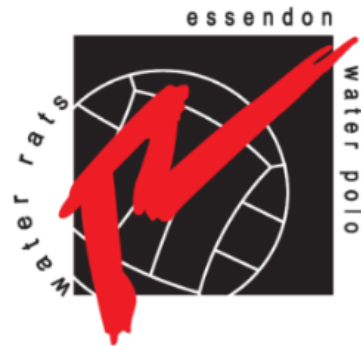




THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 7 Match Reports



Emily

Even though we welcomed back one of our Australian youth players in Emily, we were never a threat to Footscray who delivered an overwhelming 13 goal victory. **WSL1** They are the most mature team in the competition and also boast National League 2014's best Centre Forward in Elise Rossato who finished with 7 goals of her own. At times our defensive strategy worked a treat stealing from the side in support of the CB. Most disappointing was the number of counter attacks allowed that decided the final result very early. Essendon players worked hard to sometimes cover two opponents while team mates made their way back down the pool. Six extra man opportunities left us scoreless indicating an important part of the game that we need to also work on. Footscray's experience and years of training together shone through during the game and are a great example of what we need to do if we are to progress in the competition.

Essendon were defeated by Footscray : 4 – 17 Goals : Emily 2, Alex C

Report by Bevan Cox



SusanM

It's been a tough couple of weeks for the SL2 team with a number of girls out sick or away. After forfeiting our last two games we finally managed to pull a team together to take on Monash Uni. We started out a little rusty after not playing together for a couple of weeks but we managed to pull off a draw. Monash scored early in the first quarter and we went into quarter time a little rattled and without making any impact on the scoreboard. We fought back in the second and third quarters with tight defence and a great extra man goal by Kate. At the three quarter time break the scores were level at 3 all. The last quarter was a battle of the fittest with Monash starting to tier. We had a number of counter attack opportunists but were unable to convert these into goals which resulted in a 4 all draw. Overall it was a great effort by everyone. Special mention goes out to SusanM who stepped up from SL3 to fill in for us!!

Essendon drew with Monash University : 4 – 4 Goals : Natalia 3, Kate 1

Report by Amelia Toohy



Jaimie

It was all about the goalies tonight as we gave SusanM as goalie to SL2 and Sandra as goalie to SL1- and that meant no bench and no goalie for us. So SusanC volunteered to don the red cap for the first half and Eliza for the second half. Both worked hard as La Trobe were a strong team with some great shooters. We let them grab a very convincing lead in the first quarter as they shot from all over their forward half and it took us to the third quarter before we got to score. We didn't do anything particularly wrong as we setup well, moved and swam back. We just didn't shoot to the corners and get the ball in. We did slow them down in the second half and reduce their scoring - this was a good sign with no bench for a rest. Thankyou to Jaimie's dad John for being our table person this week, after being in the firing

line last week with the referee 😊

Essendon were defeated by La Trobe University : 2 – 10 Goals : Jaimie 1, Brittany 1

Report by Susan Callaghan



Aileen

Our girls continued their impressive season with a convincing win over an improving MC outfit. Early on the highlight was Claire's vision to feed centre forward some terrific passes that resulted in goals. We then went through a period where we set up plays but did not quite finish off. This resulted in a number of opportunities to MC and needed some good saves by Katie which she duly obliged. As the game progressed we regained our direction and powered away. The future looks good with Sheridan and Georgina gaining valuable experience along side our more seasoned players

Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 12 – 6

Goals : Millie 7, Aileen 2, Natalia 2, Paris 1

YthG

Report by Brett Pullyblank

State Championships - Round 7 Match Reports

MSL4

Essendon defeated the Old Melburnians : 9 - 6 Goals : TBC

MSL6

It was a great display on Thursday night with the guys winning comfortably by four goals. Brad and Leigh scored 2 a piece, with singles to both Deans. DVE played a good game with special mention to their goalkeeper who was saving almost everything that we threw at him. Our full press defence was solid pushing them away from goals making Cusy's life a bit easier. There are still things to improve on but over all a top performance with a few players out. With those boys coming back in... we are looking for another win next week.

Report by Brad Stellini

Essendon defeated DVE Aquatic : 6 - 2

Goals : Brad 2, Leigh 2, DeanG 1, DeanD 1

Ben

I'm Ian Phelan – look out for me and my chocolate boxes!



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2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Ladders after R7

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6*	
Footscray	16	NYP Dragons	19	DVE Aquatic	19	Essendon	18	Essendon	19	NYP Dragons	18
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Richmond	16	Melb Coll	17	LaTrobe Uni	19	MC Marlins	11	DVE Aquatic	14	Essendon	14
Ovens & Murray	10	Melb Uni	16	Monash Uni	11			Old Melburnians	13	M-Surge Gold	13
Essendon	9	Richmond 18s	16	Melb Uni	8			Melb Uni	13	Monash Uni	12
MC Monash	4	St Cath's	15	Essendon	7			Melb Coll	6	Ajax	10
		Footscray	11							DVE Aquatic	8
		Monash Uni	9							M-Surge Black	6
		Essendon	8							*Ladder after R5	

Top 4 teams play finals