



The Weekly Wrap

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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



State Championships Round 12 - Match Reports



AlexC

With key members of the SL1 squad missing again, the task of defeating the WSL1 leaders in Melbourne Collegians, seemed a huge ask before we entered the water. **WSL1** Our start belied that, with Essendon outplaying MC to score the first 4 goals of the game. Whilst we continued to outplay MC a disturbing trend of gaining an exclusion only to be scored against on a turnover of possession saw MC drag themselves back into the game even though we controlled much of the play. Early into the last quarter with the scores deadlocked at 9 all the upset of the season was still on the cards. Unfortunately with MC having a full bench they were able to finish stronger. A couple of late goals when we were pushing hard saw MC breathe a huge sigh of relief. At present Essendon hang on to 4th spot on goal difference with the next few weeks being vital to our chances of playing finals. If we continue to play to Darren's direction we will get that vital 4th place and then have the capacity to compete with any other team in the finals.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne Collegians : 9 – 12 Goals : AlexC 4, Madeleine 3, Cassandra 1, Stella 1



Aileen

Essendon came up against a very experienced Monash SL2 team. As is often the case when up against adult teams they tried to slow the tempo and exert control through their physicality. This did not deter our girls as they worked hard to support each other and especially the centre-back and then stretch their opponents once in possession. The score line showed how successful they were at this task. **WSL2**

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon 18s defeated Monash University : 12 – 3

Goals : Stella 5, AlexC 4, Millie 1, Aileen 1, Claire 1



Kate

With both teams starting in the pool with only 6 players, it seemed as though we were in for a tough match. But as we began the first quarter we were lucky to gain 2 additional players, rushing from SL2/MSAC to our game at Melbourne High. Their late appearance due to the One Direction concert clogging up Melbourne's traffic! (Or had they deliberately stopped off in the hope of a quick glimpse?) Although we headed into the 2nd quarter with a strong lead, La Trobe soon discovered the only way they were going to get some goals were from beyond the 3 metres and they started gaining on us with a series of lucky shots. Going into the 3rd quarter 2 goals down, or so we thought - we stepped it up claiming quite a few goals from some great team work, passes and driving. As the game ended we realised that we had actually started the quarter 2 goals up, so ended up winning the game strong. Nothing like a few score board mistakes to keep us on our toes, and now even the finals are in our sight! Go SL3! **WSL3**

Report by Clare Plueckhahn

Essendon defeated La Trobe University : 9 – 5 Goals : ClareP 3, Sandra 2, ClaireO'C 2, LisaMS 1, Juliet 1

2013 State Championships - Ladders After Round 12

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL5 – 2
Melb Coll 34	Essendon 18s 32	NYP Dragons 34	Essendon Black 33	La Trobe Uni 31	Essendon 31
Footscray 33	Melb Coll 18s 30	DVE Aquatic 27	MC Marlines 29	MC Soviets 29	Melb Uni 29
Richmond 27	Richmond 28	La Trobe Uni 25	Richmond 25	Old Melb Blue 27	MC Gold 26
Essendon 18	NYP Dragons 27	Monash Uni 22	Essendon Red 17	Melb Uni 26	NYP Dragons 24
NYP Dragons 18	NYP Dragons 18s 26	Essendon 21	NYP Dragons 15	DVE Aquatic 24	Monash Uni 5s 18
Monash 14	Melb Uni 25	Melb Uni 12		Old Melb White 21	Ajax 16
	Melb Coll 22			Essendon 19*	
	Monash Uni 17				
	Footscray 16				
	St Cath's 15				

TOP 4 TEAMS PLAY FINALS

* 1 game result has not been entered

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Juliet

With examination time around the corner Essendon Black entered the game against Nunawading one player short and without several of our more senior girls. This did not stop Essendon playing a controlled and disciplined game to run out convincing winners. Our girls were able to find space in attack and score on a regular basis. In defence the game provided a great opportunity to practice a sliding defence that saw Nunawading under pressure in spite of their numerical advantage. On a number of occasions the defence was able to thwart their opponents until the shot clock intervened. This game highlighted the depth that has developed within the team this season.

YthG-Black

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon Blacks defeated the NYP Dragons : 13 – 2 Goals : Juliet 7, Charlotte 3, Millie 2, Aileen 1.

The Reds had a bye this week, which meant all the girls could get to the One Direction concert to see Harry... next week they play the bottom dwellers NYP Dragons

YthG-Red



Andrew

Essendon 4's played Melbourne Uni this week at MSAC...giving us some respite from the confines of the Melb High pool. Alas, the wide open spaces of an MSAC pool are of no benefit to a team playing man-down all game. A team who's spirits lifted a little when the opposition appeared to have the same problem, only to be dashed last minute when their 7th player arrived! Resigned to this fact, but committed to the task ahead the 4's took it up to the Uni boys from the first whistle. We knew we all had to commit to man-down defence, and take our chances in attack. Good pressure down back and some fine goalkeeping by Nick kept us in the game early. In attack we kept them guessing with a rolling CF ploy, quick shooting and crafty movement into space. MU suffered many exclusions as well, much to their frustration, allowing us a quick scoring opportunity and an even chance. They kept a few goals ahead of us through to the end of the 3rd quarter, during which we got to within a goal. Into the 4th however, MU stepped it up to avoid any chance of an embarrassing loss to a team man-down, and we finally tired after swimming hard all game. We sit at the bottom of the ladder.....not a great season for us, but many narrow losses and an unusually high rate of missing players due to work and other commitments hasn't helped. This week's game gave the guys a lift, despite the scoreline. Good to see smiles all round on pool-deck as all knew they had battled well.

MSL4

Report by Andrew Luedecke

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne University : 5 – 9 Goals : Andrew 2, Billy 2, Hayden 1

MSL5

Essendon defeated Ajax : 13 – 1 Goals : TBC



Here's why WSL3 player Lisa Asbury missed her game this week...

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