



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 10 Match Reports

There was no SL1 game for the Essendon girls this week, as this grade continues to be out of sync with the rest of the competition, due to the involvement of Oven's & Murray. It was effectively Round 14 for SL1 this week. The girls will play the NYP Dragons next Tuesday – then on the Saturday, face 3 games against Oven's and Murray at the Albury-Wodonga pool.

WSL1



Lily

It's been 5 weeks since the SL2 girls have played together as a team. It has been a struggle for numbers but we are finally back! An added couple of SL1 players (due to a bye) meant we had a substantial bench! The time apart hasn't been kind to us. We played the u18 Richmond girls who have developed as a team since we last played them... and won! Tonight it wasn't to be. Katie played a stellar game in goals, keeping the Richmond scorers at bay but at 3/4 time the score was 1-4 in Richmond's favor. Our final quarter was our best with kickouts, better passes into centre forward, driving and sitting up for shots at goal. We out-scored them 2-1, but this was not enough to overturn the result. Hopefully we can find our groove in the next few games and begin to come together as a team.

WSL2

Report by Cathy Steere

Essendon were defeated by Richmond 18s : 3 – 5 Goals : Lily 2, CharlotteR 1



Eliza

With the weather turning ugly this week, so too did the action in the pool. With a comfortable bench of two, we should have been able to stay fresh and create more opportunities when in attack, but we let ourselves down with lack of movement around the centre forward and poor passing into that key position. Players who found themselves in a great position or unmarked, never got the ball and often those who should have taken a shot, held on too long and were swamped. We didn't look for the extra player when an opposition defender sloughed back on CF. So Darren's 3/4 time address to the SL2 players in the pool next door, could have equally applied to us..."you never looked like scoring". We need better communication in the pool - and some of our very talented junior players need to develop more confidence, and demand/call for the ball. What we did do well, was apply good defensive pressure often forcing them to shoot outside 7m. We managed to avoid 2-on-1 scenarios and there were few fast break turnovers. The final quarter was our best for the game, scoring 2 goals to their 3. If we can apply that effort to the whole game, we will have a better chance of a more favorable outcome. Thankyou Michelle for being our table monitor this week.

WSL3

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 3 – 11 Goals : Susan 1, Chelsea 1, Ashleigh 1



Claire

Essendon went into the game against MC with experience ranging from those just starting their polo journey to our most experienced campaigners from Nationals. Our game plan was simple, full press when they had the ball and exploit our mismatch at centre-forward when we went forward. We soon opened up a comfortable lead which allowed Darren to rotate his bench giving valuable game experience to all concerned.

YthG

Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 13 – 3

Goals : Millie 10, Aileen 1, Claire 1, Lily 1

Report by Brett Pullyblank

CHOCOLATE DRIVE



Just a reminder to sell those chocolates! The club gets 50% of all money collected, so get your sales cap on!

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Our SL4 boys were meant to play the MC Soviets this week, but the KGB intercepted the team enroute to the pool, muttering something about espionage and the smuggling of Poliakov into Australia... hence they were a no-show and our boys took home the 3 points.
Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 8 - 0 (forfeit)

MSL4



Bryan

It was great to get another win on the board this week to secure second place on ladder. We were low on numbers only having just enough to fill the team. Considering this it was a rewarding 2 goal win over the MU Gropers. Each of the guys worked hard to cover the length of the pool for four quarters and Cusy in goal was on fire saving everything that came his way. Bryan top scored with 4 goals but now leaves us again on another one of his adventures for a few weeks while yours truly bagged the other 2. After the game it was back to Patony's for pizza where there seemed to be a vespa sale happening out front... Once again we are looking forward to next week to try and grab that top spot.

MSL6

Report by Brad Stellini

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 6 - 4 Goals : Bryan 4, Brad 2



Matt R and Ben C outside Patony's Pizza following the SL5 game this week...

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2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Ladders after R10

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6 #	
NYP Dragons	24	Richmond	25	DVE Aquatic	28	Essendon	27	La Trobe Uni	27	NYP Dragons	26
Richmond	23	NYP Dragons	24	NYP Dragons	24	Richmond	24	Essendon	26	Essendon	23
Footscray	22	Richmond 18s	24	LaTrobe Uni	24	MC Marlin's	16	Old Melburnians	22	Melb Uni	23
Ovens & Murray	19	Melb Uni	23	Monash Uni	15			Melb Uni	18	M-Surge Gold	22
MC Monash	12	Melb Coll	23	Melb Uni	14			DVE Aquatic	17	Monash Uni	17
Essendon	11	Footscray	18	Essendon	10			Melb Coll	8	Ajax	13
		St Cath's	17							DVE Aquatic	11
		Monash Uni	14							M-Surge Black	9
		Essendon	13							# Ladder after R9	

Top 4 teams play finals