



# The Weekly Wrap

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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



## State Championships Round 15 - Match Reports



Kass

This was a funny game to play as we had already cemented our spot in the finals with a terrific win over Footscray last week. The NYP Dragons would have to beat us by more than 40 goals!!! So I don't know if that was in the heads of our girls, but we got off to a very slow start. We had talked about what NYP would bring to the table, and they did exactly that. The disappointing part of the game was that we were unable to shut down their one and only move. With a final score of 11-11 it proved to be costly. We need to regather and look forward to playing Richmond on Saturday evening.

### WSL1

*Report by Darren Steere*

**Essendon drew with the NYP Dragons : 11 - 11 Goals : TBC**



Millie

Our girls rushed from their WSL1 game outside to this game against Richmond in the diving pool. It was a very experienced Richmond that had our girls a little rattled at the start. Some good team waterpolo had us right in this game and we seemed to dominate, but couldn't shake the Richmond ladies. It was right at the end of the game that we went goal for goal. We edged in front by a goal, and with the ball in our possession and time to wipe off on the clock, we managed to hang onto that lead and win the game.

### WSL2

WPV have now decided to split the WSL2 division into WSL2 and Junior Women – and we now find ourselves in the Junior Women's Grand Final on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and not in WSL2 anymore. We will take on the winner of tis match : Melbourne Collegian 18's Vs NYP Dragons 18's.

*Report by Darren Steere*

**Essendon 18s defeated Richmond : 10 - 9 Goals : TBC**



Claire

We came to the pool this week, for what we believed to be our last game for the competition. Whilst we were in 4<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder, we were on equal points with the 5<sup>th</sup> placed team in Monash Uni. We had to play the top side whilst they had to play the bottom side. The outcome should have been a done deal, and we could all enjoy our weekend and say goodbye to chlorinated pools for another season. None of us could have predicted NYP would show up with just 6 players. And even then, we have sometimes struggled to win games when having the advantage of an extra player. Not so this week. Right from the start, we had NYP on the ropes and they were never in the game. The only threat came from their long shots outside 7m. It was a nice way to finish off the competition, with some confidence boosting play.

### WSL3

Alas... we are not done! Those of us who hadn't made plans will now be fronting up on Saturday night for a tussle against La Trobe... bring it on!!! If we have to lose our Saturday night – we better damn well make sure it's worth it ! We shall dedicate this game to Melinda – who announced her pregnancy at this week's game, and won't be back to join us for some time. Congrats Mel!!

*Report by Lisa Murray-Segal*

**Essendon defeated the NYP Dragons : 15 – 3 Goals : TBC**

## WSL1 TEAM MAKE THE STATE CHAMP FINALS!



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Essendon Black finished their fixture for this competition with a bye (8-0 win)  
The girls finished on top of the ladder in convincing style.

## YthG-Black



Kate

At the start of this game the NYP Dragons and the Ess Reds were even on the ladder with 22 points apiece. So a win against third placed Richmond tonight, was our goal to leap frog NYP, as they were up against the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed MC Marlins. We started off very well with some tight tuff water polo and some very good defence , before we threw the first goal. It was a great game of water polo, with both teams providing themselves with opportunities to score. Only good defending, again from both teams, saw the scoreboard close. Again like last week our mistakes seemed to cost us goals, while we couldn't punish Richmond for their mistakes. The final score saw the girls drop their heads for the first time. A 5-8 defeat but a season of improvement, as these are the girls that will take over from the Essendon Black team next year. Then the news filtered through, that we are in the finals as the NYP Dragons failed to show up for their game against the Marlins. .. So it was 1 point to us, no points to NYP, enabling us to leapfrog them after all! We will now have another crack at Richmond. Let's go girls, and cause an upset!

**Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 5 – 8 Goals : TBC**

*Report by Darren Steere*



Bevan

The Essendon 4's played their last game for 2013 at MSAC. The game had no real consequence for us, as we could not make the finals whilst the Soviets needed a win to secure their finals berth. Perhaps because the outcome mattered little to our position, we were probably a bit casual about the game, this being highlighted at the game's start when yours truly (starting as goalie) told our late 7th player to "just jump in", resulting in a 5 metre penalty for an illegal entry...not the best start to the game. After the Soviets converted the penalty, it seemed like a heart-beat before they were 4 goals up on us, all courtesy of their CF playing a big first half (and maybe the Ess stand-in goalie being a little below par 😊). After a reality check at half-time, and keen to avoid a big loss, we picked up the effort, started scoring, and slowed them down a bit. This sort of on-and-off again effort has probably cost us a few games this year, and a finals berth. Disappointing to not be involved in the next few weeks, but we will definitely be supporting our other Essendon teams that will be playing finals. Good luck to all!

**Essendon were defeated by the Melbourne Collegian Soviets : 4 - 10 Goals : Miguel 2, Hayden 1, Bevan 1**

*Report by Andrew Luedecke*

Unfortunately the guys were short on numbers this week, which included their self proclaimed Megastar, who was diving off the coast of PNG. So without a bench, they struggled to match the NYP Dragons for speed, strength and stamina. The loss has seen them fall from first to third, but the boys will come back fighting on Saturday night and will have the chance to beat NYP again!!

**Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 4-6 Goals : TBC**

## MSL5

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## 2013 State Championships - Ladders After Round 15

WSL1		WSL2/U18s		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL5 – 2*	
Melb Coll	43	Essendon 18s	40	NYP Dragons	41	Essendon Black	45	La Trobe Uni	38	Melb Uni	36
Footscray	38	Melb Coll 18s	39	DVE Aquatic	33	MC Marlins	38	DVE Aquatic	35	MC Gold	35
Richmond	32	Richmond	35	La Trobe Uni	32	Richmond	33	Old Melb Blue	34	Essendon	34
Essendon	26	NYP Dragons	35	Essendon	28	Essendon Red	23	MC Soviets	30	NYP Dragons	33
NYP Dragons	24	Melb Uni	31	Monash Uni	28	NYP Dragons	22	Melb Uni	30	Monash Uni 5s	23
Monash	17	NYP Dragons 18 s	31	Melb Uni	15			Essendon	27	Ajax	19
		Melb Coll	26					Old Melb White	25		
		St Cath's	22								
		Monash Uni	20								
		Footscray	19								

**6 TEAMS IN THE FINALS!!**