



# The Weekly Wrap



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



## State Championships - Round 1 Match Reports



Charlotte

No coach, no regular goalie and no bench meant our SL1 girls were up against it before they even hit the water. The signs early on were good as we defended **WSL1** strongly and created chances but the resounding bang of ball on cross bar signalled many fruitless forays into attack. Our lack of scoring eventually started to hurt us and Nunawading were able to maintain a narrow lead until just on three quarter time when we levelled the scores at 4 all. In the last we managed to take the lead only to find ourselves down with less than a minute to go. A strong play at centre forward saw us gain an extra man opportunity and with the cleanest ball movement of the night we were able to score the equalizer. *Report by Brett Pullyblank*  
**Essendon drew with the NYP Dragons : 6 – 6** Charlotte 3, Madeleine 1, AlexC 1, AlexS 1



Amelia

With lots of cobwebs to blow out the game started with plenty of intensity but goals were hard earned by both teams. Essendon were able to keep their noses **WSL2** in front for much of the game thanks to some early goals from Amelia but a surge by Richmond half way through the fourth stanza saw them draw level and the pressure was on. It was at this stage that Aileen stepped up and belted home three great goals to sink the Tigers and turn the contest on its head. *Report by Brett Pullyblank*  
**Essendon defeated Richmond U18s : 8 – 5**  
**Goals : Amelia 4, Aileen 4**



Susan M

A new-look WSL3 team hit the pool this week, as we welcomed a dedicated GK **WSL3** into the team, having rotated this role over the last 12months. Welcome Susan Mills – mother of Kate! Given all the time she spends at the pool supporting Kate, and doing table duty – she figured she might as well hop in and give it a go. After all, how hard could it be? Sporting new contacts, a borrowed cap and pair of togs, Susan was set. Having never played a game or thrown a ball, she did a great job in Game 1. The girls supported her debut with strong defence, and solid coverage and pressure on the turnovers. Bryan had 3 designated players staying back to ensure there were always options to get the ball forward. It was great to have speedsters Chelsea and Jaimie back, providing some drive and energy (and allowing the “old girls” a break on the bench!). Sandra, SusanC, Eliza and LisaMS rotated through centre forward as well as centre back providing experience and confusion for Monash, who were caught out several times with inexperienced players at CB. Brittany paired with Jaimie to open up the forward line creating opportunities before being struck in the face and retiring for the game in the final term. We probably exceeded Monash’s scoring opportunities 2 fold, but our throws were often weak, offline or straight into the keepers arms. This may have cost us the game, as we otherwise played very well, despite being somewhat rusty. Special thanks to Bryan for his support and coaching guidance, and to Jaimie’s dad John for doing table duty. *Report by Lisa Murray-Segal*  
**Essendon were defeated by Monash University : 4 – 7** Goals : Jaimie 2, LisaMS 1, SusanC 1



Millie

With an early start our numbers were tight and the luxury of a bench, only **YthG** eventuated moments before the start. In contract MC were numerous and our scrambling to get a team was contrasted by a very ordered MC team meeting. However you need to get wet to win water polo and it was Essendon that appeared far more organized when the game commenced. With a strong pressing defence MC found goals elusive. Whilst they had no counter to Millie at Centre Forward it was also pleasing to see girls getting themselves into shooting positions and taking the shot. The Essendon trademark of drawing the goalie then crossing for an open goal was again evident. *Report by Brett Pullyblank*  
**Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 13 – 2** Goals : Millie 9, Claire 2, Jaimie 1, Lily 1

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Kyle

The 4's returned to the pool at Melb High this week for round 1 of State Champs after basking in the glow of a winter comp premiership for a few weeks. It was great to see a good turnout for the first game back. We will miss Bevan due to injury this season and wish Lesh well as he plays a higher grade with Footscray. Despite these omissions we still have a dynamic squad that is gelling together well. Despite the mid-season break the team hit the water and moved well into good defensive and offensive balance. Everyone is really getting used to our style of play, and importantly, playing with commitment and accountability. Our opposition this week was Melb Uni, with a similar mix of youth and experience to us. It was a fairly even affair for the first half, going goal for goal until we managed to gain a 2, then 3 goal lead that we maintained and then stretched to a 4 goal win. We can work on marking their major scorer a bit tighter next time around, and tighten our passing up for next week's game. A satisfying first round win to blow out the cobwebs.

**MSL4**

Report by Andrew Luedecke

**Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 10 –6 Goals : Kyle 4, Miguel 2, Joe 2, Bernard 1, Billy 1**

**MSL6**

Report by Brad Stellini

**Essendon defeated Melbourne Surge Black : 19 – 0**

Goals : Bryan 8 , Brad 4, Eliot 2, MattL 2, MattR 1, Dean 1, Ian 1

## 2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Ladders after R1

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6	
Essendon	2	Monash Uni	3	Monash Uni	3	Essendon	3	Essendon	3	Essendon	3
NYP Dragon	2	Essendon	3	Essendon	1	Richmond	3	Melb Uni	1	M-Surge Black	1
Footscray	?	Richmond 18s	1	DVE Aquatic	?	MC Marlin	1	Old Melburnians	?	Melb Uni	?
Monash Uni	?	Footscray	?	LaTrobe Uni	?			La Trobe Uni	?	Ajax	?
Ovens & Murray	?	Melb Coll	?	Melb Uni Blue	?			DVE Aquatic	?	Monash Uni	?
		Melb Uni	?	NYP Dragons	?			Melb Coll	?	M-Surge Gold	?
		NYP Dragons	?							NYP Dragons	?
		Richmond	?							DVE Aquatic	?
		St Cath's	?								

The top 4 teams will play off in a final series

### JAIMIE MAKES A SPLASH!

Essendon YthG and WSL3 player Jaimie McKee made front page of the Geelong Advertiser recently... see our website "latest news" tab for more details



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