



# THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

## State Championships - Round 4 Match Reports



Belinda

Illness, injury, school camps and national duties meant that our SL1 team had the **WSL1** bare 7 players in direct contrast to MC who had girls who didn't even get changed as there was no room on the bench. The game was goal for goal for the first three quarters as our girls played their hearts out to defy the odds. A third major for Bel just before the final break meant that Essendon played the entire last quarter on empty with one player down. Inevitably MC were able to draw away to score what appeared on paper an easy win but the truth is a far different thing and we can look to future contests with confidence that the addition of key members and a bench will make us a far different proposition when we meet next.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

**Essendon were defeated by Melbourne Collegians : 12 – 18 Goals : Belinda 5, Millie 4, Charlotte 2, Emily 1**



Cathy

A bye for the SL3 women allowed us to borrow two of their more experienced **WSL2** players in Lisa As and Sandra. Sandra's goalie experience was put to the test with a hard fighting, strong shooting opposition. Gabi opened up the game with a blistering shot to be closely followed by her second. Amelia swam hard all game, directing traffic and passing off for others to convert a number of goals. Cathy wrestled in centre back earning a number of turn overs. Kate found her mojo and converted 2 great shots from deep. Ashleigh and Matilda supported the team all game as ball carriers while keeping their players from scoring. Lisa As, as always, refused to let anything or anyone passed her! The whole game saw us coordinate well with each other and use the space around the goals effectively. At the final siren we had notched

up our first win for the season. Well done girls!

Report by Cathy Steere

**Essendon defeated Monash Yellow : 8 – 5 Goals: Gabi 4, Cathy 2, Kate 2**



Phoebe

Melbourne University started the game with a very specific plan, to play a drop on our centre forward, this in turn meant that our girls needed to **WSL2/18s** find a variety of routes to goal which they did with aplomb. Our capacity to find the open player meant that the University team was always trying to adjust. Apart from a brief period at the start of the second half we were in total control and the final margin probably flattered our opposition.

**Essendon 18s defeated Melbourne University : 12 – 5**

**Goals : Charlotte 5, Millie 4, Phoebe 2, Sarah 1**

Report by Brett Pullyblank

The WSL3 had a scheduled bye this week with most enjoying a night off... Up next week we face La Trobe University, in the outdoor pool at 7.10pm

**WSL3**



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Matilda

Essendon came up against one of their main rivals with a number of girls missing so the challenge was going to be how well we could stick to the game plan. The game was a close affair over the first half with each side finding goals hard to come by. As the game progressed Richmond were able to score a couple of quick goals and the pressure to score in turn lead to some errors on our part which in turn resulted in the score line blowing out. There were some promising moments when the girls strung a number of passes together which created goal scoring opportunities but goals proved elusive.

**YthG**

Report by Brett Pullyblank

**Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 2 – 7**



Miguel

Wednesday evening saw the boys taking on the Old Xavier at Melbourne High. We got off to a good start and we sat 4 – 0 up at the end of the first quarter. Messy play and a rash of badly directed shots saw the score remain at 4 – 0 at the turn. Passes started to come together towards the end of the third quarter as we began to take more and more control of the game. While our play and the scoreboard do not translate how dominant we were in the second half of the game we rounded off our evening with a comfortable 8 goal victory.

**MSL4**

Report by Miguel Valentim

**Essendon defeated Old Xaverians : 12 – 3**

Goals : Ozan 3, Bill 2, Kyle 2, Lee 2, Bernard 1, Darren 1

**Essendon defeated Ajax : 13 – 4**

Goals : Lucas 4, Bryan 2, Daniel 2, Tom 2, DeanD 1, NickD 1

**MSL6**

Men's SL6 team



## State Championships – Ladders After Round 3

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4#	MSL6*
Essendon 10	Essendon 18s 9	NYP Dragons 9	MC Marlins 9	Old Melburnians 4	NYP Dragons 6
Footscray 8	Melb Coll 9	LaTrobe Uni 7	Richmond 7	La Trobe Uni 3	Melb Coll 6
NYP Dragons 7	NYP Dragons 9	Monash Uni 6	Essendon 5	Essendon 3	Essendon 6
Melb Coll 5	Richmond 18s 7	Essendon 6	MC Dolphins 3	Old Xaverians 3	DVE Aquatic 4
Ovens & Murray 1	Monash Yellow 7	DVE Aquatic 5		Melb Uni 2	M-Surge Black 3
	Monash Blue 5			DVE Aquatic 1	Ajax 3
	Melb Uni 5				Monash Uni 2
	Essendon 5				M-Surge Silver 2
	Footscray 4				
	St Cath's 4				
	Richmond 3				

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

# R1 ladder with one R2 game included

\* Ladder after R2