



# THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

## Winter Competition - Round 7 Match Reports

The WSL1 girls will play their final game (Round 7) on Sunday against Ovens & Murray at the Greensborough pool. Unfortunately, this is a dead rubber... as the game result will not change the grand final contenders. The girls will finish 3rd for the competition. **WSL1**



Cathy

Our last game of the season saw us struggle with our game play and defending an onslaught of counter attacks. St Catherine's fielded a depleted side of only 5 field players! We thought this was our chance to put another win on the board. Alas it was not to be! A number of our main players were absent. We were rescued by our junior players which meant we then had 2 on the bench. Our extra man set up was strong but communication was lacking as we failed to look for the open player and instead shooting too early only to miss the goal. This resulted in the fast breaks that helped St Cath's to their convincing win. A few more of our senior players will be back for next season so hopefully we can consolidate on a regular team and consistent numbers. Thanks to all the juniors who stepped up this season to help out, particularly when most of our games were scheduled for the late time slot!

**WSL2**

Report by Cathy Steere

**Essendon were defeated by St Catherine's : 2 – 9 Goals : Clare 2**



Emily

Essendon was in control from start to finish against an experienced Footscray line up. With a large bench the direction was to play an up tempo game when we had possession and a close press one when defending. The longer the game went on, the more we got on top. A combination of slick passes created room and goals followed. The scoring was shared as Footscray left several of our younger girls only to find them putting the ball into the back of the net.

**WSL2/18s**

**Essendon defeated Footscray : 14 – 6**

**Goals : Maddy 3, Phoebe 2, Aileen 2, Claire 1, Paris 1, Kate 1, Millie 1, Charlotte 1, Emily 1, Sarah 1**

Report by Brett Pullyblank



Chelsea

Once again we found ourselves down to just the bare 7 players, from a squad size of 14 – with 5 “oldies” and just 2 junior speedsters to see us through. We jumped out of the blocks quickly and scored the first goal of the game inside 30 secs, surprising our opposition – and ourselves. Things settled down, and the one-on-one tussles began. NYP had a full bench of 6, and rotated their entire team each break, so always had fresh legs. A few passes let us down in the first, so we came to the bench 1-2 down at quarter time. The rest was short – and tiring already, we got smashed in the second, allowing quick turnarounds, not switching players and not chasing (some of us were already stuffed!). We failed to put one-on-one pressure in defence – allowing them to throw goals at liberty from 5-7m hitting the corners.

**WSL3**

The halftime score blew out to 2-8. We rallied in the third, and applied better defence keeping them to just 2 goals but we made poor choices in attack and often had shots when a better option was available. We were able to carry this through into the final quarter, keeping them down to a goal, but again we wasted valuable attacking chances (fast breaks, steals and turnovers) by not passing the ball on quick enough before the options were covered. Despite our poor efforts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we did pretty well overall. Thanks to Georgina and Chelsea for doing 70% of the team's swimming, Michelle on the table and Julie, Liam and Peter in the coaches chairs for support.

**Essendon was defeated by NYP Dragons : 3 – 11 Goals : Susan 2, Brittany 1**

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

## GRAND FINALS FIXTURE – ALL GAMES AT MSAC

- Tues June 16 : YthG at 6.30pm / WSL2/18s at 7.15pm / WSL3 at 7.15pm / WSL1 at 8.00pm
- Weds June 17 : YthB at 6.30pm / 18s at 7.15pm / **MSL4 Essendon Vs DVE Aquatic at 7.15pm** / MSL1 at 8pm
- Thurs June 18 : MSL3 at 7.00pm / **MSL6 Essendon Vs Melb Uni at 7.00pm** / MSL2 at 7.45pm / MSL5 at 7.45pm



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Millie

Tuesday night posed a number of questions to this writer. Why do we play a water sport outdoors in winter? Does hypothermia reduce the capacity to play or does a sense of survival make girls swim harder? Finally, can I get a jumper in the same color blue as the girl in the interchange box? We started well with an early goal but for much of the game we seemed to be battling the elements and occasionally our opposition. Half-time saw the score tied up at 2 all and by the end of the third we held a slender one goal lead. The final quarter saw us thaw out and up the tempo to win a hard fought game.

**YthG**

**Essendon defeated the Richmond Tigers : 7 – 5**

Goals : Millie 4, Claire 2, Aileen 1

Report by Brett Pullyblank



Kyle

The MSL4 team arrived at MSAC with the pressure of a must win game to make the GF. The nerves got to many of the players so much so that they didn't turn up to the match - as we only had one on the bench. Once we received some soothing words from coach Steere ('shoot more goals than the opposition to win') the boys went to work. The first quarter had some fantastic play by the fellas which resulted in a 2-0 lead at the break. This was not enough for coach Steere who asked the team 'to lift' and stop all scoring opportunities for the opposition. Dear Readers, I am pleased to announce that this is exactly what we did – until ½ time anyway.... In the end we dominated the match with some great play at both ends of the pool. With a great Goal Difference we made the GF next week - special thanks to Kyle and MattyL.

**MSL4**

**Essendon defeated the Old Melburnians : 10 – 2** Goals : Kyle 4, Lee 3, Bill 2, Hayden 1 Report by Marcus Jones



Bryan

It was 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder this week – with Melb Uni fighting for a finals place, whilst we were a shoe-in. They had to win and came out swinging, and we were 4-1 down before we knew it. They swam hard and fast for a bunch of old guys and we were lucky not to be further behind. We had lots of loose passes especially into centre forward where they sloughed off us. We learnt to pass it around the top and managed to score several goals to close the gap at 6-7, but they got one more on us to finish up. Great games by MattyR and Lucas. We face these guys again next week in the GF – and hopefully overturn the result.

**MSL6**

**Essendon were defeated by Melbourne University : 6 – 8** Goals : TBC

Report by Bryan Wee

## 2015 WINTER COMPETITION - Ladders after R7

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL6*
Ovens & Murray 16	Richmond 18s 18	DVE Aquatic 21	Ovens & Murray 21	Essendon 18	Essendon 18
MelbColl 15	Melb Uni 16	NYP Dragons 17	RichPanthers 17	DVE Aquatic 18	Melb Uni 16
Essendon 11	Essendon 18s 16	LaTrobe Black 15	Essendon 14	La Trobe Uni 18	Mon SeaLions 15
NYP Dragons 9	Monash Blue 16	LaTrobe Red 13	RichTigers 12	Melb Uni 13	NYP Dragons 13
	St Cath's 16	Monash Uni 9	MC Marlins 12	Old Melburnians 10	Ajax 10
	NYP Dragons 13	Essendon 9			Mon Penguins 9
	Essendon 12				Melb Surge 8
	Footscray 12				DVE Aquatic 6
	Monash Yellow 10				
	MelbColl 9				

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

\* Ladder after R6

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