



THE WEEKLY WRAP



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The informal Newsletter of the Essendon Water Polo Club Inc.

State Championships - Round 14 Match Reports

WSL1 – MINOR SEMI FINAL



Paris

This season has been very disjointed with girls missing each week either because of studies, national camps or the normal comings and goings. The result was, although we had a strong team on paper we had just scrapped into fourth place, and a spot in the finals. Our strongest line-up on paper ventured to Greensborough to take on Nunawading. The game highlighted how important it is to play as a team as Nunawading, who did just that were able to shut down Essendon who failed to fire a shot. Our inability to maintain possession early in the game meant we seldom put the goal under pressure and when we did shoot we seemed to continually hit the frame. All-in-all the lesson was simple. In order to improve we need to find time to train as a team in order to play as a team.

Report by Brett Pullyblank

Essendon were defeated by the NYP Dragons : 3 – 14 Goals : Lily 2, Paris 1



Matilda

It's a good night when you have 12 players with 5 on the bench. We could all get used to this except we only have one more game for the season!! It was an even better night when we scored the first goal against the young and agile, Richmond u18 side. Sandra once again stepped up from SL3 and played a great game in goals. Half time saw us down by one but our defence was shutting the Richmond side down. We had many shots on goal but failed to convert. A more focused second half was needed if we were to remain competitive. The remaining two quarters saw us outplay Richmond by 2 goals. A great effort for all the girls with plenty of rest keeping us fresh throughout the game.

Report by Cathy Steere

Essendon defeated Richmond U18s : 7 – 6 Goals : Gabi 3, Amelia 1, LisaAn 1, Matilda 1, Cathy 1



Phoebe

The u16s also playing this grade, had to hang around till nearly 9pm before re-entering the water to take on an older, more experienced Monash team. With Millie away on an Australian camp, we started well with two goals during the first quarter, only to have Monash strike back right on the hooter. 2-1. A tight second term saw both teams just scoring one goal each. 3-2. Charlotte departed the game at half time, and it was game on as we turned the ball over repeatedly in front of goal. We did manage to score twice, but Monash did one better, to see the game tied up at three quarter time, 5-5. The last term was action packed as again we stifled our attacking opportunities with bad passing and turn overs in front of goal. Monash gaged a goal late in the piece to take the lead. Phoebe found herself with the ball in our half of the pool, with six seconds on the clock and everyone screaming "SHOOT!". She let it fly, making the goalie reach high, and fumble the ball, and to everyone's amazement the ref declared the ball didn't cross the line.!

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon 18s were defeated by Monash : 5 – 16 Goals : Phoebe 2, Sarah 1, Charlotte 1, Aileen 1

The WSL3 had another scheduled bye this week, and will play their final game of the competition next week against the 2nd placed La Trobe University... though there is still a small chance the girls will be involved in the finals, pending the results of the last two R15 games. Even if we lose our final game – we could still finish 4th.....

WSL3

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Jaimie

Our Yth girls are still struggling to play with any real intensity. Again we started off slow, with our full press defence working reasonably well, and MC never looked like scoring, but then neither did we. Quarter time was 0-0. The game stayed in this neutral mode until we slotted in the first of the game to lead at the main break, 1-0. We had a much better third term, scoring 2 goals while holding MC scoreless..... Our full press defence finally looked more like "full" now, and we were unlucky not to hold MC goalless for the whole game, when they threw the Hail Mary, to get themselves on the board. A better game than last week as we move towards finals.

YthG

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians Dolphins : 4 – 1 Goals : Sarah 2, Lily 1, Sheridan 1

We won 13-3. We were good after halftime. Report by Marcus Jones

Essendon defeated Old Xaverians : 13 – 3 Goals : TBC

MSL4

Essendon defeated Melbourne Surge Black : 10 – 4

Goals : MattK 3, Lucas 2, DeanD 2, DeanG 1, Ben 1, Bryan 1

MSL6

Men's SL6 team for Round 14



State Championships – Ladders After Round 14

WSL1	WSL2	WSL3	YthG	MSL4	MSL6*
Footscray 38	Richmond 18s 36	NYP Dragons 42	Richmond 37	Essendon 36	Essendon 35
Ovens & Murray 37	Essendon 18s 35	LaTrobe Uni 33	Essendon 27	La Trobe Uni 35	Melb Coll 34
NYP Dragons 37	NYP Dragons 34	DVE Aquatic 29	MC Marlins 25	DVE Aquatic 35	NYP Dragons 29
Essendon 25	Melb Coll 32	Essendon 25	MC Dolphins 23	Old Melburnians 23	Ajax 22
Melb Coll 24	Melb Uni 30	Monash Uni 25		Old Xaverians 20	Monash Uni 20
	Monash Blue 28			Melb Uni 15	DVE Aquatic 20
	Monash Yellow 28				M-Surge Black 17
	St Cath's 26				M-Surge Silver 14
	Essendon 25				
	Footscray 22				
	Richmond 21				

The top 4 teams play off in a finals series

* ladder after 13



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