



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 7 Match Reports



Madeleine

With a number of girls unavailable before the night and more late withdrawals our preparation was juggling players between the three senior teams and when the dust settled we had to take on Footscray with no bench. One positive was all three teams played so no fines for forfeits, but all teams were compromised. As was the case last week early on the game was nip and tuck with a goal margin each way for the first three quarters. Special mention to Aileen who played as goalie and did a great job. The final term saw Footscray draw ahead to win a tightly fought game.

WSL1

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon were defeated by Footscray : 10 – ? Goals : Emily 6, Madeleine 2, Millie 2



Clare

It was with anticipation and hope that we began the match against arch rivals, St Catherine's. We had the bare minimum with seven players but we remained positive. Both teams stayed scoreless in the first quarter with plenty of swimming and shots at goal. The second quarter saw St Cath's surge ahead with three goals while we remained scoreless. The girls were not lacking in effort, earning kickouts, turnovers and pressing hard in defence. Unfortunately our offense was slow and lacking in shooting accuracy. Clare scored our only goal in the third quarter with St Cath's scoring another 5. It was a good game to improve on fitness, with plenty of swimming. Hopefully, with our full team back on deck next week, we can put a win on the board

WSL2

Report by Cathy Steere

Essendon were defeated by St. Catherine's : 1 – 8 Goals : Clare 1



Kate

As is often the case when playing SL2 teams the challenge was to make the game about quick ball movement and not a physical confrontation. After a slow start we were able to expose Nunawading with clean ball use and positive and aggressive attack on goal. A measure of the pressure we placed on the defense was that two goals were scored off defender hands as they scrambled to protect their goal. In the end we recorded a comfortable win.

WSL2/18s

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon 18s defeated the NYP Dragons : 7 – 4 Goals : Millie 4, Sarah 1, Matilda 1, Kate 1



Julia

This week we came up against DVE, who will managed to defeat in Round 2 by a goal after the final siren had gone. It was our best game of this comp so far. So we were keen to go in hard and try to repeat the performance. DVE obviously had other ideas, and were desperate to avoid another shock loss to the Essendon "oldies". So the battle began, and it was clear where this game was headed. We struggled to keep possession after getting the ball, and subsequently didn't make good use of our 30sec attack. There were panic throws, and loose opposition players making turnovers a painful outcome. Our switching and covering was poor, and players looked tired (says the one sitting on the table... not doing any of the swimming!). A lack lustre effort all round this week, despite some solid junior support... We'll need to step up next week and have a better crack at the "very beatable" Monash team who we drew with in R3.

WSL3

Essendon were defeated by DVE Aquatic : 1 – 6 Goals : Jaimie 1

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

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Lily

Tuesday night provided a number of lessons. The 6.30 start saw Richmond in the water and warming up using the goal positioned by MSAC staff while our girls were still getting organized. As a consequence our warm up consisted of putting the mid pool goal in place. Our start reflected this and an observer early on would have predicted a one sided affair (Lesson One). As the game unfolded our girls started to put pressure on Richmond without giving away cheap fouls, and as a result we were able to dry up their scoring and get back into the game (Lesson Two). As our energy levels increased Richmond started to make errors and chances in front of goal appeared (Lesson Three). In the end we managed to draw level, but the challenge for our girls with the Nationals in Perth looming, is to heed the lessons and show the rest of

YthG

Australia the club we are all so proud of.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon drew with Richmond : 5 – 5 Goals : Lily 3, Paris 2



Bill

Had a good win this week. Played a much slimmer side than us. First half was fairly even with both sides scoring a few goals through errors. Momentum in the second half swung in our favour with some prolific scoring from Lee and rock solid keeping from Matty L. Nick might be stuck in the field from now on. Keep up the good work guys and make sure we don't peek to early!

MSL4

Report by Bill Bowring

Essendon defeated Old Melburnians : 12 – 7

Goals : Lee 6, MrX 6



Men's SL6 team for Round 7

MSL6

Essendon defeated Melbourne Surge Black : 16 – 2
Goals : Lucas 6, DeanG 3, Tom 3, Daniel 2, Deand 2

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State Championships – Ladders After Round 7

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4*		MSL6*	
Footscray	20	Essendon 18s	21	NYP Dragons	21	Richmond	18	La Trobe Uni	13	Melb Coll	15
NYP Dragons	20	Melb Coll	19	LaTrobe Uni	17	MC Marlin	18	Essendon	11	Essendon	14
Melb Coll	16	Richmond 18s	17	DVE Aquatic	14	Essendon	11	NYP Aquatic	11	NYP Dragon	12
Essendon	14	NYP Dragons	16	Monash Uni	13	MC Dolphins	9	Old Melburnians	11	Monash Uni	9
Ovens & Murray 12		Monash Yellow	15	Essendon	12			Old Xaverians	9	M-Surge Black	8
		Monash Blue	14					Melb Uni	4	DVE Aquatic	7
		Melb Uni	13							Ajax	7
		Footscray	12							M-Surge Silver	7
		Richmond	11								
		St Cath's	10								
		Essendon	10								

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

* Ladder after Round 5

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