



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 14 Match Reports



AlexC

With Darren still on night shift the challenge was for our girls to replicate the standard of play of last week. Once again our opposition had to double team Em at centre forward and goals resulted from the ensuing space. A 3 nil scoreline at quarter time underlined our dominance. To their credit MC Monash lifted and were able to close the gap in the second stanza and a 4 to 3 halftime score left us far less comfortable. The arm wrestle continued in the third but with a 2 goal margin at the last break the message was strong defence and smart shot selection. Our girls showed their maturity as they did just that. MC Monash struggled to get a shot off and the resulting pressure was converted at the other end. When the final whistle sounded we had completed another excellent game to win by 4.

WSL1

Essendon defeated MC/Monash : 10 – 6 Goals : Emily 3, Millie 3, AlexC 2, CharlotteB 1, AlexS 1

Report by Brett Pullyblank



Paris

A quick whip around and help from SL3 saw us field a team of the bare 7. Thanks once again to SusanM who stepped up and played in goals and managed to keep Monash to just 6 goals. Thanks also to Sheridan from YthG/SL3 who was an instrumental part of our defence. It was a great comeback from Paris who returned after a few weeks out with knee problems. Two goals from her in the third quarter kept us in the lead. Amelia and Cathy played solidly in centre back with both scoring throughout the game. Kate showed great strength in centre forward with a goal as she was pushed under water! Natalia swam hard all night managing a number of fast breaks, shots on goal and great passes to team mates. We were in front all night and not about to let this one slip through our wet chlorine fingers!

WSL2

Essendon defeated by Monash University : 8 – 6 Goals : Amelia 3, Paris 2, Cathy 1, Kate 1, Natalia 1

Report by Cathy Steere



Jaimie

With just 2 games remaining, the SL3 girls were determined to get their first win in this competition. We had come close previously and played some very good polo, but could never put 4 solid quarters together. With 12 on paper, we ended up with just one spare for the game having helped the SL2 squad with 2 players, but were confident this game was still within our reach. As it turned out, MU only fielded 6 players – but they fought very hard and defended solidly to make it difficult for us to draw away from them, despite the flurry of goals. It took us a quarter to settle, and properly cover them. Eliza did a great job defending their main goal shooter, whilst Jaimie was popping up everywhere and shooting goals. Brittany, Ashleigh and Chelsea worked well to provide great passes into those who shot goals, as well as having a shot themselves. Susan worked hard in CF being unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal or two. Our rock was Sandra in goals, who had a great game when our defence lapsed and they had a crack at scoring, without success thanks to her long arms! The lollie jar was being handed around liberally afterwards to celebrate the first win! We thought about cracking open the wine raffle donations too! With one game left.... Can we make it 2????

WSL3

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 9 – 7 Goals : Jaimie 5, Brittany 1, Eliza 1, Ashleigh 1, LisaMS 1

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

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The youth girls had another scheduled bye this week, and will play their final "home and away" game next week against Richmond. Irrespective of whether they win or lose this game – they will be playing in the **GRAND FINAL!** Richmond and MC Marlins will play off for the other spot. **CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!** Please ensure you are available to play on Saturday Dec 6 (time to be confirmed, but games will start from 9am at MSAC).

YthG

The boys were all hyped up this week anticipating a tough encounter with La Trobe - 1st V 2nd on the ladder! But it was not to be... as the call came in late afternoon that La Trobe were unable to field a team, and giving a forfeit... at least they hadn't made the journey to MSAC in vain. Was this part of La Trobe's strategy coming into finals? Or were they a casualty of uni exams? We shall see.... The MSL4 team are now **GUARANTEED** a finals berth, irrespective of the result of their last game against the Old Melburnians... they are into the **MAJOR SEMI FINAL!** Congratulations boys!! Be sure to cancel your Saturday night dates... your game will be Nov 29, between 5-9pm

MSL4

Essendon defeated La Trobe University : 8 – 0 (forfeit received)



Bryan

Well, it was quite the perfect evening for a paddle at MSAC and Essendon rolled in with a full team and a couple for the bench against a team full of swimmers who would happily go up and down all night. The first quarter set the scene for what was a great confidence boost to the Essendon players coming closer to pointy end of the season. Some quick goals from extra man set ups, strong defence and pressure turnovers littered through out. Gilbo in goals was a wound up spring uncoiling at every opportunity and keeping the ball in Essendon's hands. The remainder of the match played out the same way it started with Bryan enjoying some centre forward action and Gilbo now out in the field making up for a couple of quarters of shots. All in all a happy night with a 9 goal victory to Essendon.

MSL6

Essendon defeated DVE Aquatic : 10 – 1

Report by Dean Durrant

Goals : shared equally

Most shots on goal: Gilbo and Bryan

Highlight of the match: Leigh winning fourth quarter swim off.

Don't forget to sell your wine raffle tickets, and hand in your wine donation to your team manager! Chocolate money is due back too!



2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Ladders after R14

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL6
Footscray 37	Richmond 18s 36	NYP Dragons 36	Essendon 39	Essendon 38	Essendon 38
Ovens & Murray 35	Richmond 35	DVE Aquatic 36	Richmond 34	La Trobe Uni 35	NYP Dragons 37
NYP Dragons 33	NYP Dragons 35	LaTrobe Uni 34	MC Marlins 22	Old Melburnians 31	Melb Uni 36
Richmond 28	Melb Coll 33	Monash Uni 23		DVE Aquatic 25	M-Surge Gold 31
Essendon 18	Melb Uni 32	Melb Uni 22		Melb Uni 24	Monash Uni 28
MC Monash 16	St Cath's 28	Essendon 16		Melb Coll 12	DVE Aquatic 20
	Footscray 25				Ajax 20
	Essendon 19				M-Surge Black 14
	Monash Uni 18				

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

Here is the preliminary schedule for finals games (all at MSAC) :

Sat Nov 29 1st Vs 2nd (Major semi final – times from 5-9pm)
 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 (GF game times from 9am)

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