



# The Weekly Wrap



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

## Winter Competition - Round 9 Match Reports



AlexC

The scene was set for a drama packed final round of the Winter season with Essendon in 2nd place taking on 3rd placed Nunawading who were one point in arrears. A win to the Dragons and our season was done and dusted. To further complicate the plot our goalie Steph was unavailable and we were also missing our Centre-forward Em. Our revamped team had Millie in goal, five juniors and a bench of one. The game was hard fought with the greatest margin throughout the entire game being one goal. Nunawading were concentrating much of their defensive efforts on Coxy and Maddy which meant that the scoring responsibility often fell to our second tier players. Nunawading scored first and while we were able to drag ourselves back to equality on a number of occasions we soon found ourselves a goal down again. At the end of the third term we were down 4 to 5 and a spot in the finals was very much up for grabs. The mammoth arm wrestle continued right through the quarter with an Essendon goal making it 5 all then another putting us up for the first time in the game. To their credit Nunawading hit back and with 36 seconds left the scores were 6 all. With our zen coach calling the shots the word was maintain possession and not allow Nunawading a shot at victory. As the final siren sounded our loyal band of parents struggled to come to grips with the consequences of a draw, a quick confirmation we were in the grand final and normal respiration rates resumed.

**Essendon drew with the NYP Dragons : 6 – 6** AlexC 3, AlexS 2, Charlotte 1 *Report by Brett Pullyblank*

**WSL1**



LisaAndo

Last game of the season and the SL2 team list had grown quite a few holes due to players stepping up to help out the SL1 girls in their effort to secure a position in the grand final. Notwithstanding it was a gallant effort by the girls facing a more experienced NYP team. There were moments of brilliance in the game where we started to work well together as a team and set up consecutive periods of good play but unfortunately occasional sloppy passing and delayed covering of the counter attack let NYP get ahead. Kate and Nat did a great job in goals and kept the scoreline better than it otherwise could have been. We usually try not to comment on the reffing but we were finding it difficult to work out what we were doing wrong (NYP were heard to say “ha ha you didn’t even touch me” after one of Amelia’s exclusions...) to earn so many penalties... and very few in return. We tried to keep the frustration at bay and just play basic solid accountable polo. And the girls did this really well. Definitely a good season to start to get to know one another and learn how to play together... and puts us in a very nice position for VicChamps if we can stabilise and get a few training session together under our belt. Well done everyone – hope you enjoyed the season!

**Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 10 – 4** Goals : TBC *Report by Lisa Anderson*

**WSL2**



Sandra

With our last game result having no bearing on the finals, we wanted to give Vanessa a solid send off. We knew DVE were a physical side, with little finesse or genuine skill. With just 7 players to begin the game, we started strongly and put the first goal on the board within a minute. We matched them well for speed and strength and really started to use the CF well to earn some kick-outs and frees. Unfortunately a lot of opportunities went by... hitting the crossbar, fumbling the ball, throwing over the top - at times when a certain goal was there. At halftime we found ourselves a goal down, in a really tight game that we sensed we could win. Our 8th player had arrived and we vowed the use the bench to ensure we kept the intensity up. I’m not sure what happened after that halftime discussion, but we had a rank 3rd quarter, allowing DVE to put 4 goals on the board to our none. After slapping ourselves, we woke up in the final term and played well once more – throwing our final goal for the comp and keeping DVE to the one. A disappointing lapse, but a solid finish. Pizza and drinks afterwards to celebrate the comp and Vanessa’s departure. She thanked us all, by providing the team with the biggest lollie jar ever – fully laden with treats for next comp! Now that should attract some players for the SL3 squad!

**Essendon were defeated by DVE Aquatic : 3 – 8** Goals : LisaMS 1 *Report by Lisa Murray-Segal*

**WSL3**

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Essendon took on MC and again were able to register a convincing win. The team play was characterised by patient defence with strong transitional swimming. A number of decisive moves in attack resulted in penalties and had MC on the back foot. Early goals enabled Essendon to play a controlled game and keep one of our traditional rivals safely at arms length for the entire game.

**YthG**

**Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians: 11 – 5** Millie 5, Lily 3, CharlotteB 3 *Report by Brett Pullyblank*

**MSL4**

*Report by Stuart Rayner*

**Essendon defeated DVE Aquatic : 8 – 1** Goals : Rucus 7, and the best goal of the night, Joe McIntosh

**MSL5**

It's finals time baby!!! The SL5 headed into tonight's game knowing that we needed to win to ensure a finals spot. We started off strongly taking a handy two goal lead into quarter time. But we then decided to have a snooze and stop playing our usual game and The Surge surged to break even - much like the socceros last night. We started the last quarter a goal up and decided to get back to our basic game and we came alive including some nice teamwork and a great backhanded goal from Jose at centre forward. Brilliant work from Eliot who decided that instead of scoring from a 5 metre he would use up precious time by bouncing the ball off the woodwork so Surge couldn't score the two goals they needed. A great finish with the end result being a 3 goal victory. Bring on the grand final next week!

**Essendon defeated Melbourne Surge : 8 – 5** Goals : TBC

*Report by Matty Roberts*

## 2014 WINTER COMPETITION – Ladders after R9

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL5 -Div2
Footscray 25	Melb Uni 24	NYP Dragons 25	Essendon 17	Essendon 23	Melb Coll 24
Essendon 23	St Cath's 22	LaTrobe Uni 23	Ovens & Murray 16	DVE Aquatic 21	Essendon 23
NYP Dragon 20	Richmond 21	DVE Aquatic 20	Richmond 15	Old Melburnians 19	Melb Uni 21
Monash Uni 17	NYP Dragons 18	Melb Uni Blue 17	MC Marllins 8	Melb Uni Black 18	Monash Uni 21
Melb Coll 14	Footscray 16	Monash Uni 15		La Trobe Uni 17	NYP Dragons 20
	Essendon 16	Essendon 11		Melb Uni Blue 7	Ajax 14
	NYPDragons 18s 15				MelbSurge 12
	Monash Uni 9				

**The top 2 teams will play a Grand Final**

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*Vanessa with the new lollie jar!*



**WSL3 Team**