



The Weekly Wrap



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 2 Match Reports

Essendon Vs Footscray : Result TBC

WSL1

The Essendon 2s were scheduled to play Richmond at Melbourne High this week, but were unable to field a team, with many players unavailable. The game was given as a forfeit.

WSL2

Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 0 – 8 (F)



SusanC

After a promising start last week, we were enthused about the game against the Winter Premiers this week, to see where the bar was going to lie for this comp. They set the pace early, and we found we were never really in the hunt. Whilst our defence was good – we were lack lustre in attack and didn't come close to capitalising on all the opportunities that were presented either through opposition errors, or our own hard work. Even with SL2 players Evelyn, Kate and Paris on board, we couldn't kick start our assault on this competition. The scoreline blew out, despite the game being much closer which was disappointing given the talent in the pool. Ah well... something to try and improve when we next meet. Special thanks to Darren for trying to get us into the winning zone!

WSL3

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon were defeated by La Trobe University : 2 – 9 Goals : SusanC 2

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Marcus

Parking at Melbourne High School was bloody awful on Wednesday night which I think must have driven some of our players away, as we only had 8 boys - posing as men. We played against a younger and fitter team who should have beaten us very convincingly but readers, the boys of Essendon took their game up a notch from last week and performed! Alas... if only our skills could match our endeavour!!! The guys tried hard all night and with no goalie were 1 goal up with 90 seconds to play. Unfortunately the young old boys levelled the game quickly after and then with 3s to go scored a goal from a defensive deflection. A great game by the fellas though and shows some of the tremendous potential we have. Welcome back to MattL who may still be recovering.

MSL4

Report by Marcus Jones

Essendon were defeated by the Old Melburnians : 7 – 8 Goals : Kyle 3, MattL 2, Bernard 1, Stuart 1 (goal tally disputed by MJ – as he claims to have scored, but was not credited...)



Ben

It seems you win a SL5 grand final and the team you defeated stays in SL5 whilst you get demoted! Go figure... Well if last week's fine effort of 18-0 didn't alert WPV to their error, nothing would. This put the Essendon lads in good stead for what was a frosty night as the mists rose from the MSAC outdoor pool. It was good to see three on the bench and a new lad Lucas joining the team, an injection of youth is never missed. The Monash boys were looking rather fit after their off season boot camp and came out hard in the first half with some big shots and fast swimming. But the level heads of the Essendon team kept the lid tight on the game and using the mist to their advantage kept a goal ahead at all times. The second half was a different game, Essendon decided to simplify the game play and adopted a full press - shot goal mentality that seemed to work quite well. So well in fact, Monash were despondent in their inability to score another goal (helped by a magnificent 5m penalty save – bragging rights Cusy) whilst Essendon piled on another six or so to put away another great win – happy days!

MSL6

Vital Key stats: Shot to goal percentage 73% / Goal keeper save 53 / Mark of the round Gilbo

Report by Dean Durrant

Essendon defeated Monash University 5s : 11 – 4 Goals : everyone scored 2 each