

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB

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2019 State Championships – Round 2

WSL2

It was a big switch from the humidity of Sth Korea and the World Championships, to the cold of Melbourne. But it was great to see all the smiling faces and the buzz that Maddy's medal had on people. Heading indoors to the dive pool we faced Footscray for our first game this comp, having had a bye last week. Footscray is a far more experienced team than us, so we we're going to swim, swim, swim. We got off to a nice start with the ball bouncing around a bit, but we managed to control the game and score through LisaW, LisaA and Alex. Then again thru Alex with a penalty, up 4-0 at the break. Footscray adjusted in the second, scoring 2 goals to match the ones from Camille and LisaA. So the halftime lead was stable at 6-2. We were controlling the game and getting Footscray consistently kicked out. Kate was strong in goals and we moved Sophie into CB duties, which she held her own well. Sarah, Claudia and Mietta were dangerous in front of goals, but we scored through Lilly, LisaA adding her third and another penalty taken by Alex, giving us a comfortable 9-3 lead. The last quarter saw Footscray get a little frustrated as we continually harassed them. Camille was our sole scorer in the last with a nice goal and then taking a penalty to finish off the game.



LisaAndo

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon defeated Footscray : 11 – 6 Goals : LisaAndo 3, Camille 3, Alex 3, Lilly 1, LisaW 1

WSL3

After the disappointment of not being able to play last week (LaTrobe forfeited) we were chomping at the bit to get into the pool for game 1. With a list of 13 players, we had 10 available which gave us the perfect bench size to rotate players throughout. With a strained back muscle, I was forced to watch the girls from the table whilst juggling the shotclock, and from the sidelines... well everyone's an armchair critic, right? It was not a pretty game... lots of crap passes, plenty of missed goals, a muffed interchange that cost us a penalty (thankfully not converted) and scrappy unstructured play. But there were plenty of highlights too. We welcomed back Clare, who's been busy with twins, but still had her throwing arm in tune slotting one in. Amelia and Gab added substantially to the goal tally as per usual, Sher made her presence felt on the backline and also put one away whilst Sally is making a name for herself up front scoring too. Sandra was hot in goals stopping some crack shots, Susan directed play from the back and at CF scoring a goal, before heading into goals to unleash Sandra whilst Georgia and Heidi were consistent in applying pressure forcing turnovers and snuffing out attacks and LisaAs conducted play from point with passes into centre and covering loose players when we missed a shot. So a good start to our campaign with plenty of room to improve.



Clare

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon defeated the NYP Dragons : 8 – 2

Goals : Amelia 3, Clare 1, Gab 1, Susan 1, Sally 1, Sheridan 1

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Friday August 23rd
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Windy Hill Social Club - HiMarque Room
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WEEKLY WRAP

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YthG



Camille

Outside, warding off the frosty breeze as the steam lifted off the pool, we tried to see Footscray at the other end. After missing the opening game last week, I was keen to see our new look team in action. We decided before the game to full press all around the pool and to see what they had. This plan worked as our pressure caused them to turn the ball over creating attacking opportunities. Claudia with 2, Camille with 2 and a single to Lilly saw the scoreboard 5-0 at the first break. This continued in the second quarter with plenty of shooting, but only Mietta scoring 2 goals, one a nice backhand, now at 7-0. We settled down to business in the 3rd, with Mietta banging in four goals, being on the end of some nice play by Lara, Lucy, Lilly and Claudia. Miranda was having a quiet game in goals with not much to do. Camille chimed in with 2 goals to push to lead out to 13-0. Our two new girls to 16's Clementine & Georgia were busy all game and Georgia found herself in the right spot to shoot home a goal, Camille added another and Mietta two more. A very pleasant welcome home for me. *Report by Darren Steere*

Essendon defeated Footscray : 17 – 0 Goals : Mietta 8, Camille 5, Claudia 2, Lilly 1, Georgia 1

MSL5



Vince

This week was a tight game across the four quarters against the consistently top ranked Collegians team who brought plenty of swimming depth that constantly challenged our defence. We got the early jump on them through some well structured attack but they quickly equalized to keep the scores locked at the quarter time break. We were letting ourselves down with some wayward shooting and passing in attack and at times we had to scramble in defence as they counter attacked. With very little difference in the score lines at half time we urged each other to focus on controlling the ball and cutting down on the easy turn overs that didn't reward our hard work. We took a 1 goal buffer into 3/4 time and this was corrected early in the last quarter through a hole in our defence. Through sheer determination we edged away from Collegians with a minute on the clock and held their last attack to no score with full press. Notable mentions tonight to everyone for a gutsy win and in particular to Lucas and Bryan who played injured, Steerey, Vincent and Dean for holding down Centre forward for little reward and Jamie for taking Centre back duties. *Report by Daniel Gilbertson*

Essendon defeated Melbourne Collegians : 7 – 6 Goals : Vince 4, Lucas 1, Nick 1, Bryan 1



WOMENS GAME NIGHT



Photos by Torben Fink-Jensen (see more on Facebook)