class and out dribble a guard for one minute

*The ratings were modified to suit our junior teams at the time.*

## Junior Free Throw Championships

### First week results 31-7-76

#### U/11

D. Wright 2/10 = 20%

#### U/13 boys

M. Burke 4/10 = 40%

D. Larkins 6/20 = 30%

G. Lane 5/20 = 25%

Wright 2/10 = 20%

#### U/15

P. Lafontaine 32/50 = 64%

P. Cervi 27/50 = 54%

C. Luxton 9/20 = 45%

Liddell 13/40 = 32.5%



Side lane, outside Memorial Hall, 1976

### Rules

1. Each player to attempt 100 shots.
2. All Shots to be recorded by a club official.
3. Trophies to be awarded to each section and eventual club champion.
4. Competition ends 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
5. Attempts during game and training will not count.
6. Four winners of the various sections will play off in a champion of champions match for the Junior Club Free throw championships title.
7. Competition closes 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1.00pm.

Supervisors: U/11 boys, Terry Walsh - U/13 boys, Chris Bennett - U/15 boys, Chris Bennett  
- Junior Girls, Tim Carrigg.



## Sprint and Dribble Competition

Juniors were timed for full court sprint without the ball and with the ball.

### *Free Sprints*

B. Carmel 6.7 seconds, D. Cervi 7 seconds, P. Lafontaine 7, P. Cervi 7 seconds.

### *Dribble*

P. Lafontaine 8 seconds, B. Carmel 8 seconds, P. Cervi 8 seconds.

## Raffle Bonanza

Basil Cervi organised a raffle in 1976 to purchase uniforms for the U/13 and U/15 boy's representative teams. Tickets were five for twenty cents and first prize was a digital clock radio and second prize was a calculator. The target was \$400 and \$1052 was raised.

## *First Time*

<b>Women's representative team:</b>	Play in the Sale tournament, held 16-17-18 April.
<b>Men's representative team:</b>	Play in fourth division, summer season, Victorian Championships competition.
<b>U/14 boy's representative team:</b>	Win the B Grade premiership in the Victorian Junior Basketball Championships competition. They are the first representative team (junior or senior) to win a premiership.
<b>U/15 boy's representative team:</b>	Play in the A grade, summer season of the Victorian Junior Basketball Championship competition. The first representative team (junior or senior) to play in an A grade competition. Their first A grade game was a practice match against Nunawading 2, losing 28-36, played 16 <sup>th</sup> July. In their first official game of the season they defeated Eltham by 3 points.

## *Numbers*

**\$445.68** in the bank (1-9-76). Drink machine was our biggest earner behind door takings.  
**270+** senior and junior players (approx **159** seniors and **118** juniors).

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Winter Season

U/17

**Preliminary Final (13-3-76)**

Sapphires (10) 43 d Sharks (16) 37

**Grand Final (20-3-76)**

Crushers (16) 58 d Sapphires (8) 24

#### Summer Season

U/17

**Semi Final (4-9-76)**

Crushers d Hampton



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#### Summer Season

U/17

**Semi Finals (4-12-76)**

Crushers d Sharks

Sapphires d Omega

**Grand Final (11-12-76)**

Sapphires (36) 64 d Crushers (22) 57

Scorers: Sapphires - J. Barnes 36, P. Harmshaw 14, H. Williamson 6, K. Barnes 6; Crushers - L. Virgona 24, D. Virgona 16, J. Coady 13, J. Pratt 2, L. Patterson 2

### Domestic - Boys

#### Winter Season

U/13

**Grand Final One (13-3-76)**

Redskins (17) 41 d Gorillas (13) 40

**Grand Final Two (20-3-76)**

Redskins (16) 48 d Gorillas (16) 40

Redskins Premiers - Win best of three grand final series, 2-0.

**U/15****Preliminary Final**

Australian Globetrotters (24) 48 d Vikings (22) 44

**Grand Final**

Brighton (39) 75 d Australian Globetrotters (31) 51

**U/19****Grand Final (15-3-76)**

Spartans (37) 73 d Hamilton (27) 71

Hamilton forfeited the game with 30 seconds remaining. One player left on the court.

**Summer Season****Semi Finals**

Stars d Gorillas

Panthers d Untouchables

**Grand Final**

Stars (25) 66 d Panthers (32) 59

*Scorers: Stars - D. Liddell 42, G. Faulkner 15, D. Larkins 3, P. O'Shannessy 2, A. Wright 2, G. Lane 2, G. Nicholls 2; Panthers - P. Cervi 41, C. Coombs 12, A. Oliver 2, M. O'Shannessy 2, S. Lunardon 2*

**Domestic - Women**

Bentleigh (23) 41 d Belles (17) 39

*Scorers: Bentleigh - A. Weir 17, L. Smith 11; Belles - C. Bailey 16, S. Henzell 11, K. Scott 8*

Bentleigh scrape home by 2 points. Belles have improved in the past two weeks and could be a major threat in the finals.

Southerners (15) 35 d Tigers 2 (13) 27

*Scorers: Southerners - M. Patterson 16, S. Whyte 8; Tigers - K. Dunne 19, S. Wignell 4*

K. Dunne's high score was not enough to carry the Tigers to victory.

Sapphires (11) 39 d Demons (20) 28

*Scorers: Sapphires - D. Virgona 16, L. Virgona 8, J. Barnes 8; Demons - R. Daw 16, C. Eichner 4, L. Cervi 4*

Sapphires with the help of the Virgona mob doused the Demons fire. Auntie Jack (Jill) tossed in a handy 8 points. Demons second half was ----- scoring only 8 to 28. Second loss in a row for the Demons.

**Semi Finals (17-3-76)**

Demons (17) 27 d Southernners (9) 24

Bentleigh (32) 47 d Belles (26) 39

**Preliminary Final (24-3-76)**

Demons (11) 43 d Belles (14) 38

**Grand Final (31-3-76)**

Bentleigh (24) 50 d Demons (7) 35

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Belles (22) 65 d Sapphires (8) 13

Bentleigh (16) 41 d Mentone Tigers (10) 24

Southernners (17) 42 d Demons (9) 23

**Semi Finals (6-12-76)**

Belles (17) 49 d Hampton Rovers (19) 40

*Scorers: Belles - S. Henzell 18, C. Bailey 11, A. Cosh 10, J. Dodd 4, M. Dunn 2, D. Olver 2, P. McMahon 2; Rovers - H. Scarlett 21, J. Cooper 14, J. Cooper 2, H. Vickers 2, L. Rudd 1*

**Semi Finals (6-12-76)**

Demons (20) 46 d Southernners (18) 26

*Scorers: Demons - L. White 31, M. Hysted 6, L. Wood 6, C. Eichner 3; Southernners - J. Whyte 10, S. Whyte 10, N. Laing 2, A. Vanderblink 2*

**Grand Final (13-12-76)**

Belles (17) 50 d Demons (25) 47

*Scorers: Belles - C. Bailey 16, D. Olver 16, A. Koch 10, S. Henzell 4, P. McMahon 2, J. Dodd 1, M. Dunn 1; Demons - L. White 33, G. Clark 10, C. Eichner 2, M. Hysted 2, L. Cervi -, L. Wood - J. Yancheff*

**Domestic - Men****February - December**

Athletes 1 (28) 54 d Zebras (34) 51

*Scorers: Athletes - Wood 32, Graham 16; Zebras - J. Cervi 14, J. Muehlke 11, R. Cervi 10*

Impressive win for the Athletes. Zebras have the talent to take on most teams but there are too many individualists. Their defence is non-existent like most teams in the competition. Also to get a pass from a Zebra player is like squeezing blood from a stone.

Sandy (32) 76 d Rockers (26) 50

*Scorers: Sandy - G. Rapke 39, R. Fraser 16, R. Montgomery 12; Rockers - R. Edwards 20, T. Walsh 10.*

Highlights of the game were Wolf man Basil's 2 points and 5 fouls. Terence (the original) wasn't too happy on some foul calls. Maybe if he stopped charging into players he might not hear the whistle so often.

Athletes 2 (26) 72 d Highett (31) 39

*Scorers: Athletes - B. Guyatt 36, R. Shortridge 24; Highett - M. Deaton 19, R. Knox 10*

B. Guyatt and R. Shortridge combined well to score the majority of points for Athletes. Highett fired in the first half but faded out.

### **Semi Finals (17-3-76)**

Zebras (36) 81 d Athletes 1 (21) 55

Sandringham (48) 96 d Rockers (22) 57

### **Preliminary Final (24-3-76)**

Rockers (53) 119 d Zebras (31) 66

### **Grand Final (31-3-76)**

Sandringham (39) 75 d Rockers (30) 74

### **5 May 1976**

Skegs (31) 51 d Highett (16) 29

Rockers (30) 62 d Kookas (26) 61

Sandy d Zebras

### **Semi Finals (6-12-76)**

Rockers (35) 78 d Hampton Rovers 2 (20) 50

*Scorers: Rockers - T. Carrigg 36, L. Marshall 19, T. Walsh 16, F. Carrigg 7; Rovers - G. McGregor 22, J. Smith 16, D. McGregor 12*

### **Semi Finals (6-12-76)**

Sandy (22) 64 d Skegs (14) 40

*Scorers: Sandy - G. Rapke 40, G. Pearson 14, I. Semmens 4, G. Eichner 2, B. Cervi 2, T. Miller 2; Skegs - G. Wood 18, J. King 10, B. Kelly 6, G. Jarvis 2, J. Colquhoun 2, M. Richards 2*

### **Grand Final (13-12-76)**

Rockers (34) 68 d Sandringham (28) 64

*Scorers: Rockers - T. Walsh 38, T. Carrigg 12, L. Marshall 8, F. Carrigg 8, M. Bourke 2, A. Bedwell; Sandringham - G. Rapke 42, G. Pearson 8, B. Cervi 6, G. Eichner 4, T. Miller 2, R. Stansfield 2, I. Semmons*

### **Faces of the 70s ...**



## Zebras - Boys

### Winter Season (9-7-76)

#### U/14B

##### Grand Final

Sandringham (12) 26 d Australian Globetrotters (12) 18

*Scorers: P. Cervi 16, P. Lafontaine 8, P. O'Riley 2*

Last round of the season Globetrotters knocked us off by 15 points. Then it was our turn.

During the season we played changing defenses during games using half and full court zone presses, man to man and zones. The tactics were effective resulting in 16 wins and 3 losses and finishing on top of the ladder at the end of the season.

The grand final was different. We played a triangle defence and had two players pressure Toli Grigoriadis, their key player. They did a great job frustrating Toli reducing his usual effectiveness.

Paul Cervi was our offence. Paul posted up and the team focused on passing the ball to him for one on one plays. The result. A premiership. A great season. A great team.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Captain Paul Cervi, V/Capt. Greg Nixon, Paul Lafontaine, Danny Liddell, Brendan Carmel, Paul O'Riley, Steven Wright, Michael Burke, Geoff Ryan (Erwin Leyden played three games).

#### U/14 (21-8-76)

U/14 (2) State Team (28) 72 d Sandringham (30) 71

Our rep side played the number two state team on Court 9 at Albert Park on 21<sup>st</sup> of August. We played the game for much longer than regulation time. When the state side edged in front the game was stopped.

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## Summer Season

### U/11B

Melbourne d Sandringham

The under 11 team under the guidance of Terry Walsh showed a great improvement this season. Terry's 'Mosquito Fleet' has tremendous potential for the future with an average age of 10 years. The David and Goliath combination of Andrew Bray and Steve Lunardon, the experience of Damien Larkins will see this team become a power next season.

### U/13C (3-12-76)

#### Grand Final

Melbourne 5 d Sandringham

Led by Steven Wright and Michael Burke the team advanced to the Grand Final. The U/13 team were successful in their efforts to reach the no. 2 spot but still have a long way to go to reach their full potential. The side consisted of inexperienced players but held together well. Next season with recruits from our local competition the team should consolidate its position in the U/14B competition.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Michael Burke, Steven Wright, Damien Larkins, J. Richardson, Craig Baker, Z. Karac, W. Ballard, Greg Lane, R. Fennessy, M. Pennicuill, J. Richardson.

### U/15A

Sandringham (13) 28 d Nunawading 2 (19) 27

*Scorers: C. McLeod 11, P. Cervi 9, C. Luxton 4, P. Lafontaine 2, P. O'Riley 2*

The U/15 team had a tremendous season and were by far the most successful of all the representative teams. Playing against Australia's top players, the team finished ninth. The standard of the competition was incredibly high. The average age of the team is thirteen and a half years and has a great future in top standard competition.

Paul O'Riley and Colin Luxton were among the players who improved immensely. Most exciting win was against Nunawading 2, in the last game of the season. The team was behind until the last five seconds and managed to steal a one point victory.

Congratulations and well done. Season record, 3 wins 13 lost.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Paul Cervi, Colin Luxton, Paul O'Riley, Greg Nixon, Paul Lafontaine, Brendon Carmel, Geoff Ryan, Danny Liddell, Craig McCloud.

### U/16A Challenge Match for 1977 Winter Season (23-10-76)

Sandringham (13) 30 d Australian Globetrotters (11) 21

*Scorers: C. McLeod 10, P. Cervi 9, D. Liddell 2, C. Luxton 2, B. Carmel 2, P. Lafontaine 2, G. Nixon 2, P. O'Riley 1*



## Zebras - Men

### Fourth Division - Summer Season - Victorian Championships

Sandringham (9) 26 d Sth. Districts (13) 25

*Scorers: T. Walsh 8, R. Graham 6, G. Rapke 5, B. Kelly 4, B. Guyatt 2, D. Patterson 1*

*Shooting 22/90 = 25%*

Sandringham (17) 33 d Sth Cross (17) 31

*Scorers: B. Guyatt 10, T. Walsh 9, G. Rapke 7, D. Patterson 4, J. Cervi 3*

Sandringham (20) 46 d Ajax (5) 11

*Scorers: T. Walsh 11, R. Graham 9, G. Rapke 8, B. Kelly 6, G. Wood 4, B. Guyatt 4, D. Patterson 2*

Varpas (17) 45 d Sandringham (22) 37

*Scorers: T. Walsh 16, B. Guyatt 8, B. Kelly 6, D. Patterson 3, R. Graham 2, G. Wood 2*

Sandringham (16) 29 d Triestina (15) 26

*Scorers: T. Walsh 12, G. Rapke 8, R. Cooper 3, J. Cervi 3, B. Kelly 2, D. Patterson 1*

Sandringham (19) 34 d University (12) 23

*Scorers: G. Rapke 14, B. Guyatt 8, T. Walsh 4, D. Patterson 2, R. Graham 2, G. Wood 2, J. Cervi 2*

Sandringham (23) 36 d Devils (14) 24

*Scorers: G. Rapke 12, B. Guyatt 8, T. Walsh 7, B. Kelly 4, D. Patterson 3, R. Cooper 2*

Coburg (16) 34 d Sandringham (14) 22

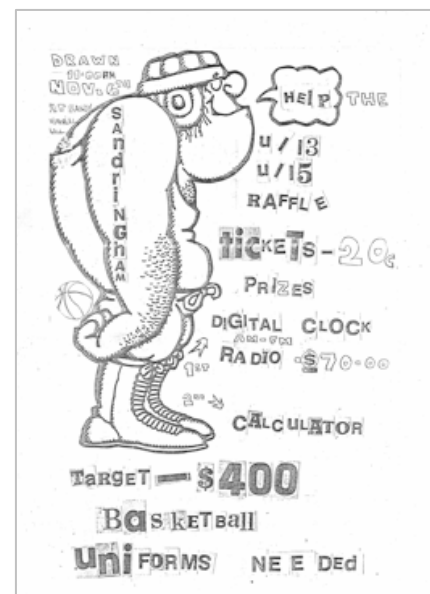
*Scorers: B. Guyatt 10, T. Walsh 7, G. Rapke 5*

The team played exceptionally well considering it was the first time the men played together.

The side was severely restricted in its preparation because players could not attend training due to (other) commitments.

The team's final tally was 7 victories and 3 losses, and finished third on the ladder.

Sandy failed by one game to make the grand final  
Coach Chris Bennett: Players Terry Walsh, Bruce Guyatt, Geoff Wood, Brian Kelly, Dale Patterson, Danny Lee, Joe Cervi, Ross Graham, Tim Carrigg, (R. Cooper 3 games, Colin Vickers 2 games).



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## Tournaments

### Ballarat

#### U/14 Boys

Sandringham (19) 36 d Devils (6) 14

*Scorers: P. Cervi 16, P. O'Riley 10, P. Lafontaine 4, D. Liddell 4, B. Carmel 2*

A.C.M.Y. (6) 22 d Sandringham (10) 20

Sandringham (34) 78 d Fawkner Tech (4) 6

*Scorers: P. Cervi 38, P. Lafontaine 18, P. O'Riley 8, B. Carmel 6, M. Burke 4, S. Wright 2, D. Liddell 2*

#### Semi Final

Saints (17) 33 d Sandringham (15) d 32

*Scorers: P. Cervi 21, P. Lafontaine 11*

Excellent shooting by Paul Lafontaine. Our new 1:4 offense worked 100%. Our full court 3:1:1 zone press was not successful. 2:2:1 half court pressured the opposition. Paul Cervi was used as a post because Saints played zone all the way. He worked well on his 1 on 1 plays. We had two free throws at the end of the game, first scored and the second just missed.

### Castlemaine - 2 & 3 October

#### U/14 Boys

Sandringham (17) 32 d Try Boys (10) 24

*Scorers: P. Cervi 24, G. Nixon 2, P. Lafontaine 2, S. Wright 2, M. Burke 2*

Sandringham (29) 52 d Roostars (6) 12

*Scorers: P. O'Riley 14, P. Cervi 13, M. Burke 4, G. Nixon 4, S. Wright 2, B. Carmel 2*

Sandringham (21) 44 d C.Y.M.S (9) 23

*Scorers: P. Cervi 20, P. O'Riley 6, P. Lafontaine 6, D. Liddell 4, M. Burke 4, G. Nixon 2, S. Wright 2*

#### Semi Final

Sandringham (29) 43 d Melbourne Tigers (2) 17

*Scorers: P. Cervi 21, P. Lafontaine 7, G. Nixon 2, M. Burke 2, G. Ryan 1*

#### Grand Final

Sandringham (25) 50 d Beavers (14) 23

*Scorers: P. Cervi 26, P. Lafontaine 17, P. O'Riley 3, B. Carmel 2, D. Liddell 2*

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Captain Paul Cervi, V/Capt. Greg Nixon, Paul Lafontaine, Danny Liddell, Brendon Carmel, Paul O'Riley, Steven Wright, Michael Burke, Geoff Ryan.

**Sale (16, 17 & 18 April)****Women**

Coburg Malley (21) 42 d Sandringham (2) 8

*Scorers: L. Smith 4, S. Henzell 2, K. Jones 2*

Latrobe (16) 40 d Sandringham (8) 12

*Scorers: L. Smith 4, J. Barnes 2, K. Jones 2, K. Scott 2, A. Weir 2*

Christ College d Sandringham (6) 9

*Scorers: A. Weir 6, J. Whyte 2, S. Henzell 1*



**Sale Tournament, 1976**

**Men**

Doncaster (21) 52 d Sandringham (8) 19

*Scorers: T. Walsh 9, D. Patterson 4, R. Fraser 2, D. Lee 2, B. Cervi 2*

Rosy Rovers (19) 52 d Sandringham (13) 25

*Scorers: G. Rapke 12, D. Lee 6, T. Walsh 4, R. Fraser 3*

Maffra (26) 56 d Sandringham (14) 37

*Scorers: T. Walsh 15, G. Rapke 12, D. Lee 4, D. Patterson 4, R. Fraser 2*

CYMS (25) 47 d Sandringham (22) 41

*Scorers: R. Fraser 11, D. Patterson 9, T. Walsh 8, G. Rapke 6, D. Lee 3, D. Mills 2, B. Cervi 2*

**Major Award Winners****Zebras****U/14 Boys - Winter Season**

Best Defensive Player: Brendon Carmel

**Tournament (Castlemaine)****U/14 Boys**

Best Finals Player: Paul Cervi

**Club Award**

**President's Trophy:** Chris Bennett



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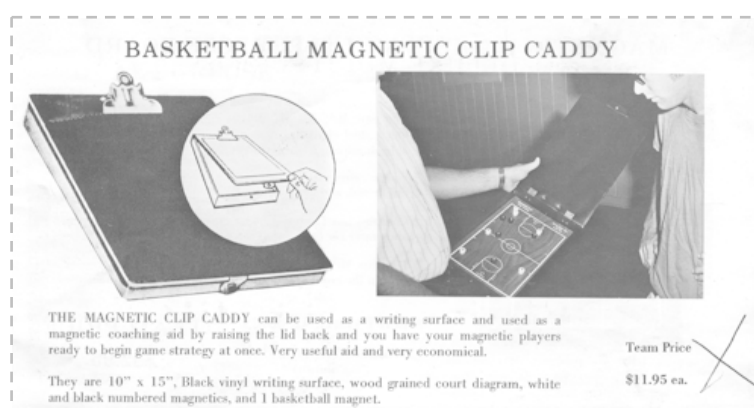
### Executive Committee

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**Treasurer:** Basil Cervi

### General Committee

Chris Bennett, Terry Walsh, Paula McMahon, Danny Lee, George Eichner, Andrew George.



1976 Coaching Aid

**Telegram from SBC Committee and Members to U/14B Zebras Coach and Players:** "Well done in season 1976. Now top it off by bringing home the championship trophy. Good luck on Friday night."



## U/14B Zebras Team

***In 1976 the U/14 boy's team was the first Sandringham representative team ever to win a premiership. They won the U/14B title in the Victorian Junior Championships competition, winter season, held at Albert Park Basketball Stadium.***

### Winter Season Results

***Note: 1) After players' names are; points - fouls - free throws.***

***2) All pictures are of the Grand Final itself.***

#### 7-2-76

Sandringham (44) 82 d Tigers (4) 19

P. Cervi 30 - 1F

P. Lafontaine 14

S. Wright 14 - 0/4

B. Carmel 8

M. Burke 6

D. Liddell 4 - 1F

P. O'Riley 2 - 2F

G. Nixon 2

#### 13-2-76

Sandringham (11) 30 d Australian

Globetrotters (6) 17

P. Cervi 20 - 0/2 - 1F

G. Nixon 4 - 1F

P. O'Riley 4

M. Burke 1 - 1/2 - 3F

S. Wright 1 - 1/2 - 2F

#### Defensive Votes

3 - G. Nixon

2 - M. Burke

1 - P. Cervi



#### 20-2-76

Sandringham (9) 24 d Southern

Districts (6) 23

P. Cervi 19 - 1/2 - 3F

M. Burke 3 - 1/2 - 1F

S. Wright 2

D. Liddell - 3F

#### Defensive Votes

3 - G. Nixon

2 - M. Burke

1 - G. Ryan

**27-2-76**

Sandringham (10) 26 d Devils (8) 17

P. Cervi 15 - 1/4

G. Nixon 2 - 4F

D. Liddell 2

S. Wright 1 - 1/2 - 2F

Players could not get going. Devils were half our size and lacked experience. They almost took the game from us because of our lack of endeavour.

A game where everybody went to sleep.

**5-3-76**

Bulleen Templestowe 3 (20) 38 d Sandringham (14) 36

P. Cervi 24 - 0/2 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 8 - 0/2 - 2F

B. Carmel 2 - 1F

G. Nixon 2

*Defensive Votes*

3 - P. Cervi

2 - M. Burke

1 - G. Nixon

1 - P. Lafontaine

Bulleen had a good side. Some of our inexperienced players missed vital drives and gave away baskets through bad passing. We need to improve in offensive rebounding, fast breaks and passing. And players must learn to shoot at the right time. Summarily, the boys tried hard.

**12-3-76**

Sandringham (24) 46 d E. Doncaster (10) 24

P. Cervi 19 - 1/4 - 3F

P. Lafontaine 12 - 0/2 - 2F

D. Liddell - 4

M. Burke 4

B. Carmel 3 - 1/2

P. O'Riley 2 - 1F

G. Nixon 2

*Defensive Votes*

3 - B. Carmel

2 - P. Lafontaine

1 - P. O'Riley

A very good team effort. All players clicked. 3:1:1 press was used for the full 40 minutes. P. Lafontaine was impressive with his offensive maneuvers. This game was the best played so far.



**27-3-76**

Sandringham (9) 23 d Essendon Y (4) 13

P. Cervi 13 - 1/4 - 1F

G. Nixon 2

B. Carmel 2

P. O'Riley 2 - 1F

P. Lafontaine 2 0/2 - 2F

D. Liddell - 2 - 2F

Defensive Votes

3 - P. Lafontaine

2 - B. Carmel

1 - G. Nixon

(votes hard to choose because of the standard of the game)

Essendon Y were not up to our standard. I used this game to test our patterns. Most impressive was the 2:1:1 zone press. Move 1 and 2 were fair. Our fast break pattern needs a lot of work. We controlled the game.

**3-4-76**

Sandringham (32) 47 d Bulleen 4 (14) 38

P. Cervi 22 - 4F

D. Liddell 10 - 1F

M. Burke 6 - 1F

P. Lafontaine 3 - 1/2 - 3F

E. Leyden 2

S. Wright 2 - 1F

P. O'Riley 2 - 2F

Defensive Votes

3 - P. Cervi

2 - D. Liddell

1 - P. Lafontaine

(2 and 1 votes difficult to choose)



Our first half was satisfactory. In the second half we almost fell apart. We had a 20 point lead at one stage but blew it, due to our defence. We need a lot more work on our patterns and pressure. G. Nixon and B. Carmel were absent, lack of referee control (only one) were probably major reasons why we played mediocre.



**9-4-76**

Sandringham (26) 56 d Dandenong (8) 11

P. Or'Riley 16 - 3F

P. Cervi 16 - 0/2 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 14 - 0/2 - 4F

D. Liddell 6 - 0/2

M. Burke 4

S. Wright - 0/4

Players absent B. Carmel (tooth) and E. Leyden (toe)

Dandenong had only 4 players then 3. Virtually no pressure against our players.

**23-4-76**

Sandringham (16) 36 d Australian Globetrotters (14) 33

P. Cervi - 18pts - 2/6 - 2F

M. Burke - 10 - 2F

B. Carmel - 6 - 4F

G. Ryan - 2 - 1F

S. Wright - 1F

P. O'Riley - 2F

*Defensive Votes*

3 - B. Carmel

2 - P. O'Riley

1 - M. Burke



The team put in a fine gutsy effort. Three of our first five were away which restricted our strength. Players were down by 7 points with 6-7 minutes to go and came back. Our timing on shots need improving. We had many open shooting opportunities but failed to allow for a rebounder. Our major fault is our back court defense.

**30-4-76**

Sandringham (13) 28 d Southern Districts (12) 25

P. Cervi 18 - 2/6 - 4F

P. Lafontaine 8 - 0/2 - 1F

M. Burke 2 - 0/2 - 2F

P.O'Riley, D. Liddell and G. Nixon absent. Although the scores indicate a close game we had control. P. Cervi had a sore back and bruised shin. Back court defense still woeful.



**7-5-76**

Sandringham (10) 32 d Devils (8) 15

P. Cervi 26 - 0/4 - 1F

P. O'Riley 4

P. Lafontaine 2

B. Carmel 0/2

M. Burke - 1F

P. McLean 1F

*Defensive Votes*

3 - B. Carmel

2 - M. Burke

1 - P. Cervi



Although P. Cervi scored the majority of points he was taken off the court for about half the game. P. Cervi's points came from excellent passes from his teammates. Passing has improved 100% and dribbling has to be cut to a minimum.

**14-5-76**

Sandringham (15) 27 d Bulleen 3 (4) 17

P. Cervi 15 - 1/4 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 6

P. O'Riley 4 - 0/2 - 1F

M. Burke 2 - 1F

B. Carmel - 2F

*Defensive Votes*

3 - P. Lafontaine

2 - P. O'Riley

1 - P. Cervi

1 - M. Burke



We played a fair game. Our Cincinnatti and ball move worked reasonably well. 1:4 was okay. Faults in our offense were lack of aggression, passing and overuse of the dribble. Shooting opportunities were not always taken. Defensively, our 2:2:1 half court zone press was very good. 3:1:1 press was fair. 2:1:2 zone overall improved.

**21-5-76**

Sandringham (14) 25 d E. Doncaster (11) 16

P. Cervi 11 - 3/6 - 2F

B. Carmel 6 - 0/2

M. Burke 2 - 0/2 - 2F

P. O'Riley 2 - 4F

S. Wright 2 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 2 - 5F

G. Ryan - 1F



We played our 2:2:1 half court zone press most of the game. Every time we failed to score we played half court man to man. Our constant pressure defeated E. Doncaster even though we were out rebounded. Offense was not effective, moves or freelance. Fast breaks were very good. Man to man improving.

**28-5-76**

Doncats (12) 29 d Sandringham (15) 27

P. Cervi 15 - 1/2 - 5F

P. Lafontaine 4 - 4F

M. Burke 4 - 3F

D. Liddell 2 - 1F

P. O'Riley 2



The refereeing completely unsettled our players with inconsistent calls. A game that was not worth playing.

**5-6-76**

Sandringham (22) 48 d Essendon Y (8) 18

P. Cervi 24 - 0/2

P. Lafontaine - 10 - 4F

M. Burke - 5 - 0/2 - 2F

P. O'Riley 4 - 0/2

D. Liddell - 4

B. Carmell - 2 - 0/2

G. Ryan - 0/2 - 1F

S. Wright - 2F

Defensive Votes

3 - B. Carmel

2 - P. Lafontaine

1 - P. Cervi





**18-6-76**

Sandringham (14) 41 d Dandenong (14) 18

P. Lafontaine - 14

P. Cervi 10 - 0/2 - 1F

S. Wright 6 - 3F

D. Liddell - 5-1/2

M. Burke - 4

B. Carmel - 2

G. Ryan - 2F



S. Wright played an excellent game. We played half court man to man for the first half. Second half we combined our patterns. In the second half we tore apart Dandenong with fast breaks and aggressive zone presses. We need work on our fast breaks, outlet man and trailers.

**25-6-76**

Australian Globetrotters (11) 29 d Sandringham (7) 14

P. Cervi - 7 - 1/2 - 3F

D. Liddell 3 - 1/4 - 3F

P. Lafontaine 2 - 0/2 - 5F

M. Burke 2 - 1F

P. O'Riley - 1F

B. Carmel - 2F

S. Wright - 0/2

**16 wins 3 losses**

Final Listing (after last round)

Sandringham

Bulleen 3

Australian Globetrotters

Essendon Y

**2-7-76****Semi Final - Court 4**

Sandringham (29) 48 d Essendon Y (17) 34

P. Cervi 27 - 1/2 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 13 - 1/2 - 3F

D. Liddell 4 - 2F

B. Carmel 2

M. Burke 2 - 1F

G. Ryan - 2F

P. O'Riley - 1F





**9-7-76**

***Grand Final - Court 8***

Sandringham (12) 26 d Australian

Globetrotters (12) 18

P. Cervi 16 - 2/4 - 2F

P. Lafontaine 8 - 0/2 - 3F

P. O'Riley 2

***Charging fouls drawn for the season***

M. Burke 4

P. Lafontaine 3

B. Carmel 2



***Paul LaFontaine***



***Paul Cervi***



***Geoff Ryan***



***Steven Wright***



***Chris Bennett  
(Coach)***



***Danny Liddell***



***Brendan Carmel***



***Michael Burke***



***Paul O'Riley***

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### Sandringham May Tournament

##### *Men's Teams*

CPE - Yobs - Skegs - Rebels - Stones - Demons - Monash - Celtics - Rockers - Highett - Kia Toa - Bayside 1 - Bayside 2 - Sandringham - Brighton YMCA - Hampton Rovers 1 - Hampton Rovers 2 - Toshiba Hawthorn Hawks.

##### *Women's Teams*

Ape - Belles - Highett - Bayside - Bandits - Brighton 1 - Brighton 2 - Sandy Bay - Superstars.

The Toshiba Hawthorn Hawks, who played in the first division Victorian Championship competition, also played in our May Tournament held at the Memorial Hall in Sandringham.

The team included '*Coach Eric Erkens*, coached Budipest of South Australia to two national club championships, coached the South Australian team to victory in the State Championships, also coaching experience in West Australia and Queensland.'

Players were '*Bernie Dignan* - 6' 5" forward center player from California State University, had professional try-outs with the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association. First division player, played for or coached in Europe: Lisbon, Portugal, London, Munich, and Hungarian national team. *Doug Coward* - 6' 1" guard from Santa Clara University excellent ball handler and passer. *Harold Flint* - 5' 10" guard from Sandringham with lots of potential excellent Australian player. *Jim McCaslin* - 6' forward from Santa Barbara. *Roy Auston* 6' 5" center from Seymour Victoria. *Peter Lawler* - 6' 2" guard/forward from Oregon Tech. *David Rota* - 6' 2" guard from Eastern Canada. *Mike Slusher* - 6' 7" centre Miami University of Ohio, All American. *Dave Teske* - 6' 3" forward. *Ted Lockhurst* - 6' 9" center forward, former Queensland rep.'

Toshiba provided a demonstration match after the Grand Final was played and presentations were by Mayor Paul White.

##### *Rules*

4 a side competition and two fifteen minute halves.

### Prizes

<b>Top Scorers:</b>	Track suits
<b>Best Free Throw Shooters:</b>	One EMI record
<b>Finals Teams:</b>	One bottle of champagne
<b>Men Premiers:</b>	Trophies, cable & reel, solder-fed gun, puma bag, T-shirt, shoes
<b>Women Premiers:</b>	Trophies, pictures, puma bags, runners, T shirts
<b>Best Finals Player:</b>	Dressing gown and smoker's jacket
<b>Runners Up:</b>	One Toshiba-EMI record each

### First Time

**Sandringham May Tournament:** Held at the Memorial Hall.

**U/15 boy's representative team:** Make the semi finals in the A grade summer season of the Victorian Junior Championships competition. Lose to Box Hill. The first representative team to play in an A grade final in the Victorian Junior Championships competition.

### Numbers

**\$312.65** in the bank (5-4-77).

**\$1000** taken at gate with **\$300** left over - Senior May Tournament.

**\$500** of prizes for the Senior May Tournament.

**27** teams enter the senior May Tournament.



**U/14 Zebras. Back Row: A. Bray, D. Larkins, S. Petricevic, A. Egan, D. Harper. Front Row: P. O'Shannessy, S. Lunardon, J. Harper.**



## Games

### Zebras - Boys

#### Summer Season

##### U/13C

###### Grand Final

Sandringham 41 d Northern Devils

*Coach Terry Walsh: Players Captain Damien Larkins, V/Capt. Craig Baker, Steven Lunardon, Scott Bencraft, John Harper, David Harper, Brendan O'Shannessy, J. Wright-Smith, A. Tallirico, Adam Russell.*

##### U/15A

###### Semi Final

Box Hill d Sandringham

*Coach Chris Bennett: Players Paul Cervi, Michael Burke, Greg Nixon, Peter O'Day, Michael O'Shanessy, Danny Liddell, Robert Hemala, Paul Lafontaine.*



**U/13C Zebras. Back Row: Scott Bencraft, Adrian Talarico, Steve Lunardon, Brendan O'Shannessy, David Harper. Front Row: J. Wright-Smith, Craig Baker, Damien Larkins, John Harper.**

## Tournaments

### Sandringham - Women

###### Grand Final

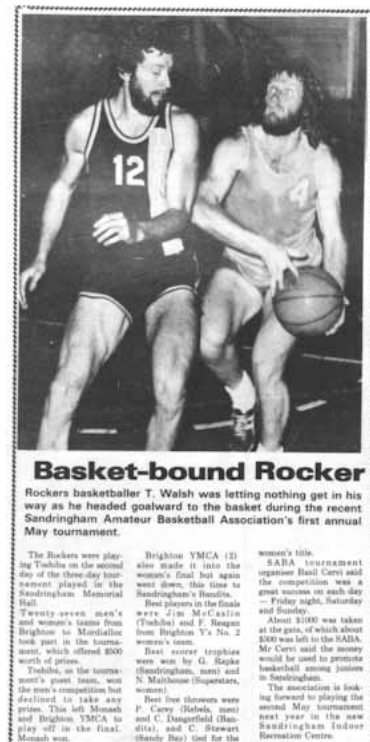
Sandy Bandits d Brighton YMCA

### Sandringham - Men

###### Grand Final

Monash d Brighton YMCA

First division team Toshiba Hawthorn win every game and allow local teams to contest the grand final.



###### Basket-bound Rocker

Rockers basketballer T. Walsh was letting nothing get in his way as he headed goalward to the basket during the recent Sandringham Amateur Basketball Association's first annual May tournament.

The Rockers were playing Toshiba on the second day of the three-day tournament played in the Sandringham Memorial Hall.

Twenty-seven men's and women's teams from Brighton to Mandialoe took part in the tournament, which offered \$500 worth of prizes.

Toshiba, as the tournament's guest team, won the men's competition but declined to take any prize. The left Monash and Brighton YMCA to play off in the final. Monash won.

Brighton YMCA (12) also made it into the women's final but again went down, this time to Sandringham's Bandits.

Best players in the final were Jim McCallin (Toshiba) and F. Heenan from Brighton Y's No. 2 women's team.

Best scorer trophies were won by G. Raper (Sandringham, men) and N. Matheson (Superstars, women).

Best free throwers were F. Cervi (Hawthorn) and C. Dwyer (Bandits), and C. Stewart (Sandy Bay) led for the women's title.

SABA tournament organiser Basil Cervi said the competition was a great success on each day — Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

About \$1000 was taken at the gate, of which about \$300 was left to the SABA. Mr Cervi said the money would be used to promote basketball among juniors in Sandringham.

The association is looking forward to playing the second May tournament next year in the new Sandringham Indoor Recreation Centre.

**Terry Walsh (Rockers) goes 1 on 1 in the Sandringham Senior Tourney, 1977**

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser,  
courtesy of La Trobe Collection, State Library of  
Victoria

## Major Award Winners

### Tournament (Sandringham)

#### Women

Best Finals Player: F. Reagan (Brighton Y 2)  
 Top Scorer: N. Malthouse (Superstars)  
 Best Free Throw Shooters: C. Dangerfield (Bandits) and C. Stewart (Sandy Bay)

#### Men

Best Finals Player: Jim McCaslin (Toshiba)  
 Top Scorer: G. Rapke (Sandringham)  
 Best Free Throw Shooters: P. Carey (Rebels)

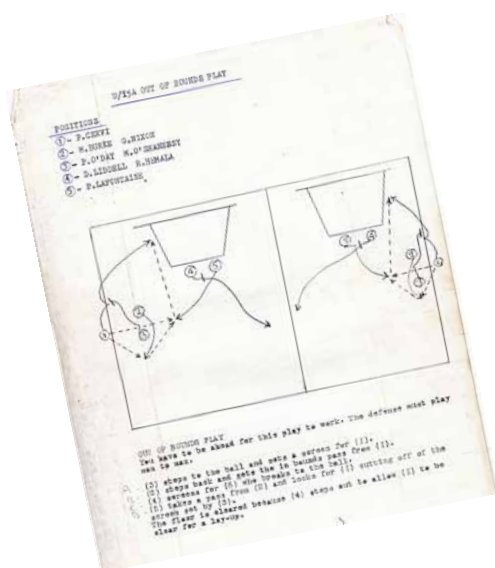
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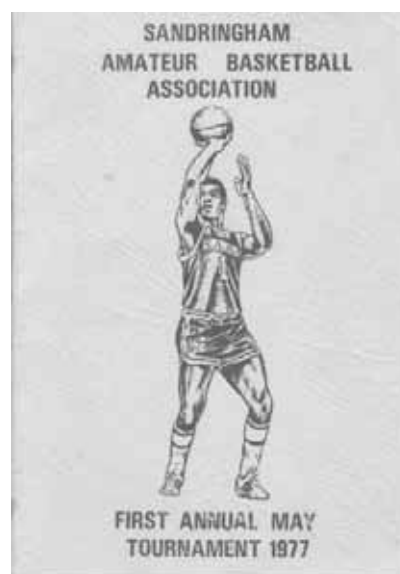
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**U/15A Zebras Out of Bounds Play, 1977**



**First Annual May Tournament Program, 1977**

## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### San Marco (Zebras)

Senior men and women teams play in the Bulleen Spring Carnival Tournament run by the Veneto Club. Basil Cervi organized the teams and they played under the name of San Marco. We entered senior teams each year from around 1978 and it ran for several years.

#### U/13 Girls Ladder

1. Hot Bombers 2. Hell's Angels 3. Cannonballs 4. Highett 5. Phantoms 6. Vampires.

#### Report on New Stadium

We must take an initial offer to lifestyle through Ron Clarke i.e. \$250 per month in order to get the ball rolling for us to become leasees of building. Plans perused by all and point raised that we ask for separate amenities and entrance to the Stadium.

*By Ross Graham and Basil Cervi*

#### 50 Club

Coach Chris Bennett created a '50 Club' where players were given a system card with drills to practice in their own time. When they completed a practice session they would then initial the card and record their times. It was based on an honor system.

#### Rules

- Fifty hours of individual training between February 12 to June 30 (see coach for drills)
- Each player must attempt at least 500 free throws (after training and under supervision) before June 30. If a player does not get his required percentage (see list) then he may shoot extra free throws until he does
- Percentage List: M. Stepien 75% P. Cervi 50% P. Lafontaine 50% M. Burke 50% D. Liddell 50% G. Nixon 50% M. Parrow 33% P. O'Day 33% B. Krieger 33% R. Hemala 33%
- Complete one theoretical (full knowledge of this play booklet) and one practical test (demonstrate a fundamental)

#### Awards

- A grade badge (only players on B grade standard eligible)
- Name on the 50 Club trophy
- Ribbon for each stage completed

**San Marco:** Was the name the senior men and women teams played under in the Bulleen Spring Carnival Tournament run by the Veneto Club.

**Paul Lafontaine** invited to train with the under 16 state team.

**\$189.56** in the bank- Drink machines great boom to the club with **300** drinks a fortnight sold (Neville Crisp 18-7-78).

***U/15 Zebras Training Session, 3 September 1978***

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Summer Season

##### U/13

Hot Bombers (31) 61 d Highett (2) 22

*Scorers: T. Blythe 20, A. Growley 12*

Hell's Angels d Phantoms

Cannonballs d Vampires

##### U/17

Highett (9) 39 d Chendales (10) 28

*Scorers: Highett - S. Patterson 10, C. Kennedy 9; Chendales - H. Housden 12, J. Pritchard 12*

This was an interesting defensive game in the first half but Highett proved themselves the better team in the second half through the offensive efforts of Mary Irekovic and Sonia Patterson.

Hampton (13) 38 d Midgets (9) 26

*Scorers: Hampton - T. Payne 18, P. Johanson 8; Midgets - Carmel 11, Michelle 7*

Hampton seemed in little trouble throughout the game due to their stronger rebounding and the use of their taller players in the key during offense. Although ending in a twelve point split it was a well fought game by midgets.

Sharks (36) 64 d Saints (15) 36

*Scorers: Sharks - L. Mew 28, A. Dow 18; Saints - L. Virgona 16, L. Giplin 14*

Sharks used their experience and overall strength to overwhelm the younger Saints. Linda Mew of Sharks shot the day's competition high of 28 points.

### Domestic - Boys

#### Summer Season

##### U/13

Scorpions (48) 104 d Rebels (6) 14

*Scorers: Scorpions - M. O'Shannessy 30, B. O'Shannessy 20; Rebels - D. Handros 8, S. St Clair 4*

This was a rather one sided affair with the Scorpions reaching the 'ton.' Although the Rebels were well beaten I feel this is not a showing of their true form and they will push many teams before this season is finished.

Wildcats (26) 63 d Tigers (20) 48

*Scorers: Wildcats - S. Petricevic 18, J. Harper 16; Tigers - S. Lunardon 34, A. Russell 12*

This was an excellent game with a great effort by the younger members of the Tigers. A great deal of skill was shown by both Greg Virgona of Wildcats, and Steven Lunardon of Tigers who also threw the competition round high of 34 points.

Devils d Hampton on w/o

### U/17

Stars (37) 76 d Gorillas (18) 56

*Scorers: Stars - M. Burke 36, T. Brennan 22; Gorillas - A. Witty 19, M. Parrow 18*

Devils Advocates (10) 48 d Black Rock (12) 26

*Scorers: Devils - C. Borkowski 26, S. Gazman 8; Black Rock - P. Warren 11, S. Agisaliou 7*

Hampton High (33) 67 d Untouchables (25) 51

*Scorers: Hampton - P. Cervi 38, J. Thompson 13; Untouchables - W. Bissett 23, A. George 16*

Last week saw those excellent games with some heavy physical clashes for an U/17 competition. Paul Cervi of Hampton High threw the round high of 38 points. Another good effort came from Andrew Witty of Gorillas with a strong game and 19 points in the second half.



*David Harper, Adam Russell, Steven Petricevic, John Harper and Andrew Bray proudly display their 1978 domestic premierships pennants and trophy outside the Memorial Hall.*

## Domestic - Men

### Winter Season

#### A Grade

##### Premiers

Baretta's Boys

Players - P. Enwright, P. McKinnar, Michael Stepien, Terry Walsh, Alfred Cervi, Basil Cervi, Paul Cervi.

#### B Grade

##### Semi Finals

Monash 62 d Vulcans 55

*Scorers: Monash - J. Bardoel 26, I. Nicholson 20; Vulcans - I. Semmens 18, D. Howe 12*



**Semi Finals**

Mob 55 d Harlems 53

*Scorers: Mob - S. Goodwin 37, B. Percel 6; Harlems - S. Garnett 31, G. Holmes 9*

**Preliminary Final**

Harlems 50 d Monash 45

*Scorers: Harlems - S. Garnett 20, T. Pitts 10; Monash - I. Nicholson 18, J. Bardoel 14*

**Grand Final**

Mob 43 d Harlems 41

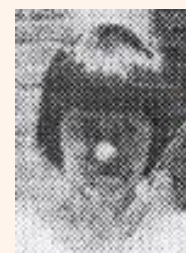
*Scorers: Mob - Armfield 17, Goodwin 16, Harlems - Holmes 14, Fitts 12*

This final was a superb climax to a very interesting and close fought finals series, and capped off a great season throughout B grade. The fact that 2 points (scored with 23 seconds to play) was the final margin marked this game as one to remember. I cannot think when this small hall has been so crowded, which created a tense and exciting atmosphere, thanks to some energetic spectators.

The B grade game was close fought throughout with, on the Harlems side, some players conspicuous with their quietness, perhaps by good play by Mob defenders, and perhaps some finals nerves. Tony Fitts, on 3 fouls at half time did well to stay on the court and played a good second half.

Match winners for the Mob were Steve Goodwin who had the crowd applauding time and time again with some outstanding ball handling and shooting and Gary Armfield, who played a great game right throughout defending brilliantly and shooting very well, these two were ably backed up by some great play from the rest of the team.

They combined to hold off a determined challenge from Harlems, where Greg Holmes stood out as a very good player, who if he had have arrived earlier, may have won the game for the Harlems. They had their chances to win but could not convert their opportunities during the final minute, at the free throw line.

**Faces of the 70s ...**



**C Grade****Grand Final**

Wickers 68 d Mob 2 47

*Scorers: Wickers - C. Farrington 28, P. Harris 20; Mob - D. Code 16, D. Tepper 8*

The Wickers were the warm favourites, setting up a commanding lead at half time only to be pegged back to within 5 points during the second half with D. Code and M. Cameron combining well and converting every opportunity, Mob 2 really had Wickers on their toes, but some fine steady play by Chris Farrington and a couple of good goals by Peter Harris late in the game gave them victory.

**Zebras - Boys****Summer Season****U/11B**

Sandringham (19) 41 d Ajax (2) 4

*Scorers: Jon Wright-Smith 20, Matt Wright-Smith 11*

'What did I do to deserve this?' cries U/11 coach Heather Scarlett as she is mobbed by thousands of 9 and 10 year old kids. Drew Russell threw his first 2 points ever and only seconds later scored another. Ross Gilpin again played well and threw 6 points. On their present form A grade looks just on the horizon for this team.

**U/13A**

Sandringham (20) 29 d Knox (11) 27

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 18, S. Petrececic 10, J. Harper 1*

Promoted to A grade and played their first game against Knox, winning by 2 points. Lumpy missed hundreds of opportunities but played well. Coach Baretta was very pleased with the teams pressing zone defence.

**U/15B**

Eltham (17) 32 d Sandringham (13) 31

*Scorers: M. Burke 15, S. Wright 7, M. O'Shannessy 4, S. Bencraft 4*

With substitute coach Mr. Wright the team had a chance to level the game in the dying seconds but a foul shot by Michael O'Shannessy failed to find the basket. The team out played Eltham in the second half. The boys are sorry to see that Paul Davenport will be unable to coach them on Friday nights because of working commitments, but will be available for late games and Sunday training.

**U/17A**

Bulleen 50 d Sandringham 10

With transport leaving Sandy Hall without players Paul Cervi, and Colin Luxton, and with Brett Bartlett unavailable, Bulleen had an easy victory. Coach Grizzly Adams was at his mumbling best.

**U/19B**

Sandringham (24) 40 d Mordialloc (22) 38

*Scorers: T. Kappos 20, C. Pardo 10, H. Telogthou 6, M. Cirnigliaro 4*

Once again, as in the last 2 weeks, only the Big Five - Tony Kappos, Caesar Pardo, Harry Telogthou, Mimo Cirnigliaro and the 'Golden Foul' Peter Roth 5 fouls (and no points) arrived. Coach Tom McNamara was pleased with the efforts of the past three weeks. If Alf Cervi, Eggy and Mick 'who do I play for?' all turn up and train and play and if Goose can be prised away from his girl friend, this team could dribble into A grade.

**Tournaments****Ballarat****U/16 Boys****Premiers**

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Michael O'Shannessy, Paul Lafontaine, Danny Liddell, Michael Burke, J. Dyson, Paul Cervi, P. O'Dea.

**Castlemaine****U/14 Boys**

**Semi Finalist**

**U/16 Boys**

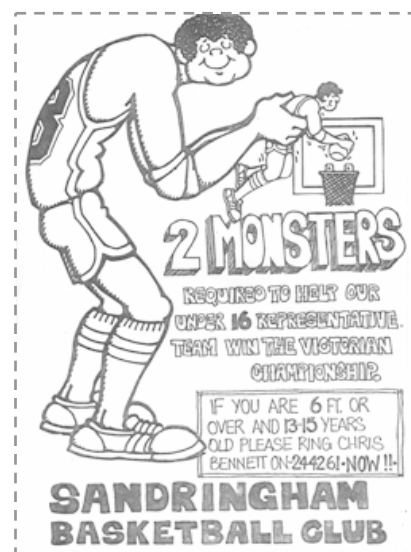
**Semi Finalist**

**Shepparton****U/14 Boys**

**Grand Finalist**

**U/18 Boys**

**Grand Finalist**



U/16 Zebras Recruitment Flyer, 1970s

## Major Award Winners

### Zebras

#### U/12 Boys

Most Improved: Steve Petricevic  
Best Defensive Player: Peter O'Shannessy

#### U/14 Boys

Most Improved: Steve Lunardon  
Best Defensive Player: Scott Bencraft

#### U/16

Most Improved: Michael Burke  
Best Defensive Player: Paul Lafontaine  
Special Effort Award: Paul Cervi

#### U/18

Most Improved: Michael Stepien  
Best Defensive Player: Tony Kappos

#### U/20

Best and Fairest: Paul Davenport

### Tournament (Ballarat)

#### U/16

Best Finals Player: Paul Lafontaine

TEAM.....		"50 CLUB"		SEASON	
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FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
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15	71-3	4	71-1	4	71-3
16	71-3	5	71-6	5	71-4
17	71-4	6	71-7	6	71-3
18	71-5	7	71-7	7	71-5
19	71-6	8	71-8	8	71-6
20		9	71-6	9	71-6
21		10	71-6	10	71-7
22		11	71-10	11	71-8
23	71-6	12	71-5	12	71-6
24	71-6	13		13	71-3
25	71-4	14	71-10	14	71-4
26	71-4	15	71-6	15	71-4
27	71-3	16	71-1	16	71-4
TOTAL 350		TOTAL 675		TOTAL 726	

50 Club Card (front) - Michael Burke

### Faces of the 70s ...



## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** T. Mc Namara, R. Graham

**Secretary:** J. Howe

**Vice President:** R. Graham, B. Cervi

**Treasurer:** Neville Crisp

### General Committee

I. Semmens, R. Montgomery, S. Garnett, Ross Graham, P. Collins, L. White, A. George, J. Filen, N. Wallace, S. Giles, H. Scarlett, C. Tatton, S. Morgan, Terry Walsh, S. Gandy, J. Wills.

### Faces of the 70s ...



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### Day Time Women

The first competition started in February and played on Monday mornings. The teams were Superstars, East Bentleigh, Jets, South Oakleigh, Seaford Carrum High, Southerners, and Highett. The Thursday morning competition started 31<sup>st</sup> May. The teams were East Bentleigh, United, Moorabbin, and Blue Jays.

#### Salvage Operation

When the Waltham Street hall was pulled down in 1979 Basil Cervi grabbed the basketball board and ring and installed it at Sacred Heart Primary School in Sandringham to give the kids at the school an opportunity to train and play.

Also the bench seats at the Waltham Street Memorial Hall were taken and reinstalled at the new Family Leisure Centre stadium in Tulip Street.

#### Sacred Heart (Sandy Saints)

Sacred Heart Club (renamed Sandy Saints in 1985) began in 1979 as the brain child of Carol McDonald by entering a Sabres holiday workshop for under 11 boys. Captained by Joe Margheriti, the team consisted of Julian and Nick McDonald, Tim Warren, Damian Wilson, Sam Murphy, Stefan Poulos, Matt Monaghan and all were playing in the under 18 domestic season just completed.

### *First Time*

<b>Sacred Heart Club:</b>	Formed. Changed name to Sandy Saints in 1985.
<b>Family Leisure Centre Grand Opening:</b>	Held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February.
<b>Junior &amp; Senior Domestic Competitions:</b>	Start at the Family Leisure Centre in February. Boys played all day Saturday and girls played Friday evenings.
<b>Day-time women's competition:</b>	Start at the Family Leisure Centre in February. Played on Monday mornings.
<b>Sandringham Junior Tournament:</b>	Held in May.

## Individual Achievements

**Basil Cervi** completes three years service on the executive committee (Vice President: 1975-1976, Treasurer: 1976-1977, Vice President: 1978-1979).

## Numbers

**250** members.

**6** teams play in Men's Divisional competition, Tuesday evening.

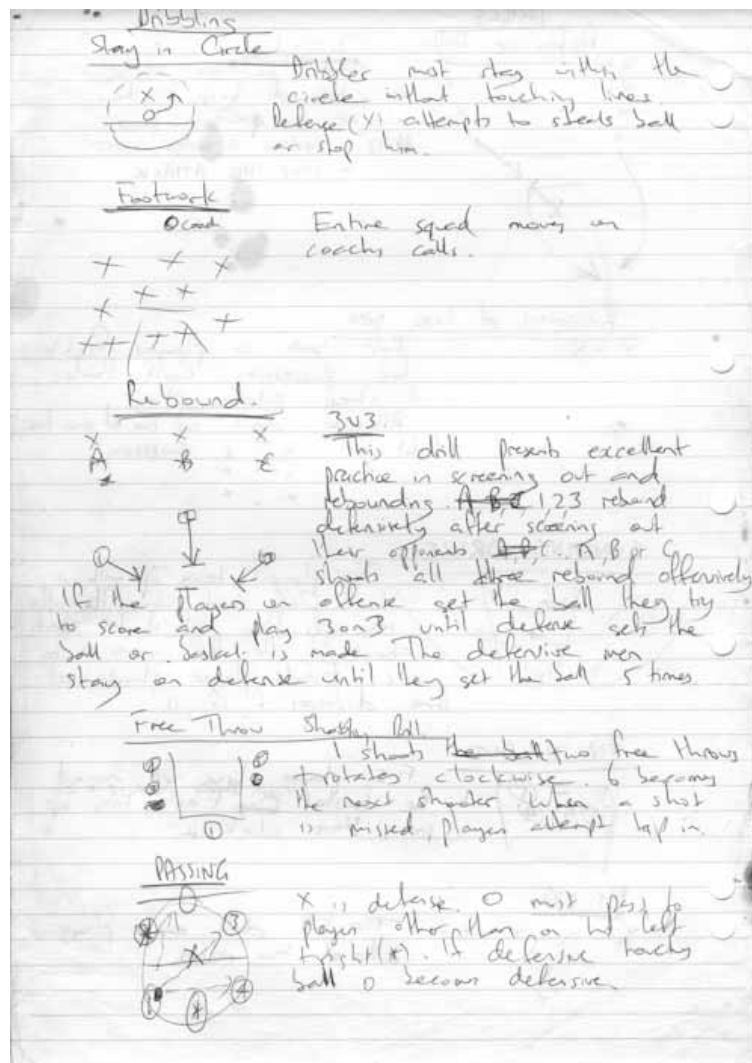
**14** teams play in Men's A grade competition, Monday evening.

**14** teams play in Men's B grade competition, Sunday evening.

**14** teams play in Men's C grade competition.

**6** teams play in Women's Divisional competition, Tuesday evening.

**14** teams play in Women's A grade competition, Wednesday evening.



Coaching Drills, 1970s



## Games

### Domestic – Day Time Women

#### Winter Season (Monday)

##### Premiers

Seaford Carrum High

### Domestic - Men

#### Summer Season - 1978/79

##### Grand Final

Monash vs McDowall

#### Winter Season

##### B Grade

##### Grand Final

Monash 34 d Parkdale 29

*Scorers: Monash - B. Davis 7, P. Eggleton 6, D. Gilpin 6, P. Bardoel 5, M. Spence 3, J. Bardoel 3, P. Bardoel 2, B. Potts 2; Parkdale - P. Fox 14, R. Dare 11, I. McDowall 2, R. Thomas 2*

##### B Reserve

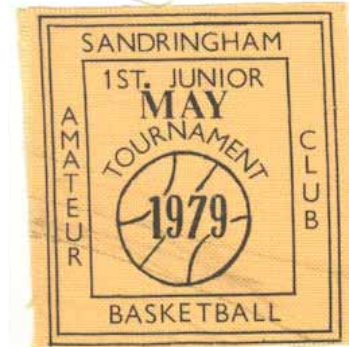
##### Preliminary Final

Scorpions 39 d Trumps 28

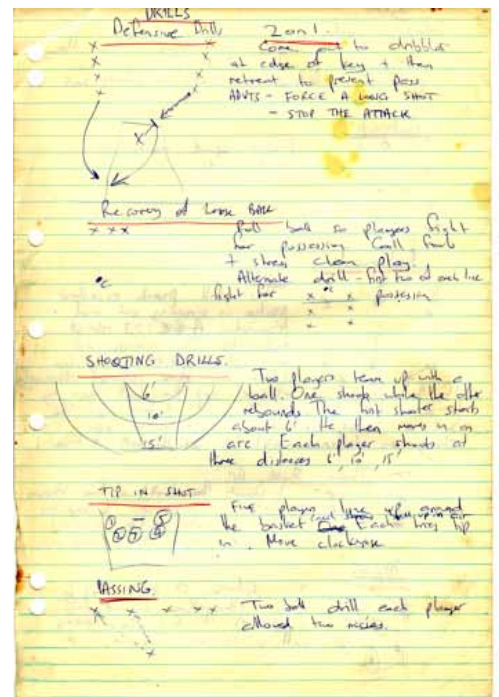
*Scorers: Scorpions - B. Yorke 23, J. Ulrick 11, A. Ulrick 2, Williams 2, T Smith 1; Trumps - D. Jacobs 14, S. Hamill 5, B. Bartlett 4, P. Watkins 4 P. Hamill 1*

##### Grand Final

Tigers vs Scorpions



First Junior May  
Tournament Badge, 1979



Basketball Drills, 1970s



## Tournament

### Sandringham

#### Girls Grand Finals

##### U/17

Beaumaris (14) 37 d Sandringham (12) 23

*Scorers: Beaumaris - S. Brown 24, L. Thompson 6, V. Bird 3, R. Clarke 2, J. Muir 2*

##### U/19

Seaford - Carrum (24) 63 d Highett (9) 14

*Scorers: Seaford - V. O'Connor 22, J. Denneson 14, S. Gillies 10, B. O'Dowd 10, J. Davies 7; Highett - C. Kennedy 6, S. Patterson 4, G. Patterson 2, L. Patterson 2*

#### Boys Grand Finals

##### U/11

Arrows (8) 10 d Moorabbin Heights (4) 9

*Scorers: Arrows - L. Cooper 8, R. Harrington 2; Moorabbin - J. Cooper 4, S. hand 3, B. Wargying 2*

##### U/15

Fawkner Tech (18) 48 d Bentleigh Saints (19) 31

*Scorers: Saints - P. Vanzella 13, R. Newton 10, S. Pappon 4, B. Meehan 4*

##### U/13

Mentone (25) 45 d Sandringham (8) 34

*Scorers: Mentone - S. Petricevic 39, D. Russell 6*

##### U/17

Sandringham (24) 54 d Fawkner (20) 49

*Scorers: Sandringham - P. Lafontaine 22, S. Deller 18, P. Cervi 14*



1970s 'Dinosaurs' (Photo taken in 2000)

## Major Award Winners

### Tournament (Sandringham)

#### Girls U/17

Best Player:	Linda Gilpin
Best Finals Player:	Susan Brown
Best Trier:	Allison Crowley

#### Girls U/19

Best Player:	V. O'Connor
Best Finals Player:	V. O'Connor
Best Trier:	J. Denneson

#### Boys U/11

Best Player:	Luke Cooper
Best Finals Player:	Luke Cooper
Best Triers:	B. Ricci, Glen Maynard, H. Ellis, Ari Kasapyen

#### Boys U/13

Best Player:	Steven Petricevic
Best Finals Player:	Steven Petricevic
Best Trier:	Andrew Bray

#### Boys U/15

Best Player:	G. Doyle
Best Finals Player:	T. Marcantonio
Best Trier:	P. Vanzella

#### Boys U/17

Best Player:	Michael Burke
Best Finals Player:	Paul Cervi
Best Trier:	R. Deser

### Domestic - Men

#### Summer Season (1978/79)

Best and Fairest:	T. Hand (Mentone AAC)
Top Shooter Award:	T. Hand 323 points (Mentone AAC)
Most Valuable Player:	D. Code (Mob 2)

### Faces of the 70s ...



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**Secretary:** John Howe  
**Treasurer:** Michael Phillips

### Sandringham Basketball Referees Association

#### General Meeting 15-5-79

**President:** Michael Phillips  
**Vice President:** Peter Miller

**Treasurer:** Loretta Virgona  
**Referees' Coach:** Paul Larkins

#### **Present**

Michael Philips, Peter Miller, Loretta Virgona, Basil Cervi, Terry Walsh, Debbie Virgona, John Thompson, Paul Cervi, Steven Wright, Phillip McLean.

#### **Absent**

Paul Larkins, Tom McNamara, Simon Hansford, Danny Liddell, Andrew George, Peter O'Dea, Paul Lafontaine, Mark Hoffman, Michael Parrow, Mark Krieger, Bill Evans.

### Faces of the 70s ...



*"I've got a theory that if you  
give 100% all of the time,  
somehow things will work out  
in the end."*

**Larry Bird**



## The 1980s



*"It was more of a mateship thing. Really strong mateship. It must have been something special because we all have kept in contact with each other."*

**Damien Larkins**

*"There were so few doing so much. They were a good group. They had the same goals and desires to make it better. We were always inhibited by the lack of courts and base level. Saturdays I still refereed most of the day. Always undermanned but we sort of got through."*

**Terry Walsh**





## Brad Andrew

I remember seeing Terry Walsh as a mentor. We used to carry house bricks to training. Walshy asked everyone to bring house bricks to training as part of our weight-training program. We would jog laps with the bricks and do weights. Some bricks were comparatively lighter than the others.

Barry Cannell had bricks made up of balsa wood and they looked like bricks. Everybody tried to swap his bricks. Ben was pretty light-framed and we couldn't work out why he was outlasting every one else, but some one tried out his bricks and they were like Lego blocks.

Walshy coached from the start. He was strict, big on fitness - discipline. We used to watch him play footy and could see where he was coming from. He was a hard worker and demanded you don't miss training and when you are at training you perform at a certain level, and the intensity and commitment.

I remember going two hours at training and then sucking on a water bottle. Back then it was an absolute privilege. If you weakened and went down to get a drink of water you would be disciplined; do an extra lap. No water breaks for the rest of the session. It's very different now.

In the early 80's I remember pitching a tent at Sale Tournament and we got washed out. We had to bunk up with the University team at an old derelict hall with them. We came to play but they came to drink. Eventually we were converted to their way. We went to the dark side that weekend. Very little success on the court but lots of fun off the court.

In the 1989 A grade Warrnambool Tournament which was full of NBL players, Kent Lockhart and Roland Brooks put on a show and we got to the finals. However Mike McKay for Adelaide shot the lights out in one of those standout games.

The athleticism of Kent and Roland; they played above the rim. One player, Tommy Sawyer threw an alley oop pass from half way. Brooks just jumped out of his skin and made this play; standout athlete. He and Lockart worked beautifully in tandem.

In two seasons playing first division I rarely got on the court, but I had the best seat in town. I came on court as a back up.

I saw Lockhart shoot 62 points one cold night at Ballarat. Alan Westover, Ballarat coach, at the post match conference said, 'tonight's game was one of the best individual efforts, shooting 63 points for a losing team.' They believed it was something of a VBA record.

In the 1988 Season we won 26 and drew 2 before losing a semi final.

What stood out in those days was the unity of the players, under Chris Bennett's U/18A team. The guys were all Sandringham boys; Eadie, Adam, Strop, Lumpy, Harpers. We played the St Kildas who recruited Wayne Larkins (future NBL player) from Swan Hill and Melbourne had Dimmatina, Gaze, Purchase, Gordon. They were the Victorian state team. I remember getting within 20 points of Melbourne, playing at our very best and they were slightly off.

Those particular teams, the U/18s and U/20s, were a strong unit. They enjoyed sharing the ball and others getting their numbers. Wasn't too many egos.

The U/18A team had Lumpy, Eadie, Danny Maher, David Harper, Adam Russell. I think we just missed out on the finals; lost last five of six games. We made a huge statement and it went a long way for the U/20s to make the finals. I think Terry Walsh was the coach.

I remember we played Melbourne in the U/20s and Roscoe mucked up the game times and he was sitting on court one watching the women play. And we had started playing on court nine. He arrived at half time. The margin was only a few points. We always chipped him about how we travelled when he was not there. We got blown up in the second half while he was coaching.

Robert Lunardon? Got a phone call about Robert Lunardon. Died in Jacko's (Andrew Jackson's) arms. Jacko was coaching and subbed Robert out due to fatigue. Robert sat on the bench and collapsed. Obviously Robert was going to be a good player, just 17. The club missed him.

I also remember one of the mums driving the U/15 boys to a game. A scary driver, driving down Beach Road, did a wrong turn into oncoming traffic and had to duck across the plantation to get to the left hand side drive.

I also remember the changes in uniforms. Used to wear names on the back of the shirts. I remember wearing these flarey, yellow-blue track suit pants, with our names emblazoned across the back of our warm-up top. I always remember Stavropoulos and it was in 8-size font to get his name across.

## Damien Larkins

It was more of a mateship thing. Really strong mateship. It must have been something special because we all have kept in contact with each other. The concept of taking kids away to tournaments, where they had a hope of winning, built character and you would get the experience of playing in front of a crowd. We started to end up with a fairly good team. We were the big kids from the city, so we had a bit of a reputation.

The other thing was the coaches. The dedication of people like Chris Bennett, Terry Walsh and to a lesser extent Michael Stepien. They spent so much time there. You look back at the dedication.

The small Memorial Hall; we couldn't outgrow that fast enough. It's your growing up years, when you were there right from the beginning, and it rapidly developed. It was people like Chris Bennett and the family, they used to drive us everywhere. We were out in the country as far as a lot of other clubs were concerned.

I remember dad refereed us in a game at Collingwood and Michael Stepien was coaching and we were a hack of a team, and came up against Collingwood. Dad was a big gun referee and it was quite important for us and it looked like we could make the finals and he fouled me off in about fifteen minutes. We got done and I didn't speak to him for a week. Michael was speechless, every time he looked at me he would say, 'your dad' and shake his head and walk away.

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The pep talks that Michael Stepien used to tell us before the game, I will never forget. In the change room at Albert Park and he would be revving us up 'we are going to kill them' and going to do this and that and we would listen and Johnny Harper would say 'we are playing basketball, not football', and he would say 'it doesn't matter, same principle'. And we would all end up with three or four fouls in the first few minutes.

In 1982 we were runners-up in the Eltham Tournament and it was blistering hot. Walshy coached; we played the Victorian Country team. I remember the warm up. One of the guys pulled the ring down and we moved everything to the second court and I don't think we recovered from that intimidation. Other players included Brad Andrew, Adam Russell, Damien Larkins, Paul Eadie, Steven Lunardon, Andrew Stavropoulos.

Most embarrassing moment of my whole basketball career happened at the Sale Tournament in the early 80's. I played in the A reserve section. It was a strong match and I never got a run until the game was completely lost. The last three minutes and I didn't want to come on and the whole crowd knew that I had not got a run and everyone was cheering for me and they wouldn't even guard me and I had a shot with 30 seconds to go and missed everything.

I finished rep basketball in 1985; cracked a vertebrae in my back.

## Paul Eadie

I remember the Chelsea basketball tournament when I was playing in the U/18 team. Stroppa rolled his ankle. He went down and screamed that loud, 'I've broken my ankle' that

the aerobics class going on in a room above the court stopped to see what was happening. Stroppa went to the bench and five minutes later he was on court playing again.

In a Ballarat Tournament, Basil Cervi organised a midnight training session. When we finished we were on our way back and Stroppa fell in a hole and was yelling 'I've fallen into a grave.'

Coaches I had were Michael Stepien, Ross Graham, Chris Bennett and Terry Walsh.

I started to coach in the late 1980's and we won the 1987/88 summer season third division women's title.

The low lights were the deaths of Roger Morris (early nineties) and Robert Lunardon. Their deaths brought every one closer together because it was like a death in a family. The greatest thing about the club? It was like a mini family. It made me into a good person and I made fifty to sixty friends. It also kept everyone fit and healthy.

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## Michael Stepien

I remember the 1981 Swan Hill Tournament held over New Year's Eve. We stayed at a football oval, about two hundred tents everywhere. One of the players got drunk, sitting in the grandstand and some kids were having a go at him. He was yelling out 'Spick.' All of a sudden, there was a chorus around the ground 'is there a Spick in the house?'

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In the same tournament Ross Graham did his ankle pretty bad. He went to the Swan Hill hospital. After the game we went to see him and the police were there and said, 'you can't come in.' We found out later why we couldn't come in. A man in the next room, blind drunk, punched out one of the doctors and had an oxygen cylinder and was going to throw it and smash it and blow the place up. Roscoe thought it was funny.

In the Sale Tournament around 1982/83 we got washed out. We were staying at Strafford Caravan Park, 18 to 20 kms out of Sale. It poured with rain and the caravan park was under water. Stadium was leaking. I coached the women's team in the grand final because Terry Walsh had to play the with men's team in their grand final. The men won the grand final.

The women were up by 6 to 8 points, lost by 4 to 6 points. Players in that team included Tracy Aitken, Louise Graham, Tracey Stephens, (Tess Ryan?).

In 1984 I coached the girls' team. I got the sack. Players were Caylene Carmody, Simone Lang, Cathy Mulday, Angela and Stephany, Ketian Fischer, Nadia. The same year we won the Coburg U/14B girls tournament.

In 1986/87 I coached second and fourth division women's teams. Fourth division finished on top, lost 2 games out of 20 and then lost both semi finals to Scoresby by 8 points and maybe Port Colts. In that season we won ten in a row.

In 1987 I was referee supervisor. Other supervisors in the 80's included Andrew Moloney, Carol Stroud, Andrew Stavropoulos, Justin Stainforth.

I remember Craig Leith refereed twelve games in a row at Beaumaris High School, domestic junior competition. I went there around 5.00-6.00pm to see him and he was standing in the middle of the court just rotating, he was that tired. He started refereeing about 8.30am and finished around 5.00-6.00pm. He looked like a zombie.

## Adam Russell

In 1984 our U/20A team made the finals and it was the furthest any Sandy team had gone. We lost to Melbourne who had Andrew Gaze, Ray Gordon, Dimmatina playing and lost to Bulleen in the finals. Darren Perry and Darren Lucas played in the Bulleen team and they went on to play NBL.

The fun times were the tournaments because there was no training to start with. We went to heaps. In 1981 we won the U/18 section of the Swan Hill tournament. In 1983 we played Broadmeadows in the finals of the Ballarat Tournament. There was a bit of a punch up with Danny Maher and one of their players.

Terry Walsh was a very valuable asset back then. You don't realise it now. He was a hard coach. It was his way or no way.

I remember the unity you had with everybody. I have never seen it anywhere else I've been. Everybody stuck together and still hang around with each other. Unity was the key in the 80's. Overall atmosphere that went on at tournaments, the commitment every one had to the sport and the social functions afterwards. The personalities were well suited to each other.

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## Andrew Stavropoulos

I remember playing in the U/17A representative side coached by Chris Bennett in 1981. We played Melbourne Tigers and kept with them for most of the way. The final scores were 60-80. They had Andrew Gaze, Ray Gordon, Dimmatina, Purchase, Ian Rouse and his brother.

Six of the team were in the State side. The second time we played them was at Chelsea and I remember twisting my ankle screaming the whole stadium down. We did extremely well. I think they hadn't lost a game since U/12s and didn't lose a game even when they finished in U/20s.

We played in the Melbourne Classic in the early 80s, I think Terry Walsh was coaching, and lost the quarterfinal to Country Victoria by 1 point and at one stage we were 20 points up. A few of us got into foul trouble and fouled out.

I also remember melting my uniform. I put it next to a heater and it dried too well.

In our first game for the 1989 winter first division season, we played Melbourne Tigers who had Andrew Gaze, David Simmons, Warrick Giddy and David Colbert. It was action packed. We had Kent Lockhart and Roland Brooks. That season gave us a good grounding for the second group such as Stuart Lewin, Paul Cervi, Brad Andrew and myself.

***I also remember melting my uniform. I put it next to a heater and it dried too well.***

The atmosphere and culture was fantastic. We had a lot of support. Trevor Barker couldn't do enough to help us. A very happy camp.

## Tracy Aitkens

I started playing in 1980 at primary school. I filled in for my sister. It was a domestic team, OMEGA St Catherine. Terry Walsh asked my mum if I could play.

I remember Donna Mitchell, Narelle McGaw, Amanda Collins and Bridgette Stuart playing in the U/13 team in 1980. It was my first season in a final and we played Knox on court nine at the Albert Park stadium. I fouled out and nearly had a heart attack. I was devastated.

I was a member of the team that won the women's summer third division title in 1987/88. I also made the U/16 state training squad in 1983. Shelly Gorman played. I was the last person to be kicked out. Maris Polis was coaching.

In 1983 we played in the Melbourne Classic and ended up fifth.

I remember Michael Burke hit the winning shot in a semi final in 1988. Burkey hit this shot in off the corner backboard and the whole stadium erupted, two seconds to go, the shot of the century, the whole place went beserk. The team, third division side, ended up playing in the grand final at the Entertainment Centre and lost. The whole place was choc-a-bloc of all us to watch the final because the Sandy boys were in the team.



In those days we were wholly and solely committed to basketball. We had the love of the sport, Tuesday to Sunday. Had a lot of passion and competitive edge, played with our friends.

When we were growing up we were taught to respect and give one hundred percent. The friendship was huge and we always wanted to be down there.

The guys would come down early to watch the girls play and the girls would hang around and watch the guys play. Even at Albert Park. You never saw that ten years down the track.

They were the best years of my life. My basketball friends are still my closest and dearest friends. We are inseparable.

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## Tracey Stephens

I remember playing at Coburg, our first tournament, got into the finals, Terry Walsh was coaching the U/14 team. I remember getting the flag.

Enjoyed the tournaments, the championship games were too much hard work, training 2-3 times and playing twice a week. Terry Walsh was our coach.

***I remember running into a brick wall and nearly breaking my nose, at Reservoir, during a championship game as a junior.***

Tournaments were fun. It was good to have the support of our team, being in the same group, getting into mischief, joking around. All the different characters coming together in the one group. Really good fun. Very close.

I remember running into a brick wall and nearly breaking my nose at Reservoir, during a championship game as a junior. A girl had a fast break and went for a lay up. I went to block her and the wall was too close and I couldn't stop. I tended to run full pace and without thinking of the consequences. I like to take charges.

## Gaele Fischer

The day time women's competition got a committee and we ran the competition slightly different because of the young children. The children would get sick and mothers had to look after them. If the mums could not attend then there would be no walkover providing they told us beforehand. It was family orientated.

We used to socialise twice a season. We become quite financial and with the money made we would have dinners, which every team went to and the committee would pay for half of the meal.

We donated trophies for the juniors; to those juniors least likely to get anything; an encouragement award; hardest trier award. Did it for the younger teams.

We ran ourselves very efficiently financially and had meetings once a month, and every team had to have two reps or there was a fine.

Some funny things happened during the games. Girls would run onto the court, rip their track suits off and they had forgotten their shorts or singlets. I remember flattening John Thompson, our referee, once while I was running backwards.

Most of our grand finals, other teams would come and watch. It was very close and friendly.

Most of our comp worked around the school holidays. We had three competitions then tried two competitions.

Referees I remember were Michael Burke, Ann Vaughan, Carmel Fletcher, Craig Leith and occasionally Stuart Lewin, Lumpy, Strop, Craig White. A lot of the referees found it boring because there was a lot of old women moving around.

When Carmel Fletcher succumbed to cancer we had a memorial service for her on the court. I was the President of our group. We didn't play that day; all the teams turned up. We set up a little shrine, appropriate music was played, chairs were on the court. I got Mark Mitchell and Carmen, the Mayor of Sandringham (because she played for us for a while), to say a few words. Carmel's husband and her two boys were there. Carmel did a lot of work for the club.

I remember Ketiah, our six or seven year old, used to nag Terry Walsh for three months solid wanting to play. One day he came up to me and he said, 'I'm sick of your daughter so I've put in a U/9 side. Now get ten players and get them down to training in three weeks. I've had enough. Now they are your girls, you have to get out there and coach your daughter and them.'

In 1989 I helped June Hamill as a caller for the statistician when the boys were in first division. And I travelled everywhere with the women as their statistician.

In the Country Invitation Victorian Basketball League we travelled around the countryside - Swan Hill, Dromana, Heyfield, Albury - eating McDonald's breakfasts, which we hated. Rob, my husband, used to come home cross-eyed from videoing everything and I would end up with writer's cramp. I was the Grandma of the team.

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## Bruce Mitchell

I remember the senior Sabres team winning the 1988/89 VBA first division title against Dandenong. They then went on to challenge for the winter season and won all three challenge games.

In the 1989 winter season, the senior Sabres team became the first team in the history of the Victorian Basketball Association to make the finals in its inaugural year. They made the semi final and lost to Bulleen. We had the home court advantage but the coaches and players decided they would rather play at the Albert Park stadium.

It was a roller coaster ride with imports Kent Lockhart and Roland Brooks, and young junior players Michael Sawyer, Paul Cervi, Michael Burke, Andrew Stavropoulos and many others were playing really great basketball. The core of the team were the local players.

During that time the feeling around the club, the morale and atmosphere, was very buoyant though all levels of the club. A top winning team filtered down and a lot more juniors started playing basketball. The place was packed out.

I also was editing the Cheltenham Panthers newsletter and volunteered to edit the Sabres club newsletter in 1987. I typed it out and distributed about two hundred to two hundred and fifty newsletters per week. In the last few years of editing the newsletter, June Hamill was the main person helping out.

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And I reported for the Bayside Times, which came about because of my involvement in editing the club newsletter.

## Paul Larkins

In the early 80s the Richmond Football Club, which had won a premiership, played in the domestic competition. Mick Malthouse brought out Roach, Mark Lee, Jimmy Jess in the summer and said to me, 'can you make sure you do their games. I want you to foul and make them use their bodies and jump.' I think they won the A grade grand final that year. When I was refereeing they got upset. Roachy was taking screaming marks and Kershaw would do a tackle. They were pretty rugged.

I remember the BBQs around the lakeside at Sandringham were great. Every year we would have presentations and get a big turn up with over a hundred people.

During the 80s we had an Australian badge who refereed our senior men A grade competition. We had a good panel of referees.

I spent a lot of time refereeing on Saturday mornings with the juniors, training the parents rather than the players. It was more important to allow the kids a four-step travel and to keep the game rolling to allow the kids the opportunity to score. A mature person like myself could do that and get away with it and then explain to the parents afterwards.

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I spent over ten years at Sandringham and had to sever my involvement because of work and health reasons.

## Terry Walsh

Basil Cervi and myself were coaching the younger boys. After Chris Bennett left the senior group, I coached all the way through for years and years. It took the mens' side thirteen years to get to first division. There were many ups and downs. We won third division and got into second division. About 1985/86 we were promoted to second division. The first year we were pretty good but then we came up against teams like Bulleen and Melbourne. Players like Andrew Gaze played which made it pretty hard for us to get up.

We recruited players like Bernie Maher, Mark Harveson, Stuart Lewin. And we had players like the Stroppas, Cervis and Eadies. The majority of these players played during the seventies.

Paul Meehan coached the seniors for a year or two. I went off and coached the Eltham women's side for a year.

Sunday morning trainings used to be good. Blokes would be on the drink on Saturday night and someone like Ding would lob his guts out. Most Sunday mornings there used to be a queue to the toilets.

We changed the logo and colours of the uniform. I said to Basil Cervi we have to get a new logo, because the Zebra wasn't working, it had no affiliation with basketball whatsoever. So I went through all the animals in NCAA coaching journals and I saw the name Sabres. I thought Sandringham Sabres would do.

I remember Stroppa's first training session. He was pushing the ball up against the backboard and had to go to the end of the line. In this drill you had to jump off the ground, catch the ball in the air and throw it back up against the backboard. Strop threw it straight over the board. It was no use having a training session after that because everybody was laughing their heads off.

I also remember Bridgette Stewart who threw this two pointer, a long bomb, to win the U/14 girls premiership.

One of the mums used to drive the juniors to games and the kids were lucky to get there. She had no idea how to drive. She couldn't see.

In the early 80s I used to drive the Fawkner kids to training at Sandringham. I was a teacher at Fawkner High and got Nevio Marinelli, Craig Weir, Chook, Bruno D'Agostino to play for our junior rep sides. That experiment cost me a million miles. Craig Weir's mum told me once that 'I am glad you are taking him to basketball or else he would end up in jail.'

***In the early 80's I used to drive the Fawkner kids to training at Sandringham.***

There were so few doing so much. They were a good group. They had the same goals and desires to make it better. We were always inhibited by the lack of courts and base level. Saturdays I still refereed most of the day. Always undermanned but we sort of got through.

The significant events of the 80's were;

- Making the men's state league after 13 years
- The women making second division
- The progression of all the boys through to the U/20s

## Ross Graham

We certainly had great times at tournaments. We used to go to Sale and were washed out one year and slept in a school or Memorial Hall in the middle of nowhere, 5 basketball teams. We used to camp at Strafford Avon.

One Swan Hill Tournament in the early 80s was unbelievable. It was 52 degrees.

In one game a guy charged into me and landed on me and split my eye open. My head hit the floor, a pool of blood. Walshy turned me over and said, 'get up ya sook' and he nearly fainted. In the end they got me off the court. Fran O'Connor butterfly-clipped my eye.

Later on I came on again and I was in the middle of the court, jumped to pass the ball and landed on a guy's foot and I broke my ankle; tore ligaments off the bone.

We used to go to tournaments to have fun, not to win. They used to have all those mercenary teams. You'd never win them. The studs used to come away for the weekend, win the prize money and then drink it.

I designed the Sabres logo (an upright sabre tooth tiger about to throw a basketball) and Paul Meehan designed the next Sabres logo (a sabre tooth tiger with a striped background).

In the 1988 winter season, the second division men went through the season undefeated and got beaten in the semi final in over time by Blackburn. All our stars fouled out. Tom Sawyer got a bad call on offense and lost possession and they beat us by 1 point.

It was pretty heartbreaking because we had our goal set at the start of the year to make division one.

We ended up being given the opportunity to challenge for division one by the division one committee; we went through an appeal. We played a round robin series. There were four teams involved and one team was going to miss out. The three bottom teams in Division one and us.

We had at that time Dana Parney and Shaun McShane, two Americans. We went through the challenge series and beat all three teams. During the last game, 90 seconds to go and the game didn't mean anything because we were winning and already knew we were in division one, Shane McShane popped his knee; tore his anterior cruciate. It was sad to have such a devastating finish when this import player that helped you get there to division one smashed his knee up and that was it.

The 1988/89, first division summer season, we had Kent Lockhart and Roland Brooks come into the side at the end of that season. Shaun McShane went home after he did his knee and Dana went home after Christmas.

I recruited Brooks on a feeling because he was an outstanding NBL athlete. He was in Perth playing state league, dumped by Jay Brehmer, coach of Perth.

I was so impressed by him as an athlete. I had negative feedback but I spoke to him and he was sensational person for us. He said when he got here 'I am not going to drink or misbehave and I am going to prove a lot of people wrong.' And he did. He only caused us one bit of grief in the whole time he was here. He fouled out in one game and sat on the court and wouldn't shift in a VBL or division one game played at Tulip Street. We ended up having to talk him to come off. It was for about 2 to 3 minutes.

He did the best slam dunk I have ever seen in my life. Tommy Sawyer attempted a 3 point shot low on the 45 and it hit on the back of the ring and Roland was on the other wing ready to alley oop it, but it bounced over the top of his head and he leaned back laterally and dunked it. He was head and shoulders above the ring.

Kent Lockhart? I was at a championship meeting and a few video tapes came in. We went over to Lindsay Gaze's home to watch the videos. One tape had Lockhart, from the University of Texas El Paso, playing in the conference playoffs in NCCA division one. Lockhart spotted up against the stud who got 7 points for the game and he was a 20 point plus player.



He not only was a defensive stopper but he was creating opportunities for his teammates and he turned the game around. He got 3 points and 6 rebounds.

The others in the room said no, he's not what we want. I was out of there and within 5 minutes I was on the phone, talking to him over in America because I had seen what he could do for a program. I spoke to Kent and his mum and got him out here and he's still here. We got champagne for beer prices with Lockhart and Brooks.

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To give you an example of Kent's commitment, he used to get up every morning and walk to the Stadium, shoot around, work out, go home to eat, go back to the gym, shoot out, work out, go home and eat and then go and play.

In the early 80s we started to negotiate with Sandringham Council to build more courts but they didn't want to know. Then we went to Moorabbin Council for a three or four court facility in Moorabbin.

While we got into Tulip Street we were still using four high schools; Beaumaris, Hampton, Highett, Parkdale. We had all the evidence to justify four additional facilities; we just had to get people to build them.

In those days the boundaries between councils was like the wall of China. You did not service the community from another environment. That was one of the biggest hang ups all the way through. 'Why should we build a facility when it's used by 40% of rate payers outside of our municipality?'

That went on and on and on for several years. We had two proposals going on at the same time. We had 4 courts with Sandringham and 4 courts with Moorabbin. It was a stand off, each waiting for the other to decide.

We had the Moorabbin Council wanting to build it at the swimming complex in Chesterfield Road, then Sir William Fry Reserve, which was perfect but was rezoned for passive recreation, which meant you couldn't play indoor sports and therefore you couldn't build a building.

Then we started to look at land near the pool in East Boundary Road.

Then we started to come back to Sandringham and started to nurture them and in 1985 there was a letter from the council from the town clerk confirming they would support our application and lodge an application to the State Government for a grant as long as we would get guarantees for the loan, for the balance of \$180,000.

Then we got a letter from the State government saying of the fourteen major projects you are not one of them.

## Steven Lunardon

In 1981 the U/16A team played in the semi final at Collingwood. Players included John and David Harper, Damien Larkins, Steve Petrecivic, Daniel Egan and myself. I also made the U16 state team and we beat SA Metro in the final, double overtime, in Swan Hill.

I made the U/18 state squad's in 1982 and 1983 - the U/20 state squad's in 1984 and 1985 - (awarded) a scholarship at AIS in 1985 - Rookie of the Year for NBL Nunawading team in 1986 and played with them until 1991.

## Chris Bennett

The early eighties was a great era in the club's history. In 1980 we had just completed one year in the new stadium. During the time I was at the club, from 1980-84, we exploded onto the basketball scene collecting 12 premierships in junior and senior ranks. In the B grade championships competition the boys won three titles, the girls one title. The men won their first premiership in third division. In tournaments the boys won 6 titles, the girls 1 title, the men 1 title. Terry Walsh coached an incredible 9 premiership teams, Chris Bennett 2, Ross Graham 2, and Paul Lafontaine 1 (Paul was part of our first rep team to win a Victorian championship premiership, U/14B, in 1976).

Not bad for a small basketball association.

During that time I coached the U/17A, U/18A boys rep teams for several seasons, third division men (one season), U/18A girls rep team (one season) and the women's team (one season).

The U/18A girls I coached were one of the top sides of the club; not in wins but in determination. With only five players they put in exceptional performances consistently. I inherited the team from Terry Walsh who had coached them from the beginning.

I remember those U/17 and U/18 boys' teams vividly. Every game we played felt like a grand final. We did extremely well and were probably the best team outside the four. The top four were the usual suspects. The Nunawadings, Bulleens, Melbourne etc.

***I remember those U/17 and U/18 boy's teams vividly. Every game we played felt like a grand final.***

One year we almost made the winter finals. Until Lumpy came along we had no height and no shooters. But we probably had the one of the best defensive teams in the competition. That defensive intensity won us many games and respect.

Around 1982/83 we were asked to play the Australian women's team in a practice game on court one at Albert Park. We were selected because we had height (one of the few times) in Steve Lunardon and Andrew Stavropoulos. I think we beat them by 20 points.

We also entered the U/18A boys, U/20A boys and U/18A girls' rep teams into the senior A grade domestic competitions at Sandringham. This helped our preparation for championships.

I remember the Coburg Tournament in 1981. Our U/18A boys and U/14B girls won premierships.

In the boys' section we faced the powerful Bulleen rep team who we had never beaten before. They beat us in the early rounds. Then we played them in the grand final. We played two overtimes and they eventually fouled out with only three players left on the court. One of their players, David Graham, eventually played in the National Basketball League with Coburg.

In 1984 I had another break away from Sandringham and coached the Kilsyth U/18A girls team. Then I stopped coaching and got a life! I made two comebacks coaching basketball. One in 1987 when I coached my nephew's team, Olinda Bush Rangers, in the U/8 Knox domestic competition. And one in 1989, coaching the Sandringham U/14A boys' side which had David Patrick, now playing for the Canberra Cannons.

Fifteen years of coaching. Was it worth it? Yes.



1980s 'Dinosaurs' (Photo taken in 2000)

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Bentleigh-Hampton**

This club formed in 1980 and was originally named JAWS II. It adopted the name Eagles about one year later. The core of the starting teams came from Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Bluff Road.

The first coaches were Heather McGrath and Terry Walsh. Original team members were; Mark Molino, Bernard Wilkinson, Silvio Provenjac, Sam Lentini, David McCallum, Nigel Tingh, Paul Morrissey and Stuart Lewin. The singlets were bought at Coles and the numbers were ironed on.

The boys would meet at the milk bar near the school and would be ferried to Lifestyle. The first 'Pie Night' was held at the Immaculate Heart Hall in 1982.

Terry Walsh trained the first team at Hampton High and kept a watchful eye over the growing club. The Eagles were the first team to have a cheer squad and introduced banners to the finals at Lifestyle.

The Club won its first premiership in 1983. Three of the original team soon took on coaching roles, which enabled the Eagles to continue. Stuart Lewin introduced the weekly newsletter, which ran for some months.

#### **Shepparton Tournament**

Terry Walsh, school teacher at Fawkner High, received permission to use the school bus to take the teams to Shepparton. 18 players were packed in with the gear, with Basil Cervi driving the bus and Terry driving his car.

As the bus left the school, Basil discovered the clutch was slipping and was told that 'we should be okay as it has been like that for two months.'

On the way home the bus breaks down just past Nagambie.

Everybody got out and walked to a nearby wheat farm for help. They noticed a few possums on the roof of the farmhouse. They arranged to be picked up, lock the bus and eventually arrived home 9.30pm that night.

## Individual Achievements

**Neville Crisp** served three years on the executive committee (Secretary/Treasurer: 1977-78, Treasurer: 1978-1979, Vice President: 1979-1980). Note: he may have served two more years as Vice President, 1980-1982.

## Games

### Domestic - Men

#### B2 Grade

Trumps (10) 34 d Demons (16) 31

*Scorers: Trumps - M. Burke 10, D. Jacobs 8, S. Hamill 6, T. Godfrey 4, A. Godfrey 2, P. Hamill 2, P. Watkins 2; Demons - K. O'Shea 10, R. Stacey 6, A. Morgan 5, F. Thomas 4, I. Marshall 4, M. O'Brien 2*

### Sabres - Boys

#### Winter Season

##### U/18B

#### Premiers

Coach Terry Walsh: Capt. Paul Cervi, Michael Burke, Paul Eadie, Gaetano Marrinucci, Simon Dellar, Danny Liddell, Nevio Marinelli, Steven Wright, Craig Weir.

#### Summer Season

##### U/17B

#### Premiers

Coach Chris Bennett: Michael Burke, Craig Weir, Paul Eadie, Nevio Marinelli, Michael Sawyer, Bruno D'Agostino, Steven Wright, Gaetano Marinucci.



1980s Fancy Dress: Cape crusaders, Robin (Michale Burke) and Batman (?)

## Tournaments

### Ballarat - Boys

#### U/16

**Grand Final**

Sandringham d Ballarat

Coach Terry Walsh: Capt. Paul Eadie, Steven Lunardon, Frank Russo, Andrew Stavropoulos, Brendan O'Shanessy, Damien Larkins, David Harper, John Harper.

#### U/18

**Grand Final**

Coach Terry Walsh: Capt. Paul Cervi, Michael Burke, Craig Weir, Danny Liddell, Michael Howe, Michael Sawyer, Nevio Marinelli.

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Ross Graham  
**Treasurer:** Michael Phillips

**Secretary:** John Howe



*1980s Presentation Day at Michael Phillips' home.*



## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Steve Lunardon

Sandringham basketballer Steve Lunardon represented Victoria at the recent Australian under 16 championships and played a big part in his state winning the title for the fifth year in a row.

He shot more than 80 points for the tournament and won a man of the match award in one of the semi-finals.

After convincingly defeating the other four teams in the group, Victoria met South Australia in the grand final.

As the buzzer for full time rang the scoreboard showed a draw at 66 points each.

Five extra minutes were played but the teams could not be separated and were locked in 73 points all as the buzzer rang again.

A second period of time began and the Victorians began to show the form that won them the championship for the past four years.

As the buzzer went signaling the third end of the final, Victoria was ahead 81 to 76, holding out a determined South Australia who had the last possession of the ball.

*By Barney Porter - The Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 23-9-81*

### Raw Prawn Awards

#### **Bullwinkle**

There were a lot of nominations for this award but none featured better than Steve 'Bullwinkle' Wright. Steve has tremendous leaping ability (all 3 rebounds) combined with tough aggressive defence (1 Foul) and uncanny accuracy from one foot out (3 inside shots missed and none of three foul shots. What more can I say, except, I leave him to you Spick (Chris Bennett).

#### **Blank Page**

Louise Graham for her forgetfulness and conscientious effort (lost newsletter).



**Ding, Franko and Theresa**

Three people win this weeks' award. Ding, Franko and Theresa Ryan. Ding and Franko who have consistently given the ball away to the opposition and its about time their efforts are rewarded. Grizzly hopes to invent a magnetic ball for them. Theresa gets a mention this week for out shooting Steve Wright. As we all know Bullwinkle is so accurate inside ????? Theresa improved upon this, she had 4 inside shots unpressured and still missed. There is hope yet Steve.

**Wrong Ryan**

Theresa Ryan took a magnificent rebound and shot 2 points. For the opposition????

**Eye Bennett**

This week award goes to an outstanding effort. The story goes that 'Spick' Bennett after Friday night's game had to take two U/18 boys home.

So they walk towards what they think is his car. 'Spick' is about to put the key in the lock and Eddie remarks 'this isn't your car supercoach'. Spick replies 'of course it is. I just washed it!' The key opens the door. 'Spick gets in, sits down and sees a 'spic'n'span car and immediately realises it is not really his. For this effort, Spick gets an appointment to the Eye doctor.

**Enzo**

This week's award goes to Enzo for showing great interest in his game. In fact he was sitting on the bench reading the newsletter during play. Very keen Brendan!

**Spider**

This week's award goes to Spider Attard. Spider was thinking too quick for the opposition and officials by taking her own initiative and introducing her own rules, that as umpire hands you the ball at the side line, you can dribble straight onto the court. No pass required.

**Roscoe's U/12's**

This week's award goes without a doubt to Roscoe's U/12 boys. After a reasonably good effort on Friday night they all decided there was no need to train on Monday. How wrong they were. Terry Walsh was there with all his mates! No one.

***The Whiz Kids***

It couldn't last. The nominations came in thick and fast this week.

Weird and Oranga arrived at Albert Park at 9.05pm to play a 9.10pm game at Bulleen, needless to say when they arrived at Bulleen at half time, Spick Bennett was NOT HAPPY.

After an unusually safe trip in Franko's mum car the U/18B's forgot to tell Prahran they were supposed to play.

Snoz Cervi's memory bank failed again. He forgot to bring a uniform in for Craig to play in!

After due consideration and much contemplation (half a minute) the coveted award goes to the whiz kids from Fawkner. Well done.

***Grizzly***

This week's award goes to Grizzly Walsh for his great training techniques. Eight out of nine teams lost last weekend. The control he has over the senior team is devastating. Just to top of a real good week he has scored two technical fouls in three days. He should learn not to DISCUSS rules with officials.

***Eadie's Tech***

P. Eadie and the Sandringham Senior Men's Team.

This week's raw prawn was in the balance UNTIL a young chap named Eadie received a Tech foul, which jogged the memories of the editors back to the week before. After trying to recarpet Grizzly's car with fresh pizza.

***Take Your Pick***

Eddies, Sawyers and Roscoes Tech foul.

Ding's teamwork and passing for the opposition.

Eddies super boot.

Strop's awareness of zone press principals. Especially the tail.



**Ref's Offside**

Spick Bennett: AWOL for 2 weeks.

Spindles and Franko's tech foul.

U/17B umpires.

As a result of this week's debacle in the U/17B's, the referees have won this ward easily, after kicking the ball to the opposition who proceeded to do an easy lay-up to tie the score, after the final bell.

**Full House**

Franko (where's your shorts) Russo.

Strop (super shot) Stavropoulos.

Michelle Moss - for only foul in the game.

Eddies accurate jump shots (5% for 2 points).

**Another Full House**

Tech fouls - Tracey Stephens, Paul Eadie, Roscoe (2) under provocation.

Scott Fischer to learn what a pass is.

Frankston U/17C to get a proper side instead of playing 14 year olds.

All teams foul shooting 20/54.

**Crowded House**

U/15 girls 2/18 foul shots.

Dandenong U/13 girls - to play on right court against the right opposition next time.

Strop's giving himself concussion when he landed on his backside.

Cozzo's finally making double figures on Tuesday after heaps of shots.

Albert Park for making our U/19's turn up at 10.00pm then telling them to go home.

**Top Three**

Simon 'unco' Dellar.

U/13B referees for fouling little lumpy off when he only had 3 fouls.

U/13 girl's referees for turning up 40 minutes late.

**Disaster**

This goes to a player who obtained a tech foul in the last seconds of a game when we were 1 point down. The game ended in a draw. Well done, Craig!!

**More Headaches**

Sawyer's Tech foul.

3<sup>rd</sup> Division Men.

Paul Cervi - sleeping in until 8.45 pm and also for his offense. Spick gave specific instructions to play the one four offense. So Paul using his own initiative instigated the 0 offense. Result. TOTAL CHAOS.

**Lucky Seven**

C. Bakers tech foul (again).

U/17B - consistent high scoring.

U/19 referees and opposition.

U/19's.

U/20's Tuesday night team effort of Tech fouls, five.

Mr. Ryan for making too many runs at cricket on Saturday and arriving late after game time.

U/17A against 4 players (disgusting).

**Dyslexic**

Spick Stepien for his dyslexic behaviour.

David Golding for being at the wrong place at the wrong time according to Spick.

Franko for his Moses Malone hook shot.

Nth Districts girls for shooting too well.

U/17B referee for accepting Spick's behaviour.

This week's award goes to Spick Stepien for the second time in 3 weeks for his big statement 'get Golding off' when poor David was already sitting on the bench beside him.

**Confucius**

Confucius (Chris Bennett) is still waiting for the U/18 girls to listen carefully. On Saturday, out of 78 shots, 14 went in. What more can I say? Also Strop rates another mention. He lost his uniform. What can I do?

**ROScool**

Roscoe (Ross Graham) receives this award because of the cool nature under pressure. Actually he got a technical foul in the closing stages of the game. Strop was so upset Grizzly had to put him his place. The bench.



## Tips of the Week

**Bullwinkle** to bounce back and **Baretta** to make another comeback.

All the **U/18A's** to wear their Coburg champion windcheaters to Albert Park.

**Super ref** to get a lay up in. **Daryle** to get home early. **'Toaster'** to get newsletter of first print this week.

**Roscoe** to lose again and **Dazzling Daryl** to bring a baby bottle for Dean.

**U/20's** to learn what 'win' means. **Grizzly** to give a smile of satisfaction (for a change).

**Craig and Nevio** to pick the right venue. **U/20A** to regain top form. **U/14B** girls to surprise Grizzly by successfully running his zone press.

**U/18A** to get back on the winning trail. Franco to be a consistent 'layer-upper.' **Amie** to learn to spell 'fowl.'

Some **good referees** at Bulleen. **Franco's and Strop's parents** to get the U/18 team there safely.

**U/20** must win this game **Snoz** to find his singlet **Roscoe** to bring the U/18B back to winning form.

**U/12 boys** to train on Monday. **U/18B** - Kensington not to front. **Yank Arnolda** to organise warm up and singlets for U/14's.

**Mal** to get a refund from Albert Park. **Franko** to join Telecom. **Dean Howe** to remember when, where, and at what time the senior team plays.

**SEC** to consult basketballers before having any power shortages.

**Spick Bennett** to lose more hair worrying about his players' performances.

**Strop** to learn how to do a push up, **Grizzly** to have an easy Saturday night and another two wins for **Roscoe**.



**All teams** to make finals at Dandenong tournament. **Roscoe** to coach at closer locations (thanks to Grizzly's Melway). **Grizzly** to tone up his muscles.

**Dandenong** Association to supply heaters. **Lumpy junior and Zoran** to find shooting skills from point blank. **Nunawading U/18B** to turn up to play this time.

**U/17A** to score foul shots **Simon** to co-ordinate his body and brain. **Damian O'Shannessy** may find his player by Friday (not another Enzo).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Division men** to sub shooters off after each score and put some defenders on. **Roscoe** 'Peter Landy' Graham to have public speaking lessons. **U/13 Boys** to regain lost form.

**Strop** to pass the ball and **Nevio** to practice foul shooting. **Junior Lumpy** not to dribble, **Roscoe** to keep his winning record intact at the weekend, and **Baretta** returns!!!!!!!

**U/19's** to have enough players this week. **Daryl** to try another assistant coach **3<sup>rd</sup> Division** to learn what a pattern is. **Eddie** to state his intentions (assistant coach or otherwise).

**Grizzly** to practice foul shooting - 1/10. **U/19's** to win two in a row. **Spick** has got a rebirth of hair.

## Dandenong Junior Tournament

The tournament's highlight was the brilliant scientific mind of a couple of Dandenong referees. In the U/14 girl's game one said, just before commencing the game. 'watch out for the condensation from the roof.' Now Sandy players even up to U/20s would have difficulty in understanding this. Grizzly thought a more appropriate comment would be, 'watch out for the water on the floor or you'll break your neck.'

## Human Headlight

Brad Andrews' debut in the U/17A's; an amazing drive between two defensive players standing shoulder to shoulder to score 2 points.

## A Fairy Tale

Once upon a time in a far far away land called Sandrivanian there lived a King who was very troubled. The young peasants in his kingdom were restless and he needed to find a way to make them happy.

So the King summoned his brain trusts to find the answer before the problem became serious.

They got together and thought of a brilliant idea. Why not start up a basketball club, where the young peasants could be kept occupied and taught the value of good manners and handling responsibilities.

They told the King of their idea and he was happy, as he had been a keen sportsman in his younger days; U/18 champion spear chucker!

The next day the King issued a proclamation to his subjects and announced the creation of the Sandrivanian Amateur Basketball Club.

Anyway to cut a long story short, the club made tremendous progress over the next seven years. Their efforts were commendable when compared to the larger kingdoms who had more gold, power and peasants.

One day the coach asked to see the king about some problems he had encountered. He was pretty well cheesed off and he needed some advice.

The boys from the brain trusts department were called in to help the coach. After many hours of discussion they got their act together and with the King's approval issued the following rules:

'Peasants that failed to attend training or games and do not contact their coach would be strung up by the thumbs.' They agreed that this would be fair, because it was basic manners and besides it might improve their abilities.

*By Chris Bennett (a good friend of the King)*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> U/18 side performed very well indeed, playing in a tough comp, their standard of play improved each game. With this potential Sandy can look forward to a good future in A grade.

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***U/18A Sabres boy's stats, Coburg Junior Tournament, 1981***

### **U/20 Boys**

Playing in a section with two top A grade sides the U/20's finished with one win out of three.

### **U/16 Girls**

Played with a limited number of girls and fought hard against all odds. Christine, Sandra, Joanne, Theresa, Robin and Cathy should be commended for their efforts.

Overall a highly successful tournament.

*Your Friendly Coach - Grizzly*

### **Players Of The Week**

**Donna Mitchell** for an outstanding game with the U/14 girls.

**Martin Bride** provided the only highlight this week, with a strong rebounding game against Melbourne.

**Steven 'Lumpy' Lunardon** made 4 critical foul shots in the second half of the U/18A game. For this super human effort, considering he is only one who listens to 'Confucius', he receives a pair of converse basketball socks.

**Malcolm 'spring heeled' Howe** wins this week's award. Playing aggressively Mal led our U/18B grade to a victory. Well done.

**Michael Sawyer** (Super ref) played the game of his life against Dandenong and he made sure every one knew. He scored 18 points. Well done. Even Spick was pleased.

**Christine Aitken** played a fine lone handed game against Frankston.

**Narelle McGaw** played a very good defensive game and good team player effort.

**Simon Dellar and Zoran Vladic.** Simon Dellar in the U/20's for a strong and aggressive game. He even learnt what it is like to score points. And the second pair of socks goes to Zoran Vladic for an excellent effort in the U/12's record victory.

**Chris Simondson** for his level of consistency over the past few weeks.

**Paul Cervi.** After the previous two weeks full of mistakes has finally done something right. He played a reasonably strong game (for a change) against Templestowe.

**Tracy Aitken** who, apart from missing a couple of easy lay-ups, led the U/14B to a good win over the top side with an aggressive and promising performance.

**Scott Fischer**, a player who sparked a comeback when his team was down by showing good control, good teamwork and above all successful shooting. Congratulations go to Scott Fischer.

**Theresa Ryan**, Player of the Dandenong Tournament. Against stiff opposition throughout the tournament, the U/16 girls performed extraordinary well.

**Brett Lloyd** for a hard trying and determined effort.

**Andrew Stavropoulos** who has played two extremely good games.

**S. Kostarakis** played her first game for Sandy. It was a great effort.

**Paul Eadie** for an outstanding effort of accurate shooting and aggressive defense.

**Kim Reid (U/13) and Kim Underwood (U/15)** for consistence and constant improvement over the past few weeks.

### *First Time*

**U/18 boys' and U/20 boys' representative teams** play in the Sandringham domestic A grade men's competition.

### *Individual Achievements*

**Steven Lunardon** plays in the victorious Under 16 state team



*Andrew Stavropoulos and  
Steve Lunardon at the Bulleen  
Junior Tournament in 1981.*



*Don't you dare!*

## Games

### Domestic - Men

#### A Grade

U/18 Sabres (16) 38 d Blackrock (11) 19

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 9, J. Halkias 12, Paul Eadie 8, Frank Russo 3, Adam Russell 2, David Harper 2, Andrew Stavropoulos 2*

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Andrew Stavropoulos, Paul Eadie, David Harper, Adam Russell, Danny Maher, Brendan O'Shannessy, Frank Russo, John Halkias, Damien Larkins, Steve Lunardon, Michael Burke.

7 wins 1 draw 2 lost.

#### B Reserve Grade

##### Grand Final

Iron Outlaws (15) 39 d Moorabbin Colts (10) 28

*Scorers: Outlaws - P. Bowden 15, P. Bowden 10, P. Short 4, A. Morris 4, G. Terrell 3, J. Spotswood 2, J. Quinn 1*

#### B Grade

##### Grand Final

Old Mentonians (17) 32 d Trumps (9) 26

*Scorers: Mentonians - G. Holledge 10, A. Drinan 7, R. Hogg 4, P. Jamieson 4, D. Patterson 4, R. Stansfield 2, G. Eames 1; Trumps - D. Bartlett 13, T. Godfrey 10, L. McNerney 3*

### Sabres - Girls

#### Winter Season

##### U/14B

Sandringham (24) 47 d St.Kilda (12) 20

*Scorers: T. Aitken 18, D. Mitchell 11, B. Stewart 10, N. McGaw 4, A. Collins 2, N. Shaw 2*

A pleasing win against an inexperienced side.

Sandringham (18) 46 d Dandedong (6) 16

*Scorers: T. Aitken 24, D. Mitchell 16, N. McGaw 4, S. Wilkinson 2*

A good win. The girls fought really hard in defence and for the first time capitalised in offence. Super ref has a challenger in the missed lay-up competition - Donna???

Sandringham (40) 90 d Ardeer (0) 0

*Scorers: T. Aitken 22, B. Stewart 22, A. Collins 16, D. Mitchell 14*

Poor Sheryl, she was the only player who failed to score.



**Grand Final**

Sandringham d Glenroy by 8 points

Coach Terry Walsh: Players Tracy Aitken, Donna Mitchell, B. Stewart, N. McGaw, N. Shaw, A. Collins, S. Wilkinson, D. Mawson.

**U/16B**

Sandringham (16) 32 d Coburg (15) 30

*Scorers: H. Attard 10, C. Aitken 10, T. Ryan 4, T. Aitken 4, S. Cervi 2, J. Mawson 2*

Quite an eventful performance. Down 10 pts with 5 minutes to go in 1<sup>st</sup> half, the team realised a game was on and worked hard to get one point up. Second half was nerve racking. After leading by 10 points in this half, the brain rusts hung on to win by two points. Special mention to Spider and Robyn for their honest effort.

■ Sandringham (25) 50 d Ardeer (3) 15

*Scorers: C. Aitken 15, S. Cervi 11, T. Aitken 8, J. Mawson 6, T. Ryan 4, M. Ross 4, H. Attard 2*

A reasonable effort, considering the opposition didn't apply any pressure.

Sandringham (25) 60 d Port Colts (8) 18

*Scorers: C. Aitken 30, T. Aitken 10, S. Cervi 6, J. Mawson 6, D. Mitchell 8*

If and when these girls could play defence against strong opposition we will find out who can play and who can't.

**U/18B**

Nth Districts (23) 34 d Sandringham (8) 22

*Scorers: T. Stephens 8, H. Attard 7, K. Bryant 4, R. Brooke 2*

Played for only 10 minutes throughout the whole game. No wonder we lost. Next week Grizzly is bringing smelling salts to keep the girls awake.

Sandringham (30) 45 d Port Colts (14) 25

*Scorers: T. Stephens 27, K. Bryant 10, T. Kennedy 8, K. Clayton 6, H. Attard 2, R. Brooke 2*

The girls performed well. Confucius (Chris Bennett) is still waiting. Tracey played well. Player of the week, Tracey Stephens rebounded, shot and played very well to score 27 points. Well done. She receives a pair of converse basketball socks.

**Faces of the 80s ...**

Sandringham (14) 37 d Sth Yarra (4) 10

*Scorers: T. Stephens 21, T. Kennedy 8, K. Bryant 6, K. Clayton 1*

Sandy should have beaten this side by 60 points. However all of us are only human??

## Summer Season

### U/17B

#### Premiers

Coach Terry Walsh: Players Tracy Stephens, T. Kennedy, K. Bryant, T. Ryan, H. Attard, R. Brooke, D. Hills, K. Clayton.

## Sabres - Boys

### Winter Season

#### U/12B

Collingwood (14) 26 d Sandringham (6) 17

*Scorers: R. Lunardon 9, S. Scott 4, Z. Vldic 2, S. Fischer 2*

Not used to dribbling. The youngsters are improving in their teamwork each week. Soon they will crack it for a win.

Sandringham (17) 30 d Nth. Districts (9) 13

*Scorers: R. Lunardon 10, S. Scott 9, S. Fischer 7*

First win for the season. A great effort; Roscoe reckons it was his coaching, so Grizzly hasn't a job anymore. Well done!

#### U/14B

Sandringham (20) 40 d St. Kilda (18) 30

*Scorers: M. Bride 16, C. Simondson 10, M. Bray 10, M. Simonson 2*

This team is on a winning streak. Dazzling Daryl has the boys running like a well oiled machine. Keep the good work up.

Frankston (15) 31 d Sandringham (5) 10

*Scorers: M. Bride 6, D. Stahmer 2, M. Bray 2*

Frankston were far too good. The boys put up a reasonable effort considering the lack of depth.

#### U/16A

Coburg (18) 34 d Sandringham (10) 23

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 14, D. Harper 5, J. Harper 2, D. Larkins 2*

An improved performance on last week's game. Welcome to new player Greg Sivijs who acquitted himself quite well.

Nunawading (17) 47 d Sandringham (11) 22

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 15, D. Larkins 4, J. Harper 4, D. Harper 3*

Sandy kept with them until halftime, but Nunawading, after the interval was far too accomplished.

#### U/18B

East Reservoir (18) 50 d Sandringham (10) 32

*Scorers: Strop 15, M. Howe 8, F. Russo 4, D. Maher 4, A. Russell 1*

Against one of the better sides Sandy did quite well. Malcolm 'one hand' Howe played a strong game. Some of their passing resembled Roscoes (take heed Franco).

Sandringham (9) 29 d Eltham (9) 23

*Scorers: D. Maher 11, Strop 6, M. Howe 6, F. Russo*

#### U/18A

Sandringham (6) 22 d CAS (13) 18

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 6, B. D'Agostino 4, C. Weir 4, M. Burke 4*

A replica of last seasons grand final. Sloppy, ineffective, and unpredictable offense (what is that ?? Spick asks). From now on Spick is going to use the magic wand on foul shots (6/20).

Nunawading (22) 40 d Sandringham (13) 30

*Scorers: M. Burke 9, M. Sawyer 8, N. Marinelli 7, C. Weir 4, P. Eadie 2*

Best game put together so far, with few players and hot conditions, great effort against last year's runners up.

10 wins 8 losses.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Nevio Marinelli, Michael Burke, Craig Weir, Paul Eadie, Bruno D'Agostino, Steven Lunardon, Michael Sawyer, Steven Wright, Danny Maher.

#### U/20A

Nunawading (27) 63 d Sandringham (16) 26

*Scores: M. Burke 9, A. Anderson 7, S. Deller 4, D. Liddell 4, M. Sawyer 2*

Playing the top side with five players, we allowed them too much latitude and eventually they ran away with a convincing win. Super ref finally got a lay in (what a tipster?).

Eltham (27) 54 d Sandringham (6) 22

*Scorers: P. Cervi 9, T. Symeoy 6, D. Liddell 4, S. Deller 3*

St Kilda (43) 72 d Sandringham (16) 26

*Scorers: P. Cervi 8, T. Symeo 8, A. Anderson 8, B. Bartlett 2*

The 'Foreign Legion' again displayed their lack of application and poor self discipline. They made St Kilda look better than they were. 22 Passes either went astray or straight to the opposition. THINK!

## Summer Season

### U/17A

Templestowe (22) 48 d Sabres (21) 42

*Scorers: Paul Eadie 18, S. Lunardon 18, Andrew Stavropoulos 2, Adam Russell 2*

9 Wins 4 losses (loss to Templestowe, made 24/40 free throws, lost by 6 points).

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Paul Eadie, Steven Lunardon, Danny Maher, Brad Andrew, David Harper, A. Bride, B. O' Shanessy, Andrew Stavropoulos, Damien Larkins.

## Sabres - Men

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division - Summer Season

C.Y.M.S. (20) 46 d Sandy (10) 42

*Scorers: P. Cervi 10, Steven Lunardon 8, Andrew Anderson 7, Michael Sawyer 5, Paul Eadie 4, Andrew Stavropoulos 4, Dean Howe 4*

Sandy (19) 40 d Bulleen (19) 37

*Scorers: Terry Walsh 17, Dean Howe 8, Paul Cervi 5, Simon Dellar 4, Paul Eadie 4, S. Smith 2*

10 wins - 3 losses.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Terry Walsh, Andrew Anderson, Paul Cervi, Simon Dellar, Steven Lunardon, S. Smith, Dean Howe, Paul Eadie, Danny Maher, Danny Liddell, Andrew Stavropoulos, Michael Sawyer, (Danny Liddell played three games, Michael Burke played two games).



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## Tournaments

### Coburg - Girls

#### U/14 B

##### Grand Final

Sandy d Glenroy by 8 points

A great win! After being beaten by Glenroy by 15 points in a preliminary final game Sandy walloped them by 8 points in the Grand Final. Good defensive play and an abundance of effort paid dividends for these girls. Well Done! Tracy Aitken was voted most valuable player in the Grand Final.

#### U/18

##### Grand Finalist

Perhaps the most disappointing result, considering the good form shown in preliminary games. However a good effort to finish second. Tracey Stephens voted Best Trier in the Grand Final.

Coach Terry Walsh: Players Tracy Aitken, Donna Mitchell,, B. Stewart, N. McGaw, N. Shaw, A. Collins, D. Mawson, S. Wilkinson.

### Coburg - Boys

#### U/18A

##### Grand Final

Sandringham (23) 53 d Bulleen (22) 46

Scorers: N. Marrinelli 17, C. Weir 13, D. Stroud 7, J. Halkias 7, M. Burke 7, M. Sawyer 2

Great win. Two overtimes. Up against one of the top teams in the State. David Graham (future NBL) played for Bulleen. Last overtime only three players left on court for Bulleen. We lost John Halkias with 5 fouls. Halkias and Stroud guest players from Collingwood.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Michael Burke, Craig Weir, Nevio Marinelli, Michael Sawyer, Paul Eadie, John Halkias, Darren Stroud.

### Swan Hill - Boys

#### U/18

##### Premiers

Coach Terry Walsh: Players Paul Eadie, Adam Russell, Andrew Stavropoulos, Steven Lunardon, Michael Sawyer, Danny Maher.

## Award Winners

### Tournaments (Coburg)

#### Girls U/14B

MVP Grand Final: Tracy Aitken

#### Girls U/18

Best Trier Grand Final: Tracey Stevens

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Ross Graham  
**Treasurer:** Michael Phillips

**Secretary:** J. Howe

SANDY U/18 - MENS "A" GRADE COMPETITION	
<p>28-4-81</p> <p>BEAUMARIS (16) 20 d SANDY (4) 19</p> <p>IF A. STAVROPOULOS 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4F P. EADIE 6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>- D. HARPER 4 -</p> <p>IF A. RUSSELL 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3F D. MAHER - -</p> <p>- B. O'SHANNESLY - -</p> <p>IF F. RUSSO - -</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROW 1/8 = 13%</p>	<p>5-5-81</p> <p>SANDY (11) 31 d CHELTENHAM (7) 19</p> <p>3F J. HALKIAS 13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>IF P. EADIE 6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2F D. MAHER 4 -</p> <p>IF A. STAVROPOULOS 4 -</p> <p>IF A. RUSSELL 2 -</p> <p>IF D. LARKINS 2</p> <p>4F F. RUSSO - -</p> <p>2F D. HARPER - -</p> <p>IF B. O'SHANNESLY - -</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROW 5/10 = 50%</p>
<p>12-5-81</p> <p>SANDY U/20 (30) 54 d SANDY (16) 41</p> <p>P. EADIE 15</p> <p>F. RUSSO 10</p> <p>A. RUSSELL 10</p> <p>A. STAVROPOULOS 4</p> <p>D. HARPER 2</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROW</p>	<p>19-5-81</p> <p>SANDY (16) 38 d BLACKBOK (11) 19</p> <p>2F S. LUNARDON 9 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3F J. HALKIAS 12 -</p> <p>- P. EADIE 8 -</p> <p>IF F. RUSSO 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2F A. RUSSELL 2 -</p> <p>2F D. HARPER 2 -</p> <p>- A. STAVROPOULOS 2 -</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROWS 6/10 = 60%</p>
<p>26-5-81</p> <p>SANDY (10) 25 d BREW HAMPTON (15) 25</p> <p>3F P. EADIE 10 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3F S. LUNARDON 8 -</p> <p>IF J. HALKIAS 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>IF D. LARKINS 2 -</p> <p>- B. O'SHANNESLY - -</p> <p>IF A. STAVROPOULOS - -</p> <p>IF F. RUSSO - -</p> <p>- A. RUSSELL - -</p> <p>4F D. HARPER - -</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROWS 5/8 = 63%</p>	<p>2-6-81</p> <p>BEAUMARIS (13) 27 d SANDY (2) 26</p> <p>4F D. MAHER 8 -</p> <p>IF 4F P. EADIE 7 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2F J. HALKIAS 7 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>- A. RUSSELL 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3F D. HARPER 2 -</p> <p>- A. STAVROPOULOS - -</p> <p>IF D. LARKINS - -</p> <p>TEAM FREE THROWS 8/12 = 75%</p>

U/18A Sabres boys' team stats:  
 Domestic Men A Grade  
 Competition, 1981



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### Harlem Globetrotter

Joe Cunningham gives a talk and demonstration to players at the Lifestyle basketball court.

### Awards

#### Mike the Magician

This week's award goes to Mike Phillips for outstanding anticipation in his refereeing decisions. His calls are made even before the players have had time to think about making the mistakes. Isn't that right Bubbles!

#### Unbelievable

Strop is in this week's award. He was really looking forward to going to the disco downstairs after his game at Chelsea. But alas, his ankle let him down. Solution: He sat on the court and wailed at the top of his voice. Finale: After this agonising performance, because of his 'broken ankle', he stood up and walked calmly back to the players bench. Unbelievable.

#### Another Handful

Mark Mitchell - bouncing the medicine ball on a lay up.

Chris Bennett - for his Sunday training programme for U/18A.

U/12 Girls - failing to notify Terry they couldn't play.

This week's award goes to Chris 'Spick' Bennett for canceling training on Sunday because the U/18A's lost to a mediocre opposition below them on the ladder. Chris was unimpressed by the Friday performance. The boys were unimpressed with Spick's Sunday effort.

#### John Wilcox

Out Collingwood way a young chap played exceptionally good game, shooting 16 points with very limited opportunities and rebounding almost everything that came his way. Well done, John.

#### Bridget Stewart

Bridget for her consistent and hard trying effort. She never gave up and always plays well.

#### PC

There was a special award for the Sale Tournament. This being the P.C. Award. It went to Michael Stepien for his amazing performances, actions and comments on and off the court. Especially late at night in his tent.

### Performance of the Week

This award goes to a bloke who refereed 4 nights in a row, Michael Phillips.

### Individual & Team Goal Performance

U/18A boy's coach Chris Bennett designed an incentive scheme to improve individual players and team performances. The players and team's averages of the previous season were used as goals for the next season.

In brackets are the points awarded for achieving each goal. Notice the emphasis on defence. Players could pick up bonus points by drawing charging fouls.

#### Individual Goals

*Points* (1)

*Free Throws* (1)

*Total Fouls* (1)

*Draw Charging Fouls* (1 each)

*75% Free Throw Shooting* (2)

#### Team Goals

*Free Throws - 70%* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Team to Score* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Limit Opponents score to* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Limit opponents top scorer to* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Draw Charging Fouls* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Team Fouls below* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Score First at start of game* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Score first in second half* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Win by* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Score* (1) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Players Goals

*Steven Lunardon: 15 points - 63% free throw shooting*

*Paul Eadie: 12 points - 66% - 4 fouls*

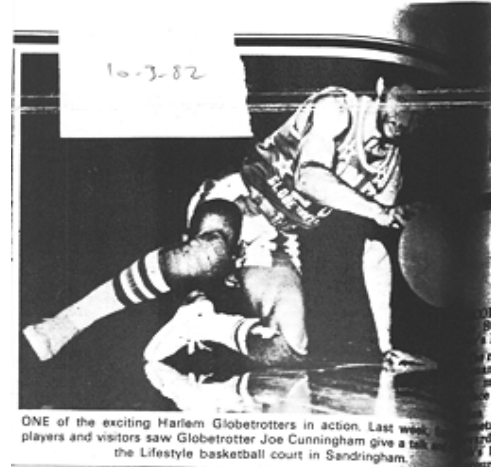
*Adam Russell: 4 points - 50% - 3 fouls*

*Danny Maher: 6 points - 50% - 3 fouls*

*Andrew Stavropoulos: 8 points - 50% - 4 fouls*

*Barry Andrews: 2 points - 60% - 3 fouls*

*David Harper: 2 points - 50% - 2 fouls*



ONE of the exciting Harlem Globetrotters in action. Last week, players and visitors saw Globetrotter Joe Cunningham give a talk at the Lifestyle basketball court in Sandringham.

**Scrapbook snippet:**  
**Harlem Globetrotter visits**  
**Sandringham.**  
 Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser,  
 10 March 1982.

## Games

### Sabres - Boys

#### Winter Season

##### U/18A

Sandy (34) 75 d Dandenong (23) 47

*Scorers: Andrew Stavropoulos 26, Steven Lunardon 19, Paul Eadie 8, Adam Russell 7, Brad Andrews 7, David Harper 6, P. Giuliano 2*

Melbourne (27) 57 d Sandy (13) 35

*Scorers: Steven Lunardon 13, Andrew Stavropoulos 12, Paul Eadie 5, Adam Russell 2, Danny Maher 2, Brad Andrews 1*

10 wins 8 losses.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Steven Lunardon, Andrew Stavropoulos, Paul Eadie, Adam Russell, Danny Maher, David Harper, P. Giuliano (played three games), Brad Andrews.

### Sabres - Men

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Winter Season

##### Premiers

Won third division by 28 points and won challenge matches by 12 points. Now in 2nd division.

Coach Terry Walsh: Assistant Coach Ross Graham; Players Dean Howe, Paul Eadie, Paul Cervi, R. Giddings, M. Harveson, Steven Lunardon, Michael Burke, Harold Flint.

## Tournaments

#### Eltham - Boys U/18

##### Grand Final

Swan Hill d Sandringham

Wayne Larkins of Swan Hill (Future NBL player) unstoppable. .

#### Australian Classic - Boys U/18A

9<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams

4 wins 3 losses.

**Sale - Women's B Grade****Grand Finalist**

Heyfield (14) 30 d Sandringham (14) 26

Scorers: L. Graham 8, T. Stephens 8, T. Aitken 6, C. Aitken 4

**Sale - Men's B Grade****Grand Final**

Sandringham (15) 46 d Ashwood (9) 13

Scorers: Paul Cervi 10, A. Anderson 8, J. Arnephy 6, P. Eadie 6, S. Lunardon 6, M. Sawyer 6, A. Stavropoulos 4

Coach Ross Graham: Players Andrew Stavropoulos, A. Anderson, Steven Lunardon, John Arnephy, Michael Sawyer, Paul Eadie, Paul Cervi, Terry Walsh.

**Officials****Executive Committee**

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**Vice President:** Mark Mitchell

**Secretary:** Alan Foster  
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**Treasurer:** Michael Phillips

**Sub Committees****Social**

*Michael Stepien, Helen Maulday, Sandra Smyth, Cecelia Kennedy*

**Senior Grading**

*Mark Mitchell, John Sammons, Ross Graham, Jill Whyte*

**Junior Grading**

*Terry Walsh, Jill Whyte, Frank Russo, Fran O'Connor, Kathy Oliver*

**Referees**

President *Michael Phillips*, Advisor *Paul Larkins*, Co-ordinator *Paul Hamill*, Secretary *John Thompson*

**Delegates to VBA**

Committee *John Howe*, Championships *Ross Graham*, Referees *Paul Larkins*, Women *Fran O'Connor*, Junior Championships *Terry Walsh*

**Grade Secretaries**

*A. Russell, P. Eadie, M. Phillips, F. Russo, J. Sammons, J. Whyte, C. Kennedy, B. Krieger*

## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Cheltenham Panthers

Started out as Beaumaris in the 1983 summer season and finished runners up in the U/12 boy's competition. The original team members included Camden and Leon Butcher, Andrew Montgomery, Leon McGraw, Cameron Hillyer and Simon Fairbanks.

Some new players were added to make up the 1983 winter U/11 team, now known as Cheltenham Heights and in 1984 a second team was formed when the boys split into top and bottom aged groups. The club changed its name to Cheltenham Panthers in 1986 and a third team was added in 1987 to have teams playing in the U/13, U/15 and U/17 competitions.

*By Bruce Mitchell*

#### Sports Stadium Proposal

Minutes 8-9-83 - Moorabbin - Bay Road (Gas Works) Sports Stadium proposal was reported by Ross Graham as again being studied by Moorabbin Council although nothing has been accomplished during the previous 12 months.

### Individual Achievements

**Steven Lunardon** wins Australian Institute Scholarship and also represented Victoria which won the Australian title.

### Numbers

**180** plus attend the July Annual Junior Clinic.

**Sandringham Leisure Centre: Coach Ross Graham and 10 year old Shandelle Ross during a basketball clinic.**  
Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser,  
3 September 1983. (Picture: Gina Coote)



KIDS of all ages were "dribbling" at a basketball clinic at the Sandringham Leisure Centre. One of the coaches, Ross Graham, took "time out" to give 10-year-old Shandelle Ross some tips at the clinic organised by the Sandringham Basketball Association.

## Games

### *Tournaments*

#### Ballarat – Boys

##### *U/18*

###### **Premiers**

Coach Paul Lafontaine: Players Capt. John Harper, D. Harper, S. Lunardon, D. Larkins, A. Foster, G. Morely, A. Egan.

#### Ballarat - Boys

##### *U/20*

###### **Grand Final**

Sandringham d Broadmeadows

Coach Ross Graham: Players Capt. Michael Burke, Andrew Stavropoulos, Adam Russell, Danny Maher, Brad Andrew, Paul Eadie.

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Kathy Oliver, Terry Walsh





## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Moorabbin Gas Works Stadium Proposal**

Shelved by State Government and Moorabbin council.

### **Headliners**

#### *Howe?*

Goes to the Howe five who have won the raffle for the past 3 weeks. Come on! Give us a break.

#### *Tongue Twister*

Goes to Barry Andrews this week for a classic statement at the VFA final. Barry's rapier tongue and knife like wit came up with this pearler of a quote, 'you know why you are so clean Russell, because the bloke on you is giving you a birthday.' Barry meant to say 'bath.'

#### *Zipper*

Goes to Brian Lewin. Brian was so keen to play that he forgot how to dress properly. Ran out onto the court with his shorts on backwards - zipper goes to the front Brian.'

#### *DRC?*

Does anyone know where the Doncaster Recreation Centre is?

#### *Friday the 13th*

The U/17A girls knew they had forgotten something on Friday night. They had the singlets, and a ball, but where was the coach? Adam was back at Lifestyle waiting for a lift. Well, lady luck smiled on Adam because the girl's car broke down on the way. It wasn't Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was it?

#### *Flower Power*

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**Mac Attacks?**

Goes to the McDonalds wrestling team. Stop provoking those nice clean cut boys eating at McDonalds ???

**Quote of the Week**

Paul (Jimmy) Eadie had finally found a bird to fall in love with. On the way back from Albury, Paul spotted a 'female rooster.' You're a credit to all the bird watchers at the club.

**Spectacle of the Week**

Once again it comes from Albury, where in the major street lies the Albury Homing Pigeon Club, right behind that is the Albury Rifle Range.

**The Girls**

Goes to the three junior girls teams for showing up the boys lack of endeavour. Come on men, play as good as you tell us you can !!!!!

**Mr X**

The winner of this coveted award goes to a real 'handsome old devil', Mr. X. He wore a jacket made out of old jeans, on Saturday night to the first division finals. It seems that X went all the way to Italy to pick up his jacket. I would have gladly let X cut up a pair of my jeans for half the price of a trip to Italy.

X was so impressed by the jacket, he had a big chip on one shoulder, a dale on the other and a big donald duck right in the centre of his back. For a few dollars extra I would have cut up my Walt Disney beach towel as well.

**A Day Away At The Veneto Club**

Look out Mc Enroe! The world beating tennis skills of big Choc, Baz Cervi, may soon be unleashed onto the world circuit. Word has it that Basil was impassable at the net on Sunday.



**Veneto Club Day: Sabres women's team in action.**



**Veneto Club Day: The Boys**

**Aunty's Excuse**

Well chickens, some of those evil men who attended Mr. Craig's party must have spiked my coca-cola. As you all know, Aunty is a non-drinker, and the effect was terrible. But true to form I still turned up to training as Paul Meehan will verify. The only thing I can say now is that I now understand the quote 'the worst thing in life is to get drunk with some one with a memory.'

**Word of the Week**

Tequila - a very harmful substance, which should not be taken orally.

**Foot In Mouth Disease**

Referee Paul Hamill, called a charge on one of the players in D grade competition, to which the player disagreed violently with the excuse, 'but he was standing there.'

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**Disco**

Thanks to all the generous fantastic dancers who turned up to a most enjoyable club function. To all those people who were absent don't bother talking to Barry or Spindles. You have a chance to redeem yourself in December.

**Fancy Dress**

Are there any 'closet lone rangers' at the club? Has any one really wanted to get dressed up as Princess Di? I know Barry has. And just like Barry I can recommend you to an excellent psychiatrist.

But if you can't afford a shrink, why not just spend a meager \$12 and live out your wildest fantasies legally with delightful, although slightly weird company. All for the price of a ticket to see Boy George in Kev Morrissey. Revving Kevin has probably got a better voice as anyone who went to Ballarat can vouch for.

**Hard Work**

There have been a spate of bad losses in the club. Games that should not be lost. Every game is important for the club. More concentration and dedication needed. Your club is working hard for you. So return the hard work.

**Stand Up and Be Counted**

Our U/17A grade girls' team performances this year have been excellent. With only five players they have competed against the best teams in Victoria often finishing the game with just 4 players.

**Skill Badges**

Congratulations to Jackie Bissett and Kate McInnes on completion of their D grade badge. And there is no truth in the rumour that the reason that no U/13 girl has got a badge is because neither of their coaches knows what skill is.

**Shootathon**

The U/13 girls did their Auntie Spindles proud last Saturday with the 100% success rate in the shot-a-thon. Obviously the most successful was a Miss Craig Leith who shot with the elegance and grace befitting one of Auntie Spindles young ladies. Rumour has it that Lisa just wanted the world record for the most number of shots in 10 minutes when she finished with 3 seconds to go. Come on Lisa, that's 3 more seconds you could have used.

**Thanks**

As coaches of the U/13 girls, Paul and I would like to thank the girls who have turned up week after week without getting a game. This is the type of dedication that will keep the club growing.

**St Finbar's Scalpers**

The Club started in 1984/85 with a group of parents from the parish school keen to support their children playing basketball. One of the fathers coached the only team at that time in the under 12 division.

**Ormond Bandits**

Ormond Bandits started as a Friday evening boys youth club in 1984 at St Kevin's Primary School hall, Glen Orme Ave Ormond. The main emphasis was on basketball but also included table tennis and snooker.

The name 'Bandits' came about after some consideration and was as a result of one of our original young members pet dog named 'Bandit'.

Bandit was a constant companion and on our Friday nights in the school hall waited faithfully for his young master in the hall foyer.

In 1986 the youth club entered its first boys sides in the Sandringham Basketball Association competition, and was followed in 1989 with number of girls sides, which were organised by Di Mason.

## *First Time*

**St Finbars Scalpers:** Club starts up.  
**Ormond Bandits:** Club starts up.

## *Individual Achievements*

**John Howe** completes six years service on the executive committee (Secretary: 1978-1982, Assistant Secretary: 1982-1984).

**Julie Quinn** awarded B grade skills badge.

**Denise Hills, Angela Heagarty, Caylene Carmody, Cathy Maulday, Theresa Ryan, Jackie Bissett, Kate McInnes** awarded D grade skills badge.

## Games

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12*

Black Rock All Stars 21 d St Catherines 5
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##### *U/14A*

Mentone Flyers 51 d Firecolts 27
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##### *U/14B*

Cheltenham 20 d Sandy East 19
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##### *U/16*

Beaumaris 29 d Koolcats 12
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### *Domestic - Boys*

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12A*

Hampton 25 d Sacred Heart 21
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**U/12B**

Bentleigh 15 d St Catherines 11

**U/14**

Hampton 43 d Mordialloc 22

**U/16A**

Sandy East 30 d Hampton 26

**U/16B**

Cheltenham 35 d Beaurock Battlers 23

**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Winter Season****District**

Hampton (18) 46 d Beaumaris (11) 29

**A Grade**

Mariners (12) 35 d Sharkettes (15) 28

**B Grade**

Southside 28 d Reds (8) 22

**C Grade**

Kinky Pinks (21) 33 d Eagles (15) 30

**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Winter Season****District**

Moorabbin (35) 63 d Mentone (24) 54

**A Grade**

Marauders (24) 59 d Rebels (18) 47

**Faces of the 80s ...**



**B1 Grade**

Old Mentonians (13) 39 d Trumps (22) 38
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**B2 Grade**

Raiders (16) 36 d Highett (10) 24
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**C1 Grade**

G.B.U. (14) 28 d Mecx (6) 27
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**C2 Grade**

Bentlys (13) 21 d Hampton Crabs (6) 18
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**Sabres - Girls****Winter Season****U/18A**

Nunawading (38) 69 d Sandringham (2) 9
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*Scorers: S. Cervi 2, C. Aitken 2, J. Williams 2, N. McGaw 2, K. Underwood 1*

Guards brought ball up court well. Forwards lack strength in rebounding. Have to learn how to block out. Some players take things too easy e.g. Doing easy lay ups and missing. No rebounds. No blocking out. No talk on court. Let the opposing players through the key too easy. Offense did not exist. Too slow in passing. No strong cuts through the key.

Sunbury d Sandringham
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*Scorers: D. Mitchell 7, S. Cervi 7, J. Quinn 6, C. Aitken 3, N. McGaw 3*

*Coach Louise Graham: Players Sandra Cervi, C. Aitken, Julie Quinn, K. Underwood, J. Williams, Donna Michell, Narelle McGaw.*

**Summer Season****U/13AR**

Montmorency (15) 28 d Sandringham (12) 20
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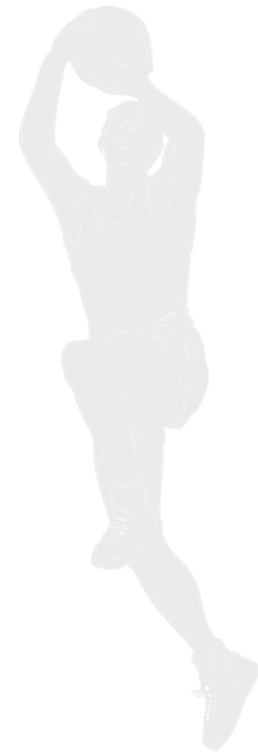
*Scorers: L. Grattidge 6, T. Quinn 4, K. Fischer 4, S. Hegarty 4, N. Bolzon 2*

Beaten by a team. There is a lesson to be learned.

Sandringham (11) 23 d Knox (7) 17
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*Scorers: N. Bolzon 12, K. Fischer 3, S. Hegarty 2, R. Laing 2, L. Grattidge 4*

Forming a good combination.



## Sandringham d Lower Templesrtowe

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 16, K. Fischer 11, S. Hegarty 9, L. Grattidge 6, T. Quinn 4, R. Laing 4, S. Gattuso 2*

Improvers of the week. When the coach has nothing to say you know the team is playing well.

## Frankston (14) 36 d Sandringham (12) 23

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 8, K. Fischer 6, S. Hegarty 2, R. Laing 2, L. Grattidge 2, T. Quinn 1*

Fighting effort, but next time try and be healthy.

## Sandringham (18) 40 d Diamond Valley (6) 9

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 16, K. Fischer 8, S. Hegarty 2, R. Laing 2, L. Grattidge 2, S. Gattuso 2*

With a little bit more control and a little less excitability we could have scored 60.

## Sandringham (10) 21 d Mt. Eliza (2) 7

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 4, K. Fischer 3, S. Hegarty 6, L. Grattidge 2, T. Quinn 4, S. Gattuso 2*

Disappointing form but that makes it 3 in a row. Keep it up.

## Sandringham (10) 22 d Melbourne (6) 15

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 2, K. Fischer 10, L. Grattidge 2, T. Quinn 2, R. Laing 2, S. Gattuso 2, K. Dennis 2*

A win but that is just about all. Try to recover the form of week's past.

## Sandringham (9) 13 d Eltham (2) 11

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 3, K. Fischer 6, R. Laing 3, S. Gattuso 1*

Almost threw it away. Even the players involved in the game thought this was a pretty terrible effort.

## Dandenong (17) 32 d Sandringham (10) 22

*Scorers: K. Fischer 13, S. Hegarty 4, L. Grattidge 4, T. Quinn 1*

Full marks for determination. No score for concentration!!

## Sandrinham (14) 27 d Montmorency (11) 25

*Scorers: N. Bolzon 2, K. Fischer 17, S. Hegarty 2, L. Grattidge 4, T. Quinn 2*

Great win. Good defensive performance from Lisa.

**U/15AR**

## Dandenong d Sandringham

Good effort against a far stronger team.

## Sandringham (22) 33 d Kilsyth (7) 13

*Scorers: C. Carmody 17, K. McInnes 8, J. Bissett 4, C. Maulday 2, M. Williams 2*

A great team effort with particularly good games from Kate and Caylene.

Broadmeadows (16) 39 d Sandringham (10) 26

*Scorers: C. Carmody 10, N. Williams 6, C. Maulday 4, C. Goodwin 2, A. Hegarty 2, K. McInnes 2*

Poor effort!! It isn't who scores the points that's important. It's the team effort that counts.

Sandringham (6) 16 d Coburg (16) 24

*Scorers: C. Carmody 10, C. Maulday 4*

Good fight back to score the last 8 points against a very strong opposition.

Sandringham (7) 23 d Mt. Eliza (10) 20

*Scorers: C. Carmody 8, C. Maulday 7, A. Hegarty 6, N. Williams 2*

This win came from a fine team effort. The first of many to come.

Melbourne (12) 32 d Sandringham (7) 17

*Scorers: C. Maulday 8, A. Hegarty 2, J. Bissett 1, K. McInnes 2, S. Hegarty 4*

The way you fought out the game was excellent. Skills still need improvement. Thanks to Steph Hegarty for making up the numbers.

#### U/17A

Sandringham (16) 40 d Box Hill (15) 39

*Scorers: N. McGraw 12, D. Mitchell 10, J. Williams 9, A. Collins 4, J. Quinn 3, C. Carmody 2*

Passing poor, players standing still and not moving towards the ball, shooting fair, rebounding very good, dribbling fair. Man to man defence effective, zone slack, weakside loose. In offence blue worked well, orange ineffective and zone good.

Dandenong 51 d Sandringham (6) 25

Good effort in the second half considering we only had 5 players.

Sandringham (17) 36 d Werribee (12) 32

*Scorers: D. Mitchell 20, N. McGraw 8, A. Collins 6*

This team should be compulsory viewing for all other teams because of their determination and will to win. Even Chris Bennett was satisfied.

Coburg (14) 35 d Sandringham (10) 21

*Scorers: D. Mitchell 9, N. McGraw 4, J. Williams 4, C. Zigouras 4*

Another top performance from these girls.

#### Faces of the 80s ...



Sandringham (17) 41 d CYMS (10) 25

Scorers: D. Mitchell 15, J. Williams 13, A. Collins 6, C. Zigouras 5, C. Pickles 2

8 minutes to go, 4 players left, we win by 16 points. What more can you say?

Box Hill (10) 24 d Sandringham (10) 22

Scorers: D. Mitchell 11, N. McGraw 4, J. Williams 2, C. Zigouras 5

Another outstanding effort. Beaten by a fluke.

Knox (20) 42 d Sandringham (4) 26

Scorers: N. McGraw 9, A. Collins 2, D. Mitchell 7, C. Zigouras 5, J. Williams 3

Last time they played Knox, Sandy lost by 30 points. This team continues to amaze everyone at the club with their rapid improvement.

Sandringham (13) 35 d Werribee (12) 26

Scorers: D. Mitchell 13, C. Zigouras 5, T. Aitken 6, A. Collins 4, N. McGraw 4, J. Williams 3

Excellent win from this fast improving side.

Box Hill (16) 36 d Sandringham (20) 34

Scorers: T. Aitken 14, N. McGraw 8, J. Williams 10, C. Zigouras 2

Led all game but lost concentration at the end. Don't do this again.

Coach Chris Bennett: Players Narelle McGraw, Donna Mitchell, J. Williams, A. Collins, J. Quinn, C. Carmody, T. Aitken, C. Zigouras, C. Pickles.

## Sabres - Boys

### Winter Season

#### U/14 Metro

##### Premiers

#### U/20A

##### Semi Final

Melbourne d Sandringham  
Great effort. Melbourne had  
Andrew Gaze, Ray Gordon and  
Dimattina playing.

SANDRINGHAM

DATE 30.3.84 TEAM SANDRINGHAM VRS MELBOURNE  
2 (a) 38 (6a)

COMPETITION U18 A Girls

#	F/T	PLAYER	PTS
2	—	S. Ceryn	2
4	—	C. Aitken	2
5	—	J. Quinn	—
2	1 out 2	K. Underwood	1
1	—	J. Williams	2
4	—	D. Mitchell	—
4	—	N. McGraw	2
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REPORT

1. SKILLS: Guards brought ball up court well. Forwards lack strength in rebounding. Have to learn to block out. Some players take things too easy e.g. doing easy layups missing.

2. DEFENSE: ~~not~~ No rebounds. No blocking out. No talk on court. Let ~~the~~ opposing player through key too easy.

3. OFFENSE: Did not exist. Too slow in passing. No strong cuts through key again no rebounding. ~~the~~

COACH L. GRAHAM

U/18A Sabres Girls' Game Report, 1984

## Summer Season

### U/13B1

Sandringham (26) 55 d CAS (8) 14

*Scorers: C. Hillyer 17, A. Shaw 17, M.D. Hudson 12, M. Monahan 3, D. Wilson 2, L. Margheriti 2, D. (Alfie) Rocks 2*

Started to form as a team. Keep it up.

Sandringham (29) 52 d Chelsea (21) 34

*Scorers: A. Shaw 23, M. Monahan 6, D. Wilson 6, Joe 5, C. Hillyer 4, D. Hudson 4, D. Rocks 2, D. Tahan 2*

Good win from behind.

Melbourne (12) 39 d Sandringham (0) 4

*Scorers: M. Monahan 2, B. Lewin 2*

Improvement needed!!!!!!!

Frankston (26) 39 d Sandringham (14) 24

*Scorers: D. Hudson 10, D. Tahan 4, B. Lewin 6, M. Monahan 2, D. Wilson 2*

Excellent defence. Aggression and confidence needed on offence.

Broadmeadows (21) 50 d Sandringham (14) 27

*Scorers: J. Margheriti 2, D. Wilson 2, C. Hillyer 12, D. Tahan 2, D. Hudson 9*

Improvement necessary !!!!!!!

Sandringham (15) 36 d Werribee (1) 4

*Scorers: C. Hillyer 4, M. Monahan 2, A. Shaw 7, D. Wilson 3, J. Margheriti 6, D. Hudson 10, B. Lewin 4*

Who let the other team score 4 points !!!

Sandringham (18) 35 d Chelsea (15) 27

*Scorers: C. Hillyer 16, J. Margheriti 6, A. Shaw 5, D. Hudson 2, B. Lewin 4*

Top defensive effort.

Frankston d Sandringham

No results received. Coach too disappointed in team's performance.

Sandringham d Melbourne

A good win under the circumstances.

Sandringham (24) 63 d Werribee (19) 39

*Scorers: C. Hillyer 12, M. Monahan 4, A. Shaw 14, D. Wilson 8, J. Margheriti 8, D. Hudson 11, B. Lewin 2, D. Tahan 4*

Good game offensively but what happened to the defence. Must use the same effort at both ends of the court.

**U/15B1**

Sandringham (9) 32 d Frankston (9) 25

*Scorers: R. Lunardon 14, D. Collins 10, Aitken 5, S. Fischer 2, Henson 1*

Better second half.

Frankston (7) 45 d Sandringham (17) 29

*Scorers: R. Aitken 3, R. Morris 5, S. Fischer 10, C. Semken 5, D. Moloney 2, P. Morrissey 2, B. Tomlinson 2*

The ultimate fade out.

Sandringham (12) 29 d Melbourne (12) 25

*Scorers: L. Pelling 14, Casanova Hamill 8, C. Semken 4, G. Dalton 2, M. Brown 1*

Good win.

Werribee (33) 49 d Sandringham (10) 25

*Scorers: A. Hamil 5, M. Brown 2, M. Henson 3, C. Morley 10, T. Fischer 2, R. Morris 3*

Good effort in the second half. Just try to play consistently for 40 minutes.

St. Kilda PCYC (20) 48 d Sandringham (16) 32

*Scorers: Holloway 12, Henson 6, Morris 4, Fischer 4, Dalton 2, Hamill 4*

Reasonable effort against strong opposition.

Yarraville (20) 39 d Sandringham (8) 23

*Scorers: G. Holloway 9, C. Morley 6, A. Hamill 4, M. Henson 4*

Not good enough !!!!

Melbourne (19) 39 d Sandringham (9) 14

*Scorers: Casanova Hamill 8, G. Holloway 5, T. Fischer 1*

No complaints about the effort put in

CAS (13) 29 d Sandringham (12) 20

*Scorers: A. Hamill 7, C. Morley 7, M. Brown 2, R. Home 2, G. Holloway 2*

Stop fighting and start playing.

Geelong (22) 43 d Sandringham (25) 40

*Scorers: R. Lunardon 13, R. Aitken 19, S. Fischer 4, C. Semken 1, B. Tomlinson 1*

Keep trying and success will follow shortly.

**U/15B2**

Clifton Hill (18) 43 d Sandringham (2) 25

*Scorers: M. Brown 4, G. Holloway 11, C. Murphis 4, T. Morrissey 2, R. Morris 4*

Excellent effort to persist when a lot of teams would have given up.



Mornington (28) 59 d Sandringham (20) 34

*Scorers: G. Holloway 10, R. Morris 8, R. Home 6, C. Morley 2, T. Morrissey 4, T. Fischer 4*

Slightly undermanned but still have to work harder at games and at training!

### U/17B

CAS (18) 36 d Sandringham (13) 27

*Scorers: A. Foster 12, P. O'Brien 4, C. Smith 3, Lewin 4, S. Collins 2, G. Harrison 2*

Have to win these games to get to A grade.

Sandringham (31) 74 d Coburg (12) 29

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 25, A. Foster 20, N. Cohen 14, S. Lewin 11, S. Collins 4*

Dominant Sabres.

Yarraville (9) 36 d Sandringham (14) 29

*Scorers: A. Foster 13, P. O'Brien 6, C. Edwards 3, S. Lewin 3, C. Smith 2, H. Peachy 2*

We are still confident that you are good enough for A grade if you work as a team.

Sandringham (13) 34 d Frankston (11) 21

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 11, A. Foster 4, N. Cohen 4, S. Collins 4, H. Peachy 4, C. Edwards 4, Jox 3*

Back on the winning list. Now stay there.

Werribee (17) 38 d Sandringham (14) 27

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 9, A. Foster 3, S. Collins 2, C Edwards 4, J. Sammons 1, H. Peachy 2, C. Simmonson 2*

Werribee used to be the chopping block for the rest of the competition a few years back. Now it looks like Sandy are. Pull yourselves out of it.

Sandringham (42) 82 d CYMS (17) 27

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 20, A. Foster 14, C. Edwards 18, S. Lewin 8, S. Collins 4, S. Simmondson 2, J. Sammons 6, H. Peachey 4, G. Harrison 2*

Excellent.

Sandringham (25) 46 d Yarraville (12) 29

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 10, A. Foster 9, N. Cohen 2, S. Lewin 4, S. Collins 5, C. Edwards 8, C. Simondson 2, J. Sammons jnr 2, G. Harrison 4*

Ran them ragged.

Sandringham (25) 51 d Frankston (18) 37

*Scorers: P. O'Brien 23, A. Foster 8, S. Lewin 4, C. Edwards 7, H. Peachy 2, Harro 2, Someone else 3*

Had to put up with shocking refs, court and Barry. Still won well.

Chelsea (15) 33 d Sandringham (14) 29

*Scorers: A. Foster 14, S. Lewin 7, P. O'Brien 4, I. Harrison 2, C. Edwards 2*

Start playing as a team and not individuals!!! Start scrapping for the ball. Pretty teams don't make A Grade.



## U/19A

Sandringham (32) 76 d Werribee (17) 41

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 25, Hitman 15, Doc 17, C. Walker 9, Ding 6, Crackles 4*

Grind your opposition.

Sandringham (43) 99 d Doncaster (20) 32

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 26, Hitman 24, Crackles 18, Ding 11, A. Donovan 8, S. Greenway 6, C. Walker 6*

The scoring machine.

Sandringham (42) 78 d Preston (24) 44

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 23, Hitman 15, Doc 9, C. Walker 9, Crackles 8, Ding 6, Rob 4*

Keep winning. It's the simplest formula to success.

Sandringham (22) 50 d Coburg (21) 41

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 14, Hitman 12, Ding 4, Crackles 6, J. Greenaway 2, C. Walker 5, A. Donovan 7*

Unworthy of their third position on the ladder.

Melbourne (27) 65 d Sandringham (25) 55

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 26, Hitman 2, Crackles 2, Ding 3, A. Donovan 4, R. Crowther 7, C. Walker 9*

It's much easier beating the easy teams.

Sandringham d Nunawading

And crackles scored more than Lumpy!!

Sandringham (29) 59 d Werribee (17) 45

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 26, Ding 4, Doc 16, Wad 6, Cam 7*

Good all round game. Especially fast break.

Sandringham (32) 69 d Chelsea (30) 62

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 24, C. Walker 18, Ding 11, A. Donovan 8, R. Crowther 4, Hitman 2, Crackles 2*

Beat the enemy. Crackle didn't outscore Lumpy this time.

Sandringham (15) 45 d BoxHill (15) 41

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 25, Hitman 5, Ding 3, Doc 8, G. Tracey 4*

It's a forty minute game not just twenty.

## Faces of the 80s ...



## Sabres - Women

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Division August - November

St Kilda (23) 45 d Sandringham (16) 41

Top free throw shooting. Too many errors.

Sandringham won 2 lost 1

Some old man keeps forgetting to supply us with the results - must be going senile.

Sandringham (17) 35 d Dandenong (19) 33

*Scorers: T. Aitken 12, T. Stephens 8, L. Graham 6, N. McGaw 4, T. Ryan 5*

Fighting win. We even get the scores when Adam coaches.

Sandringham (17) 34 d St Kilda (9) 26

*Scorers: L. Graham 17, T. Stephens 7, D. Mitchell 2, T. Ryan 2, J. Quinn 2*

Won it through top defensive effort.

9 wins 13 losses.

## Sabres - Men

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Division August - November

Sandringham (33) 73 d Bulleen (26) 48

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 27, B. Maher 16, P. Meehan 8, P. Bannister 6, B. Andrew 6, Russell 4, A. Stavropoulos 2, T. Walsh 4*

Keep moving towards the finals.

Sandringham (36) 78 d Eltham (22) 38

*Scorers: B. Maher 18, S. Lunardon 18, P. Bannister 14, P. Cervi 8, A. Russell 6, T. Walsh 6, B. Andrew 4, P. Meehan 4*

Come home strong for the finals.

Sandringham (35) 78 d Diamond Valley (23) 52

*Scorers: B. Maher 26, S. Lunardon 25, P. Meehan 8, A. Russell 11, S. Rammon 4, D. Harper 4*

Scintillating performance from a weakened team.

Melbourne (41) 91 d Sandringham (22) 57

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 20, B. Maher 13, P. Bannister 10, A. Russell 2, D. Howe 8, B. Andrew 4, Strop 2*

Some players thought playing in the finals was worth working hard.

Sandringham finished an excellent season in 5<sup>th</sup> position, had it not been for an indifferent middle season we could have finished in the four. Congratulations to the whole side. It will be interesting to see whether the old men of the side, Walshy and Meehan, will be able to play next season.

Sandringham (56) 115 d Coburg

*Scorers: P. Bannister 36, D. Howe 24, B. Maher 20, Strop 15, B. Andrew 12, A. Russell 8*  
Oh Hum.

Sandringham (37) 81 d St Kilda (28) 56

*Scorers: D. Howe 27, P. Bannister 14, A. Russell 12, B. Andrew 10, B. Maher 10, A. Stavropoulos 8*

Hold the phone, give us a break, come on down! When is the opposition going to supply us with someone to defeat.

5 Wins 13 Losses. Competed against SEBL teams.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Sandringham bye

At least we won!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Division

Frankston (22) 40 d Sandringham (15) 36

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 11, S. Ramman 8, P. Cervi 7, P. Eadie 3, M. Burke 2, D. Larkins 2, Ding 2, P. Hamill 1*

Disgusting.

Sandringham (28) 54 d Kilsyth (25) 48

*Scorers: D. Howe 14, B. Andrew 10, P. Cervi 8, M. Burke 6, P. Eadie 6, Ding 4, A. Stavropoulos 2, P. Hamill 2, D. Larkins 2*

A good victory to knock off the top side.

Sandringham bye

Best victory of the season.

Sandringham (17) 46 d Monash (19) 35

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 12, P. Eadie 8, M. Burke 6, P. Cervi 12, A. Anderson 4*

Strong win. Secures a finals berth. Now lets win it!!!

Sandringham (20) 49 d Frankston (14) 42

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 13, P. Hamill 7, D. Howe 6, P. Cervi 5, Ding 8, D. Larkins 4, P. Eadie 3, B. Andrew 1, S. Ramman 2*

First round of state finals. A victory but improvement needed to bring home the bacon. Only our poor shooting let us down particularly free throws.

Kilsyth (28) 55 d Sandringham (15) 48

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 11, P. Eadie 5, M. Burke 2, P. Cervi 6, B. Andrew 2, D. Howe 9, D. Harper 2, D. Larkins 6, P. Hamill 5*

Hard to win when you can't shoot. But we came really close.

Sandringham (42) 70 d Chelsea (28) 58

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 8, P. Eadie 19, D. Howe 13, P. Cervi 12, D. Larkins 8, B. Andrew 4, Ding 4, A. Russell 2*

A fantastic victory. A real team performance. This week the big grand final and another State title.

University (36) 61 d Sandringham (22) 52

*Scorers: D. Howe 14, Old Man Meehan 13, P. Eadie 11, P. Cervi 8, D. Howe 6*

Not enough youth.

Yarraville (19) 39 d Sandringham (14) 35

*Scorers: P. Eadie 14, P. Cervi 6, M. Burke 2, Jacko 2, Strop 2, T. Walsh 2, P. Meehan 3*

### **Grand Final**

Kilsyth (21) 48 d Sandringham (11) 47

*Scorers: P. Eadie 18, P. Cervi 8, B. Andrew 6, D. Harper 4, A. Russell 2, P. Hamil 2, D. Howe 3, A. Stavropoulos 4*

Congratulations for giving it your best shot. Lack of experience under pressure lost us the game. Ended the season on top.

## Major Award Winners

### **Sabres**

#### **U/20A Boys**

Most Valuable Player: Adam Russell



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		<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michael Phillips

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*Kevin Morrissey, Ross Graham, John Sammons, Paul Meehan*

### Championship Women

*Geoff Elston, Joyce McGraw, Pat Collins, Louise Graham*

### Senior Domestic Grading

*John Sammons*

### Junior Domestic Grading

*Kathy Oliver*

### Referees

*Paul Hamill*

### Senior Grading

*Mark Mitchell, Frank Russo, John Sammons, Jill Whyte*

### Junior Grading

*Barry Andrew, Frank Russo, Margaret Ainley, Jill Whyte, John Sammons, Kathy Oliver, Geoff Elston*

### Senior Daytime

*Dianne Mason, Marg Quinn, Jenny Witney, Gaele Fischer*

### Social

*Dean Howe, Paul Eadie, Barry Andrew, Danny Maher, Michael Stepien*

### Referees Coach/Advisor

*Tony Drinan*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **The Latest**

##### *Victorian Police Taxi Service*

Excellent service. Available after any disco. Uniformed drivers, guarantee safe trip. Cheap fares.

##### *Skill Ball Game Coaches Vrs Players*

Predictably, the superbly athletic and excellently skilled coaches wiped the floor with the markedly inferior kids. For two quarters the coaches toyed with the wimps before accelerating away from the kids.

##### *Sale Tournament*

We went for 2 days and one lousy one. Pity the day we went lousy on was the semi final, all 3 teams lost their semi finals. Highlight of the trip was the B grade men's fight back from 15 points down to win in one of the preliminary games.

Low lights of the weekend; Spindles catching his caramel milkshake right on his new Roger Ramjet T shirt. The counter girl asked if he wanted a replacement so that he could have a second shot. Ross catching a pass and landing a foot out of bounds. (great leap, great catch, lousy vision, lousy positioning) overall a D effort.

##### *Quotes of the Year*

New second division coach Bob, gave the following pearls of wisdom; 'As useful as a hip pocket in a singlet' and 'we have been running this offence since Pontius was a pilot.'

##### *Dodgy Brakes*

During a competitive C grade match, one of the players travelled. Big Brett blew his whistle right on time and called a travel. At this personal insult, the player involved turned around to Brett and said, 'But I couldn't stop in time.'

##### *Definition of a Coach*

Some one who will telephone everyone to make sure they remember to bring their singlets, who'll drive half way across the state to get to the game, who'll cop heaps of abuse on the way home, stop off at McDonalds and have to sell his car to pay for the food, cop still more abuse on the way home from McDonalds, eventually get home at 1.30 in the morning, gets up at 6.30 to get to training and finds he's got no petrol.

##### *Quotes of the Year:*

***New second division coach Bob, gave the following pearls of wisdom; 'As useful as a hip pocket in a singlet' and 'we have been running this offence since Pontius was a pilot.'***

**Definition of a Player**

Someone who knows more than a coach, but is too poor to coach and doesn't own a car.

**Highlight of the Week**

The U/16 girls, after a mammoth fight back, found themselves 3 points down with 20 seconds to go. The scoreboard said that they were two points down. After much panic the ball was badly passed and it rolled towards the half way line. Ange Hegarty picked it up, bounced it and shot (did not chuck) a 30 foot swish 3 pointer to tie the game. Congrats to the whole team for their determined efforts.

**Driven Coach**

A certain Sabres under 14 coach, who also happens to coach at Mordialloc, who would like to remain nameless, got into his car and in a state of semi awakesness, instead of driving to work, drove to Mordialloc to take training. This shows the dedication of our coaches and it's sad to note no players were in attendance.

**Spindles Rotates**

The now famous sense of direction of Aunty Spindles struck again on Friday night. After coaching at Albert Park, he had to transport two of his girls to Templestowe. He proceeded down High Street and turned tight into Glenferrie Road, instead of left. He turned left onto Dandenong Road instead of right. After 25 minutes he was back at Albert Park.

**The Dart Man**

Kevin swung back into action on Saturday night at Luna Park, faced with a difficult task of making a mess of throwing a dart at an 8 foot by 5 foot board of balloons, Kev knew something special was needed to defeat Stropper. So he stepped up to the line and not only managed to completely miss the dart board but also almost hit the person who ran the stall.

**Coaches vs Players**

The first major event of 1985 was a coaches versus players match which was quite successful. Half way through the year another coaches versus players match was held, this time in conjunction with a pie night.

*By Michael Stepien*

**Rock n Roll**

In August the highlight of the year was the 50's Rock n Roll night, about 100 attended. Some people arrived in 50's dress, which helped to create a great atmosphere. The response from many people was that it was the best time they had in a long time.



## ***First Time***

**Incorporated** - Sandringham Basketball Club becomes incorporated in June.

## ***Numbers***

**500** plus junior players, **37** girls teams, **36** boys teams, dome:

## **Games**

### ***Domestic - Girls***

### ***Grand Finals***

#### **Summer Season 1984/85**

##### ***U/10 Mixed***

Bayside 26 d Sandy 23
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#### **Winter Season**

##### ***U/12***

Bayside 13 d Black Rock 7
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##### ***U/14B***

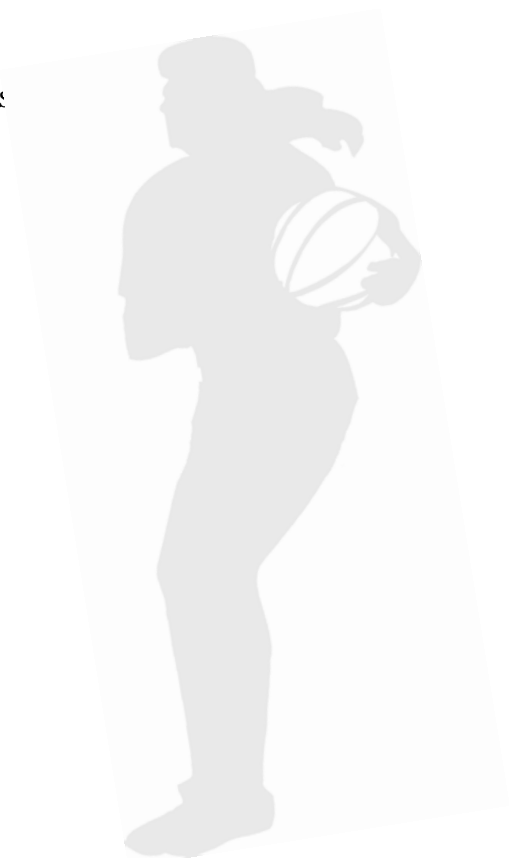
Beaumaris 24 d Sandy East 18
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##### ***U/14A***

Bentleigh 25 d Cheltenham 17
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##### ***U/16***

Sandy 33 d Black Rock 27
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## Domestic Boys

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### U/12

Hampton 30 d Cheltenham 29

#### U/14

Black Rock 65 d Bayside 20

#### U/16

Hampton 24 d Black Rock 17

#### U/18

Hampton 52 d Sandy East 29

## Domestic - Women

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### District

Sandringham (23) 36 d Moorabbin (14) 35

#### A Grade

Beaumaris (16) 31 d Southerners (12) 29

#### B Grade

Standard Newspapers (9) 28 d Sandringham (7) 23

#### C Grade

Black Panthers (10) 34 d Kinky Pinks (11) 32 in overtime

## Domestic - Men

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### A Grade

Trumps (26) 50 d Marauders (10) 29



★ STANDARD Newspapers women's basketball team has won the Sandringham Women's Basketball Association B grade grand final. The team defeated Sandringham 28-23, in a closely contested game, at Lifestyle in Tully St., Sandringham. For the team, the win was sweet revenge after it lost to Sandringham by one point in the first semi-final. Throughout the season, the team played at Beaumaris High School. The team thanks its coach Murray for his help throughout the season.

**Standard Newspapers defeats Sandringham in the B grade Grand Final.**

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 23 Oct. 1985

**B Grade**

Mentone (19) 47 d Hampton Eagles (20) 41

**B Reserve Grade**

Sad Sacks (14) 26 d Moorabbin Colts (8) 25

**C Grade**

Mecx (11) 25 d Pirahnas (11) 24

**C Reserve Grade**

Blues Band (20) 40 d Angles (10) 25

**Sabres - Girls****Winter Season****U/14B****Premiers**

Below, second last game of the season stats.

Sandringham (12) 26 d Preston (16) 25

*Scorers: J. Stephens 9, M. Ryan 3, A. Lancashire 6, R. Henderson 8*

A great last 3 minutes to pull the game out of the depths of defeat. This secures 2<sup>nd</sup> spot with only one game to go. Keep up the team effort.

**U/14AR**

5 wins 13 losses.

**U/16**

9 wins 13 losses.

**U/18**

5 wins 13 losses.

**Summer Season****U/11**

Sandringham (8) 16 d Bayside (2) 2

*Scorers: C. Bowditch 8, K. Aanensen 4, Tim Tam 4*

What happened coach, they scored!

**U13**

Sandringham (23) 61 d Kilsyth (4) 7

*Scorers: Megan 4, Moira 20, Natasha 2, Giggles 8, Janine 10, Bronte 6, Maria 8, Katrina 3*

After all the 'I know how to get there' we still managed to have 3 out 4 cars get lost along the way) Axe had the advantage of being lost 4 times before and knew where not to go).

**Sabres - Boys****May - August****U/11**

Sandringham (29) 50 d Keilor (0) 2

*Scorers: Sheeds 18, Glen 6, J. Agstino 4, Matty 14, Jules 14, C. Ennor 2, Ezza Boy 1*

Phew!! Lucky.

**U/14**

Sandringham won I think. But if they didn't they came second.

**U/16B1**

Sandringham (18) 44 d Yarraville (14) 41

*Scorers: M. O'Loughlin 12, G. Holloway 12, D. Maloney 10, M. Ready 6, B. Tomlinson 4, R. Graham 1 cigarette,*

Anyone who sees Ross smoking is permitted to tip a bucket of cold water on him to put him out.

Werribee (15) 40 d Sandringham (14) 30

*Scorers: M. Reidy 4, D. Moloney 4, G. Holloway 12, M. O'Loughlan 10*

Last time they played Werribee they lost by 30 points. Played extremely well to come so close to a better team. Congratulations on a fine season.

**U/16B2**

Ajax (23) 43 d Sandringham (20) 38

*Scorers: A. Hamill 13, S. Fischer 11, S. Hillen 6, C. Morfis 2, T. Morrissey 6*

A very young and very small team but they had big hearts and did extremely well to reach the finals.

**U/18B****Semi Final**

Werribbee d Sandringham

Team: P. O'Brien, N. Cohen, S. Lewin, C. Smith, C. Edwards, Sammo, Drew.

Disappointing finish to the season after showing that you could be no.1. Though congratulations for reaching the semi final.

**U/12 Metro****Premiers****U/14 Metro**

7 wins 13 losses.

**U/16B**

5 wins 13 losses.

**U/16 Metro**

4<sup>th</sup>

**U/18 Metro**

4<sup>th</sup>

**Sabres - Women**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Division May - August**

Knox (17) 36 d Sandringham (19) 30

Scorers: L. Graham 10, T. Ryan 9, J. Quinn 2, D. Mitchell 5, T. Aitken 4

Sandringham d Diamond Valley

Hoooooooooooooooooay!!!

Sandringham defeated

Louise, Shorty, Fran, JQ, Teesa had a bye.

Sandringham played someone and either won or lost. Jules, Tez, Donna, Shorty, Louise either scored or they didn't.

## Sabres - Men

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division May - August

Sandringham (25) 58 d CYMS (7) 27

*Scorers: Bites 13, Ding 17, Jacko 5, Strop 6, Cookin' 7, Axe 8, Adam 2*

Funnier than the skill ball game (but that's not difficult).

Sandringham (54) 98 d Chelsea (13) 33

*Scorers: Strop 13, Ding 16, Cookin' 10, Bites 16, Eades 6, Jacko 26, Crackle 2, Axe 9*

Opposition got what they deserved and 4 tech fouls.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Division

Sandringham 39 d Eltham 34

*Scorers: Mitch 10, Jnr 4, S. Lewin 2, Axe 8, M. Philips 3, Crackles 8, D. Maher 4*

A good win for the champions of champions.

Sandringham (15) 45 d Knox (12) 34

*Scorers: Jnr 6, Harvo 15, Sam 10, Axe 14*

We won at least. I don't believe it.

## Tournaments

### Ballarat - Girls

#### U/14B

##### **Premiers**

Coach Michael Stepien

#### U/16

##### **Semi Finalists**

### Ballarat - Boys

#### U/18

##### **Semi Finalists**

Sandringham defeated in extra time.

**Warrnambool - Men****Grand Final**

Nunawading d Sandringham by 4 points

**Major Award Winners*****Domestic - Women******Winter Season Grand Finals*****District**

Best Player: J. Williams

**B Grade**

Best Player: R. Hyde

**C Grade**

Best Player: T. Thornton

***Domestic - Day Time Women******Winter Season*****Monday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Karen Robertson (Saints)

**Monday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Linda Culpin (Tigers)

**Thursday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Ann Weir (Chelsea)

**Thursday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Sam Boyde (Jacks)

***Domestic - Men******Winter Season Grand Finals*****A Grade**

Best Player: Paul Cervi

**B Grade**

Best Player: G. Robertson

**B Reserve Grade**

Best Player: G. Norton

**C Grade**

Best Player: T. King

**C Reserve Grade**

Best Player: B. Sarakin





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*Jill Whyte*

#### Junior Domestic Grading

*Kathy Oliver*

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*Gaele Fischer*

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*Tony Drinan*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### The Long Drives

##### *USA Kilsyth*

'Is Kilsyth a colony of America?' asks Geoff. He wins this week's award for his ability to drive on the wrong side of the road. Not only did he manage this, he was able to do a right hand turn with the arrow lane on his left hand side. To his dismay the on coming cars made his only escape route one of roller coaster proportions across the median strip.

##### *To Perth and Back*

And we forgot to mention in last weeks' newsletter that one of Paul Cervi's favourite past times is travelling. He took a lovely scenic tour with the U/16 boys to Nunawading the other week taking a short cut via Perth.

#### Mentone Mustangs

The St Patrick's Mentone Mustangs club was formed in 1986 by Kevin Griffiths who was a member of St Patrick's Catholic Church community. He saw a need at St Patrick's school to get children involved in local sport.

This number grew to 15 teams by 1988 and in November 1988, Kevin handed the running of the club over to Tony Drinan, Kevin Wilson and John Tetteroo. Tony Drinan was the first club President.

#### Sandy Saints

In 1986, the Club entered three teams in the Sale Sonics Easter Competition and acquitted themselves well.

Under the Presidency of Jim McDonald/Garry Moller and Bob Umbers, the club has grown in strength and numbers and last season entered 16 junior teams and 2 senior men's teams.

We have a perpetual trophy for the Best Club Sportsperson which began in 1985 and has been won by Drew Russell, Tim Gattuso, Gavan Southern, Sally Gattuso, Julian McDonald, Juliana Horsfield and Jackie Bissett. Sandy Saints became an incorporated body in February 1989 and our logos are still in the melting pot.

*By Jim McDonald*

#### *First Time*

**St Patrick's Mentone Mustangs** club formed.

## Individual Achievements

**Steve Lunardon** National Basketball League rookie of the year.

**Simon Noonan** selected as member of the McDonald's Whizz Kids team.

**Ross Graham** elected as an executive member of Victorian Basketball Association.

## Numbers

**1600** people in SBA.

**\$500** raised by senior day time women through chocolate drive.

**51** domestic boys and **43** domestic girls teams.

**4** refs achieve 'A' grade standing, **5** senior refs achieve similar standing in domestic competitions.

## Games

### Sabres - Girls

#### U/12

**Preliminary Finalists**

#### U/14B

**Grand Finalist**

#### U14AR

**Semi Finalists**

#### U/16B

**6<sup>th</sup>**

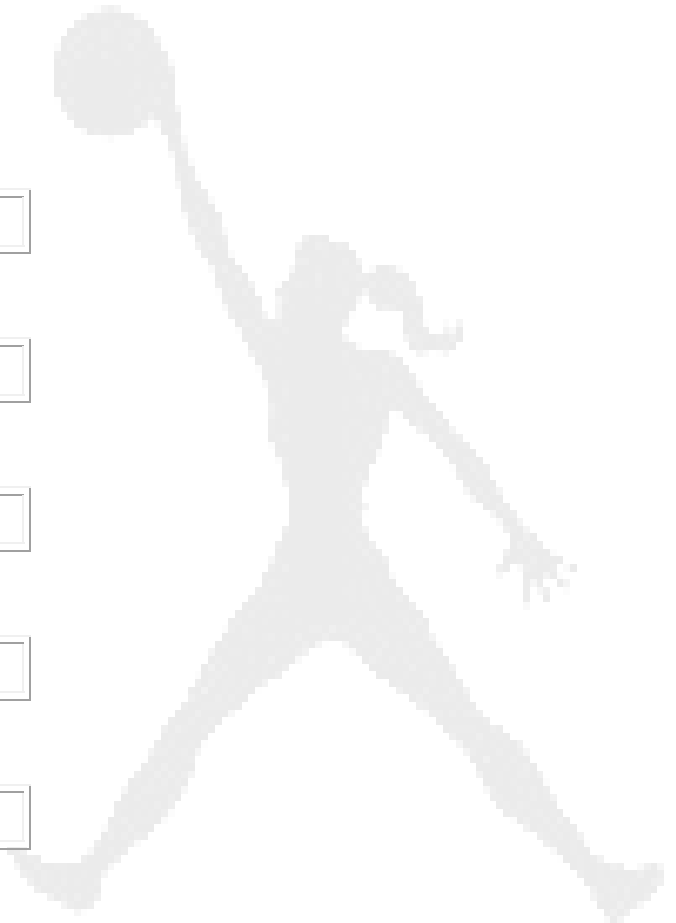
#### U/16AR

**5<sup>th</sup>**

### Sabres - Boys

#### U/15B

**Premiers**



**U/12B****Grand Finalists****U/12B2**

Won 7 games. All bottom age boys.

**U/14B****Semi finalists****U/16AR**

Middle of the field.

**U/18AR****Semi Finalists****Sabres - Women**

11 wins 14 losses.

**Sabres - Men****First Team**

6 wins 13 losses.

**Second Team**

11 wins 13 losses.

**Tournaments****Albury - Men****B Grade****Grand Finalists**

Coach Terry Walsh: Assistant Coach Paul Eadie; Players S. Lewin, J. Morrow, P. Hamill, B. Andrew, Adam Russell, Dean Howe.

**Faces of  
the 80s ...**

## Major Award Winners

### *Domestic – Day Time Women*

#### *Summer Season 1985/86*

**Monday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Karen Robertson

**Monday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Linda Culpin (Tigers)

**Thursday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Sandra Elridge (Blues)

**Thursday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Angela Harris (Sth Oakleigh)

### *Domestic - Men*

#### *Summer Season Finals*

**A Grade**

Best Finals Team Player: M. Sawyer (Rebels)

**B Grade**

Best Finals Team Player: A. Drinan (Old Mentonians 1)

**B Reserve**

Best Finals Team Player: P. Hutchinson (Blues Band)

**C Grade**

Best Finals Team Player: G. Kemperman (Mackas)

**C Reserve**

Best Finals Team Player: T. Kneebrush (Linguists)



1980s Club BBQ

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Ross Graham  
**Vice President:** Mark Mitchell

**Secretary:** June Hamill  
**Assistant Secretary:** Frank Russo  
**Treasurer:** Mark Phillips

### Sub Committees Members

#### Men Championship

*K. Morrissey, A. Moloney, P. Meehan.*

#### Women Championship

*M. Burke, G. Elston, C. Aitken, T. Walsh.*

#### Junior Grading

*B. Mitchell, K. Griffiths, K. Lewin, G. Fischer, B. Andrews.*



**Veneto Club Day. Sabres team (Left to Right): Paul Eadie, Paul Cervi, Michael Phillips, Terry Walsh, Dean Howe, Ross Graham, Andrew Stavropoulos, Paul Meehan, Paul Hamill. Seated (wearing cap) Basil Cervi. Photograph taken between 1986 and 1988, exact date unknown.**

## Snippets

### *Numbers*

**1700** members and **200** teams.

## Games

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Grand Finals - Summer Season 1986/87

##### *U/11*

Mentone Mustangs 35 d Black Rock 9

##### *U/13B*

Mentone Mustangs 17 d Beaumaris Sharks 7

##### *U/13A*

Black Rock 30 d Hampton Eagles 25

##### *U/15*

Bentleigh Fire Colts 57 d Cheltenham Panthers 27

##### *U/17*

Beaumaris Sharks 33 d Mordialloc Youth Club 27

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12*

Mentone Mustangs 32 d Black Rock Pumas 23

##### *U/14*

Black Rock Pumas 36 d Sandy Saints White 22

##### *U/16*

Bentleigh Firecolts 47 d Moorabbin Omega 23



**U/18**

Mordialloc Y.C. 31 d Sandy Saints Blue 26

**Domestic - Boys****Grand Finals - Summer Season 1986/87****U/11**

Sandy Saints Blue 43 d Hampton Eagles Gold 35

**U/13B**

Hampton Eagles White 42 d Brighton Bears 28

**U/13A**

Cheltenham Panthers 36 d Sandy Saints Blue 21

**U/15**

Black Rock Pumas 35 d Mordialloc Youth Club 34

**U/17**

Black Rock Pumas 38 d Hampton Eagles 35

**Grand Finals - Winter Season****U/12B**

Hampton Eagles White 18 d Brighton Bears 15

**U/12A**

Sandy Saints 51 d Mordialloc 29

**U/14B**

Beaumaris Sharks 54 d Cheltenham Panthers 29

**U/14A**

Hampton Eagles Green 55 d Cheltenham Panthers 50

**U/16**

Black Rock Pumas 51 d Mordialloc Y.C. 33



## Domestic - Day Time Women

### Grand Finals - Summer Season 1986/87

#### A Grade

Demons (26) 41 d Hampton Hotshots (8) 21

#### B Grade

Koala Bears (14) 45 d Sharks (12) 26

## Sabres

### August

#### U/12B Reserve

##### Qualifying Final

Sandringham d Keilor by 2 points

##### First Semi Final

Bay City d Sandringham by 15 points

Finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### U/16A Reserve

##### First Semi Final

Sandringham win by 2 points

##### Preliminary Final

Sandringham defeated by 7 points

Finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### U/11B

3<sup>rd</sup>

#### U/12A

2<sup>nd</sup> in A2 division finals

#### U/14A

13<sup>th</sup>



**U/16A Reserve**10<sup>th</sup>**U/18A Reserve**4<sup>th</sup> (lost semi final)**U/20A Reserve**2<sup>nd</sup> (lost grand final by  
8 points)*Ballarat Tournament***Tournaments****Ballarat - Boys****U/18****Grand Final**

Sandringham (17) 58 d Sale (26) 39

**Major Award Winners****Domestic - Girls****Summer Finals 1986/87****U/11**

Best Finals Team Player: D. Meyer (Mustangs)

**U/13B**

Best Finals Team Player: N. Hatley (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/13A**

Best Finals Team Player: M. Morfis (Hampton Eagles)

**U/15**

Best Finals Team Player: K. Fischer (Bentleigh Fire Colts)

**U/17**

Best Finals Team Player: K. Hillman (Mordialloc Youth Club)

## Winter Season

### U/12

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: N. Wines (Black Rock Pumas)

### U/14

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: L. Andrews (Sandy Saints White)

### U/16

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: N. Teichelman (Bentleigh Firecolts)

### U/18

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: J. Bissett (Sandy Saints White)

## Domestic - Boys

### Summer 1986/87

#### U/11

Best Finals Team Player: D. Patrick (Hampton Eagles Gold)

#### U/13B

Best Finals Team Player: C. Meehan (Hampton Eagles White)

#### U/13A

Best Finals Team Player: L. Gattuso (Sandy Saints Blues)

#### U/15

Best Finals Team Player: J. Margheriti (Black Rock Pumas)

#### U/17

Best Finals Team Player: S. Fischer (Black Rock Panthers)

## Winter Finals

### U/12B

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: J. Hawkins (Black Rock Pumas)

### U/12A

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: N. Wilson (Sandy Saints)

### U/14B

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: B. McAllan (Cheltenham Panthers)

### U/14A

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: A. Sheedy (Cheltenham Panthers)

### U/16

Most Valuable Finals Team Player: D. White (Mordialloc Y.C.)

## ***Domestic - Women***

### **Summer Finals 1986/87**

#### **B Grade**

Best Finals Team Player: A. Christopher (Koala Bears)

## ***Domestic - Day Time Women***

### **Summer Season 1986/87**

#### **Monday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. Jordan

#### **Monday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: A. Harris and H. Scarlett

#### **Thursday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: L. Culpin

#### **Thursday B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: S. Eldridge

### **Winter Season**

#### **Monday A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. Jordan

#### **Thursday**

Most Valuable Player: K. Kennedy

## **Officials**

### **Executive Committee**

**President:** R. Graham, P. Larkins

**Vice President:** Mark Mitchell

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

June Hamill

Frank Russo

Michael Phillips



## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Men's Team Promoted to State League

The Sabres looked to have ruined their chances of reaching the top league of state basketball when they lost their qualifying final by a point in overtime, but had a reprieve when they were asked to make a submission to play first division.

Sandringham then played a challenge series against Sunbury, Oakleigh and Geelong and won the three games to earn promotion.

Coach Terry Walsh said that the qualifying final was a disaster.

"Six of our ten players were fouled out during the games and nothing went right," he said.

Sandringham's excellent record in second division and its ability to produce a constant flow of players in representative sides at all levels has counted favourably in the eyes of the Victorian Basketball Association.

*By Russell Holmesby - Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser  
29/11/88*

#### Fund Raising and Social Committee

1988 has been a very successful year for the Sandringham Basketball Club Fund raising and social committee, we extend our thanks to the few supporting members.

*By Tracy Aitken and Tess Walsh*

#### Presentation BBQ

The first social event organized was the Presentation BBQ held at Paul Larkins. Thanks for the great support from all

players and parents. Other nights included Dracula's Theatre Restaurant, Tijuana Taxi - Mexican night and a Melbourne Pub Crawl. These were great social outings unfortunately not profitable ventures.



**Sabres promoted to VBA State League**  
Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 29 November 1988

## Dinner Dance

Over 120 people 'had a ball' at the Inaugural Dinner Dance held at Brighton Savoy. Award winners on the night were:

<b><i>Best Almost Dressed Female:</i></b>	Jenny Stephens
<b><i>Best Duet Dancing:</i></b>	Michael Burke and his balloons
<b><i>The Loud Achiever and Broken Glass:</i></b>	Paul Cervi
<b><i>Best Mumbled Speech:</i></b>	Terry Walsh
<b><i>Worst Attempt at Dancing:</i></b>	Paul Eadie
<b><i>Best Dunk:</i></b>	Steven Lunardon (two dinners)
<b><i>Most Likely to Sell a Microwave:</i></b>	Tess Walsh
<b><i>Best Couple:</i></b>	Beer and Bourbon
<b><i>The Encouragement award:</i></b>	The Band

Congratulations to Tracy Aitken and Tess Walsh, plus their helpers for organising this excellent function, as it was a great success.

## Basketball Shoot Out Grand Final 4-11-88

Held at the Channel 10 'Early Bird Show'.

Nunawading 63 d Sandringham 57

Team: Brendan Moloney and Matt Lewin.

## Promotion

Sabres men's team promoted to the Victorian Basketball League State League Division One.

## Raffle

Another successful event was the weekly raffle draws at the Boundary Hotel, making about \$70 a week and also the Band night in which we made \$340. Many thanks to the owners of the Boundary Hotel, Jenny and Michael Kelly, for their support on all occasions and we hope that we will be welcomed back next year.

## Individual Achievements

**Ross Graham** completes ten consecutive years service as a member of the executive committee (President: 1978-1988).

## Numbers

**\$700** plus raised on our chocolate drive.

**41** domestic women's teams and **47** domestic men's teams.

**200** plus primary school boys and girls attend clinic at the King Club.



## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/12

Black Rock Pumas Gold 29 d Black Rock Pumas Blue 24

*Scorers: Gold - A. Luckie 14, S. Wainwright 9; Blue - N. Wines 11, E. Johnstone 6*

##### U/14

Black Rock Pumas Gold 36 d Sandy Saints 28

*Scorers: Gold - B. Green 8, T. Visick 8, J. Whitelaw 8; Saints - C. Bowarter 8*

##### U/16

Black Rock Pumas Gold 45 d Black Rock Pumas Red 22

*Scorers: Gold - B. Neyland 14, C. Rae 13; Red - C. Stroud 14*

### Domestic - Boys

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/10

Mentone Mustangs 25 d Sandy Saints 15

*Scorers: Mustangs - R. Conway 6, P. Higgins 5; Saints - T. Storey 6, C. Marshall 4*

##### U/12B

Sandy Saints 25 d Mordialloc Y.C. 17

*Scorers: Saints - D. Storey 6, M. Umbers 5; Mordialloc - R. Scerri*

##### U/12A

Mordialloc Y.C. 51 d Hampton Eagles 42

*Scorers: Mordialloc - C. Williams 22, C. Liddell 16, S. Pascoe 10; Eagles - J. Eke 14, D. Gleeson 11*

##### U/14B

Cheltenham Panthers 32 d Ormond Bandits 31 (overtime)

*Scorers: Panthers - B. McAllen 19; Bandits - Jansen 17, D. O'Brien 12*

**U/14A**

Hampton Eagles 51 d Sandy Saints 26

*Scorers: Eagles - A. Sheedy 19, M. Lewin 15, D. Patrick 12; Saints - M. Horesfield 10*

**U/16**

Cheltenham Panthers 48 d Hampton Eagles Green 39

*Scorers: Panthers - A. Montgomery 23, A. Mitchell 11, S. Mitchell 10; Eagles - S. May 15, D. Tahan 14*

**U/18**

Mordialloc Y.C. 54 d Hampton Eagles 35

*Scorers: Mordialloc - D. White 12, B. Tomlinson 11, S. McFee 10; Eagles - G. Holloway 17*



**Sabres Award Winners 1988**

## Domestic - Women

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### A Grade

Demons 24 d Southerners 22

*Scorers: Demons - D. Burns 11; Southerners - L. Rynekyium 8*

#### B Grade

The Rejects d Blueberries 29

*Scorers: Rejects - C. Stroud 18, M. Langley 15; Blueberries - C. McClean 16, J. Bissett 9*

## Domestic - Day Time Women

### Grand Finals - Summer Season 1987/88

#### Monday

Black Rock 36 d Concord 35

*Scorers: Black Rock - L. Graham 20, S. Wartnby 10; Concord - D. Jordan 12, R. Butt 10*

#### Thursday

Cheltenham d South Oakleigh

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### Thursday

Cheltenham 41 d Blues 27

*Scorers: Cheltenham - L. Graham 27, J. Bramwell 10; Blues - J. Chisholm 9, B. Bejer 8*

## Domestic - Men

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### A Grade

Black Rock 88 d Marauders 72

*Scorers: Black Rock - M. Sawyer 36, D. Howe 20, S. Rammon 13; Marauders - S. McShane 27, D. Parnay 27*

**B Grade**

Jabbers d Parkdale

Scorers: Jabbers - D. Doherty 26, S. Lunardon 15; Parkdale - D. Leeds 9, R. Lansdowne 8

**B Reserve Grade**

Nomads d Beaumaris

Scorers: Nomads - C. Boyles 12, J. Barretto 10; Beaumaris - S. Garnett 10

**C Grade**

Rhinos d Aquatic Donuts

Scorers: Rhinos - W. Cook 17, C. Gleeson 8; Donuts - B. Lyttleton 6

**Sabres - Girls****U/12AR**

Preliminary Finalists

**U/14AR**

9<sup>th</sup>

**U/16AR**

11<sup>th</sup>

**U/16B**

12<sup>th</sup>

**U/18AR**

6<sup>th</sup>

**Sabres - Boys****U11B**

3<sup>rd</sup>

**U/12A**

10<sup>th</sup>

Second in A2 division final

Page 48 - Sandringham-Brighton Advertiser, September 28, 1988

**SPORT****The young are quick on the ball**

Sabres' basketballer Dean Howe hands out tips to youngsters Alison Newman of St Paul's school in Bentleigh and Oren Miszelowski of Coatesville Primary School.

THE bustle of school children at the King Club, Sandringham last week gave a hint, and the packed stadium confirmed it ... basketball is the biggest sport in town.

Victorian Basketball League division two side Sandringham Sabres ran a special clinic for primary school students and more than 200 boys and girls crutted the boards.

Sabres captain-coach Terry Walsh has been with the Sandringham club since it began 14 years ago. "In those days we played at the old memorial hall

in Sandringham and started with about 100 players. Now we have 1500 registered senior and junior basketballers on the books."

Stadiums cannot be built fast enough to keep pace with demand. Sandringham council has been reluctant to commit itself to building additional facilities and, although more willing to listen, Moorabbin council has not been forthcoming with a solid commitment.

As a result the Sandringham junior competition also plays at Parkdale and Beaumaris High Schools. Grades start at under-9

level and the Sabres channel the best youngsters to their senior grades. It's a system that obviously works as most of the senior team is made up of home grown basketballers.

Sandringham has been the dominant club in the second division and stands a strong chance of promotion next year. That transition has prompted the club to recruit American players Dana Farnay and Sean McShane.

But the strength of the Sabres is the huge reservoir of up-and-coming talent.

**Dean Howe hands out tips to youngsters Alison Newman of St Paul's School in Bentleigh and Oren Miszelowski of Coatesville Primary School.**

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 28 Sept 1988

**U/16A**10<sup>th</sup>**U/18A****Semi Finalists**

Fourth

**U/20AR****Grand Final**

Sandringham defeated by 8-points

**Sabres - Women****3<sup>rd</sup> Division - Summer Season****Premiers**

Coach Paul Eadie: Players L. Graham, T. Walsh, T. Kennedy, T. Aitken, R. Shepherd, J. Quinn, D. Mitchell, M. Cavanagh, S. Lang.

**Winter Season****Grand Final**

Broadmeadows 50 d Sandringham 35

**Challenge Match for 2<sup>nd</sup> Division**

Sandringham 80 d Diamond Valley 26

Coach Paul Eadie.

**Sabres - Men****2<sup>nd</sup> Division October****Elimination Semi Final**

Blackburn (38) 80 d Sandringham (40) 79 (overtime)

The Division 2 game started slowly. Blackburn gained an early lead but in a good fight back, the half time score was our way 40-38. Then the fouls came with our tall players first to go, then the guards and forwards as the game progressed to a 73 points all draw. Five minutes of overtime to play and we had six on the bench, all fouled out with only four on the court and Blackburn, knowing they were able to call substitution, played out the time to win 80-79. The result was disappointing as it was our first defeat for the season, but the challenge for a place in Division 1 is still on and we wish our players good luck for the challenge.

**Division One Challenge Matches**

Sandringham 95 d Oakleigh 83

Sandringham 86 d Sunbury 53

Sandringham 97 d Geelong 94

***Sandringham promoted to division one, 1989 season, for the first time.***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Division****Elimination Semi Final**

Sandringham (43) 66 d Werribee (33) 65

Played old rivals Werribee who had finished on top of the ladder and a good start saw us up at half time 43-33. Werribee slowly pegged back the deficit and eventually got in front until a 2 pointer from us left them 1 down with 2 seconds to go. Their last shot was just wide, giving us a well deserved win 66-65 and a place in the Grand Final.

**Grand Final**

Hawthorn (37) 63 d Sandringham (29) 54

The grand final produced another good start for us, but Hawthorn gradually got on to be 8 points up at half time 37-29. Playing catch up basketball is very hard and although we matched them in the second half, they were too good and held on to win 63-54.

Terry Walsh coached both division 2 and 3 teams.

**Major Award Winners*****Domestic - Girls*****Winter Finals****U/12**

Most Valuable Finals Player: A. Luckie (Black Rock Pumas Gold)

**U/14**

Most Valuable Finals Player: L. Andrews (Saints)

**U/16**

Most Valuable Finals Player: C. Stroud (Black Rock Red)

***Domestic - Boys*****Winter Finals****U/10**

Most Valuable Finals Player: A. Drinan (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/12A**

Most Valuable Finals Player: C. Williams (Mordialloc Y.C.)

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Finals Player: R. Scerri (Mordialloc Y.C.)

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Finals Player: A. Sheedy (Hampton Eagles)

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Finals Player: B. McAllen (Cheltenham Panthers)

**U/16**

Most Valuable Finals Player: A. Montgomery (Cheltenham Panthers)

**U/18**

Most Valuable Finals Player: R. Morris (Mordialloc Y.C.)

***Domestic - Women*****Winter Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. McCallum (Southerners)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: M. Langley (The Rejects)

***Domestic - Day Time Women*****Summer Season 1987/88****Monday**

Most Valuable Player: D. Jordan

**Thursday**

Most Valuable Player: L. Graham

***Domestic - Men*****Winter Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: M. Sawyer (Black Rock)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. Doherty ( Jabbers)

**B Reserve**

Most Valuable Player: T. Barreto (Nomads)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: W. Cook (Galloping Rhinos)



## Sabres - Women

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Most Valuable Player: Tess Walsh  
Most Improved: Donna Anderson

## Sabres - Men

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

Most Valuable Player: Dana Parnay  
Most Improved: Dean Howe

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Most Valuable Player: Michael Burke  
Most Improved: Brad Andrews

## Robert Lunardon Memorial Award

**Girls:** Sophie Wainwright  
**Boys:** Matt Lewin

## SPORT



### Panthers' pennants

UNDER-16 Cheltenham Panthers basketball team defeated Hampton Eagles to win their grand final. Team members are pictured: Standing, from left, Chris McKinnon, Scott Mitchell, Andrew Montgomery, Ashley Mitchell and Simon Norfolk; kneeling in front, from left, Caine Groves, Leon McGraw and Simon Leung. The Under-14B Cheltenham Panthers basketball team defeated Ormond Bandits to win the grand final. Team secretary was Louise West, team coach Ian Farr and team members Brendan McAllen, Jeremy Partington, Damien Brittain, Peter Farr, Julian Marney, Shaun Butler, Michael West, Adam Lewis and Adam McFarlane.

**U/16 Domestic Boys Grand Final Team:**  
**Cheltenham Panthers d Hampton Eagles**  
*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 5 Oct 1988*

## Officials

### Executive Committee

<b>President:</b>	Mark Mitchell	<b>Secretary:</b>	Bruce Mitchell
<b>Vice President:</b>	Frank Russo	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	Andrew Moloney
		<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mark Phillips

### Sub Committees

#### Domestic Competition Organiser

*Frank Russo*

#### Junior Domestic Referees Organiser

*Andrew Moloney*

#### Junior Championship Boys

*Andrew Moloney*

#### Junior Championship Girls

*Michael Burke*

#### Senior Championship

*Terry Walsh*

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Senior Sabres**

Men promoted to Division one for the first time. Recruit Roland Brooks, Kent Lockhart, Warren Pink and Steve Pinzone. Create history as the first team ever to make the top four in its first year in the Victorian Basketball Association.

### **Highlights**

#### *Sportsmanship*

I happened to be at the King Club last Friday and saw a game, which was very pleasing to watch. It was an under 10 girls match between Bentleigh Firecolts and Sandy Saints.

At half time the score was 2 points all, both the coaches and respective players were in earnest conversation and the many family groups of spectators were on the edge of their seats.

In the second half, Bentleigh slowly moved in front with every goal scored (and missed) by both sides being greeted with loud and enthusiastic applause.

The referee, Ketiah Fischer, was explaining the rules of the game on every whistle, typical of all the referees who officiate in this under 10 girls and boys grade.

The girls, with ponytails flying and singlets down to their knees, were thoroughly enjoying the game, which Bentleigh eventually won 10 to 4. Congratulations to all concerned.

*By Bruce Mitchell*

#### **Shootathon Results**

**U/12 Boys** *Chris McGrath and Dean Maloney*

**U/14 Boys** *Clint Meehan and Troy Drinan*

**U/16 Boys** *Gavin Southern and Brendon Moloney*

**U/18 Boys** *Ben Connell*

**U/20 Boys** *Roger Morris*

#### **Junior 3 point Shoot Out**

Won by Joe Margheriti with 6 out of 15 (40%) while the Senior 3 pointers and slam dunk events were not contested. Many thanks to Tess Walsh and Tracey Aitken for their organising and to those who helped on the day. Also thanks to the parents who made the time to transport their children to this event.

### ***Social Events***

This year's social calendar was full of variety with many outings, unfortunately they were poorly attended. Although we tried to get people together for each outing no one seemed interested enough to turn up.

Our not so successful ventures were the nights at Taco Bills, Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant, the Car Rally, and the Shot a thon.

A booking of 30 people was made for Taco's Bill, only 10 people turned up (this was very embarrassing). People who said they were going did not show up.

A lot of work was put into the Car Rally, the destination being Werribee Park, and once again we were let down. Half of the 13 cars that arrived were not even basketballers. Those that showed up had a fun day.

A most enjoyable night was spent at Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant by the 15 people who had turned up. Some of these people were virtually dragged there. We lost money on this night as 5 seats were not filled. A sour note for such a fantastic night.

Only 3 girls teams and most boys teams turned up for the Shot a thon. This was a disaster. All our time was wasted through lack of enthusiasm.

On a sweeter note this years junior presentation held at the King Club was well attended, however, we would loved to see more parents there. A barbeque lunch was provided for all.

We made some money on the Lamington Drive but would have made more if every body had sold at least a few packets. Forms were supplied to everybody, but not returned.

Our most successful night was the Cocktail Night. Besides being a terrific night and a great turn up, we made over \$1000. About 140 people wandered in and out all night. We had a big marquee with a fire burning all night, we provided nibbbles and exotic cocktails. Many thanks to all who showed up.

Next year we plan to be more cautious in what we organize. It's always the same old people who come to each night and day that is organized.

We are looking forward to maybe a Tennis Night, Trivia night and another Cocktail night.

We need more interest and enthusiasm.

*By Tracy Aitken*

### ***Car Rally***

Around a dozen cars were sent off from the King Club last Sunday, all with instructions, questions to answer and a list of scavenger items to collect, for an unknown destination.

Friendly rivalry was shown by many of the participants, especially at McDonalds, the stone wall and the blue and gold slide (inspired graffiti) and all eventually made it to Werribee Park for games and a BBQ.

The winners of the rally were Caroline and Mari-anne Dyer, second was the car of Brad Andrews, Michael Burke and John Morrow with Louise Graham, Ketiah Fischer and Donna Andrews third. The wooden Spoon award went to Bruce Mitchell who unfairly blamed his crew, sons Ashley and Scott plus their friends Simon and Leon, for getting the wrong answers.

Speaking of answers, Paul Cervi, Peter Ketis and Adam Russell were given the worst answer sheet award and also would have received the Golden Melways for getting lost the most. The best turned out car (or was that the worst?) belonged to Carl Ratten and Terry Walsh won the raffle prize which was a months membership to the King Club.

Desiree Andrew won second prize in the raffle, some very interesting books and the egg throwing contest winners were the father and daughter team of Adrian and Kristen Davies. Louise Graham protested the results as on the last throw, she found two eggs coming her way and sensibly ducked for cover. Paul Cervi was then seen being chased by Louise and ended with egg on his shirt.

Thanks to Tess, Tracey and Tracey for organising this very enjoyable outing. The girls put in a lot of hard work and it was a pity that more people weren't there to support their efforts.

### ***Presentation Dinner Dance***

Around 110 people attended the second Annual Dinner Dance at the Brighton Savoy on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and a great night was had by all. Presentations were made to Senior Domestic Grand Finalists and the Senior Championships awards.

Many thanks to Tess Walsh and Tracy Aitken for organising an enjoyable and successful night.

### ***Cocktail Party***

The cocktail party was a great success as over 100 people turned up to taste our delightful cocktails and we raised over \$1000 for the Association.

*By Tess Walsh and Tracy Aitken*

## First Time

**Sabres Men:** Promoted to Division one for the first time. Create history as the first team ever to make the top four in its first year in the Victorian Basketball Association.

## Individual Achievements

**Andrew Montgomery** invited to train with U/16 Vic state squad, cut in second round.

**Ketiah Fischer** invited to train with U/18 state squad, cut in first round.

**Tony Drinan**, VBA referees advisor, referees SEABL grand final in October.

## Numbers

**41** domestic women's teams and  
**43** domestic men's teams.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

### Grand Finals - Summer Season 1988/89

#### U/11

Black Rock Pumas 50 d Sandy Saints 22

#### U/13

Black Rock Pumas 35 d Mordialloc Youth Club 20

#### U/15

Sandy Saints 26 d Black Rock Pumas 23

#### U/17

Black Rock Pumas 47 d Sandy Saints 46



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**Grand Finals - Winter Season****U/10**

St. John's Crusaders 18 d Sandy Saints Blue 9

*Scores: Crusaders - J. Finley 10, C. Parry 4, L. Whitaker 4; Saints - E. Bolding 8, C. Scanlan 1*

**U/12**

Black Rock Pumas 36 d Ormond Bandits 28

*Scorers: Pumas - E. Johnston 26, Z. Kincs 6; Bandits - G. Coghlan 23, J. Canestra 4*

**U/14**

Mordialloc YC 48 d Black Rock Pumas Gold 18

*Scorers: Mordialloc - B. White 21, S. Riddle 18; Pumas - A. Luckie 4, B. Weston 4, M. White 4*

**U/16**

Moorabbin Flamingoes 31 d Black Rock Pumas 27

*Scorers: Flamingoes - K. Visalli 13, C. Butigon 8; Pumas - B. Neyland 12, B. Elston 8*

**U/18**

Black Rock Pumas 32 d Cheltenham Panthers 30

*Scorers: Pumas - J. Long 9, T. Lenne 8; Panthers - J. Semkens 18, C. McAllen 8*

**Domestic - Boys****Grand Finals - Summer Season 1988/89****U/11B**

Sandy Saints White 29 d Mentone Mustangs 19

**U/11A**

Sandy Saints 39 d Mordialloc Youth Club 26

**U/13B**

Beaumaris Sharks 25 d Cheltenham Panthers 16

**U/13A**

Mordialloc Youth Club 38 d Sandy Saints Blue 22

**U/15B**

Southside Spectres 57 d Bentleigh Rex 42

**U/15A**

Hampton Eagles 1 57 d Cheltenham Panthers 42

**U/17**

Black Rock Pumas 74 d Hampton Eagles 24

**Grand Finals - Winter Season****U/10**

Sandy Saints Blue 20 d Ormond Bandits 18

*Scorers: Saints- J. Tilley 9, J. Richards 5; Bandits - S. Baker 11, M. Miller 5*

**U/12B**

Sandy Saints White 41 d St. John's Crusaders White 38

*Scorers: Saints - C. Marshall 15, A. Halloran 12; Crusaders - T. Guce 17, S. Topiolo 9*

**U/12A**

Saints White 53 d Sandy Saints Blue 38

*Scorers: White - S. Grimmer 20, C. Home 14; Blue - D. Mahoney 20, D. Eade 7, M. Umbers 7*

**U/14B**

Cheltenham Panthers 36 d Beaumaris Sharks 25

*Scorers: Panthers - A. Smith 16, M. Taylor 13; Sharks - D. Whitaker 8, L. Harris 7*

**U/14A**

Beaumaris Sharks 50 d Sandy Saints Blue 48

*Scorers: Sharks - C. McKellar 14, S. Keil 12, A. Jones 12; Saints - D. Buck 13, J. White 11*

**U/16B**

Mentone Mustangs 51 d St. John's Crusaders White 35

*Scorers: Mustangs - L. Goodwin 21, C. Savona 12; Crusaders - O. Hillebrand 18, C. Donegan 9*



**U/16A**

Hampton Eagles 45 d Cheltenham Panthers 29

*Scorers: Eagles - D. Connors 14, A. Forbes 14; Panthers - A. Montgomery 14, S. Mitchell 8*

**U/18**

Black Rock Pumas 60 d Hampton Eagles 30

*Scorers: Pumas - A. Shaw 19, J. Margheriti 14; Eagles - D. Jones 7, T. Evans 6, S. May 6*

**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

Mordialloc 38 d Beaumaris 27

*Scorers: Mordialloc - L. Gilpin 13, J. Quinn 7, R. Sheppard 6, J. Grieve 6; Beaumaris - J. Jones 8, J. Bull 5, J. Bryce 4, T. Stephens 4*

**A Reserve Grade**

Demons 35 d Southerners 29

*Scorers: Demons - G. Brodie 9, J. Tancheff 7, K. Aanensen 4; Southerners - S. Farr 10, G. Warnock 7, L. Rynk 6*

**B Grade**

Blueberries 34 d The Aussies 32

*Scorers: Blueberries - J. Bissett 11, C. McClean 10, T. Meyer 10, S. Gibson 2; Aussies - M. Marshall 15, C. Ross 9, S. Boulton 2, K. Little 2*



**Party time, Frank Russo (seated, centre) cracks up laughing.**



**More fun at the party.**

## Domestic - Day Time Women

### Grand Finals

#### Monday

Black Rock d Concord

#### Thursday

Cheltenham 1 d Blues

## Domestic - Men

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### A Grade

Moorabbin 63 d Beaumaris 52

*Scorers: Moorabbin - A. Stavropoulos 31, T. Walsh 17, F. Russo 9, G. Morley 4; Beaumaris - P. Hutchinson 17, R. Graham 14, M. Phillips 8, S. Rammon 6*

#### B Grade

Sandy Saints 56 d Old Mentonians 1 32

*Scorers: Saints - M. Burke 16, A. Foster 15, G. Morley 12, D. Russell 6; Mentonians - W. Turnbull 16, K. Struthers 6, D. Wright 5*

#### B Reserve Grade

The Bears 35 d Highett 28

*Scorers: Bears - P. Oxley 13, D. Allison 6, M. Garnelly 6, D. Luxa 6; Highett - M. Krieger 12, D. Krieger 12, L. Hope 4*

#### C Grade

Damage Inc. 53 d Champs 31

*Scorers: Damage - A. Shaw 23, C. Edwards 15, D. Hudson 12; Champs - J. Mollin 13, P. Macbeth 12*



Sabres Kent Lockhart and Tigers Andrew Gaze



Roland Brooks attempts a reverse dunk

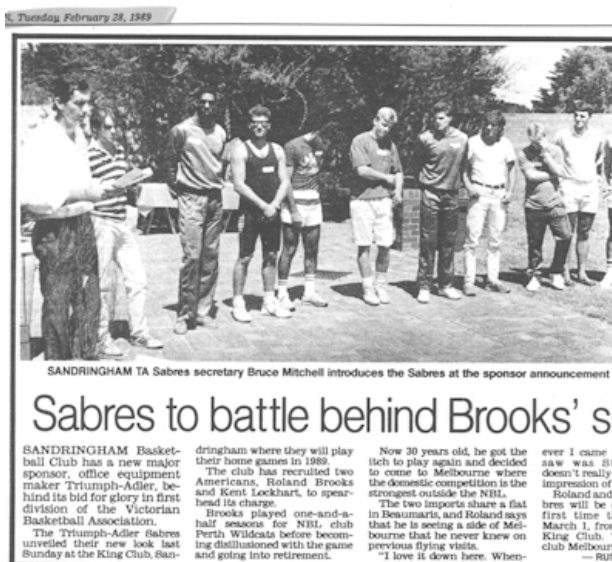
**U/14AR**

## Semi Finalists

***U/18A***

10<sup>th</sup>

*U/12AR*

7<sup>th</sup>

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*U/12B*

## Grand Final

Sandringham (23) 41d Werribee (19) 23

Scorers: X. Sheppard 16, A. Craig 11, S. Grimmer 8. C. Nouven 2, T. Farrow 2, J. Tomlinson 2

After close first half Sandringham shut Werribee out to record a comfortable win.

Congratulations to all players and Coach Basil Cervi.

Coach Basil Cervi: Players J. Tomlinson, P. Molino, R. McLellan, X. Sheppard, A. Craig, C. Nuyen, T. Farrow, S. Grimmer.

***U/14B***

## Grand Final

Melbourne 39 d Sandringham 36

*Scorers: S. Mead 10, D. Buck 10, C. Russell 6, S. Johnson 6*

In a very even game against Melbourne the scores were level with one minute to go before the Tigers got the break to win by 3 points. Bad luck and well done to the players and Coach Lindsay Mead.

*U/16AR*

11<sup>th</sup>

***U/18AR***

11<sup>th</sup>

*U/20A*

6<sup>th</sup>

## Sabres vs New Zealand

### U/16 Girls

Wellington East Girls High (17) 34 d Sandringham (7) 22

*Scorer: J. Semken 8*

### U/16 Boys

Sandringham (31) 43 d Rongotai Boys College (16) 31

*Scorers: M. Lewin 11, S. Scott Mitchell 10*

### U/18 Boys

Rongotai College (25) 40 d Sandringham (17) 29

*Scorer: P. Boode 17*

A highlight of the evening was the Haka, a traditional Maori War Challenge, performed by the boys from Rongotai, between their games.

## Sabres - Women

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

11 wins, 14 losses. Finished fifth. One game out of the four.

## Sabres - Men

### 1<sup>st</sup> Division Summer Season

#### Grand Final

Sandringham (41) 70 d Dandenong Rangers (21) 49

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 24, R. Brooks 16, S. Lunardon 15, W. Pink 10*

Dandenong went into the grand final without one of their Americans, Mike Dillon, who was out with a back injury, but they played their new American recruit while Sandringham had a full squad to choose from. After a nervous start, the Sabres quickly jumped to a 10 point lead and continued on to nearly double the Rangers score, 41-21 at half time. The second half was more even, with all Sabres players getting court time and the final score gave Sandringham a well deserved premiership win, 70-49.

**1<sup>st</sup> Division Winter Season****Semi Final**

Bulleen (42) 96 d Sandringham (42) 87

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 30, R. Brooks 23, S. Lunardon 14, W. Pink 12*

Sandringham led early but the Boomers tied the game at 22 all at the end of the first quarter. Half way into the second period, the Sabres had established a six-point break only to see Bulleen again level the scores at half time, 42 each. The third quarter was the reverse of the second, with the boomers out by five and holding a one-point margin 67-66 going into the last quarter. Bulleen then outscored the Sabres 12-5 to be up by 8 with seven minutes to play and although Sandringham fought back to get within 5 points, the Boomers came again in the last seconds to win 96-87.

This was a disappointing end to the season as they had twice beaten last season's Grand Finalists. To reach the finals in their inaugural year was a great effort and well played to them and Coach Terry Walsh.

14 wins 8 lost.

Finished second in the southeast division. It is worth noting that the Sabres have now created a record in that no other team has reached the VBA Division One Finals in their first year of competition.

Coach Terry Walsh: Players Brad Andrews, Roland Brooks, Paul Cervi, Nazar Chapdjian, Stuart Lewin, Kent Lockhart, Steven Lunardon, Warren Pink, Steve Pinzone, Michael Sawyer, Andrew Stavropoulos, Dean Howe.

**Tournaments****Ballarat****U/14 Girls****Grand Final**

Kilsyth 52 d Sandringham 13

*Scorers: Bianca White 4, Jenny Shaw 4, Jennie 2, Bronnie Weston 2, Martine Dennis 1*

The girls put in a sterling effort against their taller opponents and were not disgraced in losing 52-13. Well done girls and joint coaches Michael Sawyer and Michael Burke.

**Knox****U/12B Girls****Semi Finals**

Spartans 28 d Sandringham 18

The girls played extremely well against the Spartans improving their previous score to only lose by 10 points.

## Waverley

### U/14A Girls

#### Grand Final

Sandringham 38 d Spectres 34

*Scorers: B. White 21, J. Weston 7, S. Wainwright 4, S. Riddle 3, J. Shaw 3*

The U/14A team showed that they were the best in the competition by remaining undefeated over the weekend. They overcame the obstacle of having no substitutes, suffering a delay before the final and having some immature person pulling at those braids. Looking fantastic with braided hair (even Sophie and Jenny) the girls were involved in an exciting final, which tested the nerves of their parents.

## Warrnambool

### A Reserve Grade

#### Semi Final

Bulleen (19) 26 d Sandringham (13) 24

### Men

#### Grand Final

West Adelaide Bearcats (45) 78 d Sandringham (40) 76

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 25, S. Lunardon 14, R. Brooks 12, W. Pink 12*

Coach Terry Walsh: Manager A. Davies;  
Players R. Brooks, Paul Cervi, S. Lewin, K. Lockhart, Steven Lunardon, Warren Pink, S. Pinzone, Michael Sawyer.



**Warrnambool Tournament:**  
**Sabres Roland Brooks stretches out.**

## Wangaratta

### Women B Grade

#### Grand Final

Sandringham 71 d East Brunswick Ladies 54

*Scorers: T. Stephens 18, K. Fischer 15, T. Aitken 12, T. Bunch 10*

East Brunswick Ladies jumped to an early 12 -6 lead. By now the nerves were gone and we started to systematically play good basketball and led at half time 39-29. Tracey Stephens had 14 points at this stage and Louise Graham was playing good defence on their centre while scoring 8 for us. The second half saw solid basketball, Ketiah Fischer ran hot for 11 points and we ended up comfortable winners 71-54.

Coach Terry Walsh: Players D. Anderson, Louise Graham, Tracy Stephens, K. Fischer, Tracy Aitken, T. Bunch.



**Men A Grade****Semi Final**

Dandenong 54 d Sandringham 50

*Scorers: S. Lunardon 16, K. Lockhart 11, R. Brooks 11*

**Men B Grade****Grand Final**

Sandringham 75 d DBYC 63

*Scorers: P. Cervi 28, J. Morrow 14, A. Russell 14, N. Chapdjian 12*

Excellent first half we led the favoured (so the locals say) DBYC team 34-16.

Coach Terry Walsh: Manager A. Davies, Players Basil Cervi, Adam Russell, Paul Cervi, J. Morrow, Ross Graham, N. Chapdjian.

**Geelong****Men A Grade****Grand Final**

Sandringham 120 d Deakin 66

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 42, R. Brooks 28, M. Sawyer 14, D. Doherty 13, A. Stavropoulos 12*

After a very good start we slowed which allowed them back into the game but not enough to catch up and we led 49-32 at half time. Our game tempo lifted in the second half and with good team work, better than the other games, we scored 71 to their 34 to win going away 120-66. Michael Sawyer scored four 3 pointers.

Coach Terry Walsh: Manager A. Davies; Players Andrew Stavropoulos, R. Brooks, Kent Lockhart, Michael Sawyer, Dean Howe, Paul Cervi, D. Doherty, N. Chapdjian, S. Pinzone.

**Thrillers****U/17B Girls****Sandringham d Whitehorse**

Yet again only five Sandringham players took to the court and with a good zone defense held a 10 point break at half time. Whitehorse fought back in the second half and closed within four, but the Sabres rallied under the pressure to run out winner.



**U/15AQ Boys****Mountain Districts 40 d Sandringham 39**

*Scorers: B. Moloney 15, D. Pascoe 4, M. Lewin 4*

A Sabres foul in the last seconds of the game put the Districts on the line for two shots which were both good and won them the game 40-39.

**Division 2 Women****Sandringham 69 d Waverley 47**

*Scorers: K. Fischer 18, T. Stephens 15, T. Walsh 12.*

The Sabres' women started off with many fast breaks and steals to lead 35-23 at half time. In the second half, this was quickly increased to a 21 point margin, before a loss of concentration and frequent errors allowed Waverley back into the game.

With minutes left of play, the Sabres lead had been cut to two points. Concentration was then again restored and with good offensive play and strong rebounding, Sandringham ran out a convincing winner 69-47.

**Diamond Valley 54 d Sandringham 53**

*Scorers: T. Aitkens 19 (including the two to tie the game), T. Walsh 11, K. Fischer 8, S. Gattuso 8*

The second half was very even and with three minutes to go, Diamond Valley were in the bonus one and one situation. Ten seconds remaining, Sandringham down by two, a steal and a successful shot tied the game at 50-all. Five minutes of very hectic overtime saw Sandringham still in foul trouble and Diamond Valley were able to freeze the ball and held on to win 54-53.

**Sandringham 34 d Werribee 33**

*Scorers: T. Aitkens (MVP) 10, T. Stephens 7*

Sandringham down 2-10 after 11 minutes of play but came back to lead by 3 points at half time. It was then basket for basket. 5 seconds remaining, a crucial three throw enables Sabres to snatch a 1 point win over the second top side. Final scores 34-33.

**Werribee 44 d Sandringham 41**

*Scorers: T. Stephens 13, D. Hoy 8.*

In a do or die game, Werribee came from 1 point down at half time to win the game 44-41 in the last 30 seconds of play. Sandringham had the chance to win but the third player of their six fouled out with one minute to go.



**Warrnambool Tournament**

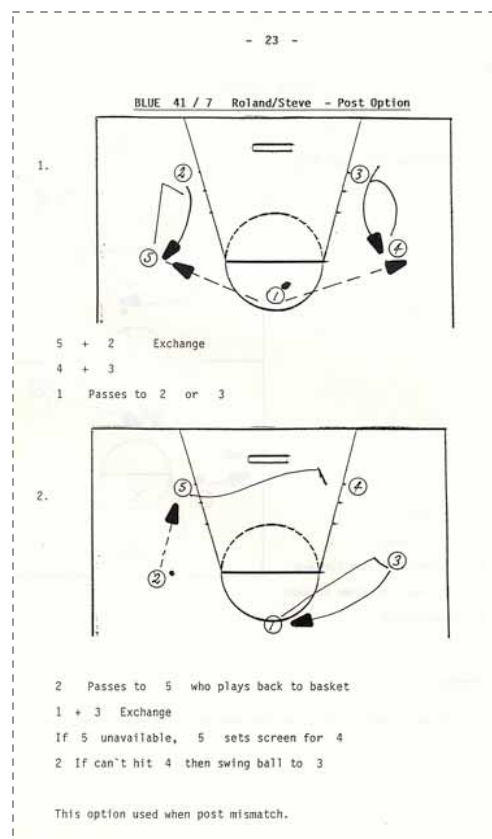
**Division 1 State League Men - VBA****Melbourne 82 d Sandringham 80**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 27, S. Lunardon 16, R. Brooks 15, M. Sawyer 11, S. Pinzone 4, A. Stavropoulos 4, W. Pink 2, S. Lewin 1*

The first quarter of the game was even. American import Dave Colbert shot a three point basket just as the quarter ended to give Melbourne the lead, 23-21. Sandringham had good contributions from their substitutes in the second quarter and the Sabres led 45-42 at half time. This lead could have been more had a three point shot by Warren Pink been allowed but the referee ruled that it was after the siren.

Both teams again relied on their starting five players in the third quarter. Melbourne had the slightly better advantage, adding 22 points to Sandringham's 19, to bring both teams level at 64-all.

Both teams began to tire in the heat as they went shot for shot in the fourth quarter. With two minutes to go, Melbourne were in front and by using the 30 second clock to their advantage, held on to win 82-80.



**Sabres Post Option, VBA Division 1 Men, 1989**

**Sandringham 97 d Kilsyth 94**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 29, R. Brooks 20, S. Lunardon 17, W. Pink 11*

The Sabres jumped to an early lead and held a 16 point advantage at quarter time, 32-16. With good rebounding and an aggressive defence, they continued to outplay the Cobras and led 53-32 at half time.

Kilsyth had recorded 14 team fouls to the Sabre's 4 by this stage and although the third quarter was more even, Sandringham seemed to be in a winning position 77-54 at the end of this period. A good fight back by the Cobras saw them connect on many outside shots, to reduce the margin to only 8 points after the seven minutes of play had elapsed.

Now it was Sandringham's turn to pick up the fouls as with three minutes left on the clock, they desperately tried to hold off Kilsyth.

However, with some experienced defensive play and ball control, the Sabres were able to see out the game and held on to win 97-94.

**Nunawading 82 d Sandringham 79**

*Scorers: R. Brooks 25, K. Lockhart 20, S. Lunardon 18, M. Sawyer 10, P. Cervi 4*

Sandringham looked to be in for a torrid game as Nunawading had opened up with a 10 point lead, 27-17, at quarter time. However, the next quarter saw the Sabres not only close the gap, but pass Nunawading to be in front at half time 39-35. Roland Brooks scored 11 of Sandringham's 22 points during this time and the Sabre's bench provided valuable support as they held the Spectres to only 8 points. The third period of play was very even until the last minute, when Nunawading were able to score the last four points to lead once again 63-57.

Two minutes into the last quarter and the Spectres were still up 67-59. By the four-minute mark, the Sabres pulled back the core to be within one point 68-69. Another two points passed and Sandringham had held their opponents scoreless while adding nine to regain the lead 77-69. Now it was the Spectres turn as they started to connect from the three point line and with one minute remaining, the scoreboard showed them back in front 79-77.

The Sabres then scored and the game was tied 79-all. With time running out, Nunawading started to freeze the ball after scoring one from the free throw line. Sandringham's only play was to foul, stop the clock and try to steal the ball as it was brought in from the side line. An intentional foul was called and with eight seconds remaining, Nunawading made both free throw attempts to close out the game and win 82-79.

**Sandringham 111 d Diamond Valley/Eltham 108**

*Scorers: R. Brooks 41, K. Lockhart 40*

The Arrows jumped to an early lead at the end of the first quarter 30-25, but a much better second period by the Sabres turned the game around in their favour and they led 54-48 at half time.

The next ten minutes developed into a shoot-out as the Arrows just outscored Sandringham 31-30 to close the gap to five going into the last quarter.

By now, both teams had key players in foul trouble both on the court and with three minutes left on the clock, the Sabres were up by only one point 101-100. Sandringham then added eight to their opponents six, made two free throws from an intentional foul and although the Arrows connected on the last shot, it was too late and the Sabres won 111-108.

**Bendigo 99 d Sandringham 95**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 33, R. Brooks 27, S. Lunardon 16, M. Sawyer 14*

The game started at a brisk pace with Sandringham's Kent Lockhart scoring the first six points, before Bendigo reeled off the next 11 and held the initiative to lead 25-21 at the first change.

With some spectacular dunking from Roland Brooks and fine shooting by his teammates, the Sabres regrouped and led by one point at half time.

The third period was battle of the defences and both teams were forced to turn the ball over many times.

The Sabres went into the last quarter four points down and amidst an intense battle, the lead changed six times in the final minutes of play.

A basket for the Braves right on the buzzer secured victory for them by four points, 99-95.

### **Dandenong Rangers 101 d Sandringham 95**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 36, R. Brooks 33, S. Lunardon 17*

The Sabres were forced to play catch-up basketball as Dandenong led at each of the three intervals by eight, six, and seven points.

But a spirited comeback Sandringham in the last quarter saw the scores level at 89-89 with four minutes left.

The Rangers then regained the lead 97-95 and with seconds remaining, made two free throws and a shot on the final buzzer to win by six points, 101-95.

### **Knox 82 d Sandringham 81**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 28, R. Brooks 23*

In the first half, the Sabres were on top defensively but were let down by rushed shots and wide passing, whereas Knox was prepared to work the ball around for a good opening.

Three minutes into the third quarter Sandringham's lead of 44-37 was overhauled by the determined Raiders as they led for the first time 48-45.

The Sabres answered that challenge, scoring 27 to 14, to give them a 10 point break going into the last quarter.

But Knox came back again and at the eight minute mark was up 82-80 in a game, which had become very physical with four of the Sabres' starting five fouled out.

The last two minutes of play saw the Raiders taking the side ball, rather than go to the foul line for one and one, and they were able to run down the clock to win 82-81.

### **Melbourne 103 d Sandringham 101**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 44, R. Brooks 29, S. Lunardon 13*

The Sabres jumped Melbourne and led 16-5 half way into the first quarter, with Michael Sawyer connecting early on two three pointers and Paul Cervi stealing the ball three times to set up Kent Lockhart and Roland Brooks.

The Tigers, not able to penetrate Sandringham's tight defence, turned to Andrew Gaze who sunk four from the three point line to tie the game at 27-all.

The second quarter was basket for basket, highlighted by Roland's two slams, Nazar Chapdjian's good hands and Kent's 14 points, but they couldn't shake off the Tigers and the score was still level at 56-all.

The Sabres were then able to open up a nine point break five minutes into the third period, but again good perimeter shooting by Melbourne brought it back to four going into the last quarter.

Sensing defeat, the Tigers lifted and at the eight-minute mark were in front 102-96 and started to freeze the ball. Sabres for two, but an intentional foul gave Melbourne one point and, with seconds remaining, a steal allowed Steve Lunardon a successful three point shot. Final scores Melbourne 103 to Sandringham 101.

### **Nunawading 84 d Sandringham 81**

*Scorers: R. Brooks 23, K. Lockhart 17, S. Lunardon 15, W. Pink 15*

The Sabres led at quarter time 22-19 and were up by nine three minutes before half time, but Nunawading staged a come back to level the scores at 43-all.

Sandringham, through strong rebounding and accurate shooting were then able to hold off the Spectres' third quarter challenge and held a five-point lead 67-62 at the end of this period.

With one minute remaining, Nunawading were down by two on the free throw line having been fouled attempting a three point shot. All conversions were accurate which put the Spectres up by one and although a last second Sabres' steal was successful, no foul was called in their favour and Nunawading held on to win 84-83.

### **Bendigo Braves 99 d Sandringham 95**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 33, R. Brooks 27, S. Lunardon 16, M. Sawyer 14*

Bendigo led 25-21 at the first change but the Sabres fought back to be up by 1 point at half time. The third period was all defence and saw the Braves up by 4 with one quarter to go. The lead changed six times in the final minutes before Bendigo eventually won 99-95.

### **Bulleen Boomers 110 d Sandringham 96**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 35, R. Brooks 31, S. Lunardon 29*

Although the Sabres led by two points at quarter time, Bulleen hit a purple patch scoring 11 to three in four minutes to lead 51-45 at half time.

A fired up Sandringham then blitzed the Boomers 32-18 in the third quarter to lead 77-69 going into the last.



With five minutes to play, the Sabres looked vulnerable as they had three of the starting five players on four fouls and Bulleen had quickly reduced the margin to three points.

However, with continued strong rebounding and fast outlet play, they finished all over the Boomers with the final scores 110-96. This victory results in the Sabres making the finals and becoming the first team in Victorian Basketball Association history to make the top four in their first year of competition.

### *Division 2 Men*

#### **Kilsyth 64 d Sandringham 63**

*Scorers: D. Doherty 25, D. Howe 16*

Up at half time, 35-29, Sabres found themselves in foul trouble late in the game. Kilsyth convert their free throws to win 64-63.

### *CVIBL Men*

#### **Sandringham 116 d Ballarat 114**

*Scorers: S. Pinzone 26, A. Stavropoulos 22, J. Morrow 20, T. Walsh 19, P. Cervi 13*

The Miners were up by 4 with three minutes to go. The lead changed back and forth and with seconds remaining, Sandringham made the last shot to win 116-114.



**Sabres Award Winners**

## Major Award Winners

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Summer Finals 1988/89

##### **U/11**

Most Valuable Finals Player: N. Poropar

##### **U/13**

Most Valuable Finals Player: B. Weston (Black Rock Pumas)

##### **U/15**

Most Valuable Finals Player: L. Andrews (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/17**

Most Valuable Finals Player: M. Marshall (Sandy Saints)

#### Winter Season

##### **U/10**

Most Valuable Finals Player: Louise Whitaker (Crusaders)

##### **U/12**

Most Valuable Finals Player: Gabrielle Coghlan (Bandits)

##### **U/14**

Most Valuable Finals Player: Bianca White (Mordialloc)

##### **U/16**

Most Valuable Finals Player: Karen Visalli (Flamingoes)

##### **U/18**

Most Valuable Finals Player: Janice Long (Pumas)

### *Domestic - Boys*

#### Summer Finals 1988/89

##### **U/11A**

Most Valuable Finals Player: P. Marsh (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/11B**

Most Valuable Finals Player: C. Home (Sandy Saints White)

##### **U/13A**

Most Valuable Finals Player: C. Liddell (Mordialloc Youth Club)

##### **U/13B**

Most Valuable Finals Player: E. Tilley (Beaumaris Sharks)

##### **U/15A**

Most Valuable Finals Player: A. Fortes (Hampton Eagles 1)

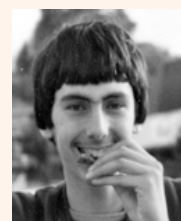
##### **U/15B**

Most Valuable Finals Player: R. Prew (Bentleigh Rex)

##### **U/17**

Most Valuable Finals Player: B. Stainforth (Black Rock Pumas)

#### Faces of the 80s ...





**Winter Finals****U/10**

Most Valuable Player: Stuart Baker (Bandits)

**U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Steven Grimmer (White)

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Tony Pucella (Saints)

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Simon Keil (Sharks)

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Luke Harris (Sharks)

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Sheedy (Eagles)

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Justin Sebrie (Mustangs)

**U/18**

Most Valuable Player: Adam Shaw (Pumas)

***Domestic - Women*****Winter Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Linda Gilpin (Mordialloc

**A Reserve**

Most Valuable Player: Gail Brodie (Demons)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Cathy McLean (Blueberri

***Domestic - Day Time Women*****Monday**

Most Valuable Player: Dianne Jordan

**Thursday**

Most Valuable Player: Louise Graham



**Domestic - Men****Winter Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Hutchinson (Beaumaris)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Warrick Turnbull (Old Mentonians)

**B Reserve**

Most Valuable Player: P. Oxley  
(The Bears)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Jason Molin (CHAMPS)

**Sabres – Girls****U/14AR**

Most Valuable Player: Bianca White  
Most Improved: Sophie Wainwright

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Jodie Semken  
Most Improved: Brooke Elston

**U/18A**

Most Valuable Player: Ketia Fischer  
Most Improved: Carolyn Stroud

**Sabres – Boys****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Tim McGrath  
Most Improved: Aaron Drinan, Daniel Eade, Dean Mahoney

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Adam Craig  
Most Improved: Jayde Sheppard, Paul Higgins

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: David Patrick  
Most Improved: Troy Drinan

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Buck  
Most Improved: Martin McCulloch

**U/16AR**

Most Valuable Player: Matt Lewin  
Most Improved: Luke Gattuso, Chris McKinnon



**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Joe Margheriti

Most Improved: Brian Lewin

**U/20A**

Most Valuable Player: John Morrow

Most Improved: Roger Morris

***Sabres - Women***

Most Valuable Player: Tess Walsh

Most Improved: Debbie Hoy and Julie Quinn

***Sabres - Men******1<sup>st</sup> Division - VBA State Awards***

All Star Five Forward: Kent Lockhart

Total Points: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent Lockhart 31.6 average, - 4<sup>th</sup> Roland Brooks 27.7 average

Total Rebounds: 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Brooks 13 average - 3<sup>rd</sup> Kent Lockhart 10.8 average - 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Lunardon 10.6 average

Total Fouls: 4<sup>th</sup> Kent Lockhart and Steve Lunardon 73

Total Foul Shots: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent Lockhart 105 (4.8 average) - 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Lunardon 93 (4.2 average)

Three Points: 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Sawyer 44

Most Valuable Player: 3<sup>rd</sup> Kent Lockhart 129 - 4<sup>th</sup> Roland Brooks 99

All Star Five: Kent Lockhart - Forward

***2<sup>nd</sup> Division***

Most Valuable Player: Michael Burke

Most Improved: Andrew Stavropoulos



*Dinner Dance: Senior Men Awards*

## Tournaments

### Ballarat - Girls

#### U/14 Girls

Dual MVP's: Bianca White and Bronnie Weston.

### Geelong - Men A Grade

MVP: K. Lockhart



*Warrnambool Tournament: Paul Eadie takes a personal time out*

## Robert Lunardon Memorial Award

**Girls:** Bianca White

**Boys:** John Morrow

## Ten Year Service Award

Michael Burke, Paul Cervi, Michael Phillips, Frank Russo

## Club Man Award

Bruce Mitchell

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Mark Mitchell

**Vice President:** Frank Russo

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

Bruce Mitchell

Andrew Moloney

Michael Phillips



*Ballarat Tournament*

## VBA Division One Team

***In 1989 the senior men's team created history by becoming the first team ever to make the top four in its first year in the Victorian Basketball Association, winter season, first division competition.***

### Coach

Terry Walsh

### Players

Player	Games	Points	Rebounds	Fouls	MVP Votes
Kent Lockhart	22	696	239	73	129
Roland Brooks	21	582	273	52	99
Steve Lunardon	22	357	234	73	29
Michael Sawyer	22	244	35	67	7
Warren Pink	8	74	53	20	9
Andrew Stavropoulos	22	57	45	32	
Steve (Pinzone?)	22	47	5	7	
Paul Cervi	17	35	41	59	
Nazar Chadjian	8	13	10	15	4
Brad Andrews	9	12	5	9	
Stuart Lewin	5	10	8	13	
Shane Connolly	6	6	6	5	
John Morrow	5	2	3	2	
Terry Walsh	2				
Dean Howe	1				
Drew Doherty					

### MVP

Kent Lockhart

### Winter Season - Game Results

Game 1 - Melbourne Tigers 80 d Sabres 82
Game 2 - Sabres 99 d Bayside Blues 68
Game 3 - Sabres 97 d Knox Raiders 90
Game 4 - Sabres 97 d Kilsyth Cobras 94
Game 5 - Sabres 102 d Dandenong Rangers 73
Game 6 - Nunawading Spectres 82 d Sabres 79

Game 7 - Sabres 111 d Diamond Valley/Eltham Arrows 108
Game 8 - Sabres 109 d Sunbury Jets 85
Game 9 - Sabres 124 d Coburg Giants 99
Game 10 - Sabres 102 d Ballarat Miners 96
Game 11 - Sabres 93 d Geelong Supercats 76
Game 12 - Bendigo Braves 99 d Sabres 95
Game 13 - Keilor Saints 118 d Sabres 95
Game 14 - Sabres 77 d Broadmeadow Broncos 71
Game 15 - Sabres 97 d Bulleen Boomers 93
Game 16 - Dandenong Rangers 101 d Sabres 95
Game 17 - Sabres 94 d Kilsyth Cobras 84
Game 18 - Knox Raiders 82 d Sabres 81
Game 19 - Sabres 114 d Bayside Blues 94
Game 20 - Melbourne Tigers 103 d Sabres 101
Game 21 - Nunawading Spectres 84 d Sabres 83
Game 22 - Sabres 110 d Bulleen Boomers 96

### Elimination Semi Final

Bulleen 96 d Sabres 87

### 1989 VBA State League Division One Team

#### **Brad Andrews**

Born Sandringham - 27<sup>th</sup> June 1965

178cm, 70 kg

Point Guard

Sandringham Sabres Juniors and Seniors

Sandringham Division Two 1988

#### **Roland Brooks**

Born in River Rouge, Michigan USA - 27<sup>th</sup> July 1958

201cm, 91 kg

Power Forward

MVP: California Junior College

Co-Captain University of Minnesota, 1984

NBL Perth Wildcats 1985-86



***Paul Cervi***

Born Melbourne - 19<sup>th</sup> July 1963  
183cm, 83 kg  
Off guard  
Sandringham Sabres Juniors and Seniors  
VBA state try outs for U/12, U/14, U/16  
Sandringham Sabres Division Two 1988

***Nazar Chapdjian***

Born Armenia - 7<sup>th</sup> May 1960  
185cm, 80 kg  
Forward  
CYMS juniors U/18, U/20  
Melbourne Tigers 3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
Melbourne Tigers 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 1988

***Stuart Lewin***

Born Melbourne - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1969  
192cm, 89kg  
Guard and Small Forward  
Sandringham U/16  
Melbourne Tigers U/18, U/20  
Sandringham Sabres Division Two 1985-88

***Kent Lockhart***

Born Hollywood California USA - 25<sup>th</sup> April 1963  
195cm, 86 kg  
Off Guard, and Forward  
MVP Gunn High School  
USBL New Jersey 1984  
MVP San Francisco Pro-Am Summer League 1988

***Steven Lunardon***

Born Sandringham - 30<sup>th</sup> October 1966  
208cm, 102 kg  
Centre  
Sandringham Sabres Juniors  
Australian Institute of Sport 1985  
NBL Eastside Spectres from 1986  
NBL Rookie of the Year





**Warren Pink**

Born Melbourne - 28<sup>th</sup> July 1959

195cm, 95 kg

Small Forward

U/20 Victorian Team 1978

207 Games with NBL Eastside Spectres since 1978 and their team captain 1988

Victorian Police Team

**Steve Pinzone**

Born Melbourne - 26<sup>th</sup> December 1960

185cm, 79 kg

Off Guard

CYMS, Knox, Oakleigh

Played one season SEABL

**Michael Sawyer**

Born Melbourne - 14<sup>th</sup> November 1964

180cm, 77 kg

Point Guard

Sandringham Sabres Juniors and Seniors

Sandringham Sabres Division Two 1988

Australian Defence Forces Team

Victorian

**Andrew Stavropoulos**

Born Melbourne - 19th October 1965

195cm, 95 kg

Forward

Sandringham Sabres U/18, U/20

Sandringham Sabres Division Two Team 1988

**Dean Howe**

Born Melbourne - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1961

193cm, 89 Kg

Forward

Sandringham Sabres U/14

Melbourne Tigers U/16

Sandringham Sabres U/20

Sandringham Sabres Division Two 1988

**Coach - Terry Walsh**

Born Gardenvale - 8<sup>th</sup> December 1954

183cm, 92 Kg

Guard

Also playing coach for Division Two team,  
Player and Coach since Sandringham entered VBA

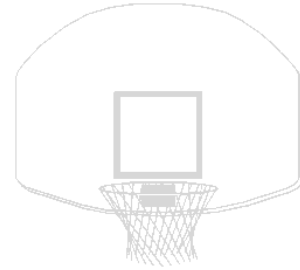


## The Season in Headlines

### Sabres pipped in first State League match

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres went within a basket of winning their first State League basketball match last Wednesday.

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 7 March 1989



### Sabres give Bayside the 'blues'

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres soundly thrashed the Bayside Blues last Wednesday to win their first State League basketball match.

come and a technical foul on a Bayside guard seemed to provide a spark for the Sabres as they then went from one point down to 50 up in the space of three minutes.

Bayside's game began to falter after their starting five, as many were on four fouls. The Sabres continued to dominate and ran out convincing winners, 99-68.

Sandringham's Roland Brooks was best on court with 23 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists.

Bayside Times, 14 March 1989

### Sabres survive hard Knox

Out of the eight teams in the Victorian Basketball association south-east region division one state league competition, Knox Raiders has yet to register a win after three games, while the Sandringham Triumph-Adler Sabres had one win and one loss and were looking to make it two wins in a row.

**Basketball**  
out winners by seven points, 97-90.  
The game's top scorer was Sandringham's Kent Lockhart, with 43 points, and team-mate Roland Brooks had 28 which included four slam dunks. The Sabres rebounded well with Roland Williams.

Bayside Times, 22 March 1989

### Sabres stab Cobras' hopes

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 28 March 1989

### Sabres break through Ranges

Bayside Times, 5 April 1989

### Sabres a moving target for Arrows

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres had a thrilling win against Diamond Valley/Etham Arrows in State League basketball last Wednesday.

the teams for the game, though a 20-point second quarter by the Sabres turned a five-point deficit at quarter-time into a six-point lead (54-46) at half-time.

Sandringham then added eight to their opponent six, and made two free throws from an intentional foul, to win 111-106.

Michael Sawyer, Andrew Stavropoulos and Nazari Chapdelain also contributed with many assists and steals. Sandringham's next home game is at 7.30pm.

Sandringham & Bayside Advertiser, 18 April 1989

### Sabres lose thriller

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres lost narrowly in the eighth round of Victorian Basketball Association State League last week.

Steve Lazzarini, one of the Sabres' guards, was able to make a last-minute shot to win the game, 101-99.

The Sabres' defence was not as strong as in previous games, and they were out of sync in the second half.

With minutes left of play, the Sabres lead had been cut to two points.

Sandringham & Bayside Advertiser, 1 April 1989

### Giant-killing Sabres!

A PARRIED shot sent the Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres to the top of the State League basketball ladder last Wednesday.

The Sabres' defence was not as strong as in previous games, and they were out of sync in the second half.

With minutes left of play, the Sabres lead had been cut to two points.

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 2 May 1989

### Kent canes the cautious Cats

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres once again throttled the opposition in State League basketball last Wednesday.

first, Roland Brooks had 27.13.2, Steve Lazzarini 15.13.7 and Michael Sawyer also reached double figures with 10 points. Lockhart is also making

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 16 May 1989

### Sabres near top; confidence soars

THE Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres are second on the premiership ladder in their State League basketball division with eight wins in 10 games.

88-97, but the Sabres saw it out. Kent Lockhart had a game high of 34 points, plus the rebounds and three assists. Steve Lazzarini 21.14.2, Roland Brooks 17.12.8 and Michael Sawyer controlled the game for 25 points six assists from 10 games.

In the second half, this was quickly increased to a 21-point margin, before a loss of concentration and frequent errors allowed Waverley back into the game.

With minutes left of play, the Sabres lead had been cut to two points.

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 9 May 1989


### Sabres fall in brave battle

IN a spectacular final quarter that saw the lead change six times, the Sandringham 'Triumph-Adler' Sabres lost on the buzzer to the Bendigo Braves, at Bendigo, in State League basketball.

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 23 May 1989



THE Sandringham Triumph-Aid\* Sabres net a 46-point victory over the State Basketball League leader Kent last Wednesday despite a tenacious effort by Sandringham's Kent. Lookham (46 points),



**THE Sandringham "Triumph-Alder" Saven** fought back from behind to beat the Broadmeadows Blazers by six points, 37-31, last week.

played the drums, and  
up to 3, with him on to  
11-12 at the last change.  
Breakdowns for  
back work. While there  
was no go, was back to  
10-11.

blackish above. Nest: 10 eggs; 21 young; 11 female, eight adults, one male and five chicks.

The Lady Riders, third on the ladder, have second-placed smart Werrilow and overdone \$10 after 11 minutes of play but with good control passing, came back to lead by three points of half-

PLACED second on the Blue Ridge National championship ladder, the Hendersonville, Tennessee, Adair-Parkway defeated third-place Asheville in the Blue Ridge North Division.

THE Redskins' "Tommy Aker" failed to tie the last records of their franchise quarterbacks in best a determined Danville-  
ing managers at the King  
Club last Wednesday.

The shaggers were regaled the best of both and with seconds remaining, made two free throws and a shot at the foul line to win by six points, 121-95.

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little.  
A large striped bass game  
and waterfowl, 1990  
July 1st to 10-11.  
BASS WATERFOWL  
any more with 10-11.  
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AFTER a breezy victory against Danbury, the Burlington "Triumph-Adair" boys returned here to contest the Kitchi Ojibwa in their League basketball on Wednesday.

THE Knox Raider pulled off a nail-biting win in the last minute against the Sandringham "Triumph-Alder" Sabres in Stat League basketball last Wednesday.

third quarter Sandringham's lead of 44-37 was overhauled by the determined Raiders as they led for the first time 45-45.

The Sabres answered that challenge, scoring 27 to 14, to give them

The last two minutes of play saw the Raiders taking the side ball, rather than go to the foul line for one and one, and they were able to run down the clock to win 82-81.

Kent Lochart's 28 points and eight re-

Both teams will play Hayside in what will be crucial contests.

**THE Sandringham "Triumph-After" Sabres** easily defeated the Bayside Blues, by 20 points, in State League basketball last Wednesday at the King Club.

The last quarter saw BaySide in team foul trouble and through

It will be interesting to see if the Tigers use all their NBL players, as they lead the south-east-

THE Sandringham "Triumph-Adler" Sabres came within two points of defeating National League leaders Melbourne Tigers in State League basketball last Wednesday.

The Tigers, not able to penetrate Sanderlingham's tight defence, turned to Andrew Gaze, who promptly sank four from the three-point line to tie the game at 27-27.

The Badgers were then able to open up a nine-point break five minutes into the third period, but again good perimeter shooting by Melbourne brought it back to four going into the last quarter.

**THE HARRINGTON** "Triumph-Adler" Sales defeated the Buick dealers and made it into the finals — and consequently into the record books — in State League baseball last Wednesday.

THE Sandringham "Triumph-Adler" Sabres suffered a disappointing one-point loss in the last seconds of play against the Nunawading Spectres last Wednesday.

conversions were accurate which put the Spectres up by one and although a last second Sabres' steal was successful, no foul was called in their favor as Nunawading held on with 84-83.

Both teams play their last fixture game at the King Club this Wednesday.

### Juniors

THE finals are a different ball game — as the Sandringham "Triumph-Adler" Sabres found out in their State League division one elimination semi-final against Bulleen Boomers.

Halfway into the second period, the Sabres established a six-point break only to see Bullen again level the scores as half-time drew each.

Although Sandringham fought back to get to within two points, the Boomers

*"Even when I'm old and grey, I won't be able to play it, but I'll still love the game"*

**Michael Jordan**



## The 1990s



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**Michael Stepien**





## Wayne Sheahan

I started about 20 years ago, coaching Cheltenham Panthers at the King Club.

Early 90s I coached U/10, U/12 teams for five or six years. Won a tournament at Melbourne Tigers and a premiership on Friday night. The finals were always close. I used to give the kids even court time.

I took over the administration of the boys after Terry Walsh left. Michael Burke did the girls' sides. I thought he did a fantastic job; very committed and wanted to develop kids and give them the opportunity to play high standard basketball.

I was on the Victorian junior basketball boys' executive committee and championship committee and senior men and women committee. The reason I got on the committees was because I felt we weren't getting enough information passed down, so I had to go on the committee and learn how it all operated and then try to put it all into place. I was also a boys' co-ordinator.

I went to a coaching clinic and met Ken Flannigan and asked Ken to help our junior coaches become better coaches.

Ken took over from Terry Walsh coaching the senior rep team. The team was on the bottom and about to be relegated from division one. They cut all the local players.

There were four games to go and I asked the manager of Magic for approval to approach Andrew Parkinson to play with us and we paid him to play with us.

The next year I spoke to the manager of Magic to approach Andrew Howie to play for us. I went to Brian Goorjian and he said we could have Shane Bright, Andre Lemanjis and Lucas Angram.

I used to do the promotion of the games on Wednesday night and we had the whole thing packed and people hanging off the rafters, standing around the court to watch the game. It sort of fell away a bit.

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The Magic? I don't know if it was right but it was for financial reasons, that we could get the Magic players cheap. Made a deal with us that their blokes could play for us, as a training run for the Magic, and they would bring in our junior players sometime to give them the experience to play with them.



It was beneficial because it got a lot of PR. You had the Magic training there; the younger kids coming to see the higher standard players they had seen on television. They could talk to them and get their autographs.

The change of name from Sandringham to Southern? I wasn't involved with that. I think it should have stayed Sandringham because once you start something it has history and it has character to it.

What I would like to see is to get two imports and play the rest of the juniors from Sandringham. Make things happen in the local area and build it up as a family club.

If we develop our coaches, the players in the area, we will get more teams playing in the Victorian Championships. But they are not holding the players because there has been too much turmoil in the club, which has split it down the centre.

## Chris Hall

I joined in 1989 and started coaching Mentone then Sandy Saints. Terry Walsh got me to coach the U/14B boys' team. Roger Morris had the U/14A team at that time. The following year I took the AR team and we won the premiership in 1993.

I also coached U/16, U/18, U/20 teams and was assistant coach to Tony Bonniello, coach of the VBL side. In 1997 we were in the VBL competition for the first time and just missed the finals. In 1998 we made the finals.

I was also treasurer until 1999. When I went in the turnover was \$100,000 and when I left it was \$900,000. That's when it lost that family spirit and it became a business.

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Change of name (to the Southern Basketball Association)? It was voted on at a meeting. The clubs in it were not Sandringham clubs, they were teams from Moorabbin, Mentone, Mordialloc, and it was done to give us a more Southern profile. Virtually voted on unanimously. It was a good idea.

I remember in the late 90s I was coaching a second division men team and our home games were at Thomastown on Wednesday and we had U/18 players in the team. I had to take them out myself in the station wagon. It was a trip but it was fun. They were playing against full grown guys. Cam had his jaw broken in two places. Cam was playing man to man and the guy decided to wave his elbows and whack, whack, bang, and the guy got I think twelve weeks.

One of the significant events was the four court stadium, but in getting that we lost that family spirit; that family feeling of a family club. However the benefit of four courts over the years gave an opportunity to thousands of kids to play basketball. They never had the opportunity to play and over time the numbers that will be able to benefit is massive, and that is the biggest plus of having the four courts. That was our greatest achievement.

## Shane Tobin

I started coaching Mordialloc Flyers at Sandy in 1992 and Wayne Sheehan rang me to coach a rep side.

The quality of the kids we had were better in the earlier days. Chris Hall was coaching and Gavin Southern had a good group of kids and the system was already in place. Then we had a lot of politics; lot of change in six years. I had six different people co-ordinating our programs; Wayne Sheehan, Spencer Phelam, Colin Donovan, Roger Morris, Mike Craw, Danny Adamson. There was a turn over in coaches, no continuity.

Experience of the coaches fell away around 1998. It seemed it wasn't quite jelling. You would get kids in the Sabres program but they wouldn't actually go and play for the senior men. The people who were managing the stadium weren't Sabres people; they were involved with Magic and then Titans. All the kids were leaving Sandringham - going to Dandenong or Frankston. There wasn't a flow on from juniors to senior ranks.

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## Andrew Stavropoulos

In 1990 the senior men first division team lost the semi final by a point to Ballarat. Roland Brooks went back to Perth and we got Doug Studer. Terry Walsh was coaching.

Most memorable game was against Ballarat. We had only five players, which included Terry Walsh, and they had their full CBA roster. We lost by 10 points. Kent Lockhart had 62 points. Both teams were calling timeouts because Kent was running so hard. He was unbelievable; impeccable athlete. Atmosphere. Full stadium, 1500 people.

In 1991 Lockhart left. I blew my knee out. The whole team was replaced. They brought in other players who weren't much better than us and I think there was a lot of resentment because of that.

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In 1993 the club adopted the 'Youth Policy.' Players got letters to say your services are no longer required. Tom Sawyer, Paul Cervi, Adam Russell, Paul Eadie, half a dozen; it was pretty ugly.

The reason was that the first division was losing by hefty margins. There were better ways of addressing that situation, by trying to bring in two quality Americans and have the Australians coming through your system. And eventually you would have a strong nucleus of a team.

The culture of the club after that died. It was a depressing environment. That dull feeling remained.

When the Magic joined, people didn't go to watch them play. With the 1989/90 team, people had to be turned away. The Magic situation lasted for about four years.

## Michael Sawyer

Youth Policy? A lot of people who were the heart and soul of the club were told they weren't required anymore. The way it was done was very poor. They could have kept another team because there were a lot of people who could have kept playing decent basketball. I found out by word of mouth. A lot of us accepted that the juniors had to come through but there was a way of doing it. You just can't say to people who were involved with the club all their lives "We don't want you around anymore".

The Magic? They needed a training base. They moved in and said we'll offer your juniors an opportunity to come and train with us. They, our committee, said you can run our number one team and have our facilities and we'll use your name. They went through Wednesday just running their NBL players to give them a second run. Two or three of our juniors sat on the bench, maybe given a couple of minutes.

I stopped playing and coaching 1993/4. It was very messy. A lot of people were very emotional. The worst thing was the long-term effect. When that happened, the heart and soul went out.

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## Michael Stepien

From 1992-94 I coached the U/15B girls' team. Players included Susan Morgan, Anna Marinic, Marcia Kennedy, Louise Curd, Natalia.

1993/94 I coached the CIVBL women's team. The team also played in the Wednesday's competition that was equivalent to the Continental Basketball League. It had national league

and CBA teams playing. We finished about twelfth. Our manager was Gael Fischer and players included Ketiah Fischer, Bianca White, Heide Patterson, Jenny Song, Sophie Wainwright, Jacqui Thompson, Sally Gattuso, Lisa Mulroney and Tracey Aitken.

In one CVIBL game we played Mildura. We were 1 point up, seven seconds to go. I called a time out and we ran a play and got 2 points. We were now up by 3. The players were so busy celebrating down the court that they forgot to watch a Mildura player who got the ball and hit a 3 pointer. Overtime. I was ropeable. In the overtime it was a struggle but we ended up winning by 6 points.

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I remember Michael Burke running around the court in a tutu during a coaches versus players game.

In 1993 we applied to run the stadium and won by one vote.

In 1996 I was the junior girls' coaching director and in 1997 I coached the U/18 girls division one team.

In 1999, one hundred people turned up to our Save Our Stadium rally. If there was no concentrated effort to save the stadium we may have had units where the stadium stands now.

In the late 90s it was decided not to use South East Melbourne Magic players anymore. They had used our stadium since 1993 and the plan back then was to put bums on the seats. It never did. Because people wanted to see Sandringham players, not Magic players. We got involved with Magic because the rule was you couldn't play Premier Division on Wednesday nights unless you were affiliated with a National Basketball League club or you had to be playing in the Continental Basketball League.

It lasted until 1997/98. People were unhappy. Enough was enough. It was time to go back to Sandringham and we went back to the Melbourne Metropolitan Basketball League competition.

Sport is becoming more of a business. In 1993 the turnover in money was \$200,000, now it's over \$800,000. It's sad because every one wants money.

In the 80s it was more of a family atmosphere. I think we were a better club when we had one court; it was a closer unit. However we had to get four courts.

## Ross Graham

The Magic team? At the time the club was going through a significant transition in regards to administration and building the four court stadium. They had priorities to ensure their domestic programs were filling up those courts, to ensure repayment of the loan that was taken out for the building of the facilities.

So their focus was to manage the business properly. Now to keep working on the same path of the rep programs, juniors and seniors, would have taken a significant workload on the volunteers at the time and I don't know whether the numbers of the volunteers at the time were available. So the opportunity arose for an elite program of the senior men to come in and represent the region without a great deal of work from Sandringham.

The Sandringham rep division one team was depleted at that period of time and the opportunity came along, with Colin Donovan managing the stadium and his involvement with the Magic. They said we have a ready-made team and we could put two or three of our kids into the team. There's no work, no cost involved. Let's focus on our core business, which is the right thing to do.

I think they focused on running their domestic comp, maintaining the debt on the facilities and concentrating on the junior reps and letting the senior reps run themselves. I think it was initially going to be for a two-year period.

Complacency got there because it just happened to run okay. So they just let it go amidst the criticism of not having sufficient opportunity for the juniors to develop into the senior program.

Back in the early 90s when they went through that the decision at the time was right, for all the right reasons but people misunderstood the concept. I guess I was critical for not letting the locals have the opportunity but you can be critical without knowing the full story.

I was also dead against changing the name to Southern Basketball Association because it lost its identity. Southern Basketball Association can be anywhere in the world. My logic is that if you are going to identify your self as a geographic environment, give it a geographic name.

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We need to get back the old club spirit, a commitment to each other. It's a tough call to tie something as large as that together. I think places like Kilsyth, Dandenong, Frankston and Nunawading have achieved it. Our association needs to bring back the memorabilia and have the old guys come back.

## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Raw Prawn Awards

##### **Mahoney's Woes**

This month's award goes to all of those who didn't stop to help the Mahoneys whose car had broken down on the way home from the Ballarat Tournament. Plenty of horn tooting and waving - perhaps we all didn't realise they were in trouble, sorry.

##### **Tea Leaf One**

To the person, or persons who have been forcing the ball cage bolts and broken the lugs where the padlock fits through to lock the bolts. Also please return any balls that you may have 'borrowed.'



##### **Tea Leaf Two**

Lost. One C.B. radio stolen by very quiet thieves. After Frank Russo's twenty-fifth birthday extravaganza, Edwards decided to go to sleep in the back of his van. Whilst asleep, burglars broke into his van and stole his C.B. radio, perhaps first turning it on to see if it worked. This gives new meaning to the concept of taking blindly. In future, Carey has agreed to leave the radio outside so no one will wake him up when breaking into the van.

### Newsletters

Bruce Mitchell edited the newsletters from 1990 to 1995. Mark Mitchell edited two or three editions in 1996. Cathy Crow edited some between 1997 and 1998.

### Concept Plan

For integrated Aquatic Centre/ Basketball Stadium/ Gymnasium Hall tabled at Moorabbin City Council Chambers - November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Out of Court

#### **Spat the Dummy**

Which Junior Sabres Coach was recently ejected from Men's A grade competition game? Unfairly of course. Hint: it wasn't at Sandringham but he does get the second Spit-the - Dummy award for the month.

#### **Hot Hot Hot**

Anyone need help with a radiator? Don't ask Damien Moloney who unfortunately suffered scalding when wondering why they sizzle.



**Voiceless Announcer**

Did Mr. Frank Russo lose his voice during the Sabres game against Dandenong on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March last? No, someone pulled the plug on his sound machine. Perhaps it was the Rangers Coach who objected to Frank calling one of his players 'Colonel' Sanders.

**Classic Call**

This particular call will have to go down as one of the top ten all time calls. To set the picture, it was a fairly uneventful U/15 girls' game, the scores weren't close so concentration was low. The initial call was a hands foul, with two shots to come. The first one missed, as did the second.

During the tussle to recover the ball one of the defensive players gained control of the ball and attempted to score at the same end. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending upon your team preference, she was fouled in the act. Brian being on the ball as always called the foul and signaled two shots. He was not fazed until the player attempting the two shot asked, 'if I get these in, do we get the points or them?'

Initially dumbfounded by the question, he then realized the mistake and red faced gave them the ball from the side. Class act Brian!

*By Axe*

**Dinner Dance Presentation**

Over a 100 people had a very enjoyable night at the Brighton Savoy.



*School holidays coaching clinic at the King Club*



## Lumpy's Basketball Vocabulary

<b>Team Player:</b>	A player who passes the ball to me
<b>Ball Hog:</b>	A player who wants ME to pass the ball to him
<b>Monster:</b>	A player half an inch taller than me
<b>Little Man:</b>	A player shorter than me
<b>All Star Player:</b>	A player no better than I am, who is allowed to get away with murder by the referee
<b>Referee:</b>	A blind idiot with an unreasoning hatred of me
<b>Bad Pass:</b>	A ball that I fumble
<b>Rebound:</b>	High altitude wrestling
<b>Fast Break:</b>	Stampede
<b>Defensive Star:</b>	A player who can't shoot
<b>Out Of Bounds:</b>	Play every man for himself
<b>Fumble:</b>	Another players error of my perfect pass
<b>Switch:</b>	What you yell on defence when you have no idea where your man went
<b>Help Out:</b>	When I leave my man unguarded to get in the way of the teammate guarding the post
<b>Jam the Middle:</b>	Two players helping out at once
<b>Zone Defence:</b>	Helping out by jamming the middle
<b>Good Shot:</b>	Any shot I take
<b>Bad Shot:</b>	That taken by a team mate
<b>Crazy Shot:</b>	Basket made by the man I'm guarding
<b>Cry Baby:</b>	Opposing player who complains to the referee
<b>Fighter:</b>	Teammate who complains to the referee

## Individual Achievements

**Kent Lockhart**, and **Steven Lunardon** (Sabres) playing for Eastside Quit Spectres make the National Basketball League's play offs for the first time since 1983. Kent Lockhart makes All Star Second Five and scored an average 27 points per game, 12th best in the League.

**Bruce Mitchell** sports coordinator and broadcaster for Southern 88.3 F.M. radio broadcasts of Sandy basketball.

## Numbers

**\$233.20** raised by cake stall.



## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/10

Sandy Saints (6) 18 d Mentone Mustangs (10) 12

##### U/12

Ormond Bandits (6) 17 d St. John's Crusaders White (7) 16

##### U/14

Black Rock Pumas Gold (13) 40 d Mentone Mustangs (6) 21

##### U/16A

Hampton Eagles (19) 43 d Sandy Saints Red (14) 42

##### U/16

Black Rock Pumas Blue (20) 48 d Mordialloc CYC Flyers Red (19) 32

##### U/18

Black Rock Pumas d Cheltenham

### Domestic - Boys

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/10

Ormond Bandits Gold (17) 30 d St. John's Crusaders (4) 22

##### U/12A

St. John's Crusaders (22) 46 d Mentone Mustangs (23) 43

##### U/12B

Sandy Saints White d St. John's Crusaders

##### U/14A

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (25) 52 d Beaumaris Sharks Red (24) 35

#### Faces of the 90s ...



**U/14B**

Hampton Eagles (24) 55 d Cheltenham Panthers (4) 10
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**U/16B**

Ormond Bandits (21) 38 d Cheltenham Panthers (21) 38
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**U/16C**

St. John's Crusaders (31) 50 d Sandy Saints Yellow (13) 30
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**U/18**

Cheltenham Panthers (26) 58 d Hampton Eagles Green (21) 49
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**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

Bentleigh Firecolts (30) 51 d Moorabbin Mavericks (23) 41
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**AR Grade**

Koalas (19) 34 d Demons (9) 26
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**B Grade**

Maxi-Power (12) 39 d Sharks (17) 29
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**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

Moorabbin Mavericks (25) 59 d Mordialloc CYC Flyers (24) 45
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**B Grade**

Beaumaris (35) 63 d Old Mentonians 1 (33) 59
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**BR Grade**

Old Mentonians 111 (25) 55 d Sandy Saints (29) 51
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## C Grade

The Pitts 11 (26) 58 d Stones (24) 52

## D Grade

Galloping Rhino's (33) 42 d Old Mentonians V (33) 37 in overtime

## E Grade

The Body Shop (22) 39 d St. John's Crusaders (14) 23

## Sabres - Boys

## U/16AR

## Grand Final

Kilsyth (24) 54 d Sandringham (24) 40

Scorers: B. Moloney 16, D. Pascoe 8, D. Patrick 8

Kilsyth had posted the first 6 points in very quick time and were still up 15-7 ten minutes into the first half. The Sabres then answered with a 17 to 9 run to tie the game 24-all at half time. Sandringham got the first score after the break, but Kilsyth regrouped scoring 23 to 9 in fourteen minutes to lead 47-35. The teams then traded baskets with the final score on the score sheet, Kilsyth 54 to Sandringham 40. A very good team effort and congratulations for making the grand final.

## On court with an odd couple

By RUSSELL HOLMESBY

the basketball t. Kent Lockhart and Doug Studer are chalk and cheese. Two Americans in the Sandringham Sabres team are starkly different in their approach. Lockhart is quiet, hard working and a bit of a loner. Studer is more vocal, off instructions and a bit of a playboy.

It is a combination of the two that makes them a winning combination on the basketball court. Lockhart came to Australia to play for Sandringham, but when Eastside import Arne Duncan injured an ankle before the season, the club approached Sandringham about securing Lockhart.

There was no thought of breaking his commitment to the Sabres, instead of being daunted by the prospect of a heavier schedule, he thrives on it.

"I like playing more than once a week and it improves my skills. Most NHL players only play once a week, but that's not for me," he said. "Practice is fine and dandy, but coaches tend to concentrate on drills and nothing is the same as match conditions". Lockhart's voracious appetite for the game is nothing new and during one game in four leagues. "At one stage I played 17 games in 17 days and almost got delirious from playing so

much. By that stage, the ball is almost a part of you. "Once in a while I get jaded, but it depends on your mental approach. If you want to play, you want to play," he said.

His determination is a far cry from his state of mind when he left college three years ago. A lifestyle he describes as "un disciplined" involved a succession of part-time jobs, from laboring to serving on tables.

An only child, Kent says his parents never tried to stop him entering professional basketball. Now 37, he was initially apprehensive about going into the Australian national league and was well aware of the high standard.

"I heard that Steve Corbin played in the NHL here, so I knew it must have been a pretty high standard. It has been improved since last year," he said.

Better "I know one guy who was playing in the NHL three years ago who is now in the SEABL. The Americans coming over here are of a better standard now." Doug Studer arrived in Australia in May and was recruited by Sandringham to plug the gap left by Vince Miers. The door opened at just the right time for the 25-year-old.

"I had been coaching at Columbia College and the league was up on my condominium. This came up and within two weeks I was in Australia," he said.

Born in Jefferson City, Missouri, Studer's career began at Marquette College in Chicago. He went straight into teaching basketball at college and has a teaching degree in physical education.

His ambition is to become a college coach back in the US and he sees Australia as the perfect springboard. "There's a lot of opportunity here and I want to play and perhaps eventually coach in the NHL. I enjoy it here and although I have a family back home, there aren't any other ties," he said.

He intends to stay in Australia during the off-season. In the short time he has been here, he has seen the game progress.

He likes our current basketball scene to that prevailing in the US during the game's formative years. "You see little kids do things here that they wouldn't have been able to do years ago. I've never seen so many people playing the game — old people, young people, men and women," he said.

Usually it's a player like Andrew Glase who takes the game by the arm and really generates interest. "There's a lot of opportunity here and I want to play and perhaps eventually coach in the NHL. I enjoy it here and although I have a family back home, there aren't any other ties," he said.

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KENT Lockhart and Doug Studer ... like chalk and cheese but they make a winning combination on the basketball court.

the Sabres, Studer believes he has the right approach. "I tend to be a bit more vocal than Kent. I was captain of my college and high school teams and I feel that in every team there has to be someone willing to take the lead," he said.

He believes it is natural for Americans to take an assertive role on our courts and knows that he must play an educational role. "They (the Australians) haven't lived the game like we have," he said.

Sabres officials are delighted with Studer's contribution and the side's form has accelerated remarkably since mid-May. Anyone watching Lockhart and Studer in action at the Ring Club can see that despite their different approaches, the pair have developed a special chemistry.

Studer was quick to arouse interest at a higher level. After six weeks with the Sabres, he was signed by SEABL side Ballarat Miners to replace Gary Clapard. The 193cm guard immediately made his presence felt with 39 points in his first game. He is happy to be part of the Ballarat scene while continuing his career with Sandringham.

As for his on-court role for the Sabres, Studer believes he has the right approach. "I tend to be a bit more vocal than Kent. I was captain of my college and high school teams and I feel that in every team there has to be someone willing to take the lead," he said.

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### TA Sabres Kent Lockhart and Doug Studer

Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 24 July 1990

## Sabres - Women

### Division Two

#### Grand Final

Sandringham 50 d Werribee She-Devils 49

*Scorers: K. Fischer 14, T. Aitkens 11, L. Graham 11, S. Gattuso 6, J. Yetsenga 4*

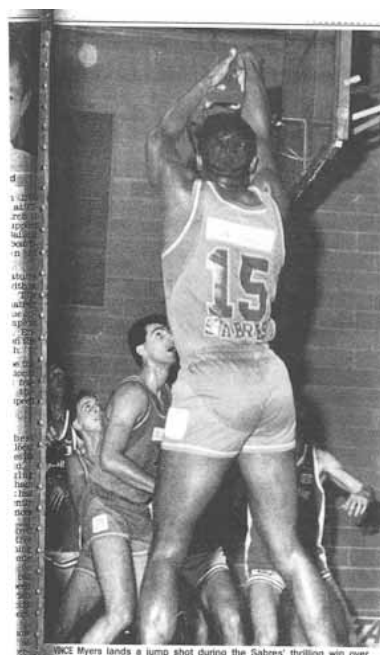
Werribee quickly established an early break and despite some Sabres back court pressure, finished well to lead 32-23 at half time. However the next five minutes held the key to the game as Sandringham found their missing form to blitz their opponents 12 to 2 to be in front for the first time. Werribee then regrouped and answered 15-11 to regain the lead 49-46 with two minutes left but were now in team foul trouble, which was to the Sabres advantage.

Two drives to the basket resulted in fouls and the four points from the free throw line again had Sandringham in front as the clock entered the last minute.

A Werribee miss gave the Sabres possession and the Devils had to foul to stop the clock in the hope of forcing a turnover. The Sabres elected to go to the sideline rather than risk a missed bonus shot and Werribee now had to steal the ball to win.

After five fouls and side-out plays, the Devils finally got their chance as they forced a jump ball with only ten seconds remaining. This was the twenty eighth and last game for the season - that's 1120 minutes of playing time - and the match hinged on a few remaining seconds. The resultant tap was grabbed by the Sabres and with precise ball movement; they kept passing and wound down the clock for a nail biting one point win, 50-49.

Coach Paul Eadie was a happy and relieved man, the players were justifiably ecstatic as were the many supporters who saw a great team performance.



### Sabres looking sharp

THE Sandringham "Triumph-Adler" Sabres had basketball fans jumping to their feet in the thrilling last two minutes of a game with saw them defeat the Nunawading Spectres by three points.

The first two quarters of the State League game last Wednesday saw the Sabres struggling to contain Steve DeLavaga, who had 26 of Nunawading's 55 half-time total, 18 from the three-point line.

Sandringham trailed by 15 points.

A 29 to 19 third quarter by the Sabres, with Kent Lockhart and Steve Lunardon now shutting out DeLavaga and Shane Proting, put the pressure back on Nunawading.

Vince Myers started the last with a quick eight points. Lock-

hart continued to find net and with Lunardon and Tony Ciccio rebounding strongly the Sabres were down by one point with two minutes left to play.

The Spectres, now in foul trouble, sent Lockhart to the line and finally Sandringham were in front for the first time, one minute remaining.

#### Turnover

To stop the clock, Nunawading had to foul but turned over the ball and the resulting final basket allowed the Sabres to defend a three-point margin to win 50 to 49.

Kent Lockhart scored 37 points, had 22 rebounds and six assists. Vince Myers 25.7.7, with Steve Lunardon 18 points, 25 rebounds and two blocked shots.

On Saturday, at home to Dan-

denburg, the game was almost a carbon copy of Wednesday's one.

Sandringham's shooting percentage was low, but they mounted a desperate charge to grab the lead by one with five minutes showing on the clock.

But this time the opposition was more steady in the end and drew away to win 60-55.

Their next game is away to Knox Raiders, this Wednesday, March 7.

In second Division, the TA Sabres men lost to University last week, 43 to 61, but are hoping to make amends against Auburn at the King Club this Wednesday.

John Morrow scored 16 points. Paul Cervi 9, Ben Stainforth 7 and Jason Molin 6.

The TA Lady Sabres have won two out of three in their quest for division two honors.

**Sabres Vince Myers lands a jump shot: Sabres defeat Nunawading Spectres by three points.**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 6 March 1990*

## Sabres - Men

### Division One

#### Quarter Finals

Ballarat 94 d Sandringham 93

*Scorers: D. Studer 36, P. Hotchkin 19, K. Lockhart 19, S. Lunardon 16*

This season, the elimination quarterfinals were on a regional crossover basis. Finishing third in the south-east, the Sabres played reigning premiers Ballarat, who finished second in the north-west, at Ballarat. Down at 20-22 at the end of the first quarter, the Sabres then scored 35 to 25 to lead by 8 at half time. Ballarat replied and led by 2 half way into the last quarter until a 10 to 3 Sabres run had them back in front.

Again the Miners surged to be up by 1 with under a minute remaining. Sandringham's next 2 points were quickly answered and a late foul put Ballarat on the line with 2 seconds to go. The shot missed and although the Sabres rebounded, their last shot fell short - Ballarat 94 to Sandringham 93.

A disappointing end to their campaign, as they had survived a mid season slump to make the finals for the second successive year.

## Tournaments

### Corio Classic - Boys

#### U/14

##### Grand Final

Werribee 69 d Sandringham 29

#### U/16

##### Grand Final

YMCA 47 d Sandringham 42

### Ballarat - Girls

#### U/16

##### Semi Final

Wildcats 41 d Sandringham 36

### Ballarat - Boys

#### U/12

##### Preliminary Final

Ballarat 84 d Sandringham 14



Dinner Dance Presentation



**U/14****Preliminary Final**

Diamond Valley 78 d Sandringham 35

**U/18****Grand Final**

Coburg 69 d Sandringham 35

**Waverley - Girls****U/12****Grand Final**

Moe d Sandringham by five points

Lost to some very big girls from Moe.

Thanks to the coaches, parents who traveled the length and breadth of Waverley and the people who produced the Melways. Coach Michael Burke.

**U/14 Girls****Semi Finals**

Sandringham lost by 4 points

Lost despite the coaching of Roger who looked slightly ill all weekend.

**U/16 Girls****Grand Final**

Werribee d Sandringham

Displayed reserve in the face of some very ordinary refereeing.



*Social function, with Gail Brodie and Julie from the married women's competition*



## Warrnambool - Women

### B Grade

Geelong Rovers d Sandringham by 18 points
Athletics Hamilton d Sandringham by 3 points
Sandringham d Canterbury by 50 points

## Warrnambool - Men

### A Grade

#### Grand Final

Blackburn 82 d Sandringham 81

*Scorers: R. Lunardon 29, Myers 22, K. Lockhart 16*

In an absolutely nail biting game, the TA Sabres were gallant in defeat going down by one point. Lunardon found his missing form and dominated the game, Myers was very solid at both ends, a tired Lockhart did a good job while Andrew Stavropoulos and Tony Cicco put in solid performances.

After trailing at half time by 8, the TA Sabres removed the deficit and led by 8, midway through the second half. A couple of 3 pointers by Larkins brought Blackburn back into the game and with a constant lead change in the last 5 minutes, the game headed towards a thrilling finale. Kent fouled out with two minutes remaining, Blackburn hit the lead by 1 and froze the ball to hold on by the skin of their teeth.



*Referees, tall and short.*

### A Reserve

Warrnambool d Sandringham by 7 points
Blackburn d Sandringham by 7 points
Venture d Sandringham by 18 points

## Corio Classic - Women

### B Grade

#### Grand Final

Rovers 44 d Sandringham 43

Lost the grand final on the last shot of the game.

**Corio Classic - Men****A Grade****Semi Final**

VCBS1 57 d Sandringham 49

**B Grade****Semi Final**

SODS 36 d Sandringham 25

**C Grade (U/18 Boys)****Semi Final**

Kikass 64 d Sandringham 24

7c, Tuesday, May 8, 1990

# Vince is not alone but what a hassle

**THE** Sandringham Sabres aren't saying much about the departure of their US recruit Vince Myers, but it's obvious that the club's hip pocket is hurting.

The lanky Yank spat the dummy at Easter and hopped on a plane home.

There were a few Sabres people who suspected for a while that Myers was on the way out, but as one official said: "Most of us found out after he'd gone."

Family problems back in the US combined with a general yearning for home, and that sealed the issue.

There have been a couple of US departures from the NBL and those in the basketball world reckon Easter is usually the make or break time for Americans.

"By then they're either getting homesick or the teams have decided that they aren't up to scratch, and give them the flick," said one basketball man.

**ROAR!**  
with RUSSELL HOLMESBY

**Sabres US recruit Vince Myers leaves the club.**  
Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 8 May 1990



## Thrillers

### U/16AR Boys

#### **Sandringham 61 d Diamond Valley 59**

In this semi, the Sabres had blown out to a 20 point lead with ten minutes to play, only to see Diamond Valley close to in 10 with two minutes to go. This was further reduced to 1 point when an intentional foul put Sandringham on the line on the full time buzzer. One out of two made the final score 61-59 and a place in the grand final.

### U/17AQ Boys

#### **Sandringham 49 d Mountain Districts 47**

*Scorers: Scott 11, Gavin 11, Matt 11, P. Roolker 8, C. McKinnon 6*

Against Mountain Districts, scores were tied with 6 seconds to go with the Sabres shooting two free throws. Both were missed, Sabres rebound, shot is attempted, foul and Scott goes to the line again. Did the siren go before the foul or is their one second on the clock? After some lengthy discussion, the clock is reset to one second and this time both attempts are good for a 49-47 win.

### U/11AQ Boys

#### **Sandringham 32 d Craigieburn 31**

*Scorers: Justin 10, Craig 8, Cory 8, Daniel 6*

A real cliff hanger. Sandringham led by 1 point at half time but lost the lead late in the second half before a 3 pointer by Craig Watson and good team work gained them a 1 point victory.

### CVIBL Women

#### **Mildura 63 d Sandringham 62**

*Scorers: T. Stephens 17, K. Fischer 12, T. Walsh 11, R. Sheppard 8*

30 seconds into the game Julie Quinn first game back from a knee injury was cut short as she again strained her knee. Now with only two on the bench, Sandringham were up by 1 point and seven seconds to go but a successful drive and lay-in left them behind, with Tess Walsh's three point shot just short on the siren. The Lady Sabres showed a great fighting spirit to go down to the taller Mildura 62-63.

#### **Wangaratta 77 d Sandringham 76**

*Scorers: Tracy 25, Ketiah 22, Louise 18, Sally 10*

The game hung in the balance with the score 61 all at three quarter time. The Sabres then got to be five up until a couple of errors had them down by one with 1.46 to play. Both teams fought it out to the end, but the score remained unchanged for a 76-77 loss to Sandringham.

### Division One Men

#### **Bulleen 98 d Sandringham 95**

*Scorers: Doug 30, Steve 24, Kent 13, Paul 7*

Leading 48-44 at half time, the third quarter was disastrous as Kent sat with 5 fouls and Doug picked up his fourth. Bulleen then capitalised on this to lead by 14 with 5 minutes to play. Threes to Doug, Paul, and Andrew Stavropoulos plus baskets to Steve, brought the margin back to one with 14 seconds remaining. An intentional foul was called against the Sabres and with both shots good, Sandringham lost 95-98.

#### **Kilsyth 84 d Sandringham 81**

*Scorers: K. Lockhart 38, S. Lunardon 21, D. Studer 12*

The score was 61-all at three quarter time. The Cobras then moved ahead to lead by 7 with 4 minutes left to play, but Sandringham closed to within 3 with 20 seconds remaining. Sabres foul. Kilsyth side ball, inbound, Sabres steal as the clock reaches 10 seconds, 3 point shot long, rebound, outlet, 3 point shot short amongst cries of goal tending and overtime is denied, lost 81-84.

## Major Award Winners

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### *Winter Grand Finals*

##### **U/10**

Most Valuable Player: Natalie Gedye (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/12**

Most Valuable Player: Kate Baker (Ormond Bandits)

##### **U/14**

Most Valuable Player: Sophie Wainwright (Black Rock Pumas Gold)

##### **U/16**

Most Valuable Player: Gemma Horsefield (Mordialloc CYC Flyers Red)

##### **U/18**

Most Valuable Player: Bronte Neyland (Black Rock Pumas)



*Social function,  
November 1990*

## Domestic - Boys

### Winter Grand Finals

#### U/10

Most Valuable Player: Stuart Baker (Ormond Bandits Gold)

#### U/12A

Most Valuable Player: Simon Toniolo (St. John's Crusaders)

#### U/12B

Most Valuable Player: Justin Tilley (Sandy Saints White)

#### U/14A

Most Valuable Player: Ben Dodge (Beaumaris Sharks Red)

#### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Danny McGrath (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/16A

Most Valuable Player: Luke Gattuso (Sandy Saints Red)

#### U/16B

Most Valuable Player: Frank Hoffman (Ormond Bandits)

#### U/16C

Most Valuable Player: Damien North (St. John Crusaders)

#### U/18

Most Valuable Player: Tim Evans (Hampton Eagles)

## Domestic - Women

### Winter Grand Finals

#### A Grade

Most Valuable Player: Caroline Stroud (Bentleigh Firecolts)

#### A Reserve Grade

Most Valuable Player: Bernadette Terrell (Koalas)

#### B Grade

Most Valuable Player: Carol Butigan (Maxi-Power)

### Faces of the 90s ...



**Domestic - Men****Winter Grand Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Dean Howe (Moorabbin Mavericks)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Richard Home (Beaumaris)

**B Reserve Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Damian Wilson (Sandy Saints)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Steve Kliris (The Pitts 11)

**D Reserve Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Ken Parker (Gallop Rhinos)

**E Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Robertson (The Body Shop)

**Sabres - Girls****U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Jolanta Johnstone

Most Improved Player: Sally Harrowfield

**U/14R**

Most Valuable Player: Sophie Wainwright

Most Improved Player: Belinda Dwyer

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Gabby Coughlin

Most Improved Player: Marcia Kennedy

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Bianca White

Most Improved Player: Jenny Weston

**Sabres - Boys****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Dean Mahoney

Most Improved Player: Aaron Drinan

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Justin Tilley

Most Improved Player: James Borghero

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Chad Liddell

Most Improved Player: Michael Umbers





**U/16AR**

Most Valuable Player: Brendan Mohoney

Most Improved Player: Luke Gattuso

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Bates

Most Improved Player: Corey Williams and Brett Little

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Boode

Most Improved Player: Paul Roolker

***Sabres - Women*****Division Two**

Most Valuable Player: K. Fischer

***Sabres - Men*****Division One**

Most Valuable Player: Kent Lockhart

Most Improved: Nazar Chapdjian

**Divison Two**

Most Valuable Player: John Morrow

Most Improved: Jason Molin

*Sabres Award Winners 1990****SBA Clubman***

Andrew Moloney

***VBA State League Awards*****Most Points:** *Kent Lockhart* (Sabres) 752 in 24 games at 31.4 average.**Most Rebounds:** *Steven Lunardon* (Sabres) 362 in 25 games at 14.5 average.**All Star Five:** *Kent Lockhart* (Sabres) second successive year.**Best Coverage Regional Newspaper:** *Bruce Mitchell*, The Bayside Times, for its coverage of the Sabres championship games.



## Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy

**Girls:** Gemma Horsefield  
**Boys:** Matt Lewin

## 10 Year Awards

Louise Graham, Ketiah Fischer, Paul Eadie, Tess Walsh, Steve Lunardon, Adam Russell, Andrew Stavropoulos, Tracy Aitken, Michael Sawyer.

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Mark Mitchell  
**Vice President:** Frank Russo

**Secretary:** Bruce Mitchell  
**Assistant Secretary:** Andrew Moloney  
**Treasurer:** Michael Phillips

### Domestic Committee

*Chris Meehan, Jilly Whyte, Di Mason, Graham Borghero, Sandra Eldridge.*

### Championship Committee

*Chris Hall, Di Jordan, Gaele Fischer, Raylene Shephard, Michael Burke, Bob Umbers, Terry Walsh.*



*Division 1 Men at the King Club. Sabres 101 d Bayside 85*

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **The Night of the Gowns and Tails**

Well, what a night! Those who weren't there missed a night that had class, etiquette, protocol, nostalgia, Terry Walsh in a tie; and the entertaining prowess of Michael 'Like a Virgin' Burke. The food was great, the liquor served with a smile and the music great to dance to. There were stunners to the left and stunners to the right, some of whom had never been out of tracksuit pants and runners before.

If there was a fashion award to be given on the night, it would have gone to Brad Tomlinson. He graced this auspicious occasion wearing weight lifter parachute pants and a shirt which would look more at home on a pizza. To compliment the touch of individualism he wanted to achieve, he wore a black tie and studded shoes. If you didn't notice Brad, you were at the wrong the dinner dance.

Congratulations to all those who picked up the prizes, especially the thirty bottles of Crisco oil. A lot of people were very disappointed they missed out on that one.

#### **Triathlon**

The event started with a 600-metre swim followed by a 16 km bike ride and 5km run for the men, while the women rode 13 km and ran 4km.

The men's winner was Dean White in 1 hour 4 minutes 30-seconds, with Brad Andrews 5-seconds behind and Josh Hunt next with 1.07.

Sally Gattuso led the women home in just 1.06, followed by Tessa Walsh 1.09.5 and Kristian Harris, 14 years old, who completed the course in 1.30.

Some of the competitors rode extra kilometres as they missed (or nearly missed) turnoffs, Jacko ran the distance (no he didn't run on water), Terry would have won the masters division (if there was one) and the changing of clothes between the stages had to be seen to be believed.

#### **Raw Prawn Award**

This goes to Brian Lewin and Carey Edwards for skiing down Mt. Hotham in just shorts and singlets. Unfortunately, the only parts of them that froze were their brains so they're back at Sandringham as normal as ever.



## **New Kids on the Block**

As you may have noticed there are some new referees on the hallowed floorboards of Sandy, Beau, Parkdale and St.James, but unlike the old guard (anyone who has refereed for more than 2 years) they have all the ingredients to be a good referee.

They are keen, motivated and have dollar signs in their eyes. I wonder which two of essential ingredients the old guard have lost? So, I would advise those of the aging fraternity to prove to your bosses, the dynamic duo of Andrew and Andrew, you are worthy; that is of course if you wish to maintain your current level of income.

## **September School Holiday Clinic**

Another very successful basketball clinic was run during the first week of the school holidays, around 800 children attending the King club over the four days.

Thanks to Kent Lockhart, Dave Simmons, Steve Lunardon, Chris Fulton and Jim Pursell for their expertise. Also thanks to Frank Russo for his organisation.

## **Classic Quotes**

### ***Close Shave***

After receiving a fairly touchy call from one of the referees for blocking with the leg, the frustrated female player gasped, 'I'm going to make sure I shave my legs before I play next week.'

### ***Memories***

After being asked why he wasn't taking notes at the coaches' course, the coach replied, 'I don't need to I've got a photogenic memory.'

### ***Parasites***

During the Division One Men's game, Carey Edwards was heard to say, 'I hate being big as I have to pass off to all the parasites.'

### ***Water Boy***

Against Dandenong, Paul Cervi sits and is handed a water bottle. Paul takes a mouthful and then says, 'Strop, this water's dry.'

### ***Slo Mo***

Whilst coaching her team in one of the finals, Marion bellowed the following frustrated comment, 'stop doing things in slow motion.'

***Spickman Speechless***

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October last, Spick (Michael Stepien) went through the 1-2-1-1 Full Court Press at training. After training, he gave out a diagram of how this 1-2-1-1 press works. Sue Morgan then looked at the diagram and asked, 'do I have to run this 'offense' or not ???' Spick gave up.

***Wrong End***

A player was complaining about the thickness of her thick shake, (sounds silly already), when she decided to take the straw out (surprise, surprise) followed with the statement, 'the stuff comes out of the wrong end of these straws.'

***In Need of Direction***

If you are in need of directions, Anna's the person to ask. Just don't expect to get there in a hurry. She will take you to Bayswater to get to Frankston.

*By Axe*

***Black Rock U/15B Girls***

Drew with Sandringham - Under 15B 1, 18-all; Marcia 8, Mad Dog 4, Angry 4, Shirley 2. They told us all week they would 'kill' us but they underestimated the power of Spick-A-Mania. Best game all season girls.

Lost to Coburg 30-37; Shirley 16, Angry 4, Elton 7, Mad Dog 3. We were leading 27-22 with 6 minutes left then we let them score 15 to our 3. Disappointing, but I've gotten used to throwing away leads! Lost to Warrandyte 32-33; Mad Dog 12, Angry 8, Stix 4, Shirley 3, Edna 3, Radish 2.

I've run out of excuses!! Although our field shot percentage did go from 36% last week to 59% this week. Don't ask me, I don't know!

*By Michael Stepien*

**Dromana Tournament Highlights*****Wrestling***

Spick's motivational tactics for the U/15 girls - show them full contact women's wrestling. Mary certainly got involved.

***Two Blind Mice***

The U/13A girls' ability to tell the results of the game. After watching the last 10 minutes of the U/13B girls' game, Jolanta, Sally and Georgia asked the question, 'did you win?'

***What a Larf***

Carmen's burst of laughter. Not so funny, unfortunately for Paul. She had a mouthful of coke at the time and was sitting in the back of his car.

**Eye Sore**

Request of the tournament - Michael to Paul on Sunday - Please don't wear those shorts of a morning, they hurt my eyes.

*By Axe*

**VBA U/12 Talent Identification Camp**

Congratulations go to Jacinta Canestra - MVP at the camp, Jane Mason - All Star 5 and Laura Silver - Best Hustle Award. Our other three participants, Jade Sheppard, Sam Hall and Gabbi MacMurray, also proved themselves capable of playing A Grade basketball competitively.

*By Michael Burke*

**A Lesson In English**

**Provoke** v.t. cause; irritate; incense; arouse; excite

**Retaliate** v.t./i reply in kind; requite; revenge

These are two words that have figured prominently in the Sandringham Basketball Tribunal hearing held this year. Quite a few players, both juniors and seniors, have had weeks off to reflect on the meaning of both words. Don't you be the next to have them explained to you.

**The Party**

Come to a party at my Bayside home, the invite said, where you can, at the going down of the Sun, Bury your difference and celebrate 60 years of VBA basketball. Suddenly there was a Knox at the door and Gipps, Lands in.

'Where are Bee and the others,' he asked. 'And who is that funny looking clothes horse.' 'Just some Dandy Nong,' I replied over the noise. 'Al! Tona the music down.'

'Hell! Tha'm others not here yet,' he questioned. 'Gee! Long wait for you then.'

'Yes,' said I. 'I think Nun Are Wad'in to come, the invites must not have been sent. I'll Kill Syth and Keel (Haul) Orr for not doing it.'

'Bull! Een must have told them not to,' he suggested. 'Perhaps the others have gone to that Broad's Meadow's farm.'

'Ball(s)! A Rat has got into the system,' I replied. 'And it's off to Coburg College if I find out who it is ...Maybe Mel Borne the brunt of the responsibility.'

'No,' came the answer. His wife would not let him, she's too good is our Saint 'Hilda. Why not let Sand Ring 'Em and let's get started.'

## Lobby

We continued to lobby strongly the Moorabbin Council, at each meeting, in relation to the Turner Road Pool site. Currently the project has lost momentum due to economic conditions and local residents applying pressure to the council not to proceed for various reasons.

*By Mark Mitchell*

## 1<sup>st</sup> April Edition Newsletter

Results of a survey done in the early 90's revealed that:

- 0.4% of Sandringham people had not heard Frank Russo's 'Road Runner' answer phone.
- 526.7km was the average distance traveled by Michael Burke on Friday nights.
- Bruce Mitchell rang the VBA 5.8 times a day.
- Strop devoured 9.2 sandwiches during after game suppers.
- Marian Moloney drank 3 bottles of Coke each Saturday morning at Parkdale.
- Carey Edwards while coaching on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 91, picked up a tech foul in 1 min 57 seconds. This record still stands to this day.

## First Time

**Bruce Mitchell** starts broadcasting basketball results on Southern 88.3 FM radio.

## Individual Achievements

**Michael Phillips** completes twelve years' consecutive service on the executive committee (Treasurer: 1979-1991). The longest serving treasurer in the club's history and the longest serving member in any one position on the executive committee.

**Bruce Mitchell** completes three years' service on the executive committee (Secretary: 1988-1991).

**Jacinta Canestra, Jane Mason, Laura Silver, Jade Sheppard, Sam Hall and Gabbi MacMurray** attend VBA U/12 Talent Identification Camp held at Albert Park during the September school holidays. All six girls more than held their own with the best players in the state.

# Basketball in tricky bounce

THE year changes, but some sagas just keep on rolling.

If you thought the recent Moorabbin Council meeting on the oft-discussed new basketball stadium was a turning point in the long-running battle, then think again.

The Moorabbin Council decision to size up the plans until early March seemed to have stabilised the situation, but things are bubbling away under the surface.

There is a strong push towards having Sandringham Council add three courts to the existing court at the King Club complex in Tulip St.

Apparently the Victorian Basketball Association reckons there is enough demand to justify four courts at each centre, but the pro-Sandringham group wants to get in first and ensure that the present centre continues as the basketball focus for the south-eastern suburbs.

King Club manager Trevor Barker said it would be a great pity if Sandringham was replaced as the main basketball venue.

"It would be a tragedy for the Sandringham public and for the council when all the hard work to foster basketball has been done here."

"The King Club would love to expand by three extra courts, and the plans show that it would be easy to achieve."

If the Moorabbin move does proceed the basketball fraternity is arming itself with plenty of ammunition to head off objections from residents in the Turner Rd area.

A petition doing the rounds has already gathered 1500 signatures and that is sure to swell even further by the time Moorabbin Council discusses the basketball court again on March 4.

ROAR!

with RUSSELL HOLMESBY

more that Lockhart would not be back this year the Sabres are confident he will line up in their starting five in a few weeks.

That's good news for freshly appointed head coach James Costa, who is hoping for a big year for the Sabres.

**New basketball stadium in Moorabbin or three more courts for the King Club?**

Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 22 January 1991

## Numbers

**2000** plus registered players in senior and domestic competitions.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/12A

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (7) 23 d Ormond Bandits (6) 20

##### U/12B

Sandy Saints Blue (12) 20 d St. John's Crusaders (6) 14

##### U/14A

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (23) 40 d Ormond Bandits (16) 31

##### U/14B

Sandy Saints (21) 37 d Ormond Bandits (10) 22

##### U/16

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (35) 67 d Black Rock Pumas (10) 16

##### U/18

Black Rock Pumas (15) 35 d Cheltenham Panthers Black (10) 28

### Domestic - Boys

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/12A

Sandy Saints White (23) 40 d Mentone Mustangs (15) 29

##### U/12B

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (19) 47 d St. John's Crusaders (15) 32



**U/12C**

Sandy Saints Blue (8) 20 Black Rock Pumas (4) 18
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**U/14A**

Sandy Bullits/Beauy Sharks (21) 38 d Sandy Saints White (17) 34
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**U/14B**

St. James Bulls (32) 66 d Hampton Eagles (20) 33
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**U/14C**

St. James Bulls (26) 40 d Mentone Mustangs (14) 37
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**U/16A**

Mordialloc CYC Flyers (20) 45 d Hampton Eagles (24) 43
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**U/16B**

St. James Bulls (21) 51 d Ormond Bandits (7) 23
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**U/16C**

Hampton Eagles (22) 44 d Beaumaris Sharks (10) 27
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**U/18A**

Hampton Eagles (32) 67 d Sandy Saints Red (22) 45
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**U/18B**

Sandy Saints White (21) 64 d St. James Bulls (30) 54
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**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Summer Season 1990/91****A Grade**

Bentleigh Firecolts (30) 52 d Moorabbin Mavericks (16) 42
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**AR Grade**

Koalas (17) 45 d Sharkettes (20) 25
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**B Grade**

Maxi-Power (29) 47 d The Wackers (16) 31

**Domestic - Day Time Women****Monday**

Top Shots d Concord

**Thursday**

Cheltenham 1 d Jades

**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Summer Season 1990/91****A Grade**

Moorabbin Mavericks (39) 70 d Sandy Saints (34) 58

**B Grade**

Parkdale (33) 74 d Old Mentonians (19) 41

**BR Grade**

Mordialloc Flyers (23) 36 d St. Leonard's Suns (18) 34 in overtime

**C Grade**

Tradesman (21) 48 d Black Rock Bulls (17) 33

**D Grade**

Galloping Rhinos (23) 49 d Wombats (14) 36

**E Grade**

St. James Bills (28) 55 d St. John's Crusaders (25) 53

**Faces of the 90s ...**

## Sabres - Girls

### U/12AR

#### Grand Final

Sandringham (14) 39 d Diamond Valley (14) 33

The season culminated in an exciting Grand Final. All players performed well during the final series and the team had several good results against A grade sides in tournaments. Finished the season with 19 wins 3 losses. Coach Michael Burke.

### U/12B

#### Semi Final

Ringwood 29 d Sandringham 28

This team was a young, inexperienced unit and did well in B grade to make the finals. They were most unfortunate to lose but played extremely well. Finished the season with 12 wins, 1 draw, 8 losses. Coach Michael Burke.

### U/16AR

#### Grand Final

Sandringham d Keilor by 20 points.

The Sabres were unstoppable. Coach Michael Sawyer.

## Sabres - Boys

### U/14C1

#### Grand Final

Melbourne (21) 54 d Sandringham (17) 44

*Scorers: A. Morrison 9, C. Marshall 8, T. Nolan 8*

Melbourne up by 4 points at half time, but the Sabres then fought back to be up by 4 points. However the tall Tigers rallied to take the match 54-44 as the Sabres tired. Coach Geoff Stubs.

### U/18AR 2

#### Grand Final

Ringwood (25) 44 d Sandringham (19) 42

*Scorers: S. Mitchell 11, G. Southern 8, B. Moloney 7, M. Lewin 7, C. McKinnon 7*

A slow start against Ringwood had the Sabres trailing 19-25 at half time, but a good fight back then reduced the deficit to 2 points as time ran out for a 42-44 loss. Coach Stuart Lewin.

## Sabres - Women

### VBA Division Two

#### Preliminary Final

Sunbury 68 d Sandringham 66

*Scorers: T. Aitken 12, S. Gattuso 12, T. Walsh 10, K. Fischer 10*

Coming from 11 points down at half time, the Lady Sabres ran Sunbury right up to the final buzzer.

### CVIBL Division One

#### Finals

Warrnambool 66 d Sandringham 59

*Scorers: Sally 17, Tracy 15, L. Graham 11*

Top four teams in region 1 and region 2, playing for positions 1-8. Played catch up ball from the start. 4<sup>th</sup> in region 2, Finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Coach Terry Walsh.

## Sabres - Men

Saints 143 d Sabres 89

*Scorers: Saints A. Parkinson 46, P. Wain 31, B. Blair 22, S. Kerle 14; Sabres D. Cogger 18, T. Cicco 12, J. Morrow 11*

NBL Comes to Sandringham. A good crowd was on hand to see an exhibition game between Sandringham Sabres and NBL side Southern Melbourne Sweathog Saints at the King Club last Saturday week.

## Tournaments

### Ballarat - Girls

#### U/12A

#### Quarter Final

Kilsyth d Sandringham

#### U/14B

#### Quarter Final

Kilsyth 2 39 d Sandringham 27

*Scorers: Natalia 9, Gabby 7, Sommer 5*

Played four hours after their previous game. Faced Kilsyth, their better team, the girls put up a gallant effort.

**Ballarat - Boys****U/18A****Grand Final**

Sunbury 53 d Sandringham 45

*Scorers: S. Mitchell 13, C. McKinnon 13, B. Moloney 7, O. Hillebrand 6*

Sunbury had a walking tree who was 203cm (6ft 8 inches for us old folk) and could fit Scott in his pocket, but to their credit they kept him out of the game.

Sunbury had the early lead, but a good Sabres fight back levelled the scores at 23 all at half time. It was 28 a piece with fifteen minutes to play when Sunbury got what was to be the winning break, scoring 10 to 2 and although Sandringham tried hard, they lost by this 8 point split. Coach Stuart Lewin.

**Melbourne - Girls****U/12****Semi Final**

Sandringham lost by three points

Lost a great game after leading by 6 with 5 minutes to go. The telling factor was the fouling out of two of the players, which only left four on the court for the last three minutes.

**U/14****Semi Final**

Albury (11) 26 d Sandringham (12) 23

*Scorers: Gabby 12, Natalie 6, Jolanta 2, Nicole 1*

From 10-4 down 10 minutes in, we fought back to lead at half time. The second half biggest margin was 2 points when with 30-seconds to play and 1 point down, we were forced to try to steal the ball and on fouling, Albury went to the free throw line for a one on one. Unfortunately they made both and a last 3 point effort just missed (by about 10 feet). Coach Carey Edwards.

**U/16****Grand Final**

Sandringham AR d Albury by 16 points

The girls took a long time to get going, at one stage being down 11 to 1 before finding their range. At half time they trailed by 4, but powered away to a convincing 16 point win. Congratulations to all the girls.

**Dromana - Boys****U/13AQ****Grand Final**

Sabres 47 d Kilsyth 35

*Scorers: D. Eade 18, D. Mahoney 11, S. Bennett 12, S. Scott 4*

Coach Chris Hall.

**U/13B****Quarter Final**

Warrandyte (11) 33 d Sabres (12) 22

Overcoming a bad start, we caught up to lead 12-11 at the half, but height disadvantage at both ends was a telling factor. Super coach.

**Warrnambool - Men****AR Grade****Grand Final**

Monash Uni 53 d Sandringham 32

*Scorers: C. Semken 8, P. Eadie 6*

**Thrillers****U/17AQ Boys****Bayside 49 d Sandringham 48**

*Scorers: S. Mitchell 12, D. Connors 10, G. Southern 9.*

Down by 3 at half time, the Sabres fought back to be up by 1 with seconds to play but lost on the games' last shot, 48-49.

**U/18AR Boys****Knox 47 d Sandringham 46**

*Scorers: C. McKinnon 20, S. Mitchell 12*

A very close game throughout, had the score at 46-all and the Sabres were unlucky to lose on the last free throw.



1991: Junior Sabres Award Winners

**U/18A Boys Ballarat Tournament****Ballarat 42 d Sandringham 40***Scorers: Chris 12, Scott 9, Owen 5*

Giving Ballarat 10 points start at half time, the boys fought back to tie the game only to lose it on the last shot on the buzzer, 40-42.

**Scott's 21<sup>st</sup>****Division 2 Women****Sandringham 51 d Werribee 48***Scorers: L. Graham 17, T. Walsh 11, J. Stephens 9*

Up 49-37 against Werribee with 3 minutes to play, it quickly became a matter of urgency as 11 to zero run against reduced the margin to 1 point. A lay-in on the buzzer however saved the game 51-48.

**VBA Men****Nunawading 108 d Sandringham 106***Scorers: Chris 38, Gintas 27, Tony 8*

A classic shoot-out with Nunawading just getting the upper hand in the last minute to win 108-106. Paul Cervi played an excellent defensive and passing game, especially in the last crucial quarter.

## Major Award Winners

**Domestic - Girls****Winter Grand Finals****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Samantha Hall (Mordialloc CYC Flyers)

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Natalie Gedy (Sandy Saints Blue)

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Gabrielle Goughlin (Ormond Bandits)

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Summer Hampson (Sandy Saints)

**U/16**

Most Valuable Player: Myra White (Black Rock Pumas)

**U/18**

Most Valuable Player: Broni Weston (Black Rock Pumas)



## Domestic - Boys

### Winter Grand Finals

#### U/12A

Most Valuable Player: Gianni Generoso (Mentone Mustangs)

#### U/12B

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Guce (St. John's Crusaders)

#### U/12C

Most Valuable Player: Simon Anderson (Sandy Saints Blue)

#### U/14A

Most Valuable Player: Adam L'Huiller (Sandy Bullits/Beauy Sharks)

#### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Steve Bennett (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/14C

Most Valuable Player: Damien Simmons (St. James)

#### U/16A

Most Valuable Player: Chad Liddell (Mordialloc CYC Flyers)

#### U/16B

Most Valuable Player: Jana Srikantha (St. James Bulls)

#### U/16C

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Noalan (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/18A

Most Valuable Player: Brendan Moloney (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/18B

Most Valuable Player: Lachlan Oakley (Sandy Saints White)

## Domestic - Women

### Summer Grand Finals

#### A Grade

Most Valuable Player: Sandra Eldridge (Moorabbin Mavericks)

#### A Reserve Grade

Most Valuable Player: Joanne King (Koalas)

#### B Grade

Most Valuable Player: Kelly Grattidge (Maxi-Power)



## Day Time Women

**Monday**

Most Valuable Player: Ketiah Fischer and C. Taylor

**Thursday**

Most Valuable Player: D. Stewart

## Domestic - Men

### Summer Grand Finals

**A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Craig Semken (Moorabbin Mavericks)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Phillip Bainbridge (Parkdale)

**B Reserve Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Bryce Doherty (St. Leonards Suns)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Greg Rosenberg (Black Rock Bulls)

**D Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Warren Cook (Galloping Rhinos)

**E Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Owen Hillebrand (St. John's Crusaders)

## Sabres - Girls

**U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Jade Sheppard

Most Improved Player: Jane Mason

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Kellie Sullivan

Most Improved Player: Felicity Nagorcka

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Gabby Coughlin

Most Improved Player: Natalie Smith

**U/16AR**

Most Valuable Player: Bianca White and Bronnie Weston

Most Improved Player: Gemma Horsfield

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Nicole Hulme

Most Improved Player: Mary Sebire

## Faces of the 90s ...



**Sabres - Boys****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: James Borghero

Most Improved Player: Justin Tilley

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Jason Mead

Most Improved Player: Mark Ainley

**U/14B Central Division**

Most Valuable Player: Paul Marsh

Most Improved Player: Ashley Kopszynski

**U/14B East Division**

Most Valuable Player: Cameron Home

Most Improved Player: Paul Higgins

**U/14C**

Most Valuable Player: Cameron Marshall

Most Improved Player: Stephen Bennett

**U/16AR**

Most Valuable Player: Nathan Wilson

Most Improved Player: Daniel Buck

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Chris McKinnon

Most Improved Player: Owen Hillebrand

**Gaele Fischer with David Simmons***Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 30 April 1991***Sabres - Women**

Most Valuable Player: Tess Walsh and Ketiah Fischer

Most Improved: Sally Gattuso

**Sabres - Men****Division One**

Most Valuable Player: Chris Fulton

Most Improved: Tony Cicco

**Division Two**

Most Valuable Player: Michael Burke and Michael Sawyer

Most Improved: Josh Hunt

**Division Four**

Most Valuable Player: Carey Edwards

Most Improved: Matt Lewin

## Tournaments

### Dromana - Boys

**U/13AQ**

Most Valuable Player: Dean Mahoney

### Robert Lunardon Memorial Award

**Girls:** Jacinta Canestra

**Boys:** Scott Mitchell



Frank Russo and Terry Walsh surrounded by car bonnets

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Mark Mitchell

**Vice President:** Frank Russo

**Secretary:**

June Hamill

**Assistant Secretary:**

Andrew Moloney

**Treasurer:**

Chris Hall

### Domestic Committee

*J. Whyte, G. Borghero, G. Smith, A. Weir, E. Baker, D. Mason, R. Geddes, C. Meehan.*

### Championship Committee

*Terry Walsh, Cotta, G. Fischer, D. Jordan, R. Sheppard, C. Hall, M. Stepien, R. Umbers, G. Brodie.*



School coaching clinic at the King Club

## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Win Results in Loss**

The division two men's team play best of three challenge matches to avoid relegation. Win first game, 55-54. Then forfeit the challenge series because of ineligible player. Relegated to third division.

#### **Disclaimer**

For those who had sinister thoughts about why Michael missed training on Sunday, the actual reason was that he had to be gone by 7.00am to retrace his previous night's steps in order to find his misplaced tooth. How he lost his tooth is another matter.

### **Ballarat Tournament Highlights**

#### *Sheep Talk*

Spick has developed a new strategy for testing whether or not what he is saying is too difficult for the Spickettes to understand. He discusses it with sheep first and if they comprehend, uses these tactics with the girls.

#### *Hi Mum*

It seems that the Ballarat cold left no one unaffected. It was so severe in the main stadium Jolanta was convinced that a particular poor unsuspecting woman was her mother and like a normal affectionate child, she sat on her lap. It wasn't until she was given a few funny looks from friends that she came to her senses and realised she had plotted her 'behind' on a total stranger. Not to be fazed she promptly rose, said 'good bye' and went on her way.

#### *Hallway Monitor*

For the first time this year somebody made the ultimate sacrifice and used their body to block the cold Ballarat draft from a number of the adults' rooms. To be totally effective this meant that the good Samaritan had to lie parallel to the floor. Although there are a number of rumours as to why and how the person came to be in this position, who could doubt the supreme sacrifice that was made for the good of one's fellow freezers.

## The Big Night Is Close

For those who don't remember, those who can't remember and those who would prefer to forget, the Sabres' Dinner Dance is just around the corner. Don't disappoint yourself by putting it off till the last moment, the chances of being able to get a table or even a spot on the night will be less than the Dickey Knees A grade men's team, getting through the season injury free (the Dickey Knees consist of five Sabres or ex-Sabres who have had major knee surgery).

## Thank You - In Anticipation

To the person(s) who removed the badges from my car in the King Club park during the Junior Domestic Finals on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September - the police have a nice set of your finger prints. If the badges are returned to the King Club, no further action will be taken.

## Classic Comment

This one comes from a well informed and frustrated Z grade player. For those of you who are unsure Z grade is anything where enthusiasm vastly overshadows ability. Whilst dribbling down the court under total control as all players of this level do, the unsuspecting player was called for a charge. Totally dumbfounded the offensive player replied 'how can you call that, he just stood in front of me.'

## Trivia Night Highlights

- The effort of the U/18 Boys finishing in the top few, and their lack of willingness to share their coke with their parents.
- The Mentone Mustangs table's willingness to swap food for answers.
- The per capita consumption of alcohol on Brian's table.
- The number of tables claiming they finished last.

## Diary of a Parent - Ballarat Tournament

### Friday 11.30pm

Leave Melbourne at 8.30pm after watching another game of basketball. Stop McDonalds, stop toilets, stop sick, stop McDonalds again. Arrive at Ballarat, 10.30pm eventually find camp 11.30pm. My idea of a fun place to stay must be different from my daughter's. Check on kids every 5 minutes. They're always asleep when I get to the door. Must be a spy in the parents' room. Some kid dressed as an adult. Some of them look too happy and relaxed to be parents. It's just like Stalag 13 film.

**Saturday 8.00am**

Played a friendly game of cards last night. Lost the family house and car. Didn't know that in reverse, stud poker with wild 7's and 2's, that a pair of sixes beats a royal flush.

Had to see the caretaker to find out whether there is a yearly accommodation rate for a family. Got 15 minutes sleep. Watched another game of basketball.

**Saturday Noon**

Just watched my seventh game of basketball. Had my fifth cup of coffee. The repetitive bounce of the ball is slightly hypnotic. Where is court 8? Have to be there in three minutes. Get to watch the warm-ups of that game and then drive 14 kids to court 3. Or is that court 4.

**Saturday 7.00pm**

Just drove to court 12. If I hear that 'diarrhoea' song one more time I'll scream. Besides which, the lunchtime frankfurts are making that song very real to me.

**Sunday 3.00am**

Kids finally to bed. Or are they? Find I'm having a lot of paranoiac thoughts. Perhaps due to lack of sleep.

**Sunday 7.00am**

Get up for 8.00am game after 30 minutes sleep. Find out, from someone else, that some of the kids have not been seen in their rooms all night. Was it my child? He/she used to be so sweet and obedient before this trip.

**Sunday 7.00pm**

Finally have ten minutes to myself. No kids, no basketballs, no inside of a car. Have to recommend the toilets at the Ballarat stadium to more of the parents. Becoming a bit highly strung.

**Monday 1.00am**

Kids have just checked on me for the twentieth time tonight. The local doctor has also been in. Kids look like they are as energetic as ever. That was their plan. They slept on the first two nights whilst I checked on them every five minutes and now that I'm bedridden with stress and exhaustion .... Paranoiac thoughts continue.

This will be my last entry for the weekend. I need a decent bed to sleep in, a bath, a month's holiday, a good meal and a stiff drink.

Pity I have to go to work on Tuesday morning.

I think I echo the sentiments of all parents who went to the Ballarat Junior Basketball Tournament. It has the potential to be a very enjoyable weekend. If only we could get rid of the juniors and the basketball.



### 360 Degrees

Since last year's Annual General Meeting the Association's direction and emphasis has turned 360° and we were until two weeks ago in final negotiations with the City of Sandringham and the Victorian Basketball Association to build three additional courts onto the existing one at the King Club Tulip street. The project had progressed to the point of the Victorian Basketball Association submitting draft tender documents for approval to the City of Sandringham. At this stage a third party, 'Life be In It' Australia has entered with a lucrative offer to the City of Sandringham to build facilities within the City of Sandringham over a period of time.

*By Mark Mitchell*

### Junior Domestic Referees

Another year which started well, with most games covered by two referees. But then; some of the refs discovered Plugger, whatever that may be, others invented snow, others found out that school dances, balls, socials or what ever, go past their normal 9.00pm bed times, many were strangled periodically by CATs, and these minor matters turned into big deals, big enough to forego refereeing occasionally.

Generally the standard of refereeing is improving, although we should admit we can all improve. Unfortunately, a few coaches and players are not smart enough to realise this. Not only do some not appreciate the efforts made to keep games running smoothly, but they criticise in unsportsmanlike fashion. No referees can satisfy both sides with every decision, but there is no intention on a ref's part of favouring one side over another.

Unfortunately there is a growing trend amongst players and coaches towards acting as if every game is being played for a sheep station. Competition is a good thing but being over competitive is another. Two examples are triple teaming, and abusing opposition players from the bench and stand. These people need to realise that basketball is a game.

*By Co-ordinator Andrew Moloney*

### Individual Achievements

**Andrew Moloney** completes four consecutive years' service on the executive committee (Assistant Secretary: 1988-1992).

**Chris McKinnon selected** for the boys' VBA under 18 elite squad.

### Numbers

**259** junior and senior domestic teams, **62** men, **29** women, **120** boys, **48** girls.

**\$825,000** basketball boost gets go-ahead. Sandringham council accepts a proposal to build three new courts on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1992. To be funded by VABA.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### U/12A

Mentone Mustangs 39 d Sandy Saints 21

#### U/12B

Hampton Eagles 48 d Sandpipers 16

#### U/14A

Mentone Mustangs 56 d Sandy Saints 31

#### U/14B

St James Bulls 54 d Ormond Bandits 22

#### U/16A

Mordialloc CYC Flyers 64 d Mentone Mustangs 26

#### U/16B

Mordialloc CYC Flyers 34 d Southern Stars 7

#### U/18

Black Rock Pumas Blue 58 d Black Rock Pumas Gold 21

### Domestic - Boys

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### U/10A

Bullits 48 d Ormond Bandits 17

#### U/12A

Hampton Eagles 47 d Sandy Saints 33



**Sandringham will get three new basketball courts at the King Club**  
Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 24 March, 1992

**U/12B**

Mordialloc CYC Flyers 64 d St John Pacers 28

**U/12C**

Sandy Saints 23 d Mentone Mustangs 19

**U/12D**

Coatesville Cats 33 d Bentleigh Bullets 28

**U/14A**

Sandy Saints 45 d Mordialloc CYC Flyers 39

**U/14B**

St James Bulls 45 d Sandy Saints 18

**U/14C**

Sandy Saints 60 d St John's Crusaders 25

**U/16A**

Mordialloc CYC Flyers 48 d Beaumaris Sharks 4

**U/16B**

St James Bulls 55 d Cheltenham Panthers 25

**U/16C**

St James Bulls 58 d St John's Crusaders 33

**U/18A**

Beaumaris Sharks 46 d Sandy Saints 32

**U/18B**

St James Bulls 94 d Sandy Saints 25

**U/18C**

Hampton Eagles 43 d Beaumaris Sharks 29

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

## Domestic - Women

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### A Grade

Hampton Hotshots 48 d Mordialloc Flyers 28

#### AR Grade

Southerners 29 d Mixtures 25

#### B Grade

The Wackers 29 d Aussies 27

## Domestic – Day Time Women

### Grand Finals

#### Monday - A Grade

Top Shots d Concord

#### Monday - B Grade

Bluebirds d Panthers

#### Thursday - A Grade

Breakaways d Panthers

#### Thursday - B Grade

Jades d Sweathogs



**Fourth Division Men: Latrobe defeats Sabres by three points**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 1 September 1992*

## ***Domestic - Men***

### **Grand Finals - Winter Season**

#### ***A Grade***

Parkdale 84 d Mordialloc 54

#### ***B Grade***

Panthers 53 d Brighton Stealers 45

#### ***C Grade***

Sandy Celtics 48 d Stones 35

#### ***D Grade***

Galloping Rhinos 51 d Hampton Tennis Club 26

#### ***E Grade***

Green Machine 36 d FUBS 32

#### ***F Grade***

MOB 48 d Ramjets 44

## ***Sabres - Girls***

### ***U/12AR***

#### **Grand Final**

Sandringham 30 d Kilsyth 27

It was a tough game and although a little under sized, the girls did well to out rebound the Cobras taller timber. The long awaited break finally came in the last minutes and the girls then fought too hard to give up what they had worked so hard for. A Kilsyth three pointer in the heart stopping final seconds did not hit the spot and this left the Sabres well deserved victors 30-27. Coach Donna Mitchell.

**U/16B****Grand Final**

Southern Peninsula 31 d Sandringham 26

*Scorers: Sophie 11, Belinda 5, Louise 5, Anna .*

Nerves (again) hit us, especially at the foul line making 5 from 23 attempts. However, the girls did themselves, the club and myself proud in producing the fighting effort they did. Well done girls, for an excellent season result. Coach Michael Stepien.

**Sabres - Boys****U/12B1****Grand Final**

Collingwood 61 d Sandringham 49

*Scorers: Mathew 14, M. Ainley 9, K. Sheehan 7, D. Molino 6, D. Poyton 6, T. Fish 6*

The Sabres could not get their routine together which allowed Collingwood early unwanted points. Towards the end of the game the boys picked up the pace to get within striking range, but their fight back fell short and Collingwood were too strong on the night. Coach Wayne Sheehan.

**U/14AR****Grand Final**

Sandringham 44 d Doncaster 37

Although lacking a few centimetres, the Sabres aggressive defensive pressure, smooth running motion in offence and total team commitment won out in the end. An excellent result for a season of hard work by all players.

Coach Chris Hall: Players Daniel Eade, Dean Mahoney, Scott Hall, Stephen Bennett, Paul Marsh, Aaron Drinan, Maurice Pauley.

**Sabres - Women****VBA Division Two****Semi Final**

Melbourne Uni 52 d Sandringham 40

*Scorers: J. Filiatrault 21, C. Stroud 13*

Up against 4<sup>th</sup> place Melbourne Uni, the Sabres were always behind and although a rush of points near the end looked promising, it was a 40-52 loss.

## Sabres - Men

### VBA Division Four

#### Semi Final

Latrobe (22) 51 d Sandringham (22) 48

*Scorers: C. Edwards 14, D. White 10, P. Hamill 9, A. Mitchell 6, Ben 4, R. Morris 3, J. Margheriti 2*

Against a full strength Latrobe, the Sabres early shooting woes continued and they were more than matched on the boards by the taller opposition. Down 10 to 20 after 14 minutes of play, the Sabres swarming defence then forced turnovers which were converted into points for a 22 all half time score.

After the break, Latrobe again regained the lead and were up 46 to 41 as the clock showed 2 minutes to go. Both teams were now in the bonus situation but the Sabres fought back - minus Paul Hamill with a corked thigh - to trail 48-49 with 8 seconds remaining. A foul to stop the clock gave Latrobe a one and one of which both were successful and the Sabres good season ended. Coach Terry Walsh.

## Tournaments

### Bayside - Girls

#### U/10

#### Grand Final

Sabres 20 d Tiny Tots 9

Congratulations to all the girls, legends in the making, a fine tournament by all. Coach Daniel Eade.

#### U/12 Girls

#### Premiers

#### U/16 Girls

#### Semi Final

Warragul 34 d Sabres 27

With early nervous passing and a lack of stamina at the end being our downfall. Coach Michael Stepien.



## Dandenong - Girls

### U /10

#### Grand Final

KBC 22 d Sandringham 16

*Scorers: Madeleine 12, Brooke 2, Celeste 2*

With only five players, the five games over the weekend exhausted the girls, and their parents and their coaches who seemed to be as active on the sidelines. The girls were unlucky to lose a close and high scoring grand final 16-22 after 'mad dog' Madeleine Canestra was fouled out with 3 minutes to go. Congratulations to the players, Brooke, Celeste, Chelsey, Sally and Madeleine and to the coach Daniel 'supercoach' Eade.

### U/14 Girls

#### Grand Final

Sandringham 29 d Rangers 1 26

*Scorers: J. Mason 15, J. Canestra 8, J. Sheppard 4, B. McWhens 2*

With a team made up of three under 12's, three bottom-age-under 14's and one top age under 14, these girls performed exceedingly well to defeat Dandenong's full A grade side in the Grand Final. Under the pressure of a booing, parochial Dandenong crowd and a Sandringham coach with high blood pressure and a loud voice, the girls maintained their poise to score vital shots and play good defence to win 29-26.

## Dandenong - Boys

### U/12B

#### Quarter Final

Wedge 47 d Sandringham 31

*Scorers: Mathew 14, Benjamin 6, Kieran 5*

## Ballarat - Girls

### U/16B2 Girls

#### Semi Final

Coburg d Sandringham

### U/18B Girls

#### Semi Final

Bulleen d Sandringham



*Junior clinic at the King Club: it only had one court!*

**Ballarat - Boys****U12B****Semi Final**

Diamond Valley 1 d Sandringham

**U/14A****Semi Final**

Bulleen d Sandringham

**U/18A Boys****Grand Final**

Sandringham (24) 45 d Werribee (15) 23

*Scorers: C. McKinnon 30, M. Lewin 6, B. Maloney 4, C. White 3, L. Gattuso 2*

We jumped them early and it looked like there would only two scorers on the score sheet - Puss and one of their forwards. The guards played tight defence and fed the ball to Puss who had a field day. Werribee seemed to play less aggressively which did not suit them. Two of their better players fouled out leaving them few scoring avenues and they then over reacted and committed 16 team fouls which left us shooting one and ones successfully.

Coach Fred Gattuso: Players P. Konstantinidio, M. Lewin, B. Maloney, C. McKinnon, L. Gattuso, C. White.

**Melbourne - Boys****U/12B****Grand Final**

Sandringham 43 d Ashwood 25

*Scorers: Chris 14, Jason 10, A. Giles 4, Mathew 4, Luke 4, D. Molino 3, Kerian 2*

Congratulations to the boys, it was a very good team effort and will be a moment to remember. Coach Wayne Sheehan.

**U/14B1****Grand Final**

Sandringham 55 d Scoresby Suez 33

*Scorers: Justin 19, Craig 13, James 10, David 8, Emile 5*

Scoresby Suez relied on two tall skilful boys only, so we used our running game to be up by 16 at half time and although they closed to within 8, many 3 points plays gave us the premiership. Coach Gavin 'supercoach' Southern.

## Dromana - Boys

### U/11B

#### **Semi Finalists**

Our results were very pleasing, being undefeated in four games before reaching the semi finals. Unfortunately Bobby badly injured his knee and missed the semi final. Well done boys. Coach Shane Tobin.

### U/13A

#### **Quarter Final**

Eltham 34 d Sandringham 18

As the best of the losers we qualified for a semi final against Bayside, but were not told of this until we got home, thus we forfeited. What a weekend. Coach Gavin 'supercoach' Gavin.

## Warrnambool - Women

### B Grade

#### **Grand Final**

Sandringham lose by 5 points

The grand final was a David and Goliath affair. Their opponents were a mix of Knox, Dandenong and Nunawading first and second division players ranging in height from 5ft 6in to 6ft 3 in. Unfortunately the superior height advantage took its toll and the girls went down by 5. A great effort by all players.

## Warrnambool - Men

### A Grade

#### **Semi Final**

Keilor d Sandringham

### AR Grade

#### **Semi Final**

Warrnambool d Sandringham by 10 points

They reached the semi final as the best loser. After a close first half Warrnambool opened a 15 point lead in the second half, finally winning by 10 points.

**B Grade****Grand Final**

Broadmeadows d Sandringham

Unfortunately they were unable to hold their sensational form and were given a whipping by Broadmeadows second division team in the grand final. The members of the team agreed that their success on this tournament was due to their abstinence over the weekend. Understanding who was in this team on could find this hard to believe, But who are we to question their warped memories.

**Thrillers****Division 2 Women****Sandringham 51 Diamond Valley 49**

*Scorers: J. Filiatrault 15, D. Hoy 15, J. Stevens 10*

Defeated Diamond Valley with a basket, only seconds before the finals buzzer.

**VBA Division One Men**

Eltham 139 d Sandringham 137

*Scorers: Bickmore 43, Frazier 28, Cogger 21, M. Sawyer 20*

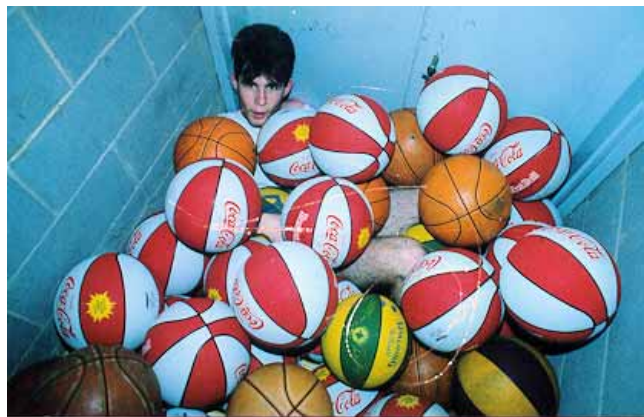
The first three quarters were fluctuating ones with Eltham pulling away 112-97 at the last break. Three pointers from Michael Sawyer (3) and Frazier (2) helped pull the score back to 122-118 at the seven minute mark and it was still Eltham, 139-137, with 15 seconds remaining. After an Eltham missed one-and-one, the Sabres swept forward and Adam Shaw sunk two foul shots to tie the game ... or did he? A check on the score sheet showed Eltham 139-138, but the video evidence and the running tally later proved that the Sabres had forced a draw, the game will now be replayed.

**Division 4 Men**

Sandringham 52 d Altona 45

*Scorers: A. Mitchell 15, D. White 14*

Starting with 5 players and one fouling out with 8 minutes to play, the Sabres held out for 52-45 win.



*School holiday clinic. Gavin Southern looking for a basketball*

## Major Award Winners

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### *Winter Grand Finals*

##### **U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Laura Silver (Mentone Mustangs)

##### **U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Melanie Jamison (Hampton Eagles)

##### **U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Megan Hornbuckle (Mentone Mustangs)

##### **U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Nicole Bourke (St. James Bulls)

##### **U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Melanie Coe (Mordialloc CYC Flyers)

##### **U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Olivia Martin (Mordialloc CYC Flyers)

##### **U/18**

Most Valuable Player: Tamsin Visick (Blue)

### *Domestic - Boys*

#### *Winter Grand Finals*

##### **U/10A**

Most Valuable Player: David Barlow (Bullits)

##### **U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Leigh Witney (Hampton Eagles)

##### **U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Brett Hudson (Mordialloc CYC Flyers)

##### **U/12C**

Most Valuable Player: Robert Coyle (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/12D**

Most Valuable Player: Douglas Greenough (Coatesville Cats)

##### **U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Justin Tilly (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Nick Zomer (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/14C**

Most Valuable Player: Brad Strain (Sandy Saints)

##### **U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Marcello Di Floria (Beaumaris Sharks)

#### Faces of the 90s ...



**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Mealor (St. James Bulls)

**U/16C**

Most Valuable Player: Ben Francis

**U/18A**

Most Valuable Player: David Patrick (Beaumaris Sharks)

**U/18B**

Most Valuable Player: John Chenall (St. James Bulls)

**U/18C**

Most Valuable Player: Scott Osborne (Hampton Eagles)

**Domestic - Women****Winter Grand Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: R. Caskey (Hampton Hotshots)

**A Grade Reserve**

Most Valuable Player: S. Farr (Southerners)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: J. Bissett (The Wackers)

**Domestic - Day Time Women****Grand Finals****Monday A Grade**

Best and Fairest: Gail Brodie (Black Rock)

**Thursday A Grade**

Best and Fairest: Leona Sierakowski (Breakaways)

**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Winter****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: C. Leigh (Parkdale)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: S. Mitchell (Panthers)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: M. Cooper (Sandy Celtics)

**D Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. Buck (Hampton Tennis Club)





**E Grade**

Most Valuable Player: D. O'Shea (Green Machine)

**F Grade**

Most Valuable Player: A. Williamson (MOB)

***Sabres - Girls*****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Gabby McMurray

Most Improved Player: Margaux Osborne

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Brooke McCormack

Most Improved Player: Jolanta Johnson

**U/14B1**

Most Valuable Player: Amy Simpson

Most Improved Player: Kate Baker

**U/14B2**

Most Valuable Player: Felicity Nagorcka

Most Improved Player: Elsie Thompson

**U/16B1**

Most Valuable Player: Sophie Wainwright

Most Improved Player: Louise Curd

**U/16B2**

Most Valuable Player: Mary Sebire

Most Improved Player: Melanie Coe

***Sabres - Boys*****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Glen Gomez

Most Improved Player: Andrew Umbers

**U/12B1**

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Kurta

Most Improved Player: Kieran Sheehan

**U/12B2**

Most Valuable Player: Robert Coyle

Most Improved Player: Russell McCartney

**U/12B3**

Most Valuable Player: Trevor Hood

Most Improved Player: Daniel Moloney

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**



**U/14A Reserve**

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Eade  
 Most Improved Player: Stephen Bennett

**U/14B1**

Most Valuable Player: David McCartney  
 Most Improved Player: Dominic Hellier

**U/14B2**

Most Valuable Player: James Borghero  
 Most Improved Player: Ricky Deaton

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Adam L'Hillier  
 Most Improved Player: Ashley Kopszynski

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Chris McKinnon  
 Most Improved Player: Matt Cooper

***Tournaments*****Bayside****Girls U/10 Grand Final**

Most Valuable Player: Tanya Campbell

**Ballarat****Boys U/18 Grand Final**

Most Valuable Player: C. McKinnon

**Melbourne****Boys U/14B1 Grand Final**

Most Valuable Players: David, James, Justin

***VBA State League Awards*****Referees of the Year:**

Tony Drinan and Sharon Arnold (refereed Division one grand final).

**Best Coverage Regional Newspaper:**

Bayside Times for coverage of Sabres senior championship games - Bruce Mitchell.

## Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy

**Girls:** Brooke Mathews  
**Boys:** Chris McKinnon

## Officials

### Executive Committee

<b>President:</b>	<i>Mark Mitchell</i>	<b>Secretary:</b>	<i>June Hamill</i>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<i>Frank Russo</i>	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<i>Chris Meehan</i>
		<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Chris Hall</i>

### Domestic Committee

*I. Gilpin, J. Whyte, J. Jamison, D. Mason.*

### Championship Committee

*G. Brodie, G. Fischer, R. Umbers.*

### Junior Domestic Committee

*Chairperson Michael Stepien, Jo Jamison, Steve Sowden, Barbara Finley, Michael Sput, Michael Smith, Di Mason, Ernie Baker, Geoff Stubbs, Chris Harris.*

### Referee Advisor

*Rosemary Morris*

## Sabres sign up top US players

IT is rare for a basketballer with experience in the US's National Basketball Association (NBA) to line up with an Australian team.

It is even rarer for an ex-NBA man to be snared by a club outside our own national competition, but the Triumph Adler Sandringham Sabres has managed to do just that in securing Lawrence Frazier.

Frazier and fellow American Eric Harrington are spearheading the Sabres' charge back to success after a rather flat 1990 season.

Frazier made the grade at the highest level with San Antonio Spurs, but had only a short contract and when it expired he decided immediately to come to Australia. He toured Australia last year with Team America and was keen to make another journey.

Sandringham officials interviewed him on the Saturday after he arrived in Australia and he signed on the following Thursday.

The Sandy hierarchy stitched up Frazier's international clearance in less than 24 hours — an amaz-

ing feat considering the complications that usually arise in such cases.

Eric Harrington is no stranger to the Australian scene. He came out from Chicago in 1989 and first turned out for Dandenong.

After returning home for a break, he played with Werribee for two years.

Sandringham approached him late in 1990 and the 26-year-old centre signed in October.

"I'm very optimistic," he said as Sandringham officials beamed with expectant grins in the background.



LAWRENCE Frazier ... clearance stitched up in less than 24 hours.



ERIC Harrington ... the 26-year-old centre signed in October.

**Recruits Lawrence Frazier and Eric Worthington**  
*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 31 March 1992*

## Snippets

### General Stuff

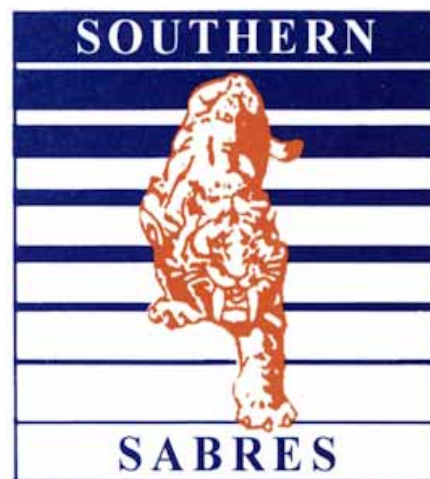
#### Southern

Sandringham changes its name to Southern in an extra ordinary meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> March 1993. Unanimous vote.

#### NBL Comes To Sandringham

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, the South East Melbourne 'Big M' Magic and the Hobart Tassie Devils played a full scale NBL practice game in front of a packed house at the King club.

All the stars were in action, including Shane Bright, Andrej Lemanis, Andrew Howey and Kent Kavanagh from the Magic who also plays VBA with the Sabres.



*Southern Sabres Logo - May 1993-2000*

After an even first quarter at 13 all, the Magic gradually established a lead to be up 52-46 at half time and 78-63 going into the last. A spirited fight back by the Devils then started to eventuate, but the reigning national premiers were too steady on the night for a 102-90 win.

Scorers: Magic - Bruce Bolden 23, Tony Ronaldson 21, Andrew Parkinson 21, Darren Lucas 14, David Graham 12, Robert Rose 11; Devils - Andrew Svaldenis 21, Donald Whiteside 16, Wayne McDaniel 15, David Close 10.

#### The Big Game

What a fantastic experience for the U/12 B1 boys to play at the tennis centre as a warm up game for the NBL Perth Wildcats vs North Melbourne Giants. I would like to say the lights and the atmosphere got to them, as we lost 34-14 to Templestowe, but how many under 12's can say they played in front of 5000 fans.

#### Old News - From the 'Archaeological Times'

At a recent archaeology dig, an ancient clay tablet was unearthed and the following was deciphered:

'The following tribe from the south, wearing the skins of the Sabre tooth feline did battle with the Tiger worshipping tribe for the state rock throwing title. The tiger men had left the sanctuary of their lakeside fortress to travel to the coliseum of the King of the Sands for the event.

The populous had gathered to oversee the proceedings and also to make much comment to the two keepers of the rock, who were easily distinguished by their zebra skin adornments. After being thrown away by one of the keepers, both tribes did endeavour to take possession of the rock and pass it through a hole at a great height in the overhanging ledges at both ends of the coliseum.

Every so often, the keeper would call for the rock to be returned then changed his mind and give it back, a motion that alternatively enraged the local towns-folk and visitors alike.

This action and when the rock did pass through one of the holes, was confirmed by a wise sage and also noted by she of the many coloured chalks along with how or why the rock changed possession.

Both tribal chiefs would, upon much gesticulation, rotate their clan into the fray until the calling for a long interval rest period by the sounding of a cattle horn was heard.

This halt in proceedings allowed many small children to try to throw the rock through the hole from long distances under the guidance of the music maker

Both tribes would then return and for a short time, see who could force the rock down the hole from the greatest height and in the most unusual ways.

Upon the sounding of the horn again, the keepers did once more throw the rock away and the war continued at a fast pace until near completion, when many from both tribes would be given unhindered attempts making the last moments seem an eternity.

The horn was heard for a final time signifying the end of this annual ritual with those of the sabre skins victorious by 'the score of 100-99 rocks successful.

However, amongst the celebrations it was learned that men from the blue tribe had to be called to investigate the visitors' claims that .... 'we waz robbed.'

The article then concluded with the statement that the inscription I-IV-IXIII was also noted and it was hoped that more tablets would be found so that many could gaze upon them.

*By Bruce Mitchell*

### **Women Are Innately As Aggressive As Men?**

It looks like those thumping women were at it again. In what can be described as the daintiest game in Sabres' Domestic history, the overly aggressive Basketears 28 defeated the hacking Hustlers 22, in the first game ever no foul game in senior competition. Skeptics may call foul, questioning the scorer's ability, but having personal knowledge, of the teams, that is unlikely. Don't you wish you had a few of these on a Tuesday night, Frank.

*By Axe*

### Classic Comment

Whilst being pursued by a defensive player, this innovative thinker decided to dribble from the front court to the back court. When called for a centre line violation her reply was, 'what else could I do, she was chasing me!'

### SBA Referee Association

At an extraordinary meeting held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June to form our Referee Association. The following were elected;

President Andrew Stavropoulos, V/President Carey Edwards, Secretary Craigh Leith, Treasurer Andrew Sheedy.

### Youth Policy

The men's senior Championship Committee Program has adopted a youth policy agreed by the Coaches, Match Committee and the Championship Committee. Regrettably, this has left no position with the current team for some of our longer serving players. The youth policy will lay the foundations for a solid future for the young Sabres players currently playing in the junior teams of the club.

It was deeply regrettable that some of the long serving senior players were advised that they were no longer required for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their many years of service to the Association.

*By Mark Mitchell - President*

### Struggle

Our division 1 men's team struggled, particularly early in the season. Andrej Lemanis took over as coach from Ken Flannigan about a third of the way through the season. The positive contributions of our 'imports' being our Magic contingent of Andrew Parkinson, Shane Bright, Leigh Wadeson, Rupert Sapwell and particularly near the end of the season, John Dorge together with Chris McKinnon had a marked impact.

*By Bob Umbers*

### CVIBL Women Comeback

Last year we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> last in our conference, 16<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams in the league. We started the season losing the first three games in a row by a total of 60 points!

Then after injecting some new blood into the team, we then won the next five games in a row. We could have made it 6 on end had we not had a one point loss to top of the ladder Ringwood, who themselves had a nine game winning streak. To the team's credit, they fought back after this game to win 5 out of the next 7 games to make the final play-offs for the first time since 1990.

*By Michael Stepien*

### SBA wins deal

Southern Basketball Association chosen to manage the proposed four court multi purpose courts at Sandringham Family Leisure Centre.

### Individual Achievements

**Chris McKinnon** tours the USA with the U/18 Victorian elite squad, 8 wins 5 losses.



*U/12B1 Sabres boys vs Templestowe. Played at the Tennis Centre as a warm up game for NBL teams, Perth and North Melbourne*



*Tracy at Shepparton Stadium*



## Games

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12A*

Sandpipers 29 d Ormond Bandits 13

##### *U/12B*

Victoria Maccabi d Mentone Mustangs

##### *U/14A*

Mordialloc Flyers 31 d Ormond Bandits 24

##### *U/14B*

Mentone Mustangs 27 d Hampton Eagles 19

##### *U/14C*

Sandy Saints 40 d Victoria Maccabi 39 in over time

##### *U/16A*

Mordialloc Flyers 36 d Mentone Mustang 34

##### *U/16B*

Bullits 35 d Sandy Sykes 15

##### *U/18*

Hampton Eagles 34 d OLSH Bulls 23

### *Domestic - Boys*

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12A*

Sandy Saints 38 d The Sharks 23



**U/12B**

Bentleigh Hornets 36 d The Sharks 22

**U/12C**

Bullits 22 d St John's Pacers 19

**U/12D**

Bentleigh Hornets 23 d Bullits 20

**U/14A**

Ormond Bandits 36 d Sandy Saints 32

**U/14B**

The Sharks 46 d Mentone Mustangs 42

**U/14C**

Beaumaris Sharks 38 d St James Bulls 21

**U/14D**

Bentleigh Bulls 37 d Mentone Mustangs 28

**U/16A**

Sandy Saints 53 d Cheltenham Panthers 37

**U/16B**

St James Bulls 44 d Ormond Bandits 31

**U/16C**

St James Bulls 44 d Ormond Bandits 31

**U/18A**

Beaumaris Sharks Gold 52 d Beaumaris Sharks Black 35

**U/18B**

St James Bulls 74 d Hampton Eagles 34

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

*U/18C*

Mordialloc Flyers 37 d Mentone Mustangs 24
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*Domestic - Women***Grand Finals - Winter Season***A Grade*

Hot Shots 24 d Mixtures 23
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*B Grade*

Dream Team 26 d Aussies 25
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*C Grade*

Panthers 24 d Gorgons 20
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*Domestic - Day Time Women***Grand Finals - Winter Season***Monday*

<b>Premiers - Top Shots</b>
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*Thursday*

<b>Premiers - Cheltenham 1</b>
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*Domestic - Men***Grand Finals - Winter Season***A Grade*

Sandy Saints 51 d Jordan's Disciples 27
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*B Grade*

Bangers N Bash 44 d Sandy Saints 34
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**C Grade**

Easy J's 33 d Smegmas 32

**D Grade**

HTC 56 d The Mob 44

**E Grade**

St James Bulls 40 d Throw Ups 28

**F Grade**

Sandy Saints Gerries 33 d The Fellas 29

**G Grade**

St John's Pacers 53 d St Johns Midgets 30

**Sabres - Girls****U/14B****Grand finalists**

## Costly hiccup for Sabres

AN unfortunate incident possibly cost the Sandringham Sabres an upset victory over State League basketball leaders the Coburg Giants last week.

Looking for their sixth win in a row, the Sabres took an early lead and continued on to be up 68-59 at half time and 99-95 at three quarter time.

However, one minute into the last quarter, Coburg's Mike Kelly slammed home a two-handed dunk — and in doing so, pulled down the ring.

Luckily the backboard held firm and after a short time the spare ring was in place and play resumed with Sandringham still leading, 106-105.

But the Giants appreciated the enforced break, it seemed, regrouped and came out firing.

In contrast, the Sabres lost momentum — and eventually the game 119-131.

### Effective

Jeff Bickmore scored 38 Sandringham points and took 15 rebounds, Scot Patterson shot 35, Andrew Howey 14, Kent Kavanagh 13 and Andrej Lemanis 12.

Coburg was more effective from the field, 63 to 46 per cent, mainly due to Pat Reidy's 42 points, Paul Rees' 33 and Kelly's 27.

This was the Sabres' fifth loss out of 13 games and they will be want-

**State League Men: Coburg defeats Sabres by 12 points**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 1993*

## Sabres - Boys

### U/12B

#### Grand Finalists

### U/14B2 Supp

#### Grand Finalists

### U/14C

#### Grand Final

Sabres d Collingwood All-Stars by 5 points

This was a replay of last years' grand final against Collingwood All-Stars, only this time we won. Both sides started with strong defence until Sabres broke away to lead by 5 points just before half time. To Collingwood's credit, they fought back to level the scores at 22-all at half time and continued after the break to be up by 7 points. This time the Sabres came back and with good passing and solid man to man defence, took the lead and went on to win the premiership. Coach Wayne Sheehan.

### U/18B1

#### First Final

Sandringham wins by 18 points.

Won their first final convincingly by 18 points. This was a great team effort by all the boys with Mick Bennett and Troy Drinan leading the way.

#### Second Final

Etham d Sandringham

The team made two unforced errors in the last seconds of the game to allow Eltham a grand final berth. Although this was upsetting, it was pleasing to see the boys fight all season and never giving up at any stage. Coach Vince Crevilli.



## Sabres - Men

### VBA Division Three

#### Semi Final

Eltham 1 (37) 69 d Sabres (19) 53

*Scorers: A. Stavropoulos 14, Dean 8, M. Robinson 7, G. Southern 7, G. Kanngiesser 6, C. Renfree 6, P. Goodwin 3, B. Connell 2*

Top of the ladder Eltham 1 took the early lead, 19 to 9 with good passing to find the open man under the basket and accurate shooting extended this to 37-19 at half time. The Sabres then finally broke through the defence and ran the floor well to close to within 8 midway into the second half. However, Eltham was able to slow the game to their liking and gained the advantage from the foul line in the last minutes for a 69-53 win. Coach Tom Flavin.

## Tournaments

### Bayside - Boys

#### U/14

#### Grand Final

Sandringham (32) 56 d Bayside 1 (17) 44

We went 10 zip and up 32-17 at half time. Although they closed to within 4 points, this one was not going to lose and with better play and shot selection, won 56-44. Coach Gavin 'supercoach' Southern.

#### U/12B

#### Grand Final

Bayside 1 45 d Sandringham 43 in over time

What a game! After three hot days the final match-up is a draw, with Chris Treasure putting in the game of his life. The boys eventually went down by only two points, 43-45, which although disappointing was only the team's third loss (including tournaments) since last August. Coach Shane Tobin.

#### U/18B

#### Grand Final

Sandringham (20) 35 d Moe (13) 31

The grand final was another physical and hard game, this time against Moe, where the boys lapsed a little after half time and even lost the lead. However the work rate lifted for a good win. Coach Pat Hornbuckle.

## U/20

**Grand Final**

Werribee (24) 55 d Sandringham (24) 44

The score was tied at 24-all at half time but the Sabres shots would not fall in the second half. The tournament was an excellent effort with Matt Lewin, Gavin Southern, Paul Rooker and Poli Konstantinidis consistent over the weekend. Coach Tom Flavin.

## Eltham - Girls

## U/14A

**Semi Final**

Bulleen 47 d Sandringham 37

## U/14B

**Grand Finalists**

## Eltham - Boys

## U/18B

**Semi Final**

Sandringham lost by one point

## Bulleen - Girls

## U/18B

**Grand Final**

Bulleen d Sandringham by 20 points  
Excellent effort girls to finish runners up in this Labour Day weekend tournament. I kept my record intact by getting a tech foul (of course for nothing!) exactly twelve months since the last one.  
Coach Michael Stepien.



**Youth Policy: Long serving players axed.**  
Article by Russell Holmesby, Sandringham & Brighton  
Advertiser, 30 March 1993

## Coburg - Boys

### U/12B

#### Grand Final

Sabres (18) 36 d Werribee (19) 35

Up against an A Reserve side from Werribee we were down 18-19 at half time but even though the little angels then collected 20 fouls (31 for the game) we prevailed in spite of the adverse calls for a win. Coach Shane Tobin.

## Ballarat - Girls

### U/14A Girls

#### Grand Finalists

### U/16A Girls

#### Grand Finalists

### U/18A Girls

#### Grand Finalists



## Ballarat - Boys

### U/16 Boys

#### Semi Finalists

The U/16 boys realised the impact of an imbalance in the hormonal growth spurt when they came across Diamond Valley in the semi finals. Scott looked like a U/10, only coming up to his opponents chest, but this anomaly did lend it self to a new catch phrase, 'in your belly buttons defence.'

## Junior Classic - Boys

### U/12

#### Semi Final

Craigieburne 36 d Sandringham 34

Finished ninth overall. Coach Shane Tobin.



## Dromana - Boys

### U/12A

#### **Semi Final**

Eltham d Sabres by 8 points

We learned at 11.00am that we were to again play Eltham and after a 6 hour delay, it resulted in a loss. Coach Shane Tobin.

## Thrillers

### Championship Women

#### **Sandringham 54 d Bayside 52**

*Scorers: Heidi 14, K. Fischer 11, Jenny 8, S. Gattuso 8*

The Sabres pulled off what the VBA described as 'the upset of the year' by holding on for a 54-52 win over play-off favourites Bayside. The turning point came late in the game as Jenny Song made four in a row free throws from a foul and a Bayside technical. This four point buffer was to prove enough in the final hectic minutes and coach Michael Stepien called it a moral booster.

### CVIBL Women

#### **Sandringham 85 d Mildura 82**

*Scorers: K. Fischer 31, Lisa 16, C. Raile 15, Dearne 10*

Down by 5 points at quarter time 17-22, the Sabres drew level at half time 36-36, were up by 2 at the last break 56-54 and up by 3 with six seconds remaining 76-73. Mildura then connected with a three pointer on the buzzer to take the game into overtime where the Sabres held on to a well deserved win 85-82.

#### **Knox 61 d Sandringham 60**

*Scorers: Tracy 10, K. Fischer 16, Lisa 14, Dearne 20*

Hit by injuries, the 5.5 players took to the field to do battle - a most appropriate word as it turned out - against Knox. During the first period, Bianca White rolled an ankle and Ketiah was elbowed in the ribs just before half time. Both were able to return later to see out the game although understandably slower. Tiredness, a lack of concentration and errors by the Sabres plus a Knox three on the buzzer tied the game and it finally ended up 60-61 loss.

### *Division 3 Men*

#### **Eltham 43 d Sandringham 42**

*Scorers: M. Robinson 14, A. Stavropoulos 12, C. Renfree 8*

Controversy surrounded the Sabres 1 point loss to Eltham. The scoreboard showed 42-all with thirty seconds left to play and Sandringham holding the ball for the, hopefully, game winning shot. A pass was then deflected out by Eltham, but the call went Eltham's way amidst cries of protest. The call stood, the final buzzer sounded soon after and a check of the score sheet revealed the scoreboard wrong for a 42-43 Sabres loss. Coach Flavins comments regarding the call can not be printed.

### *VBA Division 1 Men*

#### **Sandringham 107 d Ballarat 104**

*Scorers: Jeff 37, Scot 30, Shane 20, Kent 17*

The Miners raced to an early 11 point lead behind the two Eric's, Cook and Hayes. A Sabres surge allowed them to catch up and later they held a 106-104 advantage with 20 seconds left to play. A Sandringham foul then put Cooks on the line for 'one and one' and he obliging missed the first, which gave the Sabres possession. Now Ballarat had to foul, which they did but only a side ball, that is, until a technical was called straight after. Kent made one from two and Sabres deflected a long pass on the siren for a 107-104 win.

### *Division 3 Men*

#### **M.L.S. 48 d Sandringham 46**

*Scorers: Strop 13, G. Southern 8, J. Morrow 8*

Down 19-21 at half time, the Latvians went ahead until a 'Stroppa' three pointer tied the game at 46 all with ten seconds to play. M.L.S. then shot ahead and a 13 foot (4 metres) fade away prayer on the buzzer gave them the game, 48-46. Another heart breaking loss to the Sabres, the fourth by 5 points or less.

### *VBA Division 1 Men*

#### **Sandringham 126 d Broadmeadows 124**

*Scorers: Bickmore 38, Patterson 29, Lemanis 21*

The Sabres were down by two points with thirty seconds to play. A Shane Bright lay-up and resultant foul shot then gave Sandringham a one point break, but the Broncos replied in kind except the bonus free throw was missed. Andrew Howey took the rebound and passed to Scot Patterson who raced down court with seven seconds remaining. Then came the 'shot' as Scot launched it from way beyond the three point arc just before the final buzzer ... and it was all net. Sabres 126 to Broncos 124.

**VBA Division 3 Men****Sandringham 55 Monash 54**

*Scorers: M. Robertson 19, G. Kanngisser 13, D. Howe 6, G. Southern 6, P. Goodwin 5, A. Stavropoulos 4*

Elimination final. The Sabres started 6 to zero before failing to stop the opposition's outside shooting and as a result, were down by eight points at half time. Regrouping, Sandringham caught up and it was basket for basket, with Monash up by 2 and seconds to play, before the Sabres last shot forced over time at 45-all. Again it was point for point until a Sabres foul gave Monash two free throws as the final buzzer sounded for the second time. Amidst deathly silence, both shots were missed and at 51 for both teams, it was now double overtime. The normal five minutes was reduced to three and with six seconds remaining, Monash - now trailing by 1 point - had one last chance for heroics. Solid defence pressured the last shot which rimmed out and with the rebound safely in their keeping, the Sabres had won 55-54.

**Major Award Winners****Domestic - Girls****Winter Grand Finals****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Jessica Ashford (Ormond Bandits)

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Rebecca Anderson (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Elise Thompson (Mordialloc Flyers)

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Katrina Hood (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/14C**

Most Valuable Player: George Rath (Victorian Maccabi)

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Brooke Mathews (Mordialloc Flyers)

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Kathy MacKenzie (Bullits)

**U/18:**

Most Valuable Player: Gemma Horsefield (Hampton Eagles)



**Domestic - Boys****Winter Grand Finals****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: Tim Hall (Sandy Saints)

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Tom Warne-Smith (Bentleigh Hornets)

**U/12C**

Most Valuable Player: Chris Judd (Bullits)

**U/12D**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Adepoju (Bullits)

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Brendan Lambe (Ormond Bandits)

**U/14B**

Most Valuable Player: Braydon Haynes (The Sharks)

**U/14C**

Most Valuable Player: Eihab Mohareb (Beaumaris Sharks)

**U/14D**

Most Valuable Player: Luke Pulford (Bentleigh Bulls)

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Morrison (Cheltenham Panthers)

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Brad Cardona (St James Bulls)

**U/16C**

Most Valuable Player: Tony Lie (Beaumaris Sharks)

**U/18A**

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Titheridge (Sharks Gold)

**U/18B**

Most Valuable Player: Aaron Sweeney (St James Bulls)

**U/18C**

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Webb (Mordialloc Flyers)

**Domestic - Women****Winter Grand Finals****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Caroline Butigan (Hot Shots)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Caroline Butigan (Dream Team)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Sharyn-Smith (Panthers)

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the 90s ...**

## Day Time Women

### Summer - Grand Finals

#### Monday

Most Valuable Player: Gwen Warnock

#### Thursday

Most Valuable Player: Jenny Jones

## Domestic - Men

### Winter Grand Finals

#### A Grade

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Lewin (Sandy Saints)

#### B Grade

Most Valuable Player: Paul Goodwin (Bangers N Mash)

#### C Grade

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Love (Easy J's)

#### D Grade

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Buck (HTC)

#### E Grade

Most Valuable Player: David O'Riley (Throw Ups)

#### F Grade

Most Valuable Player: Tom Bryan (Sandy Saints Gerries)

#### G Grade

Most Valuable Player: Greg Donegan (St John's Pacers)



## Sabres - Girls

#### U/12AR

Best Team Player: Kate McMurray

Most Improved Player: Zoe Anderson

#### U/12B

Best Team Player: Sally Borghero

Most Improved Player: Rhona Rees

#### U/14A

Best Team Player: Laura Silver

Most Improved Player: Gabby McMurray

#### U/14B

Most Improved Player: Carmen Jordan

**U/16A**

Best Team Player: Brooke Mathews

Most Improved Player: Amy Simpson

**U/16B**

Best Team Player: Debbie Thompson

Most Improved Player: Megan Hornbuckle

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Jacqui Thompson

Most Improved Player: Sophie Wainwright

***Sabres - Boys*****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Simon Anderson

Most Improved Player: David Barlow

**U/12B**

Best Team Player: Andrew McLelland

Most Improved Player: Tom Burns

**U/14A**

Best Team Player: Lyndon Apthorpe

Most Improved Player: James Borghero

**U/14B1**

Best Team Player: Daniel Meehan

Most Improved Player: Timothy Beard

**U/14B2**

Best Team Player: Gregory Clark

Most Improved Player: David Molino

**U14C**

Best Team Player: Damien Lynch

Most Improved Player: Peter Sherwood

**U/16AR**

Best Team Player: Mathew Evans

Most Improved Player: Cameron Home

**U/16B**

Best Team Player: Paul Marsh

Most Improved Player: Mathew Letcher

**U/18B1**

Best Team Player: Troy Drinan

Most Improved Player: Brett Little

**U/18B**

Best Team Player: Simon Anderson

Most Improved Player: Jarrod Hornbuckle

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

**U/20AR**

Best Team Player: Luke Gattuso  
Most Improved Player: Andrew Farley

***Sabres - Women*****VBA & CVIBL**

Most Valuable Player: Ketiah Fischer  
Most Improved Player: Bianca White  
Rookie of the Year: Sophie Wainwright

***Sabres - Men*****Division One**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Howey  
Most Improved: Shane Bright  
Rookie of the Year: Chris McKinnon

**Division Three**

Most Valuable Player: Marty Robinson  
Most Improved: John Morrow  
Rookie of the Year: Glen Kanngiesser

***Tournament******Bayside - Boys*****U/14 - Grand Final**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Marczenko

***VBA State League Awards***

**Top Rebounder:** *Jeff Bickmore* (Sabres) 14rpg.  
**Best Media Award:** *Bruce Mitchell* - Bayside Times  
coverage of Sabres  
championship games.





## ***Coach of the Year***

Michael Stepien

## ***Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy***

**Girls:** Jolanta Johnstone

**Boys:** Lyndon Apthorpe

## **Officials**

### **Executive Committee**

**President:** Mark Mitchell

**Vice President:** Frank Russo

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

June Hamill

Chris Meehan

Chris Hall

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*Stepien, J. Kondos, T. Gomez, J. Quirke, D.*

*Jordan, G. Fischer.*

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*E. Baker, D. Mason, D. McNicholas, J. Jamison,*

*M. Smith, A. Falconer, G. Stubbs, C. Harris, B.*

*Finlay, P. Lewis.*

### ***Senior Domestic Committee***

*J. Whyte, M. Mitchell, L. Marshall, B. Mardour.*

### ***Referee's Co-ordinator***

*Andrew Moloney and Justin Stainforth.*

### ***Referee's advisor***

*Keith Vaughan*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **New Four Court Stadium**

Official opening at 2.00pm - 21<sup>st</sup> August.

#### **CVIBL Women All Star Game**

The first ever All Star game held at Werribee on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, saw a win to the East Conference over the West Conference. 72-71. The Sabres representatives were Tracy Aitken and Lisa Mulrooney . With Lisa getting a mention in the game's comments. Sabres' Sophie Wainwright was entered in the three point shoot out and did well to qualify for the last 5.

#### **Colin Donavon**

Appointed stadium manager in October.

#### **First Game At 40**

At the age of 40 I have just experienced my first basketball match! Don't get me wrong. Like most of you, I have been fortunate enough to be a spectator at literally hundreds of basketball games. I have sat and cheered as a mum, given support as a team manager, and on rare occasions, have even been called on to coach (knowing far less than any of the nine or ten year olds under my so called 'direction.') But this game was different - I was actually playing (please excuse my misuse of the word!)

A team full of Bullits mums decided that the newly introduced 'over 35's' competition sounded like just the right sort of introduction to the world of the basketball player. After all, haven't we all spent hours outside with our little Michael Jordans and Andrew Gazes, happily free throwing, driving, shooting and dribbling our way around the backyard? Haven't we all seen enough games to know the rules, know how not to travel, know how to hit the boards?! WRONG !!!

It certainly is a different ball game when you're out there on the court. When an enthusiastic supporter calls out 'shoot!' or 'drive!' and all you can see is a wall of bodies (help!). When you stand there, arms stretched towards the sky in what feels like the right sort of defence, and you find yourself flat on the floor with aching ribs (so that's what it feels like to be fouled for a block!).

When you're so tired that you can't run down the court one more time. (So what if they get 2 more points - they're already 48 ahead!) When you think that you're in control and the ball is suddenly flicked out of your hands (hey, that was my ball!).

Yes, it was an experience ! An experience that I'm so glad I had. Apart from anything else, I had a great time. We laughed a lot - at ourselves and at each other - and over the following few days we ached a lot! But the best thing that I gained from my first game was an increasing respect for, and admiration of, my children.

Win or lose, rise or fall, I have always marveled at my kids - at all of our kids. At their love of life, their willingness to 'have a go', their enormously different abilities, their commitment. But now I have an even greater respect for them.

To all of you - if the opportunity rears its sometimes ugly head - leap at the chance and have a go!! There is so much to be learnt.

*By Judy Barlow*

### Melbourne Juvenile Justice Centre vs Sabres

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Andrew Toth from 'Life Be in It' /Sandringham City Council organised a game between the Melbourne Juvenile Justice Centre and the U/18 Sabres boys. This game was organised as part of the 'Come'n Try Activity Program' for young people and supported by the Victorian Department of Justice's 'Start' program. The aim of the 'Start' program is to improve relationships between sporting and recreation organisations, local police and the young people in the community. Mayor of Sandringham, Cr. Carmen Watson, presented a perpetual trophy to the winning team, which was the Sabres 54-52 virtually on the last shot of the game.

### Game Number 40,000

The last official game to be played on the King Club stadium floor was on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1994. This was an A grade women's domestic grand final between Gators 60 and Demons 28 and was game number 40,000 (give or take 3000 depending on who counted) since the Sandringham Basketball Association moved into the King Club in 1979.

### First Time

**The first official game** in the new Sandringham Stadium. Stella Maris Gold play the Sharks Red team (the U/10 boys modified grade). City of Sandringham Mayor Cr. Carmen Watson started the game at 4.14 pm, Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**The first Southern Sabres Primary School basketball round robin** was played during term 4, 1994. Teams from Sandringham Primary, Stella Maris, and Beaumaris North Primary participated, with the eventually winner being Stella Maris. Teams played rapid style nine minute games with substitutions on any whistle and each score counting for one point.

### Individual Achievements

**June Hamill** completes seven years' of service on the executive committee (Secretary: 1984-1988, 1991-1994).

**Chris McKinnon** selected for the Victorian Under 20 squad and also the Magic training squad.

**Brooke McCormack** selected for Victorian Metro squad U/16 squad.

**Tracy Aitken, Lisa Mulrooney** represent the Sabres in the CVIBL Women All Star Game held at Werribee. Sabres' **Sophie Wainwright** was entered in the three point shoot out and did well to qualify for the last 5.

## Numbers

**400** senior and junior domestic teams - October.

**40,000** games played since the Sandringham Basketball Association moved into the King Club in 1979.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### U/12A

St John's Pacers 36 d Mentone Mustangs 27

##### U/12B

Sandy Saints 30 d Bullits 8

##### U/12C

St John's Pacers 21 d Sandy Saints 10

##### U/14A

Mentone Mustangs 36 d Sandy Saints 30

##### U/14B

Bullits 14 d Hampton Eagles 9

##### U/16A

Mentone Mustangs 44 d Sandy Saints 28

## Sabres lose a close one

ALTHOUGH missing starters Andrew Parkinson and Sean McCall, the Sandringham Sabres jumped the Bulleen Boomers for a 19-15 quarter time lead in game 18 of State League basketball.

But the Sabres were unable to hold on in a tight game, and eventually went down 84-89.

Both teams had trouble putting the ball into the basket early and poor shooting continued to half time with the Sabres leading 19-38.

The lead changed many times in the second half until the Boomers were up by two points with 20 seconds left.

A pass was then intercepted by Bulleen and to stop the clock, the Sabres had to foul — unfortunately it was called an intentional foul.

Sandringham's best

player was centre John Dunge, who scored 21 points and blocked five shots, he was well supported by Leigh Wadsworth, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Sabre rookies Mark Watkins and Scott Mitchell also had big games, with Watkins 17 points plus 7 rebounds, and Mitchell 14 and 13 respectively.

Tonight (Wednesday) at Albert Park, Sandringham takes on Bayside.

In Division Three, the Sabres (11) continue to dominate, this time with a 81-39 win over the youthful Sabres (2).

Glen Kanglaiser scored a game high 34 points, Joe Nargheris 12, Luke Gattuso 10 and the Sabres (11) should record another win at Oakleigh (2) tonight.

The Lady Sabres lost 64-71 to Box Hill in the qualifying league, but were not disgraced in a high standard game.

**State League Men: Bulleen defeat Sabres by 5 points**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 20 July 1994*

**U/16B**

Sandy Saints 36 d Ormond Bandits 25

**U/18**

East Bentleigh Heat 43 d Mordialloc Flyers 16

**Domestic - Boys****Grand Finals - Winter Season****U/12A**

Bullits 28 d Mentone Mustangs 26

**U/12B**

Mentone Mustangs 39 d Mordialloc Flyers 33

**U/12C**

Sandy Saints 23 d Mordialloc Flyers 21

**U/12D**

The Sharks 28 d Sandy Saints 18

**U/14A**

Hampton Eagles 29 d Sandy Saints 26

**U/14B**

Mordialloc Flyers 36 d Sandy Supersonics 35

**U/14C**

Sandy Saints 29 d Coatesville Comets 25

**U/14D**

St Finbars Scalpers 36 d Mordialloc Flyers 32 in over time

**U/16A**

Hampton Eagles 45 d Sandy Saints 33

**U/16B**

Ormond Bandits 33 d Brighton Patriots 24

**U/16C**

Hampton Eagles 34 d Bullits 30

**U/18A**

Sandy Saints 43 d Beaumaris Sharks 41

**U/18B**

Mentone Mustangs 52 d Cheltenham Panthers 50

**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

The Gators 33 d The Southerners 24

**B Grade**

Mentone Mustangs 34 d The Bisons 29

**C Grade**

East Bentleigh Heat 31 d Figjam 25

**Domestic - Day Time Women****Winter Season - Grand Finals****Monday****Premiers: Black Rock****Thursday****Premiers: Cheltenham 1****Faces of  
the 90s ...**

**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

COATS 53 d Love Shaq 30

**B Grade**

Psycho Slammers 45 d Beaumaris Sharks 43

**C Grade**

Beauy Bulls 46 d The Triple J's 32

**D Grade**

HTC 55 d Mordialloc Flyers 42

**E Grade**

Beauy Bulls 49 d Ramjets 45

**F Grade**

Timberwolves 67 d Ramjets 32

# Basketball works

KATE ROBERTSON

RK will begin on a \$1.5 million basketball stadium in Sandringham this month after a successful tender process before Christmas. The stadium will be built next to the new-owned Family Leisure Centre in Tu-  
St. Sandringham's manager of technical and ironmental services, Bernard Smith, said council aimed to provide a much-needed lity, but it was expected the centre would be money within 15 years.

"It's a very significant project as far as the council's concerned," Mr Smith said.

"It will be adjacent to the existing leisure centre (the King Club) and have four multi-purpose basketball courts and associated amenities."

Mr Smith said the centre should be finished by July and it would be leased to the Southern Basketball Association.

"It's being funded by the council although the lease agreement with the Basketball Association means over that (15 year) period they will be paying off the building.

"In time it will be making money for the council," Mr Smith said.

"At this stage the Southern Basketball Association need it for their members. They will be able to use it for all their basketball venues."

"There is already a supply of hundreds of them ready to use it ... they have to turn away teams at the moment."

"The people who will be playing there will come from Brighton, Moorabbin, Mordialloc and Sandringham — the catchment is large."

There was a desperate need for basketball facilities in bayside, Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith said he thought the multi-purpose centre would work well with the King Club Leisure Centre.

"At the leisure centre now we have the heated pool, gym, squash courts and sports medical clinic," he said.

"Obviously the two are going to complement themselves very well. The people using the basketball will see the (King Club) facilities. It will definitely generate demand."

Sandringham Council awarded the tender to McCorkell Construction Company.

**Work about to begin on a \$1.5 million basketball stadium**

Article by Kate Robertson, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 5 January 1994



## Sabres - Girls

### U/16B EAST

#### Grand Final

Sabres 35 d Blackburn 30

### U/18

#### Grand Final

Sabres 54 d Juvenile Justice Centre 52

## Sabres - Boys

### U/16B (Supp.)

#### Grand Final

Sabres 48 d Warrandyte 40

The Sabres came from 8 points down with three minutes to play to catch up and win by 8 points after a 'super-coach' time out to settle things down. I was very pleased with the way every player was involved and we proved to ourselves what a 'team' is all about.

## Sabres - Women

### CVIBL Division One

#### Quarter Final

Waverley 71 d Sabres 57

*Scorers: S. Whitford 11, N. Teichelman 10*

The Sabres won 10 of 16 games to finish third in the Eastern Conference. Waverley got the early lead and although the Sabres tried hard, the gap was too big. The Sabres best effort since entering the league in 1990.



## Sabres - Men

### VBA Division Three

#### Grand Final

Sabres 1 (25) 53 d Oakleigh Wolves 1 (22) 51

*Scorers: A. Daff 15, T. Barlow 10, J. Morrow 9, G. Kangiesser 7*

The Sabres started slowly and missed many shots in the first half, but still managed to hold a 25-22 lead at the half time interval. In the second half, the Wolves finally caught up to lead by two points with less than one minute to play via accurate three point shooting. Two foul shots by the Sabres tied the game and pressure defence then gave them the ball with 14 seconds to go. As a key way drive was blocked, an outlet pass was then made, the shot taken and after rolling around on the rim fell through the net. The final score of 53-51 not only meant the premiership, but also that the Sabres gained automatic elevation into division two next season. Coach Steve Toming.

## Tournaments

### Coburg - Boys

#### U/14C Section Two

#### Grand Finalists

### Dromana - Boys

#### U/12AQ Boys

#### Grand Final

Kilsyth 1 29 d Sandringham 27

Well our seventh game in two days was taking its toll. Legs were not pumping, bad calls (???), shots not dropping, our two offences not working (mine and theirs). Down by 10 points, the crowd became vocal and the team then found heart and surged back, but the clock beat us. On the way home, all I saw was smiling faces with their heads held high. Coach Shane Tobin.

### Sabres claim flag

THE third division men's State League basketball grand final between the Sandringham Sabres (1) and Oakleigh Wolves (1) last Wednesday was not decided until the final four seconds of the game.

The Sabres started slowly and missed many shots in the first half, but still managed to hold a 25-22 lead at the half time interval.

In the second half, the Wolves finally caught up to lead by two points with less than one minute to play via accurate three-point shooting.

Two foul shots by the Sabres tied the game and pressure defence then gave them the ball with 14 seconds to go.

An outlet pass was then made, the shot taken and after rolling around on the rim, fell through the net.

The final score of 53-51 also meant that the Sabres gained automatic elevation to division two next season.

Andrew Daff had a game high 15 points and was judged best player. Tim Barlow shot 10 points, John Morrow 9, including the winning basket from Daff's assist and Glen Kangiesser seven plus rebounds.

Also striving to make to the top are the Sabres women who defeated Geelong 58-54 to secure their place in the Eastern Conference of the Country Invitation League.

This year, the semifinals and grand finals of the Women's Country League will be held at the Sabres' home court in Tu St. on September 17 and 18.

**Third Division Men: Sabres defeat Oakleigh**  
Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser  
7 September 1994

## Bayside- Boys

### U/12B

#### Grand Final

Moe (20) 40 d Sandringham (25) 31

Sandringham started very strongly with fast breaks and had control of the boards. In the second half, the long weekend began to tell on our boys and their legs became tired.

### U/14B Boys

#### Semi Final

Sandringham 57 d Sandringham (Moorabbin) 23

*Scorers: Paul 6, Chris 5, P. Bourke 4, Shannon 4, Sean 2*

Unfortunately I was not able to be there but from all reports it was Bob West's 'Good Big' against our 'Good Little'. Coach Gavin Southern.

## Dandenong - 2 on 2 tournament

### U/14A

#### Grand Final

Won 28-24

Team: Simon Anderson, Tom Burns

### U/14B

#### Grand Final

Lost 24-28

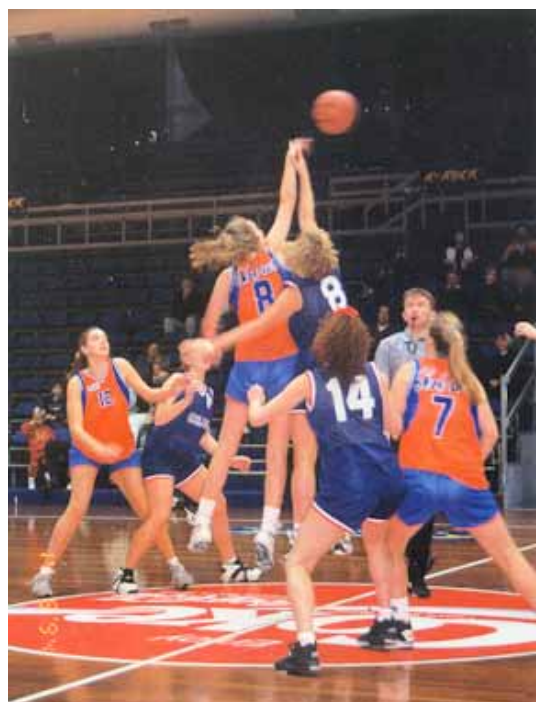
Team: Russell McCartney and Peter Sherwood

### U/12

#### Grand Final

Lost 11-20

Team: Jonathon Bloomfield and Shaun McLeish



CVIBL: Sabres vs Geelong

## Thrillers

### Qualifying Women

#### Sabres 64 d Sunbury 61

*Scorers: L. Mulrooney 16, S. Wainwright 15, S. Gattuso 10, D. Smith 9.*

Sophie Wainwright hit a 3 pointer - the last of her four for the game - to put the Sabres up by one point and then sank two free throws for the 3 point result. In a very close and often physical game, the Sabres won the battle in the last seconds of the game 64-61.

### Division 3 Men

#### Sabres 53 d Melbourne Uni 52

Up by 10 points at half time, the Sabres saw their lead vanish and found themselves down 51-52 with seconds remaining. A time out to set up last play proved the match winner, as the Sabres shot on the buzzer gave them a 53-52 win.

## Major Award Winners

### Domestic - Girls

#### Winter Grand Finals

##### U/12A

Most Valuable Player: Tanya Campbell (St John Pacers)

##### U/12B

Most Valuable Player: Rhonda Rees (Sandy Saints)

##### U/12C

Most Valuable Player: Leisa Kean (St John Pacers)

##### U/14A

Most Valuable Player: Kylie Jordan (Sandy Saints)

##### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Sally Borghero (Bullits)

##### U/16A

Most Valuable Player: Brooke McCormack (Mentone Mustangs)

##### U/16B

Most Valuable Player: Elisha Dowling (Sandy Saints)

##### U/18

Most Valuable Player: Kristy Bloomfield (Bulls)



## Domestic - Boys

### Winter Grand Finals

#### U/12A

Most Valuable Player: Patrick Bourke (Mentone Mustangs)

#### U/12B

Most Valuable Player: Christopher Demchyshyn (Mentone Mustangs)

#### U/12C

Most Valuable Player: Shaun Silberbauer (Mordialloc Flyers)

#### U/12D

Most Valuable Player: Patrick Young (Sharks)

#### U/14A

Most Valuable Player: Mark Doran (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Paul Groves (Mordialloc Flyers)

#### U/14C

Most Valuable Player: Liam Tighe (Sandy Saints)

#### U/14D

Most Valuable Player: Mathew Griffiths (Mordialloc Flyers)

#### U/16A

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Eade (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/16B

Most Valuable Player: Brendan Lambe (Ormond Bandits)

#### U/16C

Most Valuable Player: Mark Wilson (Hampton Eagles)

#### U/18A

Most Valuable Player: Simon Alderson (Beaumaris Sharks)

#### U/18B

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Hawking (Mentone Mustangs)



## Domestic - Women

### Winter Grand Finals

#### A Grade

Most Valuable Player: Natalie Smith (The Gators)

#### B Grade

Most Valuable Player: Celeste Perfect (Mentone Mustangs)

#### C Grade

Most Valuable Player: Josephine Cassis (East Bentleigh Heat)

## Domestic - Men

### Winter Season

#### A Grade

Most Valuable Player: Scott Mitchell (COAT)

#### B Grade

Most Valuable Player: Lance Dowling (Psycho Slammers)

#### C Grade

Most Valuable Player: Daniel O'Shea (Beauy Bulls)

#### D Grade

Most Valuable Player: Sany Engel (HTC)

#### E Grade

Most Valuable Player: Clinton Russell (Beauy Bulls)

#### F Grade

Most Valuable Player: Brad Tomlinson (Timberwolves)

## Sabres - Girls

#### U/12AR

Most Valuable Player: Chelsea Nash

Best Team Player: Fiona White

Most Improved Player: Michaela Wilkins

#### U/14A

Most Valuable Player: Laura Silver

Best Team Player: Gabby McMurray

Most Improved Player: Natalie Kondos

#### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Kate McMurray & Sam Ross (Sandringham)

Best Team Player: Amy Bolger (Sandringham)

Most Improved Player: Zoe Alderson (Sandringham)

#### U/14B

Most Valuable Player: Kylie Jordan (Black Rock)

Best Team Player: Lisa White (Black Rock)

Most Improved Player: Carly Franklyn (Black Rock)

#### U/16A

Most Valuable Player: Brooke McCormack

Best Team Player: Megan Hornbuckle & Georgia Timewell

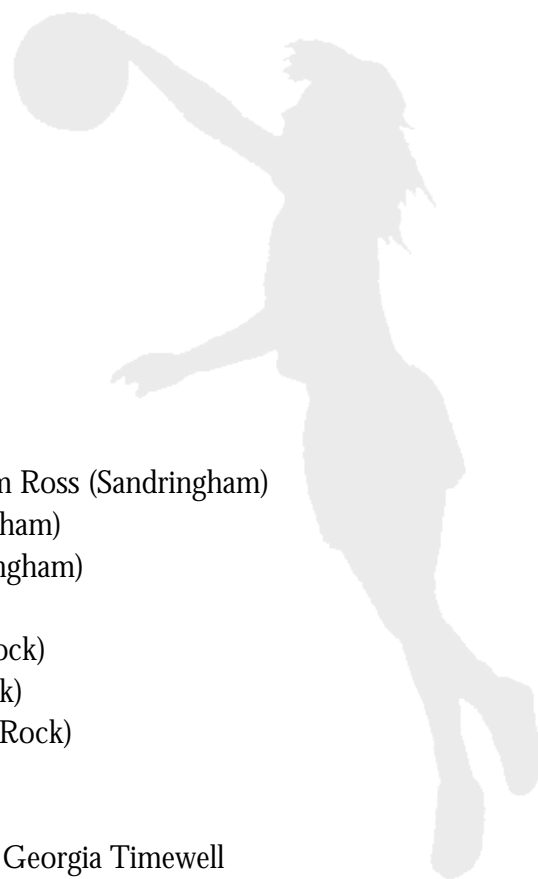
Most Improved Player: Amy Simpson

#### U/16B

Most Valuable Player: Josephine Cassis

Best Team Player: Elsie Thompson

Most Improved Player: Mandy Nicholls



**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Gabby Coughlin  
 Best Team Player: Natalie Smith  
 Most Improved Player: Jose Nicholls

***Sabres - Boys*****U/12A**

Most Valuable Player: David Barlow  
 Best Team Player: Ben Foster  
 Most Improved Player: Patrick Bourke

**U/12B**

Most Valuable Player: Simon Gurowski  
 Best Team Player: Ryan Ridsdale  
 Most Improved Player: Jonathan Bloomfield

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Damien Lynch  
 Best Team Player: Stuart Baker  
 Most Improved Player: Glen Gomez

**U/14B2**

Most Valuable Player: Sean Coote  
 Best Team Player: Simon Anderson  
 Most Improved Player: David Mitchell

**U/14B3**

Most Valuable Player: Sam Lasala  
 Best Team Player: Gavin Smith  
 Most Improved Player: Robert Gangi

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: George Antonio  
 Best Team Player: Aaron Lonza  
 Most Improved Player: Scott Hall

**U/16B**

Most Valuable Player: Dominic Hellier  
 Best Team Player: Paul Marsh  
 Most Improved Player: Scott Henley

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Simon Alderson  
 Best Team Player: Michael Bennett  
 Most Improved Player: Paul Adams

**U/18B**

Most Valuable Player: Cameron Home  
 Best Team Player: Scott Nash  
 Most Improved Player: Francois Monty

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**



**U/20AR**

Most Improved Player: Rowan Feldman, James Millar, Jarrod Hornbuckle

***Sabres - Men*****Division One**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Parkinson and Shane Bright  
 Most Improved Player: Scott Mitchell  
 Rookie of the Year: Leigh Wadeson

**Division 3 - Team One**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Daff  
 Most Improved Player: Joe Margheriti  
 Rookie of the Year: Tim Barlow

**Division 3 - Team Two**

Most Valuable Player: Ben Connell  
 Most Improved Player: Derek Horne  
 Rookie of the Year: David Lepileo

***VBA State League Awards***

**Media Award, Best Coverage:** *Bruce Mitchell*, 'Bayside Times' for his coverage of SBA/Sandringham Sabres Senior championship games.

***Tournaments*****Coburg****U/14C Section Two Boys**

Most Valuable Player: Tom Burns

***Robert Lunardon Memorial Award***

**Girls:** Brooke McCormack

**Boys:** George Antonia

**Officials****Executive Committee**

**President:** Frank Russo

**Vice President:** Ernie Baker

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

*Mark Mitchell*

*Sue Loeliger*

*Chris Hall*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **They Call Him Bruce**

Bruce, the man who put Sabres in print is retiring. This is just a simple tribute to the man who has helped the Association reach a far larger audience than those directly involved. His articles in the local paper have been a continuous promotion for the club. How well he has promoted the sport through the local area can be judged through the numerous VBA awards Bruce has received for Best Basketball Coverage in a local paper.

As those who know him will agree, Bruce has always put his family first, and he has looked after his baby, the Newsletter, with the pride of a first time father. Keeping the enthusiasm going for its entire running. We would all be less the wiser if it were not for Bruce hassling coaches for results and photos. Scouring the comics for a bit of humour and keeping his ears open for classic comments. We wish him well as he spends more time watching Scott play, than reporting on the club's triumphs and tribulations.

There Could Be Only One, BRUCE!

*By Axe*

#### **The King is Back**

One Monday night while reffing, Stroppa was back to his scintillating best. As a loose ball headed for Stroppa and the sideline with players bearing down on him, Stroppa did the only thing he could possibly do. He skillfully and discreetly tapped the ball back into play and into the waiting arms of a defensive player, who now found himself wide open and alone on a fast break in the opposite direction.

The player headed for the basket. However after making it three quarters of the way down court, guilt and some persuasive language from opposition players caused our hero to admit the error of his ways and call the play back.

#### **McDonalds Hoop Time Conference Final**

Two current U/14A Sabres players David Barlow and Sean Tighe and four ex-Sabres players, Damien Hughes, Robert Lewis, Bem Ghiggio and Alex Crisp represented Sandringham Primary School in the MacDonalds North East Conference Finals.

Congratulations to Sandringham Primary School who won the Finals and play off in the State Finals on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Albert Park.

### 381 Kilos

The Sabres junior tournament weekend went virtually without a hitch, until an incident involving one team sparked a potential inflammatory situation. After a heated post match discussion the members of this team (who lost the semi final) gathered menacingly in the foyer of the stadium.

Tournament Chairman John Anderson wishing to diffuse the situation quickly cast an eye around the stadium for some effective enforcers. He noticed gathered near the change rooms, Mark Mitchell, Danny Tighe and Tony Coote. 'I couldn't have selected three better people,' boasted Anderson. 'Nearly 381 kilos between them, so I knew they were the answer to my problem.'

As these illustrious gents marched formidably toward the foyer, the team caught a glimpse of the beefy trio and made a very hasty exit. 'Problem solved,' Anderson reported happily.

### Southern Peninsula Tournament Highlights and Lowlights

- The U/14A boys winning the Grand Final against the Melbourne Tigers number one side.
- Seeing Shane Tobin smile after the Grand Final.
- Peter Bloomfield and family breaking their own record and attending MacDonalds 10 times in one weekend.
- The smell of Dylan Thorburne's feet.
- Coach Crivelli telling the boys off for making too much noise!
- The U/16A boys performing the best comeback since Lazarus.
- The over abundance of spit balls.
- The U/16B Boys winning four out of five games and still not playing in the finals.
- Karl Boehm's allee-oop pass to Daniel Poyton in the game against Dromana.

*By Anonymous Parent*

### Bentleigh Hampton

The Hampton Eagles Basketball Club became incorporated in 1995. In 1997 the Eagles combine with a Bentleigh based Club with girls' teams playing as Heat and boys' teams as Bulls. The Club now fields some 30 teams both winter and summer with the Southern Basketball Association.



## *Individual Achievements*

**Bruce Mitchell** edits his final edition of the club newsletter. His first issue was edited 19-8-88 and his final edition 1-12-95.

**David Barlow** and **Sean Tighe**, U/14A Sabres players, represented Sandringham Primary School in the MacDonalds North East Conference Finals. The team won the State Final.

**David Barlow** selected to represent Victoria in the Victorian Primary Schools basketball team. The team was undefeated in Ballarat and came home Australian champions.

**Nicole Teichelman**, Sandringham Sabres Div 1 Women's team guard has been offered a full scholarship to Auburn University, Montgomery Alabama, U.S.A.

**Kelly McGee** selected and appointed captain of CVIBL women's East Conference all star team, West Conference defeat East Conference 72-67.

**Brooke McCormack** chosen to attend the Institute of Sports Women's Youth Squad.

**David Patrick** goes to Syracuse University.

**Jacinta Canestra** selected to the U/16 Intensive Training Team. The team consists of 12 girls who are hopefully future Australian players. Also selected to the U/16 State Metropolitan training squad.

**Carmen Jordan** selected to the U/16 State Metropolitan training squad.

## *Numbers*

**201,406** attend the stadium.



*Junior Awards, 1995*

## Games

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Grand Finals - Winter Season

##### *U/12A*

Hampton Eagles 28 d Bullits 14

##### *U/12B*

Sandy Saints 37 d St Finbar's Scalpers 6

##### *U/12C*

Bullits 19 d St Finbar's Scalpers 18

##### *U/14A*

Bullits 27 d Hampton Eagles

##### *U/14B*

Parkdale Pacers 29 d Devils 25 in over time

##### *U/14C*

St Finbar's Scalpers 25 d The Sharks 21

##### *U/16A*

Sandy Saints 35 d Ormond Bandits 31

##### *U/16AR*

Bullits 29 d Bentleigh Heat 26

##### *U/16B*

Sandy Saints 34 d Hampton Eagles 31

##### *U/18*

Parkdale Pacers 43 d Sandy Saints 15

## Domestic - Boys

### Grand Finals - Winter Season

#### U/12A

Bullits 49 d Sandy Saints 47 in over time

#### U/12B

The Sharks White 37 d The Sharks Red 30

#### U/12C

Mordialloc Flyers Red 26 d Mordialloc Flyers 24

#### U/12D

Moorabbin Tigers 34 d Mordialloc Flyers 32

#### U/12E

Mentone Mustangs Green 21 d Mentone Mustangs Gold 8

#### U/14A

The Sharks 47 d Bullits 46

#### U/14B

Mordialloc Flyers 34 d Mentone Mustangs 29

#### U/14C

Mentone Mustangs 50 d Moorabbin Tigers 31

#### U/14D

Mavericks 33 d The Sharks 25

#### U/14E

Sandy Saints 55 d Mordialloc Flyers 30

#### U/16A

The Sharks 55 d Sandy Saints 48

**U/16B**

Sandy Saints Blue 48 d Sandy Saints Red 40

**U/16C**

Thrillers 59 d Mentone Mustangs 47

**U/16D**

Parkdale Pacers 38 d Mavericks 31

**U/18B**

Demons 49 d Mentone Bulls 48 on the buzzer

**Domestic - Women****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

Bentleigh Heat 34 d Gators 19

**B Grade**

Saints 39 d Bentleigh Heat 30

**C Grade**

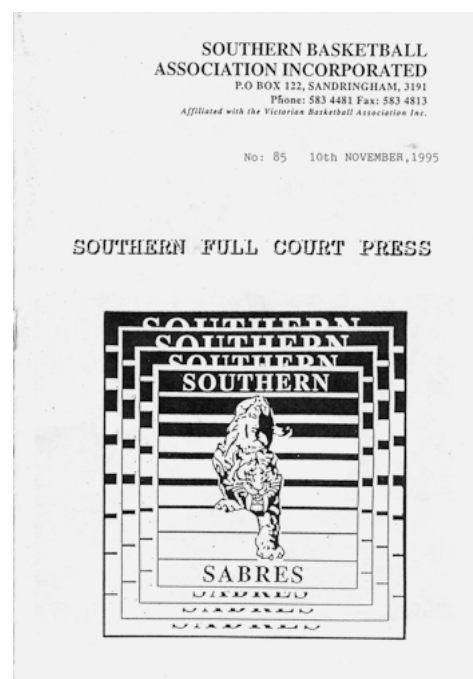
Bentleigh Heat Blue 43 d Bentleigh Heat Red 18

**Over 35**

Panthers 31 d Ormond Bandits 18

**Domestic - Men****Grand Finals - Winter Season****A Grade**

COAT 55 d Thunderbirds 37



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**B Grade**

Beaumaris Sharks 50 d West Coast 44

**BR Grade**

Sandy Saints 48 d East Bentleigh Bulls 43

**C Grade**

HTC 70 d The Mob 46

**D Grade**

Sandy Saints 48 d Beay Bulls 45

**E Grade**

Sandy Saints Gerries 55 d Parkstone Supersonics 53

**ER Grade**

Old Mentonian Mavericks 32 d Krusties 29

**F Grade**

The Prahran Freaky-Deaks 41 d Beay Bulls 23

**Over 35**

Ormond Bandits 58 d The Sharks 31



*Awards for Coaches, 1995*

## Sabres - Girls

### U/14BS

#### Grand Final

Kilsyth 34 d Sabres 26

Congratulations to coach Marian Moloney and all the girls for making it to the grand final.

## Sabres - Boys

### U/14B2

#### Premiers

Coach Bob West: Players Robert Suh Odobnick, Demis Danoudis, Greg Eldridhe, Daniel Martin, Paul Gordon, Sam Lasala, Gavan Smith, Stuart West, Robert Gangi, Forbes McKail.

### U/14EQ2

#### Premiers

## Tournaments

### Coburg

#### U/14 Boys

#### Grand Final

Sandringham 36 d Coburg 35

*Scorers: S. Anderson 13, C. Irvine 10*

The boys overcame enormous adversity in the final to win 36-35. After carving out a handy lead in the first half the Sabres were struck down by injuries to key players David Barlow and Sean Coote late in the first half followed by David Mitchell fouling out early in the second half. The boys responded courageously with Simon Anderson and Callum Irvine leading the scoring and Tom Burns, Ben Foster and Phil Bence playing major roles in ensuring we were never headed at any stage.



*Fun at a social, 1995*

## Nunawading

### U/14A Girls

#### **Semi Final**

Diamond Valley 24 d Sabres 21

*Scorers: Kate 7, Kylie 7, Cassie 4, Sam 3*

Great effort!!

### U/12AR Boys

#### **Grand Final**

Bendigo 47 d Sabres 32

*Scorers: J. Thomas 13, L. Dayce 9*

The lead changed many times during the game with John Thomas and Casey Vigushin dominating the boards both offensively and more importantly in defence. Bendigo's combination of accurate shooting, 'smart basketball' and a runaway five minute period in the second half saw them come away with the title. All the boys are to be congratulated on their fighting finish.

## Melbourne - Girls

### U/14A

#### **Premiers**

Part of our season's squad played and carried the hopes of the entire A grade squad. The Grand Final had all the excitement you would expect with a final victory to the Sabres by 2 points. The girls deserved this victory as they worked hard all season in A grade. Coach Des McMurray.

## Melbourne - Boys

### U/12

#### **Grand Final**

Sabres 48 d Collingwood 38

*Scorers: M. Strain 20*

A tough start and it looked like the Grand Finals blues were with us again. First points went to Collingwood and it took four minutes for Sabres to break the drought with a single point from a foul. However a strong band of Sabres supporters help rally the cause and at half time the scores were equal. In the second half we won the tap and scored the first points then the game went point for point until Mathew Strain decided to go on a scoring spree. After a few tense moments, giving away fouls, Sabres survived a final onslaught to run out winners.

## U/14B

**Semi Final**

Werribee 39 d Sabres 27

We eventually went down to a strong top age team in Werribee.

## Southern Sabres - Girls

## U/12

**Grand Final**

Sandringham 30 d Nunawading 14

## U/14

**Grand Final**

Sandringham 29 d Mornington 22

## U/16 Girls

**Grand Final**

Sandringham 42 d Nunawading 30

**Bungle costs Sabres spot in playoffs**

**A** BUNGLE at the administrative level cost Sandringham Sabres their place in the current Victorian championship playoffs.

The mistake involved an unfinished match at Kilsyth when one of the players, after slam dunking the ball, grabbed hold of the rim of the basket and shattered the glass backboard.

The Victorian Basketball Association decided that the match be replayed on Mother's Day, but the Sabres delegate failed to tell coach Col Donovan that the line-ups be unchanged.

Although the Sabres won the replay by 30 points, they lost the game on a protest through having replaced 209cm international centre John Dorge with 194cm rookie guard Jason Smith.

Had they been credited with that win, the Sabres would have scraped into the playoffs on percentage.

Donovan was philosophical about missing out in that manner.

"There is no point in grizzling or pointing the finger," he said. "Mistakes happen from time to time. All you can do is try not to repeat them."

Donovan is general manager of the Southern Basketball Association which runs the Sabres and has its HQ at the King Club in Sandringham.

Basketballers have nicknamed the King Club the "Sabredome".

Donovan is also chief recruiter for one of the NBL clubs, South East Melbourne Magic.

Besides keeping his eyes and ears open on the local scene, he normally goes to the US twice a year to recruit NBA and CBA talent.

The Magic has strong ties with the Sabres and loan them players for mid-week Victorian championship games.

Donovan coached Nunawading Spectres, another club "friendly" to the Magic, for three years before taking on the Sabres.

● SANDRINGHAM Sabres' No 2 squad was knocked out of the metropolitan championship when beaten 61-73 by Diamond Valley at the Kingdome in the first round of the play-offs last Wednesday.

Sabres' chief scorers were Simon Garner (20 points), Andrew Daff (14) and Steve Sellick (12).

— GRAHAM BURKE

**A costly administration error.**

Article by Graham Burke, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 21 August 1995

**Southern Sabres - Boys****U/12A Boys****Grand Final**

Mornington 55 d Sandringham 37

**U/12B Boys****Grand Final**

Mt Eliza 37 d Mt Martha 15

**U/14A Boys****Grand Final**

Sandringham 95 d Bullits 29

**U/14B Boys****Grand Final**

Sandringham 63 d Mt Martha 26

**U/16A Boys****Grand Final**

Sandringham 53 d Dandenong 41

**U/18A Boys****Grand Final**

Sandringham 1 61 d Sandringham 2 25



*Michael Stepien & Marilyn Thompson at a Sabres function, 1995*

## Southern Peninsula - Boys

### U/14A

#### Grand Final

Sabres (12) 28 d Melbourne (10) 22

Melbourne stumbled out the blocks; we controlled the play; our confidence level soared and at half time we led 12-10. In the second half the game ebbed and flowed, slowly we gained control and belief in our game for a 28-22 win. Coach Shane Tobin.

### U/16A

#### Grand Final

Sabres d Kilsyth by 11 points

*Scorers: L. Tighe 15, D. Thornburne 13, G. Eldridge 8*

We didn't start well and were 15 down at the half. Coach Crivelli asked the boys for a special effort and they gave it. In a courageous second half they not only pegged back the deficit but won by an incredible 11 points.

## Sabres - Women

### Metro Division One

#### Grand Final

Latrobe (18) 61 d Sabres (25) 48

*Scorers: R. Jennings 17, N. Teichelman 7, S. Gattuso 6, T. Pettingal 6*

The Sabres took the initiative and with good defensive pressure kept in front for a 25-18 half time break. This lead was increased to 11 points after 7 minutes of play and Latrobe were forced to call a time out. Latrobe was then able to penetrate the defence and out scored the Sabres by 24 points to win 61-48. Although a disappointment that the season's hard work was lost in the last 13 minutes, we were pleased with the team's overall effort to reach the grand final.

### CVIBL Division One

#### Preliminary Final

Ballarat 85 d Sabres 50

*Scorers: K. McGee 23, S. Gattuso 8*

After a competitive first quarter to trail by only 5 points, 10-15, the Sabres found Ballarat's aggressive offence to be too strong and the Sabres run to the grand final ended with a 50-85 loss. They were unfortunate to have 5 players foul out by game's end. Although this was a disappointment, the Sabres women are to be congratulated for making it to the top four teams which is their highest ever finish in the CVIBL. Coach Merrin Ashley-Cooper.

## Sabres - Men

### Metro Division One

#### Elimination Final

Diamond Valley 73 d Sabres 67

*Scorers: S. Garner 20, A. Daff 14, S. Sellick 12*

The Sabres, through tight defence, were able to keep in touch and only trail by 3 points at half time. However their second half offence could not match their continued good defence and Diamond Valley were able to scrape home for a 73-67 win.

## Thrillers

### Division One Metro Women

#### Sabres 38 d Melbourne Uni 34

*Scorers: N. Teichelman 11, S. Gattuso 7, F. Caculovic 6*

With good shooting form Fiona Caculovic, Sandringham quickly established an early lead as Melbourne Uni seemed unable to convert and after then trading baskets, the Sabres led 20-13 at half time. After the break, the Sabres went 'ballistic' and had raced to a 20 point lead ten minutes in, but unbelievably only scored 2 more in the last ten minutes whilst Melbourne Uni added 18. Defensive pressure had resulted in Sabres turnovers allowing Melb Uni many occasions on which to score and the Sabres bad basketball ended up a lucky 38-34 win.

### MML Division 1 Women

#### Sabres 70 d Melbourne 66

*Scorers: K. McGee 18, R. Jennings 16*

Semi final. In a thrilling match that went into overtime, the scores were level at 24 points a piece at half time and 60-all at the end of regulation time. The Sabres were up by 3 points with seconds remaining, but Melbourne hit a miracle three pointer with a quarter of a second left to force an extra 5 minutes. The Sabres then got the early lead and hung on to win 70-66.

### Domestic Men

#### Jordan's Return 20 d Behemoths 0

One of the best of the senior domestic three point shooting games was seen and it was A grade men's game between The Behemoths and Jordan's Return.

Gavin Southern shot 5 triples, Paul Cervi 2 and Frank Russo 1 for Jordan's return with Stewart Banko 5, J. Behemoth 4, Anthony Lee 3 and M. Kerr 1 for the Behemoths.



At half time the game looked to be over as Jordan's return led by 12 points (10+2 for a late start) 38-26.

The Behemoths then shot 8 three pointers to Jordan's Return's 5 in their 44-33 second half with only four players as M. Kerr was injured just before half time.

The result was that Jordan's Return hung on to win 71-70 but if the Behemoths had not given away 2 late start points, the outcome may well have been different.

However the game and all its good shooting ended in a 20-0 win as The Behemoths played players who even at this stage of the season were still unregistered.

### VBA State League Men

#### Nunawading 116 d Sabres 113

*Scorers: A. Parkinson 31, D. Lucas 23, R. Sapwell 19*

In a fluctuating game, the Sabres were down 26-27 at quarter time, up 57-50 at half time, and up 86-79 at three quarter time. Nunawading then reduced the margin and the Sabres found themselves having to foul to stop the clock and hope for a missed free throw. This did not happen, as Nunawading were too accurate from the foul line and they took a 3 point lead and then watched as Chris Anstey's three point buzzer beater rimmed out. Final score showed a Sabres 113-116 loss.

### Division One Men Metro

#### Sabres 48 drew with Whitehorse 48

*Scorers: A. Daff 14, S. Garner 8, C. Garner 8*

The Sabres were up by 3 points with 6 seconds remaining only to see Whitehorse tie the game with a 'prayer shot' three pointer, 48-all.

SPORT

Sabres too sharp for dull Rangers

SANDRINGHAM Sabres hit their highest score of the season in downing Dandenong Rangers 116-89 at Sandringham in last Wednesday's round of the Victorian Basketball Championships.

Sabres outscored the visitors in every quarter including 32-16 in the opening session.

Forward Rupert Sapwell stepped up from his customary role of being a member of the supporting cast, to record 29 points and 16 rebounds.

Sapwell shot 43.5 per cent (23-53), including three three-pointers, from the floor and 100 per cent (6-6) from the charity stripe. He was by far the match's most valuable player.

Adonis Jordan added three assists and three rebounds to his 22 points at 56.3 per cent (9-5) from the floor and 100 per cent (2-2) from the line as a

small forward while point guard Shane Bright contributed four assists and two rebounds to go with his eight points.

Centre Anstey had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Andrew Parkinson 15-3, Jason Smith 11-6 and Sam Mackinnon 10-5.

The Sabres had a good night with their free throws, making 22/18 (82 per cent).

Americans Scooter Barry and Eric Atkins led the Rangers' scorers with 22 points apiece. Scott Mitchell hit 20 points for the Rangers before being the only player to foul.

Foul calls were 19 against the Sabres and 22 against the Rangers.

*Victorian champions: Sabres d Dandenong Rangers 116-89 (Sapwell 29, Jordan 22, Anstey 18, Parkinson 15, Smith 11, Mackinnon 10, Bright 8, Atkins 2, Dorch 1). Men's Metro, Div 1: Sabres lost to Kew 45-75 (Lester 14, Stanger 13). Div 2: Sabres d Altona 47-27 (Daff 13, Garner 8). Women's Div 1: Lady Sabres d Frankston 40-35 (Trichekman 16, McGee 10).*

— GRAHAM BURKE



SABRES forward Rupert Sapwell shoots for goal.

Article by Graham Burke,  
Sandringham & Brighton  
Advertiser, 1995

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## Major Award Winners

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Summer Grand Finals - 1994/95

**U/11A**

Most Valuable Player: Aria Pettinato (Hampton Eagles)

**U/11B**

Most Valuable Player: Cassie Martin (Sandy Saints)

**U/11C**

Most Valuable Player: Renae Spruce (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/13A**

Most Valuable Player: Shannon Harding (The Sharks)

**U/13B**

Most Valuable Player: Rina Aramian (Bullits)

**U/13C**

Most Valuable Player: Jannie Brown (Hampton Eagles)

**U/15A**

Most Valuable Player: Laura Silver (Sandy Saints)

**U/15AR**

Most Valuable Player: Bonnie Chippendale (Bullits)

**U/15B**

Most Valuable Player: Marika Meeham (Mavericks)

**U/17**

Most Valuable Player: Jacinta Canestra (Ormond Bandits)

### *Domestic - Boys*

#### Summer Grand Finals - 1994/95

**U/11A**

Most Valuable Player: Brendan McCallum (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/11B**

Most Valuable Player: Stephen Fullarton (St Finbar's Scalpers)

**U/11C**

Most Valuable Player: Evan Counsel (Hampton Eagles)

**U/11D**

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Thomas (The Sharks)

**U/11E**

Most Valuable Player: Jonathon Savage (Hampton Eagles)



**U/13A**

Most Valuable Player: Sean Crilly (Sandy Saints)

**U/13B**

Most Valuable Player: Phillip Bence (Bentleigh Hornets)

**U/13C**

Most Valuable Player: Chris Fagen (Sandy Saints)

**U/13D**

Most Valuable Player: Benny Keilling (Moorabbin Tigers)

**U/15A**

Most Valuable Player: Buzz Kuramoto (Ormond Bandits)

**U/15AR**

Most Valuable Player: Damien Lynch (Sandy Saints)

**U/15B**

Most Valuable Player: Danny Baeffel (Mordialloc Flyers)

**U/15C**

Most Valuable Player: Robert Gangi (Mentone Mustangs)

**U/15D**

Most Valuable Player: Shaun Frazer (Coatesville Comets)

**U/17A**

Most Valuable Player: Aaron Sinclair (McKinnon Lakers)

**U/17B**

Most Valuable Player: Mark Louis (Beaumaris Blue Devils)

**U/17C**

Most Valuable Player: Craig Watson (Hampton Raptors)

**U/19**

Most Valuable Player: Simon Alderson (Beaumaris Sharks)

**Domestic - Women****Summer Grand Finals - 1994/95****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Melanie Coe (Gators)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Sue Wheeler (Saints)

**Over 35**

Most Valuable Player: Kerry Aanensen

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

**Domestic - Men****Summer Grand Finals - 1994/95****A Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Carey Edwards (Beaumaris Sharks)

**B Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Peter Boodie (Beaumaris Sharks)

**B Reserve Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Matt Lewin (Hampton Eagles)

**C Grade**

Most Valuable Player: David Scanlon (The Mob)

**D Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Gerrard Warrener (BSGG)

**E Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Owen Hillebrand (Parktone Supesonics)

**E Reserve Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Mark Beach (Desperados)

**F Grade**

Most Valuable Player: Chris Donegan (Mentone Mustangs)

**Over 35**

Most Valuable Player: Glen Sutherland (Claytons)

**Sabres - Girls****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player: Brooke Hall

Best Team Player: Alison Downie

Most Improved Player: Jacqui Bourke

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: Kate McMurray

Most Improved Player: Emilia Pettinato

Most Determined Player: Kylie Jordan

**U/14BS**

Most Valuable Player: Emily Stirling

Best Team Player: Gabby Scott

Most Improved Player: Alana Poutney

**U/14B2**

Most Valuable Player: Kate Smith

Best Team Player: Kim Ng

Most Improved Player: Prue Mason

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

**U/14BS**

Most Valuable Player:	Lauren Lewis
Best Team Player:	Leah Burgess
Most Improved Player:	Elizabeth Lamb

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player:	Jacinta Canestra
Best Team Player:	Gabby McMurray
Most Improved Player:	Sam Hall

**U/16B1**

Most Valuable Player:	Natalie Kondos
Best Team Player:	Laurie Brooker
Most Improved Player:	Jane Harrowfield

**U/16B2**

Most Valuable Player:	Sarah Vincenzini
Best Team Player:	Margaux Osborne & Kelly Sullivan
Most Improved Player:	Jessica Stirling

**U/18A**

Most Valuable Player:	Brooke McCormack
Best Team Player:	Brooke Mathews & Megan Hornbuckle
Most Improved Player:	Amy Simpson

**Sabres - Boys****U/12AR**

Most Valuable Player:	Lyle Dayce
Best Team Player:	Ben Ghiggino
Most Improved Player:	Chris Ekberg-Weiss

**U/12B2**

Most Valuable Player:	Chris Demchyshsyn
Best Team Player:	Nicholas Weedon
Most Improved Player:	Mathew Merry

**U/12EQ2**

Most Valuable Player:	Dylan Eades
Most Improved Player:	Chris Giosis (Offense) & William Manning (Defense)

**U/14AR**

Most Valuable Player:	Callum Irving
Best Team Player:	David Barlow
Most Improved Player:	Simon Anderson

**U/14B2**

Most Valuable Player:	Sam Lasala
Best Team Player:	Demis Danoudis
Most Improved Player:	Stewart West

**U/14B3**

Most Valuable Player: Shannon Quirke  
 Best Team Player: Sean Tighe  
 Most Improved Player: Paul Grasby

**U/14EQ2**

Most Valuable Player: Martin Fallon  
 Best Team Player: Daniel Baron & Trent Doherty

**U/16A**

Best Team Player: Justin Tilley  
 Most Improved Player: Andrew Fergusson & Scott Henley

**U/16B2**

Most Valuable Player: Russell Haxby  
 Best Team Player: Keenan Dayce  
 Most Improved Player: Daniel Poynton

**U/18AR**

Most Valuable Player: Scott Nash  
 Best Team Player: Michael Umbers  
 Most Improved Player: Paul Adams

**U/18B2**

Most Valuable Player: Dominic Hellier  
 Best Team Player: Aaron Drinan  
 Most Improved Player: Michael Cripps

**U/20AR**

Most Valuable Player: David Lepileo  
 Best Team Player: Brett Little  
 Most Improved Player: Daniel Gallina

***Sabres - Women*****Division One Metro**

Most Valuable Player: Nicole Teichelman  
 Best Team Player: Sally Gattuso  
 Rookie: Amy Simpson

**Division One CIVBL**

Most Valuable Player: Kelly McGee  
 Best Team Player: Rebecca Jennings  
 Rookie: Fiona Caculovic



## Sabres - Men

### Division One Metro

Most Valuable Player:	Tim Barlow
Most Improved Player:	Luke Gattuso
Rookie:	Simon Garner

### Division Two Metro

Best Team Player:	Ben Connell
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## Tournaments

### Melbourne

#### U/14A Girls

Most Valuable Player:	Kate
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#### U/12 Boys

Most Valuable Player:	Mathew Rowse
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### Southern Sabres

#### Girls - Grand Finals

##### U/12

Most Valuable Player:	Jacqui Kannemeyer (Sandringham)
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##### U/16

Most Valuable Player:	Nicole Anderson (Sandringham)
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#### Boys - Grand Finals

##### U/12A

Most Valuable Player:	Matt Strain (Sandringham)
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##### U/14A

Most Valuable Player:	David Barlow (Sandringham)
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##### U/14B

Most Valuable Player:	Ben Ghiggino (Sandringham)
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##### U/16A Boys

Most Valuable Player:	Glen Gomez (Sandringham)
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##### U/18A Boys

Most Valuable Player:	George Antonia (Sandringham 1)
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### Southern Peninsula

#### U/14A Boys - Grand Final

Most Valuable Player:	Elliot Cooper
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#### U/16A Boys - Grand Final

Most Valuable Player:	Dylan Thorburne
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### Faces of the 90s ...





## ***Robert Lunardon Memorial Award***

**Girls:** *Brooke McCormack*

**Boys:** *James Borghero*

## ***Roger Morris Memorial Trophy***

### **Junior Championship Coach of the Year**

Junior Girls Coach: Des McMurray

Junior Boys Coach: Mike Craw

## **Officials**

### **Executive Committee**

**President:** Frank Russo

**Vice President:** Ernie Baker

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

Mark Mitchell

Sue Loeliger

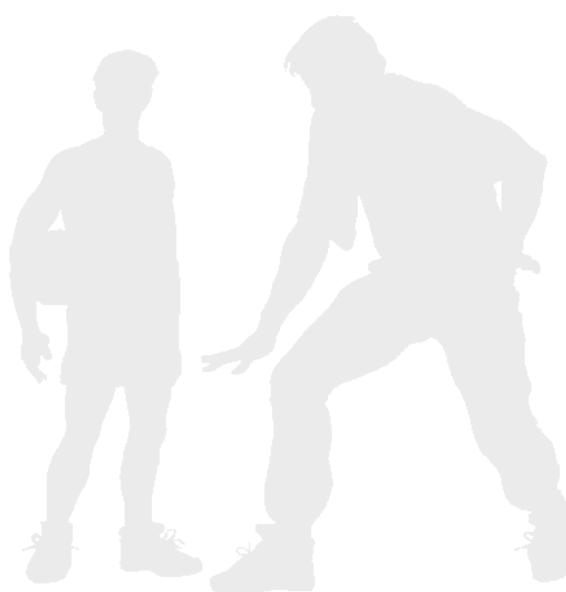
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### ***Championship Committee***

*J. Quirke, G. Borghero, J. Thompson, M. Stepien, D. Tighe, D. McMurray, V. Crevilli, M. Mitchell, N. White, E. Gomez, G. Stubbs.*

### ***Domestic Committee***

*J. Whyte, G. Southern, J. Jamison, L. Smith, L. Thomas, B. Burke, G. Gordon, D. McNicholas, M. Maloney, A. Stubbs, A. Hanslow.*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Mike Kelly**

There is a strong feeling that Sandringham Sabres' player-coach Mike Kelly won't be calling the shots next season.

Sources close to the club claim the American hotshot is unhappy with the court time he is getting with South East Melbourne Magic - the Sabres' parent club - and are tipping he'll sign with a CBA club next year.

*Basketball - Sandringham Brighton Advertiser, 2-9-96*

### **Sabres At Adelaide Tournament**

The U/14A and U/16's 2 team attended the 1996 Easter Tournament in Adelaide. The following is one parent's saga.

Such a long drive - so many McDonalds to go past - should we try for the Bloomfields record? Can't afford to.

First stop Pizza Hut - all the school kids eating - a long wait. Just what I wanted. Finally on the road - when will we be there?

Why is that police car chasing us - oh no! Finally - Adelaide - our first McDonalds stop. No one knows where Glenelg is.

Our motel at last. Sleep.

Good Friday - Let's go out for breakfast. We find out what a lot of people already knew - Adelaide shuts for Easter - And I mean Adelaide SHUTS for Easter. But McDonalds is open - the Bloomfield record could definitely be threatened.

Our first game is at 7.00pm. A day to fill in. Magic Mountain - the Holy Grail for parents who want to get some peace (for only \$10 for 3 hours). Wash the car and welcome the rest of the party.

At last, basketball. We travel all the way from Melbourne to meet the Melbourne Tigers in our first game. Unfortunately, despite playing well, we lose.

They all go back to the motel to rest - I travel to the U/16 game. A close game, but another loss, back to the motel naturally we stop at McDonalds for dinner. Look out Bloomfields.

Easter Saturday. The motel is alive with the rumour that Brian Grasby has tried to run over the Easter Bunny on the way to Adelaide. Mongrel!

The U/14s line up against Bendigo at 10.00am - a good win. Elliot Cooper is injured by a somewhat rough tackle and is taken to hospital.

Off to the U/16 game. They play at 11.00am against Waverley. Another loss. Bob West is looking frustrated.

Back to the motel - lunch to organise.

At 3.00pm it's back to the game. The U/16s play Bendigo. Who let them in B grade? We are thrashed. Bob's looking tired.

Back to the motel and a chance to relax and have a swim. We get an update on Elliot - it appears he is going to be O.K. His main concern was that the free throws had been made on his behalf!

At 7.00pm the U/14s play Sturt. An exciting first half but let's forget the second half. Another loss.

We organise to all have dinner together. Thankfully not McDonalds, but Sizzler. The one down near the motel, I said, next to McDonalds? Yes that's the one - see you there!

Some of the parents decided it would be a good time to have a car rally and went to the Sizzler on the other side of Adelaide. Three boys and I sat on our own for quite a while, ordered tables for 20 - no sorry that won't be enough, there are over 30 of us, as well, we ended up with about 14. The other group at the other Sizzler had about the same number, so much for dinner together.

I head off to the U/16 game - 10.00pm start. Bob looks tired even before we start. We play Woodville and unfortunately get beaten again.

A late supper for pizza and then into bed. Thankfully we can rest peacefully for a while.

Easter Sunday morning - a knock at the door - early - too early for this tired Dad. Better get up and see who it is.

It's the Easter Bunny - (piss off!) with eggs for the boys. Thanks. An aside - I know one of Peter Bloomfield's fantasies.

Thank you to Virginia Bloomfield for taking the trouble to be the Easter Bunny and yes she did actually attend the Stadium to hand out eggs.

When being greeted by the Grasby's youngest, Stephen, the Easter Bunny said, 'Sorry I'm late but I was nearly run over on my way here.' The enthusiastic response was, 'that's my Dad - he's in there.'

More Magic Mountain and then off to the basketball.

Another loss to the U/16s and a good win to the U/14s.  
Back to the motel and quiet BBQ by the pool and drinks with all the parents.

I leave and head off to the U/16 game and even on the main court at Powerhouse, we have another loss. But all the boys have enjoyed the competition and Bob doesn't look too tired now.

The U/14s play next and have a good win - ending up 5<sup>th</sup> overall - a very creditable performance considering the draw and the opposition.

Back to the motel for a relax and a few drinks with everyone. Shane Tobin enjoyed himself immensely - or so he says - personally I don't think he could remember.

Monday - more Magic Mountain and we hit the road. No police this time.

A long drive back. The coffee and Kit Kat stops were most welcome.

Thanks to Shane Tobin and Bob West who gave of their time over Easter. Thanks to Judy Barlow for her work in organizing the trip.

A special thanks to Magic Mountain!

And no, we did NOT break the Bloomfield record.

*By Danny Tighe*

### ***Individual Achievements***

**Todd Kozinka** founder of the little dribblers.

### ***Numbers***

**209,363** attendance at Stadium.

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Premiers

##### U/12A

Bullits

##### U/14C

Hampton Eagles

##### U/12B

Ormond Bandits

##### U/16A

Mentone Mustangs

##### U/12C

Mordialloc Flyers

##### U/16B

Bentleigh Heat

##### U/14A

Sandy Saints

##### U/16C

The Sharks

##### U/14B

Bullits

##### U/18A

The Spickettes

##### U/18B

The Sharks



Little dribbler



**Domestic - Boys****Premiers - Winter Season****U/12A**

Sandy Saints

**U/14D**

Bullits

**U/12B**

Sandy Saints

**U/16A**

Sandy Supersonics

**U/12C**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/16B**

Bullits

**U/12D**

St Finbar's Scalpers

**U/16C**

Mavericks

**U/12E**

Sandy Saints

**U/16D**

Mavericks

**U/14A**

Mentone Mustangs

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**U/14B**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/18B**

Ormond Bandits

**U/14C**

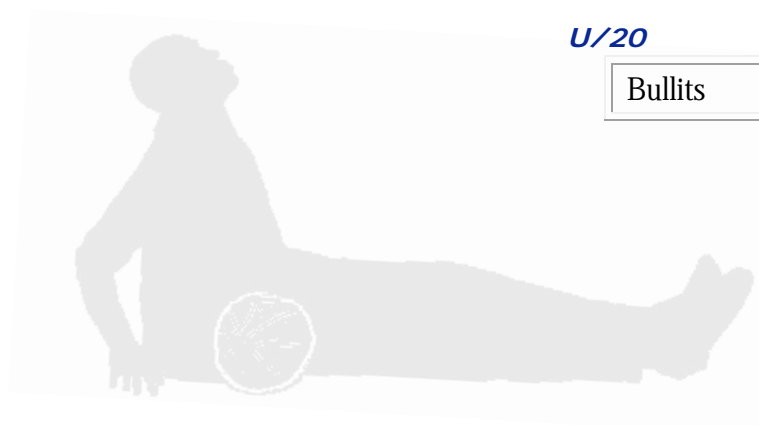
Coatesville Raiders

**U/18C**

East Bentleigh Bulls

**U/20**

Bullits



**Domestic - Women****Premiers - Winter Season****A Grade**

Bentleigh Heat Jade

**B Grade**

Bentleigh Heat Blue

**C Grade**

Ormond Bandits

**Domestic - Men****Premiers - Winter Season****A Grade**

Beaumaris Sharks

**D Grade**

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**B Grade**

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**E Grade**

Hackers

**BR Grade**

The Hacks

**ER Grade**

Blue Devils

**C Grade**

The Mob

**F Grade**

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**Over 35**

Sharks

**Hot Hands**



**Sabres - Girls****U/12 Division Four****Premiers**

Coach Marian Moloney.

**Sabres - Boys****U/12B2****Premiers**

Win supplementary final. Coach Brett Flynn.

**U/14B4****Premiers**

Coach Matt Cooper.

**U/14 Division One****Semi finalists**

Coach Ian Hansen.

**U/18B1****Semi finalists**

Coaches Colin Donovan and Paul Martin.

**U/20AR****Grand Finalists**

Coach Tony Drinan.

**Tournaments****Dandenong Rangers - Girls****U/14B****Grand Final**

Sandringham Sabres 33 d Southern Peninsula 22

**U/16A****Semi Final**

Melbourne Tigers d Sandringham Sabres

**Dandenong Rangers - Boys****U/14A****Semi Final**

Dandenong Rangers d Sandringham Sabres

**U/16A****Semi Final**

Noble Park d Sandringham Sabres

**U/16B****Semi Final**

Korrumburra d Sandringham Sabres

**Southern Peninsula - Boys****U/14****Premiers****U/16****Premiers****Nunawading - Girls****U/12****Premiers****Dandenong - Girls****U/14****Premiers***Junior Girls' Team 1990s***Southern Sabres - Girls****U/14****Premiers****U/16****Premiers****Southern Sabres - Boys****U/14****Premiers****U/16****Premiers**

## Sabres - Women

### CVIBL

#### Semi Final

Waverley d Sabres

11 wins 7 losses to finish fourth place.

### MMBL Division One

#### Semi Final

Whittlesea d Sabres

Finished on top of their division at the end of the season.

### MMBL Division Two

#### Semi Final

Sunbury d Sabres by 19 points

What was particular pleasing about this team were the number of junior players who played.

## Sabres - Men

### VBA Premier

#### Final - Round One

Coburg Giants 119 d Sabres 104

*Scorers: Smith 25, Anstey 24, Parkinson 23*

Consisting of South East Melbourne Magic players as well as some of our promising juniors the team won the minor premiership with a 20-2 record but lost to Coburg Giants in the first round of the finals.

## Major Award Winners

### Sabres - Girls

#### U/12 Division1

Most Valuable Player: Jacqui Kannemeyer

Best Team Player: Brigid Howell

Most Improved Player: Hanna Murphy

### U/12 Division BLR

Most Valuable Player: Jessica Evans  
 Best Team Player: Eboney Eades  
 Most Improved Player: Sarah Fraser-Jones & Justine Smethurst

### U/12 Division 4 SH

Most Valuable Player: Gemma Dillon  
 Best Team Player: Vanessa White  
 Most Improved Player: Kate Fitzgerald

### U/14 Division 1

Most Valuable Player: Lauren La Combre  
 Best Team Player: Sally Borghero  
 Most Improved Player: Kate McCluskey

### U/14 Division 3

Most Valuable Player: Kate Smith  
 Best Team Player: Sarah Carey  
 Most Improved Player: Melanie Dillon

### U/14 Division 4

Most Valuable Player: Tracey Taylor  
 Best Team Player: Jacqui Bourke  
 Most Improved Player: Natalie Macko

### U/16 Division 1

Most Valuable Player: Kylie Jordan  
 Best Team Player: Julia Behr  
 Most Improved Player: Sam Hall

### U/16 Division 2

Most Valuable Player: Carly Franklyn  
 Best Team Player: Lisa Wood  
 Most Improved Player: Belinda Dillon & Fiona White

### U/16 Division 3

Most Valuable Player: Kate Marriott & Leah Burgess  
 Most Improved Player: Elizabeth Lamb

### U/18 VC

Most Valuable Player: Brooke Mathews  
 Best Team Player: Georgia Timewell  
 Most Improved Player: Carmen Jordan

## Sabres - Boys

### U/12A

Most Valuable Player: Richard Marczenko  
 Best Team Player: Dean Wall  
 Most Improved Player: Tom Mentiplay

### Faces of the 90s ...



**U121BLR**

Most Valuable Player: Sam Deacon  
 Best Team Player: Chris Giosis  
 Most Improved Player: Andrew Carey

**U/12B2SH**

Most Valuable Player: Matthew Merry  
 Best Team Player: Terry Brown  
 Most Improved Player: Josh McGirr

**U/12B2HAM**

Most Valuable Player: Oresti Nitsios  
 Best Team Player: Drew Gordon  
 Most Improved Player: Leigh Joseph

**U/14A**

Most Valuable Player: David Barlow  
 Best Team Player: Ben Foster  
 Most Improved Player: David Gibb

**U/142BLR**

Most Valuable Player: John Thomas jnr  
 Best Team Player: Lyle Dayce  
 Most Improved Player: Scott Mitchell

**U/143HAM**

Most Valuable Player: Aaron Farrell  
 Best Team Player: Nala Sutherland  
 Most Improved Player: Callam Pickering

**U/14B4**

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Baron  
 Best Team Player: Craig Parker  
 Most Improved Player: Anthony Bonaddio

**U/16A**

Most Valuable Player: Carl Beohm  
 Best Team Player: Callum Irvine  
 Most Improved Player: Peter Sherwood

**U/16B2BLR**

Most Valuable Player: Leigh Witney  
 Best Team Player: Sean Fraser & Martin Fallon  
 Most Improved Player: Zane Kuramoto

**U/16B3**

Most Valuable Player: Gavin Gibb  
 Most Improved Player: Paul Gordon & Robert Gangi

**U/18A**

Most Valuable Player: George Antonio  
 Best Team Player: Buzz Kuramoto & Scott Hall  
 Most Improved Player: Mark Ensor



**U/18B1**

Most Valuable Player: Brad Vanderputt  
 Best Team Player: Justin Tilley  
 Most Improved Player: Andrew Fergusson

**U/20AR**

Most Valuable Player: Scott Nash  
 Best Team Player: Derek Horn  
 Most Improved Player: Simon Alderson

***Sabres - Women*****Division One MMBL and CIVBL**

Most Valuable Player: Merryn Ashley-Cooper  
 Best Team Player: Tania Kiley & Rebecca Jennings  
 Most Improved: Sophie Wainwright

**Division Two MMBL**

Most Valuable Player: Kristy Bloomfield  
 Most Improved: Sam Hall  
 Rookie: Natalie Burke

***Sabres - Men*****VBA**

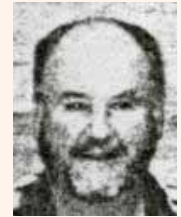
All Star Centre: Chris Anstey  
 All Star Small Forward: Mike Kelly  
 Rookie: Frank Drmic

**Division One MMBL**

Most Valuable Player: Andrew Daff  
 Most Improved: Tony Drian  
 Rookie: Scott Nash

***Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy***

**Girls:** *Gemma Dillon*  
**Boys:** *Richard Marczenko*

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**



## Roger Morris Memorial Trophy

### Junior Championship Coach of the Year

Junior Girls Coach: Marian Moloney

Junior Boys Coach: Shane Tobin

## Officials

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**Vice President:** Ernie Baker

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

Mark Mitchell

Michael Stepien

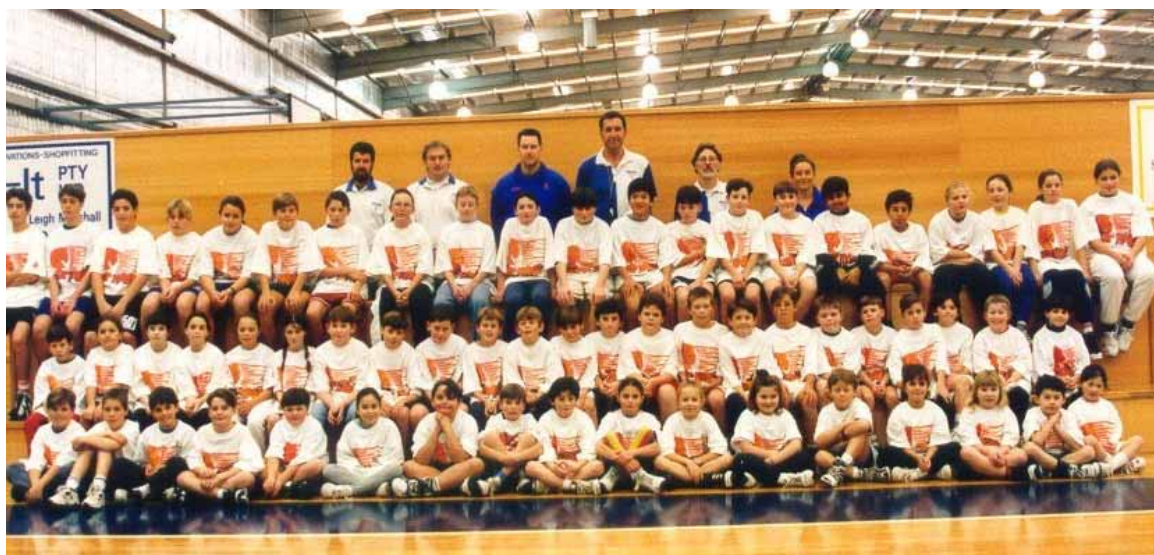
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### Championship Committee

*Danny Tighe, Jim Quirk, Di Jordan,  
Carole Carey, Graham Borghero, Evelyn  
Gomez, Mark Mitchell, Judy Barlow.*

### Domestic Committee

*Leigh Smith, Anthony Burke, Jo Jamison.*



*Hot Hands group photo*



## Snippets

### *General Stuff*

#### **Team SBA In USA**

A squad of 11 players and 4 support ('the adults') left Australia on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1997. First stop was Los Angeles, California, then on to a connecting flight to Tucson Arizona.

Very much jet lagged after 30 hours of flying since leaving Australia, we arrived in Tucson and were staggered to be welcomed by 30 Americans cheering and waving Australian flags.

Our first night at Salpointe High School, we were guests of our host team at their match against cross-town rivals CDO. My first impression of the game was the crowd of around 150 people who were attending a high school basketball game. There was music, lights and whistles and everyone was cheering, chanting and singing school songs in support of their team.

From a player's perspective both teams had a very high level of intensity and commitment, which they kept up for the entire game. When I said they are cross-town rivals, they played as if their side of town was up for sale.

In every aspect our hosts and everyone at Salpointe High and San Rafael High were extremely good to our team.

Our next venue was San Francisco, California. Again we stayed with hosts and they also looked after us all very well.

In basketball terms, we reached the semi final of the Drake High School Invitational Tournament after an absolutely great team effort from a young squad.

The sightseeing was excellent. We visited many attractions such as the Golden Bridge, Alcatraz (an old prison in the middle of the bay) and an NBA game. The game was between Golden State and Dallas and while the score wasn't that close, it was full on atmosphere with a big crowd, music, yelling, screaming and fireworks. Also it was well worth the look at the individual skills of the players and just how big they really are. Guy's 6'7" can handle the ball like a point guard and just as well because most of the time it was one on one basketball. After the game we met Chris Anstey (Dallas) and a few of the cheer leaders!

From there we went to Los Angeles, California, where we stayed in a motel. Our scheduled basketball games had finished and we now planned to use our time spending the rest of our

money shopping and visiting Disneyland and McDonalds (which was two doors up the road).

I think everyone was anticipating a good time at Disneyland and no one was disappointed. It's a very big place and it had the best rides I have ever been on. The following day we went to Warner Bros. Studios which was just as good as Disneyland, but without as many people.

In all, the trip was excellent and well worthwhile. The game is slightly different over there with time zones, intensity and reffing styles (they don't call soft fouls). Although we may have been a little on the young side, I think everyone held up the Aussie tradition and 'gave it our best shot' against the home teams. Our individual skills and team effort were as equal to any we encountered.

A special thanks to Coaches Mike Crow, Mike Smith, Colin Donovan and also to Mark Mitchell and John Anderson who put in a lot of work into the initial setting up and on the road organising of the tour. An of course, thank you to our parents and to the SBA.

I recommend to all basketballers to go and visit America, it was the best experience I have ever had. Further, the SBA should continue their support of the USA tours.

*By Gavin Earle*

### ***Individual Achievements***

**Pat Hornbuckle** and **John Russo** become state panel referees.

**David Mitchell** makes Victorian Metro U/16 team.

**Richard Marzchenco** makes Victorian U/14 schools team, runners up.

### ***Numbers***

**216,648** attendance at stadium.

**100** men, **58** women's teams in domestic competition.

**208** boys' teams and **117** girls' teams in domestic competitions.

**16** refs in SABA.



*King Club: Magic vs Arizona*

## Games

### *Domestic - Girls*

#### Winter Season - Grand Finals

##### *U/10A*

Sandy Saints 21 d Bullits 19

##### *U/10B*

The Sharks Black 17 d The Sharks Red 5

##### *U/12A*

Bullits Gold 38 d The Sharks 16

##### *U/12B*

Bullits 20 d Mentone Mustangs 17

##### *U/12C*

Hampton Eagles 27 d Bullits Gold 15

##### *U/14A*

Bullits 27 d Sandy Saints 25

##### *U/14B*

Bullits Gold 27 d Mentone Mustangs Blue 19

##### *U/14C*

Flirts 24 d Mentone Mustangs 23

##### *U/16A*

Mentone Mustangs 46 d Hampton Eagles 21

##### *U/16B*

The Sharks 22 d Hampton Eagles Green 18

**U/16C**

Bullits 28 d Mordialloc Flyers 20

**U/18A**

Bentleigh Heat 41 d Sandy Saints 21

**U/18B**

Mentone Mustangs 36 d The Angels 22

**Domestic - Boys****Winter Season - Grand Finals****U/10A**

Ormond Bandits 27 d Sandy Saints Red 17

**U/10B**

Stella Maris Sonics 25 d Stella Maris Slammers 19

**U/10C**

Stella Maris Spectres 28 d Parkdale Pacers Red 22

**U/12A**

Mentone Mustangs 63 d Bullits 26

**U/12B**

Mavericks 29 d Ormond Bandits 23

**U/12C**

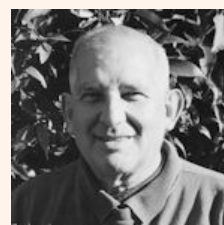
Parkdale Pacers 33 d Bentleigh Hornets 31

**U/12D**

Sandy Saints Blue 56 d Bullits 28

**U/12E**

St Leonards Hawks 34 d Sandy Saints White 32

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

**U/14A**

Bullits Blue 54 d Mentone Mustangs Gold 40

**U/14B**

Sandy Saints Blue 33 d Mentone Mustangs Gold 21

**U/14C**

Coatesville Falcons 29 d Bentleigh Hornets 28

**U/14D**

Bentleigh Hornets 51 d Black Rock Pumas 29

**U/16A**

Ormond Bandits 38 d Bullits 24

**U/16B**

East Bentleigh Bulls 30 d Bentleigh Breakers 27

**U/16C**

Mavericks 37 d Mentone Mustangs 31

**U/16D**

East Bentleigh Bulls 26 d Sandy Saints 24

**U/18A**

Sandy Saints Blue 50 d Bullits 35

**U/18B**

Beaumaris Sharks 53 d Hampton Raptors 25

**U/18C**

The Wolves 37 d Bullits 27

**U/20**

East Bentleigh Bulls 48 d Beaumaris Sharks 39

**Domestic - Women****Winter Season - Grand Finals****A Grade**

Parkdale 43 d Bently Heat White 29

**B Grade**

Mentone Mustangs 50 d Bently Heat Jade 38

**C Grade**

NADS 30 d Southerners 21

**D Grade**

Hampton Eagles Yellow 24 d Stingray Flyers 19

**Domestic - Men****Winter Season - Grand Finals****A Grade**

COAT 59 d Your Face 56

**B Grade**

SESOC 61 d Hoosiers 37

**BR Grade**

The Hacks 51 d Sandy Saints 46

**C Grade**

The Mob 50 d Golden Lords 42

**D Grade**

Sandy Saints 58 d Zambian Goat Herders 52

**E Grade**

Sandy Saints Gerries 34 d Boosty Boyz 27

**ER Grade**

Sandy Saints Gerries 58 d Moorabbin Warriors 43

**F Grade**

Beauy Bulls 78 d The Hacks 37

**Over 35**

Ormond Bandits 34 d Sharks 27

**Sabres - Boys****U/12 V/C****Finalists**

Coach Paul Deacon.

**U/14 Metro One****Semi Final**

Broadmeadows d Sabres

Coach Shane Tobin.

**U/12****Finalists**

Coach Greg Ashton.

**U/14 EAST****Premiers**

Coach Gary Thoburne.

**U/18****Finalists**

Coach Jamie Bennett.



King Club: Magic vs Arizona



## Sabres - Women

### MMBL Premier League

#### Grand Final

Diamond Valley 50 d Sabres 49

Trailing for most of the game Jacqui Thompson steals the ball in the open court with seconds to go. Attempts a lay up on the buzzer. And misses.

### MMBL Division Two

#### Grand Final

Werribee d Sabres

Wins over Waverley in the conference semi and over Hawthorn in the conference semi final was a tremendous boost. In the overall divisional final we encountered a very focused and determined Werribee team.

## Sabres - Men

### VBA Premier League

#### Quarter Final

Dandenong 97 d Sabres 95

Scorers: Kelly 36, J. Smith 24

Finished on top of the ladder with 20 wins and 4 losses.

### MMBL Premier Division

#### Grand Final

Blackburn d Sabres

## Tournaments

### Nunawading

#### U/16 Boys

#### Grand Finalists

### Southern Sabres

#### U/18 Boys

#### Premiers

## Sabres clinch minor premiership

by GRAHAM BURKE

SANDRINGHAM Sabres won the honor of being minor premiers in the Victorian men's basketball championship by the skin of their teeth.

They won the same number of regular season games as Melbourne Tigers, but had the higher percentage.

After losing to Frankston Blues by 25 points the previous week, Sabres, strengthened by the return of NBL stars Jason Smith, Andrew Parkinson and Mike Kelly, clinched the minor premiership by thrashing one of the bottom sides, Knox Raiders, last week.

Smith indicated he would be a force to be reckoned with in the playoffs by scoring a round-high 38 points.

Long-range bomber Andrew Parkinson is another the Sabres will be counting on for their point production.

The playoffs will be all sudden-death matches starting the quarter finals this Wednesday.

The draw:  
● Nunawading Stadium: Nunawading Spectres (third) v Broadmeadows Broncos (sixth), 7.30pm.

● King Club: Sandringham Sabres (first) v Dandenong Rangers (eighth), 7.40.  
● Albert Park Stadium: Melbourne Tigers

(second) v Ballarat Moners (seventh), 8.30.

● Coburg Stadium: Coburg Gladiators (fourth) v Frankston Blues (fifth), 8.30.

Round 27 results: Frankston d Sandringham 128-123 (Kelly 24, Nunawading 27, Kelly 15, Aspin 25, Lucas 20, Moore 17).

Round 28: Sandringham d Knox 122-78 (Smith 38, Parkinson 28, Kelly 26, Jones 21, Foster 18, Howard 14).

Final win-loss standings: Sandringham 20-4 (104.18%), Nunawading 16-8, Coburg 14-10 (111.81%), Frankston 14-12 (88.59%), Broadmeadows 13-11 (112.81%), Balakore 13-11 (86.23%), Sandringham 9-15 (122.2%), Sabres 8-15 (82.27%), Altona 5-15 (88.11%), Knox 3-18, Bendigo 5-18, Werribee 5-18.

● SANDRINGHAM Sabres' No. 2 side meets Dandenong in the first round of the VBL playoffs at the King Club on Wednesday night, 7.40 top-off.

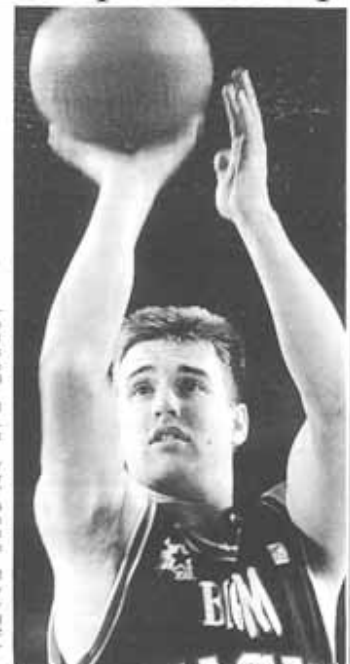
The quarter final will be followed by a MMBL Division 1 men's game at 9.30.

Whittlesea, coached by former Nunawading star Tony "Golden Arm" Holden, beat the Sabres 97-94 at the King Club on Saturday night in the last of the regular season games.

Sabres captain and leading scorer Andrew Duff fouled out in the final quarter after doing most of the scoring. One of his six fouls was a technical.

Chris Smith scored the visitors' last four points.

— GRAHAM BURKE



Bombs away: Andrew Parkinson looks set for a good final series in the Victorian championships.

### State League action

By Graham Burke, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 28 July 1997

## Major Award Winners

### *Sabres - Women*

**CIVBL**

All Star Five: Kelly McGee

### *Roger Morris Memorial Trophy*

**Junior Championship Coach of the Year**

Girls: J. Downie

Boys: P. Deacon

### *Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy*

**Girls:** Kylie Jordan

**Boys:** David Mitchell

## Officials

### **Executive Committee**

**President:** Frank Russo

**Vice President:** Ernie Baker

**Secretary:**

**Assistant Secretary:**

**Treasurer:**

Mark Mitchell

Michael Stepien

Chris Hall

### *Championship Committee*

*Danny Tighe, Norma White, Evelyn Gomez, Mark Mitchell, Judy Barlow, Peter Earle.*

### *Domestic Committee*

*Dennis Meehan, Anthony Burke, David Brophy, Geoff Stubbs.*



## Snippets

### General Stuff

#### Sabres

With a new leader and a flood of players from Dandenong, the Sandringham Sabres have taken a new look for this year.

Sabres have won their four games under Colin Donovan in the Victorian Championship season.

They are now shaping up for big games against the two other unbeaten sides, Melbourne Tigers and Broadmeadows Broncos.

Dandenong Rangers have dropped out of the championships.

The Rangers want to concentrate on their CBA campaign and adopted the Sabres as a feeder club.

The arrangement is similar to the agreement NBL club South East Melbourne Magic had with the Sabres for several seasons.

Dandenong players did most of the scoring in Sabres' 16 point win at Ballarat last Wednesday. Scores: Sabres 123 - Ballarat Miners 107 - (Sabres scorer, Hill 35)

*Basketball - Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 9-3-98*

#### VBL Women Sabres

Sandringham Sabres missed a chance to sew up a place in the final Women's Basketball League final four by losing to Diamond Valley 62-72 in the second last round of the season.

Sabres had three scorers in double figures - Mandy Craig with 15 points and Sally Gittus and Cilla Berfold with 12.

With a 8-9 record, officials described Sabres chances of being in the playoffs as 'very slim'.

*Basketball - Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 1998*

#### Turnover One

At the recent Dandenong/Eltham Tournament a player was overheard after taking the side ball from a time out to ask a player on the opposition which way her team was going. Needless to say a quick basket eventuated - for the other team. Ain't trust a beautiful thing!

Also at the Tournament a player in the younger ranks was seen to drop to their knees to lessen the unfair height advantage their opposition faced when throwing the ball in from the base line.

This tickled the spectators, and even the coach couldn't help a wry smile.

### Turnover Two

Overheard at Sunday training 1<sup>st</sup> March from the U/14 girls session while using dribbling glasses, 'its funny with these things you can't even see your legs!' Hmmm yes, funny about that!

### New Manager

Danny Adamson replaces Colin Donovan as manager of King Club.

### Individual Achievements

**Mark Mitchell** completes sixteen years' consecutive service on the executive committee (Vice President: 1982-1988, President: 1988-1994, Secretary: 1994-1998). The longest serving member on the executive committee in the club's history.

**Frank Russo** completes fourteen consecutive years' service on the executive committee (Assistant Secretary: 1984-1988, Vice President: 1988-1994, President: 1994-1998). Second longest serving member on the executive committee in the club's history.

**Ernie Baker** completes four consecutive years' service on the executive committee (Vice President: 1994-1998).

**Nathan Cooper-Brown** makes the final thirteen in the U/18 State team.

### Numbers

**238,837** attendance at stadium.

**104** men's and **61** women's domestic teams.

**181** boys' and **116** girls' domestic teams.



## Games

### Sabres - Boys

#### U/14 Metro One

##### Premiers

Coach Shane Tobin: Players Jobe Watson, Rick Marczenko, Dean Wall, Matt Strain, Oresti Nesti, Evan Counsel, Pat Bolger, Chris Williams, Dillon Eades.

#### U/16 East One

##### Grand Final

Waverley d Sabres  
Coach Alan Rumble.

### Sabres - Women

#### MMBL First Division

##### Semi Final

Bulleen d Sabres  
Overtime. Lost by 6 points.

#### MMBL Division Two

##### Semi Final

Werribee d Sabres

### Sabres - Men

#### VBA Premier League

##### Semi Final

Melbourne 122 d Sabres 111

*Scorers: Smith 25, Guittar 24, Hill 19, Seigle 16, Ryan 14*

Scores level at 103 at end of the second half. Overtime. Sabres collapse, outscored by 11 points.

# Sabres crumple

SANDRINGHAM Sabres re-enacted their habit of choking in big games in the Victorian men's basketball championship semi-final at MSAC last Wednesday.

After the scores were level at 103-all at the end of the second half, Sabres folded like a stack of cards in overtime to lose to Melbourne Tigers by 11 points.

The Tigers piled on 19 clutch points to Sabres eight.

Jason Smith did a fine job in keeping the Sabres' main scoring threat Marcus Timmons scoreless in the deciding five minutes, but Eric Wickstrom and Daniel Egan wrecked their defences by splitting 15 points between them.

However, Brent Rainbow was the hero of the Tigers' win. A player of higher repute for his dunking than scoring, Rainbow had turned the game around in the second

half by putting up four shots from three-point range and connecting each time.

Sabres led 70-52 before Rainbow began launching his missiles and released their grip on the game.

Once Sabres lost their composure, they never regained it.

A highlight of the match was the one-on-one duel between Timmons and Smith which nullified both players to some extent. Although Timmons had game-high honors of 32 points, Smith led Sabres' scorers with 25.

The Tigers face up to Broadmeadows Broncos in the grand final at MSAC this Wednesday, 8.30pm tipoff.

Semi-final details:  
TIGERS 122 - Timmons 32, Rainbow 27, Henry 21, Wickstrom 20.  
SABRES 111 - Smith 25, Guittar 24, Hill 19, Seigle 16, Ryan 14.

#### Sabres lose semi final to Melbourne Tigers by 11 points

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser  
24 March 1998

**VBL****Semi Final**

Frankston d Sabres

Lost in a best of three semi finals. This season we became involved in a one off three way partnership deal with Dandenong and Magic to play VBA Premier League.

**Tournaments****Ballarat - Girls****U/12 Division One****Premiers****U/14 Division One****Grand Finalists**

# Woods burns for US school

**B**ASKETBALLER Lisa Woods is certainly blowing them apart in the United States.

A few weeks back Lisa set a new individual scoring record for the Montana College Basketball girls team when she landed 59 points to break the previous best effort of 55 points.

Lisa shot 25 points from 30 at the foul line and bagged 34 points from field goals.

Her previous best was 53 points a couple of weeks earlier.

The 17 year-old exchange student is in her senior high school year and hopes to win a University basketball scholarship next year.

Obviously she has no worries about pressure as her coach said in a local newspaper article that she "often gets double, triple and quadruple teamed".

Lisa initially attended high school in Denver Colorado, before transferring to Montana in mid-September.

Lisa attended Kilbreda College, and played at point-guard for the Sandy Sabres girls representative team. She is the daughter of popular Sportsmart managing director Mike Woods.



**Top effort:** Lisa Woods is wowing them in the US.

**Lisa Woods scores record breaking 59 points for Montana College**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 30 January 1998*

## Major Award Winners

### *Sabres - Girls*

#### **U/12 VC**

Most Valuable Player: Ebony Eades  
 Best Team Player: Tina Fox  
 Most Improved Player: Emma Funnell

#### **U/12 Division 2**

Most Valuable Player: Ainslie Armour  
 Best Team Player: Shannon Tighe  
 Most Improved Player: Jacqueline Poulakakis

#### **U/12 Division 3**

Most Valuable Player: Charlotte Dillon  
 Best Team Player: Vonnie Nitsios  
 Most Improved Player: Caitlin Walsh

#### **U/14 Division 1**

Most Valuable Player: Gemma Dillon  
 Best Team Player: Hannah Murphy & Vannessa White

#### **U/14 Division 3**

Most Valuable Player: Sarah Fraser Jones  
 Best Team Player: Billie Watson  
 Most Improved Player: Melissa Gemelli

#### **U/14 Division 5**

Most Valuable Player: Laura Head  
 Best Team Player: Erin Daly  
 Most Improved Player: Nicole O'Hanlon

#### **U/16 VC**

Most Valuable Player: Fiona White  
 Best Team Player: Tanya Campbell  
 Most Improved Player: Claire Lochrie

#### **U/16 Division 2**

Most Valuable Player: Alice Hammond  
 Best Team Player: Jeanette Cadd  
 Most Improved Player: Jacqui Burke

#### **U/16 Division 4**

Most Valuable Player: Brooke Preusche  
 Most Improved Player: Meghan Kennedy & Lauren Cooper

#### **U/18 Division 1**

Most Valuable Player: Sarah Vincenzi & Belinda Dillon  
 Best Team Player: Georgie Thomas

### Faces of the 90s ...





**Sabres - Boys****U/11 Met 1**

Most Valuable Player: Tim Bolger  
Best Team Player: David Hellsten  
Most Improved Player: Jason Minerve

**U/12 Met 2**

Most Valuable Player: Sam Ashton  
Best Team Player: James Mason & James Entwistle

**U/12 VC**

Most Valuable Player: Luke Deacon  
Most Improved Player: Jason Darlington & Michael James

**U/14 Met 1**

Most Valuable Player: Richard Marczenko  
Best Team Player: Mathew Strain  
Most Improved Player: Evan Counsel

**U/14 East 1**

Most Valuable Player: John Wilkinson & Ben Pixton  
Most Improved Player: Viv Nauneet

**U/14 East 3**

Most Valuable Player: Luke Norman  
Best Team Player: Stephen McSporran  
Most Improved Player: Nick Dimonsantos

**U/14 Met 3**

Best Team Player: Tom Johnson and Paul Dungan  
Most Improved Player: Andrew Carey

**U/16 VC**

Most Valuable Player: David Barlow & David Gibb  
Best Team Player: Scott Rumble

**U/16 East 1**

Most Valuable Player: Chris Demchyshyn  
Best Team Player: Caleb Tsalacopoulos  
Most Improved Player: Darren Hanslow

**U/16 East 3**

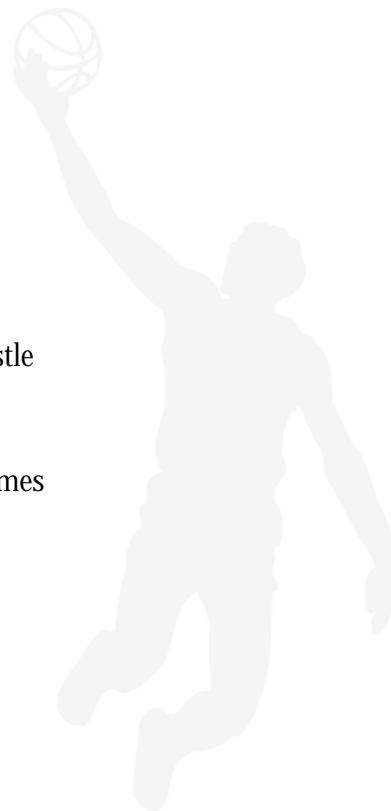
Most Valuable Player: Michael Yialos & Robert Lawlor  
Most Improved Player: Andrew Parkes

**U/18 VC**

Most Valuable Player: Karl Boehm, Nathan Cooper-Brown & Ben Newton

**U/18 Met 1**

Most Valuable Player: Nicholas Edlin & Hugh McKenzie  
Best Team Player: Oliver Doyle



**U/20 VC**

Most Valuable Player: Scott Hall  
 Best Team Player: Scott Henley  
 Most Improved Player: Danny Baeffel

**U/20 Great Australian Shootout**

Most Valuable Player: Daniel Eade

**Sabres - Women****Division One WVBL/MMBL**

Most Valuable Player: Mandy Craig  
 Best Team Player: Cilla Bertoldi & Sally Gittus

**Division Two MMBL**

Most Valuable Player: Melissa Nixon  
 Best Team Player: Nicole Burke  
 Most Improved Player: Kate Mitchell

**Sabres - Men****VBA**

All Star: Chuck Guittar

**VBL**

Most Valuable Player: Jason Whatley and Craig White  
 Best Team Player: John Wickham  
 Most Improved Player: Stuart Devine

**Division Two MMBL**

Most Valuable Player: Michael Umbers  
 Best Team Player: Scott Henley  
 Most Improved Player: Richard Tamblin

**Robert Lunardon Memorial Trophy**

**Girls:** *Belinda Dixon*  
**Boys:** *Nathan Cooper-Brown*

**Roger Morris Memorial Trophy****Junior Championship Coach of the Year**

Junior Girls Coach: Michael Burke  
 Junior Boys Coach: Michael Smith

**Faces of  
the 90s ...**

## Officials

### Executive Committee

**President:** Danny Tighe  
**Vice President:** Wayne Sheehan

**Secretary:** Tony Burke  
**Assistant Secretary:** Craig White  
**Treasurer:** Chris Cooper-Brown, Chris Hall

### Administrator

*Peter Bloomfield*

### Basketball Manager

*Danny Adamson*

### Domestic Committee

*Chairperson Dennis Meehan, Jo Jamison, Maree Bolding, Geoff Stubbs, Carol Carey, Tony Burke, Michael Burke, Gary Thoburne.*

### Junior Championship Committee

*Peter Carey*

### Senior Championship Committee

*Chairperson - Barry Pickering, Peter Earle, Craig White, Wayne Sheehan, Danny Tighe, Evelyn Gomez, Norma White, Maryanne Pixton, Danny Adamson, Peter Carey, Paris Nitsios.*

### Communication

*Wayne Sheehan, Murray Payne, Danny Tighe, Chris Cooper-Brown.*

### Sponsorship

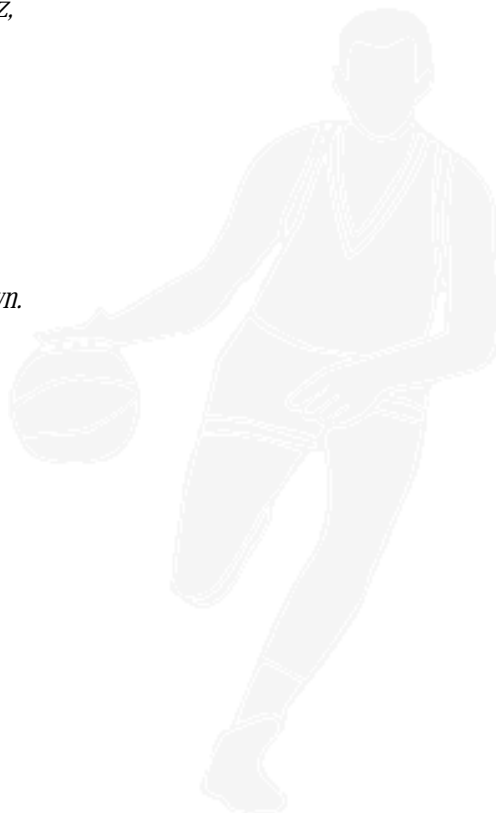
*Dennis Meehan, Wayne Sheehan, Chris Cooper-Brown.*

### House Person

*Steve Lunardon*

### Social

*Danny Tighe*



## General Stuff

The men's and women's Sabres teams drop down from State championships to Victorian Basketball League.

Earlier this season when coaching the Sabres U/16 boys, in 40 degree plus heat, at the Manningham Stadium, the lights went out with two minutes to play. And the Sabres 2 points in front.

The two local refs refused to declare us the winner and took some ten minutes of fiddling with the switch board before the game could continue. With the lights working we went on to win the game.

Unfortunately, the stadium burnt to the ground twenty minutes after we left the stadium.

*By Barry Pickering*

The top scorers for the entire Domestic Junior Grand Finals were:

Boys: Ben Hartwig (U/9), 24 points.

Girls: Alana Gadsby (U/9), 30 points.

A campaign commenced by the SOS committee to pressure the Council not to sell 'our home.' Strategies developed included a constant stream of protest letters, telephoning Councillors, local print media updates and support from Gerard Healy's Sport Today program on radio 3AW. In addition we contacted the new Minister for Sport, the Honourable Justin Madden, and local MPs Jenny Lindell and Murray Thompson.



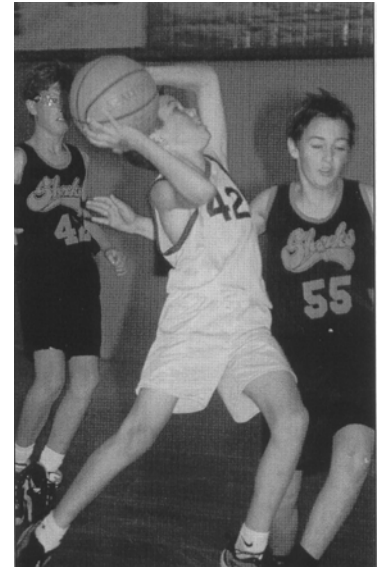
**Newsletter Cover, March 1999**

We also held a SOS rally at the Council Offices which was very well attended by several hundred supporters, including Bayside Mayor Michael Harwood and Councillor Simon Russell who also addressed the meeting.

I certainly believe that this tremendous community support was instrumental in persuading to retain our home in the community's hands.

A big thank you to the SOS committee which include; Mark Pearman, Norma White, Barry Pickering, Chris Goon, Michael Stepien, Kevin Mueller, Craig White, Mary Robinson, Rick Thomas, Scott Phillips, Tony Coote, Basil Cervi, Paul White, Kim Francis, Tim Horton, Ross and Louise Graham, Steve Lunardon, Gavin Southern, Daniel Eade, Andrew Stavropoulos, Danny Adamson (I sincerely apologise if I have left anyone out).

*By President Peter Earle*



*Domestic Juniors*

### ***Individual Achievements***

**Chris Hall** completes eight consecutive years' service on the executive committee (Treasurer: 1991-1999).

### ***Numbers***

**212,809** attendance at Stadium.

**104** men's and **40** women's teams, in domestic competition.

**182** boys' and **117** girls' teams in domestic competition.



*Save Our Stadium Rally, 1999*

## Games

### Domestic - Girls

#### Premiers

**U/9**

Sharks

**U/14C**

Moorabbin Tigers

**U/10A**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/14D**

Bullits

**U/12A**

Mordialloc Flyers

**U/16A**

Bent/Hampton Heat

**U/12B**

Sandy Saints

**U/16B**

Sharks

**U/12C**

Sharks Great White

**U/16C**

Bent/Hampton Heat

**U/12D**

Parkdale Pacers

**U/16D**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/14A**

Bent/Hampton Green

**U/18A**

BGB

**U/14B**

Ormond Bandits

**U/18B**

Panthers Gold

### Domestic - Boys

#### Premiers - Winter Season

**U/9**

Sharks Makos

**U/10A**

Mentone Mustangs Gold

**U/10B**

Cheltenham East Chargers

**U/14C2**

Panthers

**U/10C**

Panthers

**U/14D**

Panthers

**U/12A**

Bullits

**U/16A**

Bullits

**U/12B**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/16B**

Rockets

**U/12C**

Parkdale Pacers

**U/16C**

Sharks Great White

**U/12D**

Parkdale Pacers Red

**U/16D**

Sandy Saints

**U/12E**

Mentone Mustangs Green

**U/18A**

Sandy Saints

**U/14A**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/18B**

Mentone Mustangs Spurs

**U/14B**

Mentone Mustangs

**U/18C**

Sonics

**U/14C1**

Mordialloc Flyers

**U/20A**

Mentone Mustangs Spurs

**U/20B**

Sharks



## Domestic - Women

### Premiers - 1998/99 Summer Season A Grade

Bent/Hampton Jade

#### B Grade

Bent/Hampton Jade

#### C Grade

Demons

#### D Grade

Black and Blue



shot: Danny Adamson.

## Adamson shoots at a new challenge

LIFE after basketball for Danny Adamson, 40, is more basketball.

The former American University player has been appointed basketball manager and coaching co-ordinator of the Southern Sabres Basketball Association which covers Sandringham and neighboring suburbs.

His duties include coaching the club's men's under-20 team, the Sandringham Sabres.

"I see the job as an exciting challenge," Adamson said.

"The area the SSBA represents has the potential to become a power base for Victorian basketball.

"However, this potential can only be fulfilled if our young players are given sufficient opportunities to develop their skills."

From the Pittsburgh suburb of Aliquippa, Adamson was the fourth-leading career points scorer at Gannon University before coming to Australia in 1984 to play for second-season NBL club, Hobart Tassie Devils.

His averages in four seasons of East Coast

Athletic Conference games were 16.3 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.0 assists.

Adamson played his last NBL season in 1985, but remained in Tasmania as a coach-official. He moved to Melbourne last May.

The Southern Sabres have undergone a major restructure since general manager Colin Donovan resigned last year.

Peter Bloomfield was appointed administration manager and Adamson basketball manager.

Bloomfield's duties involves an elaborate plan to streamline the association's computer communications system.

Barry Pickering is the new chairman of the committee responsible for representative teams.

The association is planning a viability study concerning a possible takeover of the basketball courts at the King Club in Tulip St following the Bayside City Council's decision to explore interest in the sale of the facility.

**Danny Adamson appointed new basketball manager and coaching co-ordinator**

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 8 March 1999*

## Domestic - Men

### Premiers - 1998/99 Summer Season

#### A Grade

West'n'Pacific Sandy Saints

#### D Grade

Zambian Goat Herders

#### B Grade

West'n'Pacific Sandy Saints

#### E Grade

Sandy Saints Stoners

#### BR Grade

Beaumaris Sharks

#### ER Grade

Roughriders

#### C Grade

The Mob

#### F Grade

M and S

#### Over 35

Parky Vets



**Sandy Saints A Grade Premiers  
1999-2000**

## Sabres - Girls

### U/12 Division One

#### Semi Finalists

### U/12 Metro Division Two

#### Premiers

Coach D. Christie: Players A. Pickering, L. McNicholas, D. Christie, B. Dullard, L. Watt, N. Giarratana, L. Keilor, L. Shackles, R. Withers.

### U/12 E/W

#### Semi Finalists

### U/12 E/W

#### Grand finalists

### U/14 Division One

#### Semi finalists

### U/16 Division Two T

#### Semi Finalists

### U/18 Division Two

#### Semi Finalists

## Sabres - Boys

### U/12E2

#### Semi finalist

### U/12E3

#### Grand finalists

# Leisure centre battle

by JUNE YU

THE sale of Sandringham Leisure Centre has sparked a bitter battle over lease conditions between the Southern Basketball Association and Bayside council.

Association secretary Tony Burke said the council was making "outrageous" demands in response to SBA requests for changes to the lease.

He said conditions in the existing lease would be inappropriate under the private sector.

But the council has demanded the SBA's fixed annual rent of \$174,000 rise 5 per cent each year during the remaining 12 years of its 15-year lease.

He said the council also wanted another 10 per cent rise to cover the cost of the GST when it was introduced.

Mr Burke said the rent was to be paid monthly in advance instead of six-monthly in arrears.

"Effectively, they want to increase rent by half a million over the rest of the term of the lease," he said.

He said the council had assumed the SBA it would be sympathetic to changing parts of its lease when the centre's sale was proposed earlier this year.

Mr Burke said inappropriate parts of the lease (under a private landlord) included the SBA get permission from the landlord to increase its door fees.

The SBA was also concerned about the condition which states it pay 65 per cent of any net income to the landlord, he said.

"Basically we could be squeezed out by a landlord wanting to allow us a reasonable increase in door fees," he said.

"We don't generate any income now anyway but in the event that we might ever realise any... it's outrageous that a community group would have to pay any profit to a private landlord," he said.

He said SBA now had 4500 members. Bayside's acting chief executive Tony McIlroy said paying rent six months in arrears was not a usual commercial arrangement.

"Paying in advance means it's more commercially presentable in that form," he said.

He said the council was requiring a 5 per cent rent increase each year because the condition on the SBA's lease about the council receiving a share of net profit was also not a "commercial style of lease". The SBA and the King Club are tenants at the Sandringham Leisure Centre.

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#### Rent Argument

Article by June Yu, Bayside Advertiser  
27 September, 1999

# Club queries rezoning aim

by JUNE YU

REZONING the Sandringham Leisure Centre could lead to the development of a swanky "country club estate", the Southern Basketball Association said last week.

Secretary Tony Burke said the council had misled SBA into believing the land would retain its public open space reserve zoning.

But now the council was making moves to possibly rezone the land in five years to mixed use, which would allow "lucrative" medium density housing, he said.

"Consider you have got five acres within 500m of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club and then you've got direct back door access to the Sandringham Public Golf Course and just around the corner you've got Cheltenham Golf Course and the tennis centre across the road," he said.

"It doesn't take a great deal of creativity to work out you could do (build) the flash Sandringham country club estate."

"They have contradicted what they had told us about preserving recreational community type use and are trying to position things with a view to zoning it for its highest possible value type use."

Bayside's acting chief executive Tony McIlroy said a condition of sale was for the new owner to enter into a section 173 agreement to retain the land as a leisure centre for a minimum five years.

"The council has also sought advice to make sure no alterations are made to that by any party, including the Minister for Planning, without reference to council and we will reconsider it at the end of five years," he said.

He said suggestions that a medium density housing development could be constructed on the land was "pure speculation".

He said tenderers could bid for the centre in two lots or as a single entity.

King Club operator Wojtek Klim, who intends to bid for the leisure centre, said flexibility to rezone the land was a good idea.

"I think the council has to do what's correct in its own interests and correct in the interests of businesses — it's a kind of security for the investors. If it was advertised only for recreational purposes it would be more difficult to sell," he said.

Mr Klim said claims about houses being built on the land were untrue and only hurt business at the King Club, which was now planning future refurbishments.

Article by June Yu, Bayside Advertiser  
27 September, 1999

**U/14 Division One****Semi finalists****U/14 East One****Preliminary finalists****U/18 V/C****Grand Final**

Nunawading d Sabres by 3 points

Coach Mike Smith: Players Travis Teoh, Demis Danoudis, Oliver Doyle, David Moore, Aaron Cody, Hugh McKenzie, Michael Yialas, Simon Anderson, Sean Coote, David Mitchell.

**Sabres - Women****MMBL Division One****Grand Final**

Sabres 33 d Ringwood 31

*Scorers: S. Gittus 13, N. Burke 10*

Seconds to go. Scores level.

Jacque Thompson passes to

Sally Gittus. Sally makes a lay

up. Buzzer sounds. Premiers.

On top all year round.

Coach Steve Matthews: Players

Belinda Dillon, Mandy Craig,

Sue Johnston, Jodie Robertson,

Sally Gittus, Cilla Bertoldi,

Natalie McMurray, Jacqui

Thompson, Kelly King,

Melissa Nixon.

**Sabres seeking to square the series**

by MICHAEL PARNHAM

SANDRINGHAM Sabres will be looking to square the Victorian Basketball League Division One grand final ledger against Sunbury this Saturday, after a close defeat in the first game, 79-72.

Last Saturday night saw the Sabres travel to Sunbury's hostile home court at Boardman Reserve for the first game in the best-of-three grand final series.

Following a strong semi-final win at home the week before against Coburg (108-94), the high-scoring Sandringham outfit would have been confident going into the match to take out the title in just two matches.

But Sunbury, the quiet achievers and underdogs all season, again came up with the goods when it counted most to pip the Sabres at the post.

Sandringham's demise came as much from their own errors and a poor shooting performance, as much as from Sunbury's disciplined play.

With only seven points separating the sides at the final whistle and two points at the last change, the match could have gone either way.

However the final score may have been flattering for Sandringham.

The tone of the Sabre's match — low scoring and regular errors — continued in the last quarter when they were outscored 22 to 17.

Sandringham will be lamenting their shocking three-point statistics which finished at five baskets from 28 attempts, compared with Sunbury's five from 12.

The other vital statistics were 25 turnovers to 15, in stark contrast to

the previous week when the Sabres gave up the ball only 12 times against Coburg, and only seven free-throws from 16.

No individual Sabre stood out in praise after the defeat and no individual was to blame.

The whole team failed to put together.

What saved the Sabres from even bigger defeat was Sunbury's average scoring percentage of baskets from 91 attempts. In comparison Sandringham's figures stood at from 80.

As would be expected in a p shooting match, the rebounds were quite high for both sides, 59 to Sabres and 58 to Sunbury.

With the first game now behind them, Sandringham coach Dave Adamson will have his team primed to take out the grand final in the games.

The Sabres can ill-afford a similar performance in the second game will be out for revenge in front of a boiling home crowd this Saturday night from 8pm at the Sandringham Leisure Centre in Tulip St.

The Sabres are expecting a turnout of fans for the second match, and, if they win it, again for the decider on Sunday at 2pm.

It will be a tough weekend of basketball, but judging from the excellent recovery after a three-game slump late in the season, their fans can be confident Sandringham can take the title.

**Sabres - Men****VBL Division One****Grand Final One**

Sunbury 79 d Sabres 72

Poor three point shooting (five baskets from 28 attempts) and 25 turnovers did not help.

**VBL Men: Sabres vs Sunbury, Grand Final One**

Article by Michael Parnham, Bayside Advertiser,  
30 August, 1999



**Grand Final Two**

Sunbury (36) 97 d Sabres (39) 80

Sunbury's excellent form and strong rebounding overcame a disappointing Sabres effort. An injury to Craig White and the loss of Anthony Mortimer in the third quarter did not help.

## Boniello to keep calling the shots

TONY Boniello will again be in command of Sandringham Sabres in Victorian Basketball League games this year.

Sandringham Basketball Association has reappointed Boniello coach.

In its decision to adopt a new direction to put more emphasis on developing local talent instead of "borrowing" high-profile players from other clubs, the SBA has dropped out of the Victorian championship.

The VBL will be its main focus in men's basketball and the Country Invitational Basketball League in women's basketball.

The association will also have two men's and two women's teams in the Mel-

bourne Metropolitan Basketball League as well as 23 junior teams and domestic competitions.

Try-outs are being arranged. A recruiting campaign is underway for boys and girls to play in the under-12 sides.

Application has been made to play MMBL home games at the Tulip St Sabredome.

Members of the SBA's representative teams committee are: Peter Earle (chairman), Wayne Sheehan, Peter Carey, Chris Cooper-Brown, Barry Pickering, Cathy Craw, Paris Nitsios, Craig White, Evelyn Gomez and Norma White.

Plans are being made for a dinner to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Sandringham basketball.

### VBL coach Tony Boniello re-appointed

Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 11 January 1999

## Hot Jets shoot down Sabres

SANDRINGHAM Sabres lost the Victorian Basketball Association grand final on Saturday night despite being strongly favored to force a third and deciding game.

The Sunbury Jets crushed the Sabres 97-80 in the second match at Sandringham Leisure Centre to claim the crown.

The win followed a gritty performance a week before in the first game of the series at their home court in Sunbury where the Jets prevailed 79-72.

Following that defeat the Sandringham players were expected to come out and push the series into a third and deciding match, which would have been played at

**VBA**  
**MICHAEL PARNHAM**

Sandringham on Sunday.

But it wasn't to be.

The Sabres showed a glimpse of their potential in the first half on Saturday before a vocal 300-strong crowd.

Sandringham led by 10 points at one stage but the Jets' persistence and strong rebounding proved crucial.

At the first break Sandringham led 19-17 and followed this with a 20-19 second quarter to go into half-time with a 39-36 lead.

Any hope of a Sabres' win was dashed in a third period as the Jets lead 66-52 by three-quarter time.

In the final stanza, the Sabres managed to rediscover their scoring touch, posting 28 points in the period.

But they failed to make an imprint on the Sunbury lead, as the Jets continued their excellent second half form to finish strongly.

An injury to defender Craig White didn't help the Sabres. The loss of Anthony Mortimer in the third quarter due to foul trouble didn't help.

Sunbury's big men Ty Newman (16 points and 10 rebounds in 29 minutes) and Brian Ogilvie (19 points and 14 rebounds in 23 minutes) were dominant.

### Sabres defeated in VBA grand final by 17 points

Article by Michael Parnham, Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 6 September 1999

## Major Award Winners

### Robert Lunardon Memorial Award

**Girls:** Kate McMurry

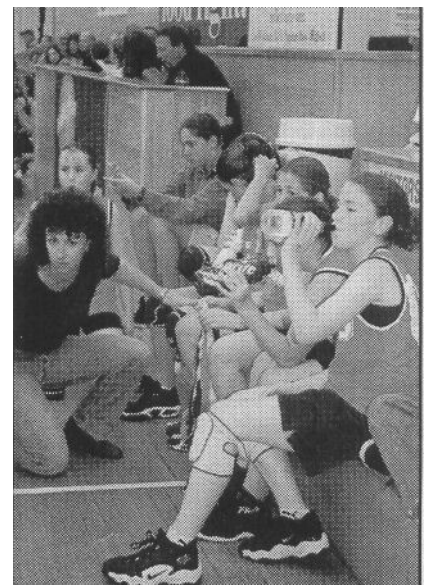
**Boys:** David Moore

### Roger Morris Memorial Trophy

#### Junior Championship Coach of the Year

Junior Girls Coach: D. Christie & P. Carey

Junior Boys Coach: M. Smith



Domestic Juniors

## Officials

### Executive Committee

<b>President:</b>	Peter Earle	<b>Secretary:</b>	Barry Pickering
<b>Vice President:</b>	Michael Stepien	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	Craig White
		<b>Treasurer:</b>	Scott Phillips

### Rep Committee

*Margaret Dillon, Jenny Jones, Des McMurray, Chris Petratos, Maryanne Pixton, Craig White, Norma White, Peter Earle, Michael Stepien, Annette Hanslow.*

### Domestic Committee

*Maree Bolding, Mike Bolger, Rhonda Burke, Daniel Eade, Maree Evans, Annette Hanslow, Leane McCade, Kevin Mueller.*

### Domestic Grade Secretaries

*Mike Bolger, Michael Burke, Bev Smith, Gary Thoburne.*



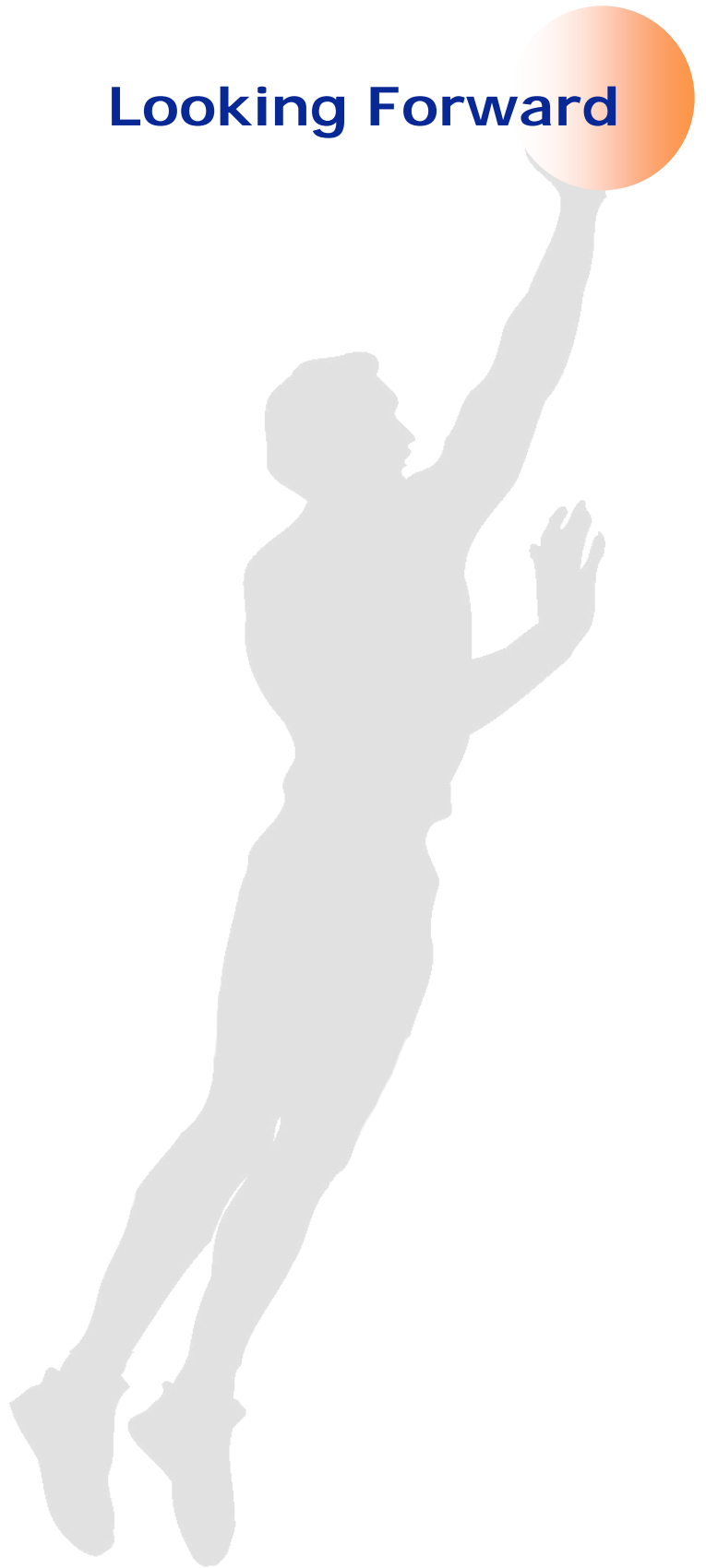
*Sharks vs Pacers, 1999-2000*

*"I wanted to play NBL since I was a young kid and what made it possible was just hard work. I worked on it every day and that's what helped me get where I am today in my opinion."*

**David Barlow, 2008**



# Looking Forward





*“When I grow up I want to  
be able to slam dunk.”*

**Michael Dungan**  
**(8 yrs old)**

*“When I grow up I want to  
be in the WNBL and  
Opals.”*

**Tina Dreher**  
**(8 yrs old)**



# Looking Forward

In 2000 several junior players completed a written survey with their parents' permission. Here is what they had to say. All the photographs were taken in 2000 at the Sandringham Stadium.

## **Shannen Conway**

Shannen is 7 years old and plays for the Mentone Mustang Spurs. Favourite player is Andrew Gaze and favourite team is the Melbourne Tigers. Likes playing basketball *because it's my favourite sport.*

Coaches are *excellent* and referees are *very good*.

Best experience in basketball was *getting the ball and dribbling up court.*

When older, wants *to play for Australia.*



## **Kate Van Staveren**

Kate is 7 years old and plays for the Mentone Mustangs Spurs. Her favourite player is Tony Ronaldson and her favourite team is the Titans. She likes playing basketball *because it's a good sport, and it's fun to play.*

She says coaches *are really good and important* and referees are *good, because they help us, like with a jump ball.*

Her best experience in basketball is *getting goals and winning games.*

A funny thing she saw in basketball was *getting a goal in the wrong hoop.*

When she grows up she wants *to play in the Olympics and I want to be a pro.*



### Harry Isles

Harry is 8 years old and plays for the Eagles, Bentleigh Hampton, U/9 modified. His favourite player is Shaquille O'Neal and his favourite team is the Melbourne Tigers. He likes playing basketball *because it's healthy and fun.*

He says coaches are *helpful because they teach me new skills* and about referees he says *when they're good they're good – when they're bad they're bad.*

His best experience in basketball was *when I scored 6 points.*

A funny thing he saw in basketball was *when a toddler ran onto the court during play.*

When he grows up he says *I want to be one of the best players in my team.*



### Matt McNally

Matt is 11 years old and plays for the O.L.A Legends, U/14C team. He also plays for the Sabres U/14 team. His favourite player is Andrew Gaze and his favourite team is the Victorian Titans. He likes playing basketball because *I like playing with my friends.*

He says coaches *are good and know a lot about basketball* and referees *need more practice and enthusiasm.*

His best experience in basketball was *winning two premierships and one best and fairest trophy.*

A funny thing he saw in basketball was *when one of my team mates took a football speckie over an opposition player and landed in the stand.*

When he grows up he says he would like to *be a really good basketballer and playing in the representative team.*



**Jack Richter**

Jack is 12 years old and plays for the O.L.A. legends U/14C team. His favourite player is Shaquille O'Neil and his favourite team is the Melbourne Tigers.

He likes playing basketball because *it's fun and enjoyable and I play in a good team.*

He says of coaches that *I admire their knowledge* and of referees *they need more enthusiasm and knowledge.*

His best experience in basketball was *playing in two grand finals and shooting a 3 pointer.*

A funny thing he saw in basketball was *shooting air balls.*

When he grows up he says he would like to *win more premierships and continue to play.*

**Jarrold Green**

Jarrold is 9 year old and plays for the U/10A boys Sharks – Great Whites. His favourite player is Andrew Gaze and his favourite team is the Melbourne Tigers.

He likes playing basketball because *it's fun to play.*

He says coaches *have taught me how to play better basketball* and about referees *I think they're good because they help you with the game.*

His best experience in basketball occurred when he shot his *first goal.*

A funny thing he saw in basketball was *when the lights went out in a game and all of the girls screamed.*

When he grows up he wants to *play in the N.B.A.*



**Tina Dreher**

Tina is 8 years old and plays for the Sharks Great Whites, U/9 team. Her favourite player is Andrew Gaze and her favourite team is the Melbourne Tigers. She likes playing basketball *because I like shooting goals.*

She says coaches are *good because they teach you things* and referees are *good because they don't make the game dangerous*

Her best experience in basketball was *shooting my first goal.*

When she grows up she wants to *be in the WNBL and Opals.*

**Michael Dungan**

Michael is 8 years old and plays for St Finbars Scalpers. His favourite player is Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan and his favourite teams are the L.A. Lakers, Chicago Bulls and Titans.

His says his *coach is fun and good* and of referees *some are really nice and helpful.*

His best experience in basketball was *when I scored 16 points playing modified.*

A funny thing he saw in basketball was *in a jump ball, both missed the ball and it hit a player in the head.*

When he grows up he says *I want to be able to slam dunk.*

**Jared Evans**

Jared is 9 years old and plays for the Sharks Great Whites, U/10A team. He also plays for the Sabres U/11 east one team, which is *on top of the ladder.* His favourite player is Jason Smith and his favourite team is the Titans. He likes playing basketball *because it's fun and healthy.*

He says coaches are *pretty good because if there were no coaches you would not learn anything* and referees *are only human and sometimes make mistakes, but we don't have a game without them.*

His best experience in basketball was *getting the only goal on my first game.*

Funny experiences in basketball were *when my pants fell down and my friend was passing down the court from half way and it accidentally went in the ring as a swish.*

When he grows up he wants *to meet Michael Jordan and play in the N.B.A.*



**Bronte Caswell**

Bronte is 8 years of age and plays for the Sharks. Her favourite players are *friends Katie and Sarah* and her favourite team is *our team*. She likes playing basketball *because I love shooting and dribbling*.

She says coaches *are sometimes mean but they are nice too* and referees *are helpful*.

Her best experience in basketball is *when I win!*

A funny thing she saw in basketball was *when my friend was dribbling she just fell over*.

When she grows up she wants *to have fun with my friend!*

**Harry Cannon**

Harry is 7 years old and plays for the Bullits. His favourite player is Michael Jordan and his favourite team is the Bullits. He likes playing basketball because *people encourage you when you get goals which makes me smile*.

He says coaches are *nice* and of referees *sometimes I disagree with their decisions*.

His best experience was *winning against the top team – Sharks*.

Funny things he has seen in basketball *when a shark's player tripped over and watching Etienne (Bullits player) run with the ball*.

When he grows up he wants to *slam dunk and be a basketball star and have a sore hand because I have too much autographs to sign!*



*“All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.”*

**Magic Johnson**





### **Back Cover Images**

1. The Memorial Hall 1976
2. Sandringham Basketball Stadium 2000



***“Basketball enthusiast, Mr Basil Cervi, has a major goal in mind for Sandringham. And that is to build an indoor basketball stadium for all age groups in the community.”***

*Sandringham & Brighton Advertiser, 18 September 1974*

