



The Weekly Wrap



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



Winter Competition - Round 5 Match Reports



Emily

It was always going to be a big ask taking on the experienced Footscray side, and with limited numbers only made it harder. No Maddy (USA), Coxy and Cath Pratt (dentist), Phoebe (sick). We asked Claire to play up from SL2, and so we had 7. It was important that we controlled the things we could, and that was body position in defence and ball control. The first quarter was even with both teams sizing each other up. We created many scoring chances, but only AlexS found the back of the net, with Footscray scoring twice. The second term again saw us threatening goal but unable to capitalise, while Footscray moved up a gear and hammered in five. The halftime score : 1-7. Footscray slowly drew away over the remaining time, as we tired due to a lack of bench relief. All players worked tirelessly in both attack and defence, with Steph working hard in goals. There were many nice attacking moves from the junior girls, which only goes to prove good things are not far away.

WSL1

Essendon were defeated by Footscray : 4 –15 Goals : Emily 2, AlexS 1, Aileen 1

Report by Darren Steere



Amelia

The evening began in anticipation as we waited for a full team of seven to arrive. Thankfully Evelyn came in at the last minute to provide a bench! We knew we were in for a tough match as we were playing the top side, Richmond. The game began well with ClaireO'C scoring first. This was soon to be answered by Richmond with their own goal. The quarter ended with us level, on one goal each. Essendon were playing well in defence, crashing back. We knew we needed to take our opportunities in attack and pass the ball into centre forward quickly. Unfortunately we did not score in the second quarter and Richmond added another goal to their tally. The third quarter was an improvement from us, with a beautiful 7 meter shot scored by CharlotteR and a well thought out glide in shot by Natalia. However Richmond still had us pegged by 2 goals. The final quarter saw us get within a goal as Amelia scored and LisaAndo assisting in an extra man post goal by Cathy. Unfortunately the opposition replied and maintained their 2 goal advantage.

WSL2

Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 5 – 7 Goals : Claire O'C 1, CharlotteR 1, Natalia 1, Amelia 1, LisaAndo 1

Report by Cathy Steere



LisaMS

Relieved to be having a later game, which meant no rushing out the door, foregoing dinner and fighting the traffic – it suddenly dawned on us that being an 8.50pm start - probably meant our junior speedsters had long ago left the pool for the comfort of a warm bed. (Or as it turned out – they had a bye, and never actually came into the pool!!) And so it transpired, that our team list of 8 for this week, whittled down to just 6 "old girls". Ordinarily, we play because we enjoy the sport – but we knew there would be nothing enjoyable about the game ahead with Monash having a bench of 3. Nonetheless, we discussed a plan to avoid swimming up and down the pool all night and cover the middle at the expense of the wings. Things worked pretty well, but they covered our CF with 2 players each time, making our CF ineffective which meant everyone else had to swim more and move about to generate some hope of getting a shot away. Our defence and goal keeping were solid all night, despite tiring and Monash never really capitalised. At game's end, we could be proud of our efforts – having snuck in two goals of our own. This team is beatable... but unfortunately, we don't get the chance of a rematch in this short Winter competition. Special thanks to Raph for being our table person on a night we could offer spectators no joy...

WSL3

Essendon were defeated by Monash University : 2 – 7 Goals : LisaMS 2

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Whilst the Youth Girls have only played 2 games so far in this competition, they had another week off this week. Having said that – they will play their next 4 games over an 8 day period, with two games being played on a Sunday out at Greensborough. Please ensure you keep a close watch on the fixture!

YthG

Winter Competition - Round 5 Match Reports

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne University Black : 6 – 7 Goals : Rucus 6

MSL4

MSL5



Dan 'Gilbo'

The Essendon lads turned up to this match against a fresh faced semi lean looking side that was Monash Uni on Thursday night to atone for last week's loss. Spirits were high, cap strings tied and the whistle blew to begin what was to be a perfect text book executed game on Essendon's behalf. The first half was encouraging as patience was shown in attack to set up a good spread and move the ball around and draw a few majors. This mitigated Monash's full press and resulted in easy goals. Going into the second half with a 3 goal lead Essendon were able to play a tight press and force lazy passes and shots from the younger team. Essendon then made the Monash boys accountable through fast breaks perfectly executed after what was learnt from the previous Monday's training session. Brad and Gilbo seemed to be quickest off the mark at turnovers and with amazing precision passing from the goalie scored easily numerous times. The last quarter was an easy glide to a 10-5 victory to Essendon. Monash were gracious in defeat and even overheard mentioning how wonderful the Essendon team were. The Essendon lads face a bye next week which will be exciting. Important stats for the game: Shot to goal percentage a season high of 89% / Goals from fast breaks: 5 (season high) / Goal keeper saves : 36 / Goals: Matt -34

Report by Dean Durrant

Essendon defeated by Monash University : 10 – 5 Goals : TBC

2014 WINTER COMPETITION – Ladders after R5

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL5 -Div2*	
Footscray	15	Richmond	15	LaTrobe Uni	15	Richmond	7	Melb Uni Black	13	Melb Coll	13
Essendon	12	Melb Uni	14	NYP Dragons	13	Essendon	6	Essendon	11	Melb Uni	13
NYP Dragon	12	NYP Dragons	10	Monash Uni	11	MC Marlins	3	DVE Aquatic	11	Essendon	11
Monash Uni	9	St Cath's	10	Melb Uni Blue	9	Ovens & Murray	0	Old Melburnians	11	Monash Uni	11
Melb Coll	7	NYPDragons 18s	9	DVE Aquatic	8			La Trobe Uni	9	NYP Dragons	8
		Footscray	8	Essendon	8			Melb Uni Blue	4	MelbSurge	8
		Essendon	8							Ajax	7
		Monash Uni	5								

The top 2 teams play in the Grand final

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