



THE WEEKLY WRAP

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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.



Winter Competition - Round 4 Match Reports



Aileen

It was a night of who was available, with girls away sick, injured or on camp. So a few girls from WSL2 played up. It was a night to control the ball and practice getting good body position in defence. While we were undermanned, we held our own, setting up many shooting opportunities and only really getting scored on via their counter-attack. The score slowly widened as the game went on, but MC never took full charge of the game. This wasn't helped when Charlotte got a poke in the eye and after resting for a quarter, played the last term in goals.

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne Collegians : 6 – 15 Goals : Aileen 3, Emily 2, Paris 1

WSL1



Gaby

As the colder weather sets in so too, the WSL2 team becomes smaller and smaller. Members with colds, flu and heavy work commitments meant we only had the bare seven players tonight. Not to worry, as Footscray also started with just seven players. After the first quarter we knew we had chance. Even though we were scoreless the opposition had only scored 1 goal. They also had a number of ex National League players. So we continued to fight the hard fight, wrestling and cutting off fast breaks. Evelyn and Kate became the main ball carriers while Gabi, Cathy & Amelia created the play. Ashleigh was a stand out finding space and shooting two goals for the game. Matilda was up against some strong shooters but managed to save two out of three five metre shots. Three quarter time saw us one goal down. Unfortunately 2 quick goals to Footscray meant that we were playing catch up for the rest of the game. Two more goals from us wasn't enough with Footscray scoring a third for the quarter sealing the win for the them. A hard fought game but with room for improvement.

Report by Cathy Steere

Essendon were defeated by Footscray : 5 – 7 Goals : Gaby 3, Ashleigh 2

WSL2



Charlotte B

Our young WSL2 team (U18s) took on one of the comps oldest teams, in St.Caths. With player numbers low, we still took to the water with confidence to have enough firepower to over come them. While we continually out played them, we never put that advantage on the scoreboard. It was 1-1 at quarter time and 3-3 at halftime, proving the point. A productive third term saw us throw 3 goals and have the game by the throat, but we loosened the grip late in the quarter, so at the start of the final quarter, we were just a goal up, at 6-5. The last 6 minutes were ones to forget, as we struggled to pass, throw, shoot and defend. St.Caths found a way past us to win.

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon 18s were defeated by St. Catherine's : 7 – 8 Goals : Charlotte 3 Phoebe 2, Claire 1, Aileen 1

WSL2/18s



Susan C

With a list of 14 players, we found ourselves down to the bare seven this week, unable to get junior support. So the 'oldies' faced the prospect of a full game without subs... We took on the challenge, trying to play smarter polo that would lead to less chasing and swimming. With Sooz and As stationed at CF/CB everyone else kept moving and trying to create some drive. Jules worked hard to find front water a few times, but couldn't find the back of the net. Brittany positioned herself well and slotted a nice goal from out wide. Mel got back into the action with some sneaky shots that the keeper missed, whilst LisaMS generally flustered about trying to get from one end to the other above water. Sandra was solid in goals keeping us in the game, but LisaAs was inspiring, getting kickouts and turnovers for the team. Sooz worked hard in CF often without reward but still managed a couple of goals. The game was tight, and went goal-for goal. Sadly, we were not ahead when the final whistle blew... but once again, we have proved to ourselves, that a bunch of oldies still have what it takes! We just need a little fine-tuning...and some fitness!

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon was defeated by La Trobe University Reds : 5 – 6 Goals : Susan C 1, LisaAs 1, LisaMS 1, Sarah 1

WSL3

Winter Competition - Round 4 Match Reports

The Youth Girls had a scheduled bye on Tuesday night, but will play Ovens & Murray on Sunday.

YthG

MSL4



Darren

The Essendon boys were lucky enough to play indoors on Wednesday night, but it was a shame that luck didn't go into the pool with them. The boys missed 5 goals from just 2m out in the first quarter, then talked a lot about it at the break. From then on, we rallied and dominated the rest of the game. There was some great team work and excellent passing to a player's advantage. Speical thanks must go to Steerey for coaching even though he had half of his teeth missing and couldn't stop dribbling. Everyone played well. It was a great team effort - so let's keep it up. Get to training on Monday night - and let's work on our fitness.

Essendon defeated La Trobe University : 12 - 5

Goals : Kyle 2, Lee 2, Joe 2, Bill 2, Ozan 2, Miguel 1, Bernard 1 Report by Marcus Jones

Tom scored a goal as our goalie. Massive effort to put us on top of the ladder.

Report by Ben Cusack

MSL6

Essendon defeated DVE Aquatic : 17 - 0

Goals : Ben 1, Leigh 4, Bryan 2, DeanG 1, Lucas 3, Tom 3, DeanD 1, Matt K2

2015 WINTER COMPETITION - Ladders after R4

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL6*
MelbColl 12	Richmond 18s 11	DVE Aquatic 12	Ovens & Murray 12	DVE Aquatic 11	Mon SeaLions 9
Ovens & Murray 12	Monash Blue 10	NYP Dragons 10	RichPanthers 11	Essendon 10	Essendon 9
NYP Dragons 6	Footscray 9	LaTrobe Red 8	RichTigers 9	La Trobe Uni 9	Melb Uni 8
Essendon 1	St Cath's 9	LaTrobe Black 8	Essendon 7	Old Melburnians 7	NYP Dragons 6
	NYP Dragons 8	Essendon 6	MC Marlins 7	Melb Uni 7	Mon Penguins 5
	Melb Uni 7	Monash Uni 4			Melb Surge 5
	Essendon 18s 7				Ajax 3
	Essendon 7				DVE Aquatic 3
	MelbColl 6				
	Monash Yellow 5				

The top 2 teams in each grade play off in a Grand Final

* Ladder after R3

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Water Polo

WEDDINGS

It was action aplenty last weekend - with two water polo weddings!
Former Essendon women's player Janina Revill married long-time partner Shan whilst our former men's player David Piper married Rae... We wish them all the best for a fabulous future together! ♥♥♥♥♥