



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 13 Match Reports



Madeleine

With exams finishing today for Maddy and Emily still in study mode, it was a fantastic effort to forgo partying and study and turn out for their club. Their presence meant we had the bare 7. We started with Maddy in goal and she showed her versatility to save several shots including two penalties to see us up by one at quarter time. A change of goalie saw Millie in the red cap as both teams were able to create good chances. With CharlotteB, AlexS, Em and Maddy all scoring, a boil over was on the cards as we led by 2 at the main break. Quarter three saw CharlotteB in goal as Richmond played with renewed urgency. Maddy, Millie and Phoebe's goals were matched at the other end as we went into the final quarter with a 2 goal break. While Richmond were working back on Em the rest of the team was stepping up to use the space and goals resulted. The last quarter was a nail biter as Richmond had plenty to play for. Every time they closed the gap we were able to score. Tenacious play by CharlotteB kept the ball alive after a shot and a penalty resulted. As Richmond pressed we got several extra man plays and Millie was able to bang home some big goals. With less than a minute to play we were up by one but calm play by Maddy meant there was no late goal to Richmond and we had the chocolates.

WSL1

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon defeated Richmond : 15 – 14 Goals : Millie 6, CharlotteB 3, AlexS 2, Maddy 2, Emily 1, Phoebe



Clare

Essendon was set to play Melbourne Collegians this week at Melbourne High. Starting off strongly, our first goal was shot by Amelia from the half way mark. We were in this to win it, ending the first quarter with a one goal lead. Our defence was strong throughout the game however due to a lack strength in our attacking half MC were able to gain momentum and dominate the score board. Team work was a prominent feature of our girls' game, however passing and lack of energy let us down overall. Clare played an excellent game scoring two of our four goals with consistent driving up forward, then dashing back and becoming extremely dangerous in defence. A massive thankyou to Brittany and SueM for stepping up from SL3 to help us out this week. GREAT WORK GIRLS!

WSL2

Report by Kate Mills and Aileen Spencer

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne Collegians : 4 – 10 Goals : Clare 2, Amelia 2



LisaAs

With only a few games left, the girls were keen to finish this competition strongly and hopefully get across the line for our first win. Our best effort to date has been a 2 goal loss. We started the day with a list of 12, but after lending a couple to the SL2 girls and losing another couple closer to game time, we ended up with 9 in the pool – which was just right. We started well, applying pressure in defence and getting the ball into CF quickly when in attack. Ashleigh did a great job in the hole but a lack of driving support gave her no options. There was plenty of swimming with Sandra in goals stopping everything and sending us back up the other end for another chance to score. By the end of the first, we were 0-1 down. At that stage we gained our more experienced CF and CB players in Sooz and LisaAs which should have meant more firepower in the 2nd. However, DVE seemed to gain confidence and started to get the better of us. Chelsea and Jaimie continued to swim hard and tried to create some opportunities around the CF but the defence was tight. Sheridan and new girl Sophie stood up well to the bigger more experienced players but our defence was showing some cracks and the goals started to come more freely for DVE despite Sandra's long arms. By three quarter time, we were 0-6 down and struggling to have a real impact. Supercoach Pullyblank asked us to settle, take our time, be patient, don't rush, use the clock, cover each other and a plethora of other terms and clichés I don't recall – but it worked a treat. We fired up in the final term with Sooz earning a 5m and converting, and the old duck LMS slotting one in on what appeared to be an almost fast break, supported by Ashleigh in case she never made it to the goal.... So a strong finish in the end, but not the win we were hoping for... but there's always next week! Special thanks to Claire's dad for doing table duty... when his daughter wasn't even playing for us!

WSL3

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon were defeated by DVE Aquatic : 2 – 7 Goals : SusanC 1, LisaMS 1

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Karly

It seemed that lots of people really missed their water polo last week, as we had a full bench when we took on our old foes this week, in Melbourne Collegians. **YthG**

The result was a tidy win to the Red and Black but there was a reasonable degree of rust. However it was very pleasing to see the work rate of a number of our newer girls who showed the future is bright for the team.

Thankyou to Lisa Flahive for being our table person.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 8 - 1

Goals : Millie 5, Claire 2, Chelsea 1



Kyle

From our foreign correspondent. Wednesday night saw the State League 4 boys take on DVE without our regular goalkeeper in the 30m pool at MSAC. A slow **MSL4**

start in the first quarter saw us behind by 2 goals. In the second quarter once the guys were warmed up we began to take control and we scored 3 unanswered goals. Lack of patience in our passing kept DVE in the game for the 3rd quarter and a few costly turn overs saw the scores level with 30 seconds to go in the final quarter. At this point Steerey stepped in and nailed a lob shot from almost half way to seal the game for Essendon.

Report by Miguel Valentim

Essendon defeated DVE Aquatic : 8 - 7

Goals : Goals: Kyle 5, MattL 1, Hayden 1, Darren 1

MSL6

Essendon played Ajax : ? - ? Goals : ?

Don't forget your wine and chocolates!
Hand in bottles/money to TMS or at training

2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Ladders after R13

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL6*
Ovens & Murray 31	Richmond 34	NYP Dragons 33	Essendon 36	Essendon 35	NYP Dragons 33
NYP Dragons 30	Richmond 18s 33	DVE Aquatic 33	Richmond 31	La Trobe Uni 35	Essendon 32
Footscray 28	NYP Dragons 32	LaTrobe Uni 30	MC Marlins 21	Old Melburnians 28	Melb Uni 30
Richmond 28	Melb Uni 29	Monash Uni 21		Melb Uni 23	M-Surge Gold 27
MC Monash 15	Melb Coll 29	Melb Uni 21		DVE Aquatic 22	Monash Uni 24
Essendon 15	St Cath's 25	Essendon 13		Melb Coll 11	Ajax 18
	Footscray 24				DVE Aquatic 16
	Monash Uni 17				M-Surge Black 12
	Essendon 15				*Ladder after R12

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

Here is the preliminary schedule for finals games :

Sat Nov 29	1st Vs 2nd (Major semi final)
Tue Dec 2	3rd Vs 4th (Minor semi final)
Thur Dec 4	Loser of Major Vs Winner of Minor (Preliminary final)
Sat Dec 6	Grand Final - winner of Major Vs winner of Preliminary

You need to have signed on, and played in :

- YthG – 3 games minimum
 - MSL4 – 5 games minimum
 - MSL6 – 5 games minimum
- to be eligible to play in a finals game