



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 11 Match Reports



Emily

A must win game turned into a could we avoid a forfeit when we had a meagre six players present at the pool. Alex, Em, Millie, Charlotte, Katie and Aileen had the daunting task of beating a full Nunawading bench. Early on our girls were brave and smart to be down by one at the first break. We continued to push Nunawading to be down by two just before half time. As is the case when playing one down the occasional defensive breakdown resulted in a goal in spite of a magnificent game by Katie as goalie. Up front the extra player could sit in front of centre-forward so every goal was hard earned. The arrival of Bel just on half time made it even but the effort to cover for the entire first half came at a price. Nunawading pulled away in the third but our girls fought on gamely to push the opposition to the very end.

WSL1

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 7 – 13 Goals : Emily 2, Millie 2, Belinda 2, Charlotte 1



Sarah

Woohoo!! Winners are grinners!! After many weeks of graciously accepting defeat, the SL2 girls notched up a convincing win against Richmond. We were moments away from calling a forfeit as Cathy rang around to find two more players. LisaMS acted as our recruit officer snaring the services of Sarah and Matilda. We were off and running... well swimming actually! 5-3 at half time and we could smell victory in the air. We just needed to defend hard and capitalise on all scoring opportunities. A left handed goal by Cathy, a leaping post shot from LisaAndo, a scrambling steal and shot by Sarah, a bullet shot from Ashleigh, an 8metre shot from Amelia, a signature right hand deep shot from Gab, and a diving save from Matilda all contributed to a convincing 14-6 win!!! Finals here we come (As long as we

WSL2

win all our remaining games... piece of cake!!)

Report by Cathy Steere

Essendon defeated Richmond : 14 – 6 Goals : Amelia 4, Gabi 4, Cathy 2, Sarah 2, LisaAn 1, Ashleigh 1

The U18s had a scheduled bye this week, and will come up against the Essendon 2s for their next game

WSL2/18s



LisaAs

With a couple of regulars away for our game, this didn't deter our enthusiasm brought on by the juniors that helped us play this week. Our girls were very strong during the first quarter of the game with Jamie scoring the first goal. Up in centre forward, she did a great job with lots of help passing to her to make opportunities happen. Second quarter we were still in the vibe and on point considering it was the top team and it was 1-1 by half time. As the third quarter began, Julia received her 3rd foul and was kicked out of the game. That left us with no more spares on the bench, which we desperately needed against this fast fit side. This was the start of our downfall. Tiredness got the better of the "old chooks" and NYP began their assault and fast breaks. In a show of strength, LisaAs shot our remaining goal.

WSL3

We took a few more risks during the second half of the game. Unfortunately, our defence was lacking in the last quarter and our great vibe died. Thankyou to Georgia, Andrea and Susan for filling in for Sandra our goalie. On a side note: As penance for the kickout, Julia "offered" to write the wrap this week.

Report by Julia Niemczyk

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 2 – 8 Goals : Jaimie 1, LisaAs 1

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Essendon were defeated by the MC Dolphins : 4 – 8

Goals : TBC

YthG

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 9 – 5

Goals : Kyle 3, Oman 2, Nick 1, Marcus 1, Matt K 1, Matt L 1

MSL4



Round 11
Men's SL4 team



DeanG

This week we seemed to be lacking in organisation skills and numbers. With just 6 players at MSAC for the start of the game, we were relieved to see Tom arrive, having come (oops!) via Melbourne High... and so we just managed to start the game with the bare 7. Being somewhat frazzled, things didn't start well for us, and we were down 1-2 at quarter time. We started to get our act together in the second, and consolidated in the third with some nice passages of play, and 3 unanswered goals. By the 4th quarter, Ajax were starting to reel us in, and we did well under pressure to keep them at bay and secure a win. Two main highlights were Lucas' 5 steals/turnovers and DeanGs 3 backhanders goals (you'd think the GK would have woken up to this after the 2nd!). A shaky start, but a solid finish.

MSL6

Essendon defeated Ajax :8 – 6 Goals : DeanG 3, Brad 2, Jose 1, MattR, Lucas 1

Report by Bryan Wee

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State Championships – Ladders After Round 11

WSL1		WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL4		MSL6*	
NYP Dragons	28	Essendon 18s	30	NYP Dragons	33	Richmond	30	La Trobe Uni	28	Essendon	26
Ovens & Murray	27	Richmond 18s	29	LaTrobe Uni	26	MC Marins	22	DVE Aquatic	26	Melb Coll	25
Footscray	26	Melb Coll	27	DVE Aquatic	22	Essendon	18	Essendon	24	NYP Dragons	24
Melb Coll	21	NYP Dragons	26	Essendon	20	MC Dolphins	18	Old Melburnians	21	Ajax	15
Essendon	19	Melb Uni	23	Monash Uni	20			Old Xaverians	17	Monash Uni	15
		Monash Blue	21					Melb Uni	10	M-Surge Black	14
		Footscray	20							DVE Aquatic	13
		Monash Yellow	19							M-Surge Silver	11
		Richmond	18								
		St Cath's	18								
		Essendon	18								

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

* ladder after R9