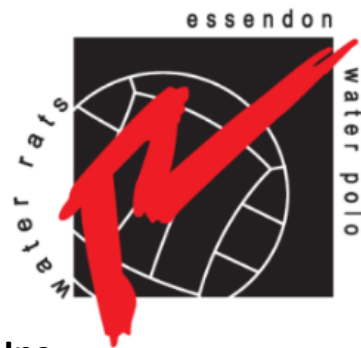




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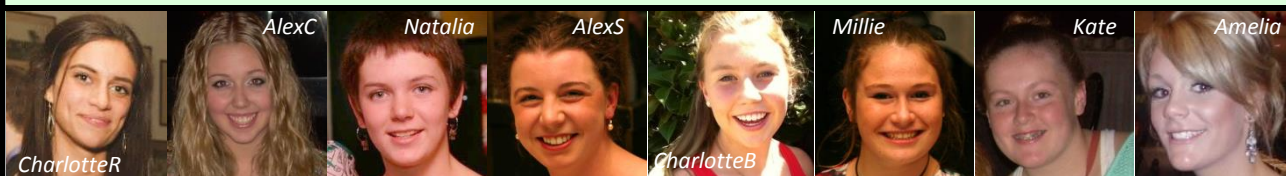
State Championships - Round 6 Match Reports

This week's clash against the NYP saw the water rats with a very young SL1 team take to the water. **WSL1** Call ups to Kate in the goals and Natalia joined the side for their Senior debuts. With a strong focus on our outside shooting we took a quarter to get into a competitive mindset. The highlight of the first term was a perfect sit up off the post in extra man and a goal to AlexS, who scored two for the quarter. The other was a well earned 5 metre penalty off a great drive. Millie also scored. By the end of the quarter NYP had been left unpressed at the top of the zone to score some easy outside shots and were in front 5 goals to 3. In the second quarter the Rats scored two great outside shots through an 8 metre rocket from AlexC and another extra man put away early by Millie. However, NYP maintained the 2 goal margin with soft goals through a lack of cover defence. At the change of ends we focused on shutting down NYP's main goal scorer - their left hander. This was fairly effective as she failed to score for the remainder of the game. Despite the tactic NYP still managed to out score us 3 to 2 for the quarter to lead 10 to 7. A great goal from CharlotteR from outside 5 and a well earned goal to Amelia after a fantastic three on one effort at centre forward. The last quarter was a good indication of the Rats fighting spirit. Coming from behind we got ourselves into a winnable position with two early goals to Millie and AlexC. With just 2 minutes to go NYP managed to get a goal off an extra man and the Rats put one in with 90 secs left. Some great defence from each team and a couple of rushed opportunities almost evened it up for us but we finished the game a goal down. Key learning's from the game were our lack of ball security. We turned the ball over needlessly by sending the ball through passing lanes occupied by the opposition, resulting in many turnovers whilst in attack. A lack of fitness also allowed easy counter attacks in a game that was very winnable. A big thanks to Nat, Kate and Amelia for helping out.

Report by Bevan Cox

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 10 – 11 Goals : Millie 3, AlexC 2, AlexS 2, CharlotteR 2, Amelia 1

This week's SL1 team :



This week the SL2 squad had the bare seven players, but were looking forward to playing St Caths, **WSL2** having been forced to forfeit twice already in this competition with low numbers. Events quickly changed, when the SL1 team fell short, and needed 3 players to step up. Well done to Kate, CharlotteR and Amelia for taking that challenge on. This left the 2s with just 4 players, and with the SL3 team only having 6 available, the decision was made to forfeit the 2s – and offer those girls a game in the 3s. Thankyou to Aileen and Evelyn for adding some speed and talent to the 3s squad this week! Apologies to all the SL2 players, who seem to bear the brunt of player shortages – as their team always seems to be sacrificed for the good of others. The club will be making a big effort over the remaining weeks to ensure all teams remain viable – but we rely heavily on all players, in every team – giving us as much notice as possible, when they cannot play.

Essendon were defeated by St Caths : 0 – 8 (forfeit)

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Evelyn

The WSL3 team had only 5 players confirmed on Tuesday afternoon, with two possible inclusions ruled out by 3pm. Then we added new recruit Georgina to the line up at 4pm but were still short when the texts started flying around trying to see who was playing where. A late decision was made around 6.30pm to forfeit the SL2 game, and this freed up 2 players who agreed to join us – giving a full complement, and a bench! So we faced DVE with some confidence, knowing it would not be man-down for the game! With the whistle blown, DVE got the jump on us, and slotted 2 quick goals in the blink of an eye. We responded towards the end of the quarter with 2 of our own thanks to Aileen and Sandra. In the second, we tightened our defence and kept them to a single with SusanM doing a great job in goals. Aileen found the net again and it was 3-5 coming into halftime. The third quarter sealed the game for DVE, pounding 3 goals home whilst keeping us scoreless. We rallied a little better for the final term, with a goal to Evelyn. Our shooting and lack of real opportunities in front of goal was our weakness, the scoreline could have been more favourable. It was great to have the support from the SL2 girls, who made a valuable contribution. Thankyou to Michelle Stellini too, for table duty once more.

Essendon were defeated by DVE Aquatic: 4 – 11 Goals : Aileen 2, Evelyn 1, Sandra 1

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

WSL3

The youth girls had a bye this week, but will face the MC Marlins in Round 7

YthG



Joe

We had 8 players show up to the game this week against MU. We started off strongly scoring 2 quick goals within the first few minutes. We were a little lazy in defence but kept up our strong attack to finish the quarter 2 goals ahead. We played much the same in the second quarter allowing a few more easy goals through but still playing well in attack. We continued to keep up the pressure in the third and fourth quarter, passing well between each other using up all the time available to score when possible. Overall, our attack was pretty good and there were only a few slight slip ups which resulted in a few goals for MU. All up we played a great game against a strong opposition winning by 4 goals and leaving us in good stead for the season ahead.

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 12 – 8 Goals : Miguel 5, Kyle 3, Joe 2, Hayden 2

Report by Joe McIntosh

MSL4

Essendon Vs Ajax : score TBC Goals : TBC

MSL6

2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Ladders after R6

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6*	
NYP Dragons	16	Melb Uni	16	DVE Aquatic	16	Essendon	15	Essendon	16	NYP Dragons	15
Footscray	13	NYP Dragons	16	NYP Dragons	16	Richmond	14	La Trobe Uni	15	Melb Un	13
Richmond	13	Melb Coll	16	LaTrobe Uni	16	MC Marlins	10	DVE Aquatic	13	M-Surge Gold	12
Ovens & Murray	10	Richmond	15	Monash Uni	10			Old Melburnians	12	Essendon	11
Essendon	8	Richmond 18s	13	Melb Uni	7			Melb Uni	10	Monash Uni	10
MC Monash	4	St Cath's	12	Essendon	6			Melb Coll	5	Ajax	9
		Footscray	10							DVE Aquatic	5
		Monash Uni	8							M-Surge Black	5
		Essendon	5							*Ladder after R5	

Top 4 teams play finals