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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 10 Match Reports

The WSL1 team had their Ovens & Murray game postponed, but I have it on good authority that it will indeed be happening this Saturday.... so here comes the ROAD TRIP! **WSL1**



Ashleigh

Another night scrambling for players with juniors filling the void. This game was going to be tough as we were only able to field six players with others pulling out at the eleventh hour. What we didn't expect was that we were 2-3 at three quarter time! It was a great 8meter shot from Amelia that kept us in the game. Cathy and LisaAndo confused the opposition by setting up two centre forwards. Ashleigh and Chelsea played like seasoned veterans showing greater strength and team play. We knew we still had a chance if we kept up our strong defence in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately it wasn't to be. Monash Blues stepped up their effort and capitalised on our fatigue by scoring another 3 goals to our none for the quarter. It was a great effort by all under difficult conditions. **WSL2**

Essendon defeated Monash Blue : 2 – 6 Goals : Amelia 2

Report by Cathy Steere



Paris

As usual the more mature Richmond side tried to use their greater experience to expose their younger opponents. This proved fruitless as Essendon settled into their game, working as a team to negate their centre forward and creating space in attack to facilitate some potent shooting. While Richmond managed to score at intervals we always had their measure and ran out comfortable winners. **WSL2/18s**

Essendon 18s defeated Richmond : 11 – 6

Goals : Millie 8, Aileen 2, Paris 2

Report by Brett Pullyblank



Sandra

After having 3 weeks out of the pool and the weather being perfect for a dip we were all eager to get back into the pool and give it a go. It was great to have LisaMS back after her finger injury, and she proved to be a gun in the pool. We got the jump on LaTrobe when we scored the first goal quite quickly and they were almost as shocked as we were... It was a lovely shot from Susan at centre forward. LaTrobe settled down and started to get serious, but we continued to be solid in defence and forcing turnovers but putting them under pressure. We really had them rattled... and they began to indulge in some dirty tricks to gain the upper hand. The game remained close, with Jaimie showing her speed and skill to secure our second goal from a fast break, lifting our spirits and confidence. This continued when LisaMS threw a clean pass to Melinda in front of goal for a nice put away. We played an excellent defensive game by sticking to them closely and giving them little chance to pull away. Sandra, as per her usual excellent self was quick to stop any ball coming her way, including a 7m penalty throw. Overall it was an excellent effort given by all. **WSL3**

Essendon drew with La Trobe University : 3 – 3 Goals : Susan 1, Jaimie 1, Melinda 1

Report by Melinda Childs

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Georgina

The game started at a rapid pace as Essendon went goal for goal with Richmond with Ash on fire at centre-forward. Unfortunately we were unable to maintain the tempo and Richmond began to draw away. While we made several great opportunities at goal our finish lacked the polish to reap goals. We continued to try hard but our best work by far was in the first quarter.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 3 – 9

Goals : Ashleigh 3

YthG



Marcus

The MSL4 boys struggled for numbers this week as a number of players were MIA and the team manager did a poor job in organising the team. This resulted in only 7 players coming to play which meant lots of pool time. The first half ended with the scores tied at 5 all with the Essendon boys tiring. We started the third quarter confident and focusing on defence. We defended hard stopped the oppositions scoring opportunities but struggled to create our own. The boys were very fatigued in the final quarter and struggled with both ends of the pool.

Report by Marcus Jones

Essendon were defeated by La Trobe University : 6 – 9 Goals : Lee 3, Kyle 2, Rucus 1

MSL4



Matt K, Bryan and Dean D celebrating after the game

MSL6

Essendon defeated Monash University : 17 – 2
Goals : Tom 7, DeanD 3, BenC 2, MattK 2, Bryan 1, DeanG 1, MattR 1



Ben C

State Championships – Ladders After Round 10

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6*	
Footscray	26	Essendon 18s	27	NYP Dragons	30	Richmond	27	La Trobe Uni	26	Essendon	23
NYP Dragons	24	Richmond 18s	26	LaTrobe Uni	23	MC Marins	21	DVE Aquatic	24	Melb Coll	22
Ovens & Murray	21	Melb Coll	24	DVE Aquatic	21	Essendon	17	Essendon	21	NYP Dragons	21
Melb Coll	18	NYP Dragons	23	Essendon	19	MC Dolphins	15	Old Melburnians	20	Monash Uni	14
Essendon	17	Melb Uni	22	Monash Uni	17			Old Xaverians	14	Ajax	14
		Monash Blue	20					Melb Uni	9	M-Surge Black	13
		Footscray	19							DVE Aquatic	10
		Monash Yellow	18							M-Surge Silver	10
		Richmond	17								
		St Cath's	15								
		Essendon	15								

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

* ladder after R8