



The Weekly Wrap

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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



Winter Competition - Round 1 Match Reports

The WSL1 team had a scheduled bye this week, which worked out well, considering the majority of the team were in Sydney for the 18/U National Club Championships. They will face Monash University in their competition opener next week.

WSL1

A disappointing start for the SL2 girls with just 4 players turning up for the grudge match against St Caths. Having made the effort to get to the pool, the girls opted to get in and have a go, topped up by some SL3 girls who had just completed their game and were slightly worse for wear! The girls showed what they were capable of (despite their SL3 handicap 😊) and I'm sure St Caths would not have been granted an 8-0 win had the full team been on deck to battle this out. Get ready for next week girls, as you face the NYP Dragons!

WSL2



Susan

Game 1 of the competition was relatively kind to us, facing a somewhat depleted NYP Dragons. We welcomed back Susan to the team, after an extended 'motherhood' break. She was reminded quickly just how much work is required in the pool, just to stay afloat... Having said that, she still found enough muscle to score 2 goals up forward. Brittany, Eliza and Madelyn were our swim demons for the night, creating openings around the centre forward with Maddy scoring a nice goal. Susan, Sandra and LisaAs rotated through CF, doing the hard yards with little reward from the referees. LisaMS and Vanessa held the defence line, with LisaAs often creating some crafty turnovers when she arrived on the scene. Sandra was solid in goals and provided some good drive in the counterattack. All in all, not a bad start – but clearly fitness and movement up forward are key areas needing to be addressed here.... Many shots went wide of the mark, or straight at the GK, so the game could have been closer on the scoreboard. Special thanks to Bryan for providing coaching support and guidance during the game, to Julia for her poolside cheering and to our youngest official, Liam for doing a great job on the table!

WSL3

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons: 3 – 8 Goals : Susan 2, Madelyn 1

There were no girls youth games scheduled for Round 1, probably due in part to the National Club Championships being held in Sydney. This should be sorted before next Tues night, when we expect their competition will get underway. So stay tuned for more information regarding this. It is not clear yet, whether Essendon will field one or two teams.

YthG

2014 Winter Competition – Ladders after R1

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL5 -Div2
Footscray 3	Melb Uni 3	Melb Uni Blue 3	What this space... Top two teams play in the Grand final	Melb Uni Black 3	Melb Uni 3
NYP Dragons 3	NYP Dragons 3	NYP Dragons 3		Melb Uni Blue 0	Essendon 1
Essendon 3	St Cath's 3	LaTrobe Uni 3		DVE Aquatic ?	Melb Coll ?
Melb Coll 1	Richmond 3	Monash Uni 3		Old Melburnians ?	NYP Dragons ?
Monash Uni 1	Footscray 1	DVE Aquatic 1		Essendon ?	Ajax ?
	Essendon 1	Essendon 1	La Trobe Uni ?	MelbSurge ?	
	NYPDragons 18s 1	Melb Uni Black 1		Monash Uni ?	
	Monash Uni 1				

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MSL4

MSL5



MattyR

It looked like it was going to be a long night with only six guys showing up to play against a full strength Melbourne University Gropers side. But the boys did play! With lots of good discipline we stuck to our man down defense with arms up and lots of talk and movement. We kept them scoreless in attack. The boys then got a goal up with some great movement of the ball and brilliant centre forward work by yours truly (never let the truth get in the way of a good story). The Gropers then got fired up, and produced an equalizer. From then, it was neck and neck in the pool, with scores level at 2 all at half time. We stuck to our guns playing good polo just as guru Darren teaches (it might not seem like it but something is getting through our thick heads). No silly shots and people looking for their teammates in offense. But unfortunately we started to tire and their extra man won through and they pulled out to 3 goal lead. Great signs of things to come though for the SL5s, if we can get a full side in the pool!

Report by Matty Roberts

Essendon were defeated by the Melbourne Uni Gropers: 2 – 5 Goals : MattR 2



Easter egg hunt....



Poolside...

Girls ranked 5th in Australia!



ESSENDON - 18/U National Club Championships team