

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB

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2019 State Championships – Round 3

WSL2 This week we faced the team to beat in NYPD, from the comfort of the dive pool. We got off to a lack lustre start with the Dragons putting 2 lob goals into the back of our net. We were very complacent with our ball possession and it took until the 2nd quarter before Camille and then Mietta opened our scoring. We were slowly wrestling the game back onto our terms, but it was a struggle. Halftime we were down 2-3. The game was a dogfight and the reffing only added to the frustration that everyone was feeling. Kate was now sitting further back in goals to intercept their lob shots. We were having trouble trying to create fast breaks as NYP were well organised. Olivia scored and then Alex with a goal off the restart from halfway to tie the score, but NYP copycatted and scored off their restart, so still down 4-5 and the break. The last quarter was a dogs breakfast as the reffing deteriorated further. A Sarah goal, a disallowed penalty to us and then a goal to LisaAndo saw us pull off a draw. We can walk away from this game with plenty to work on.

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon drew with the NYP Dragons : 6 – 6

Goals : Olivia 1, Camille 1, Alex 1, LisaAndo 1, Mietta 1, Sarah 1

WSL3 BIG game this week, up against the back-to-back Premiers who continue to be undefeated, but cry foul when everyone suggests they need to be in the 2s. That aside – we had a point to prove, having come close last comp in the grand final game. Despite everyone knowing what this game meant, we managed to get just 6 of our 13 players at the pool, and we had to call in the big guns and lure Cath down from the 2s with the promise of an indoor game and some lollies. I may have forgotten to mention who we were playing... So with just 7 girls (and no GK!) we were relieved to see their numbers were scarce too, at just 7. And so it was game on! Tight first term but Georgia put away the first goal of the game and we were off. The scorecard says StCaths scored the next 3, without a record of our second goal through Gab. So officially down 1-3 at the break, we fought back in the second outscoring them with goals to Amelia and the classic lookaway LisaMS shot. The halftime scoreboard was 3-3. We outscored them again in the third, with goals to Amelia and Cath with St Caths slotting in just the one. So we started the final quarter up by a goal – and excited at the prospect of taking a win. StCaths fought back as we began to tire with 2 goals, but Amelia put in her third for the game to tie the scores. Sadly, that's where it ended, and we couldn't contest the scoresheet and Gab's missed goal – because we didn't have a table person, due to a last minute player cancelation! But what a great game by the girls. Cath, Amelia and Gab did all the hard yards up front and swimming down breaks, LisaAs was a wall at CB before going into goals and being a real shot stopper. Sally did a great job driving and making quick over the top passes to front water players. Georgia gave her puffer a workout after some awesome defensive work and solid support up forward. LisaMS struggled with form having had back issues and had hoped for a bit-part in the game... and not the 24mins she got. Well done ladies – with special thanks to Amelia who rushed from Melbourne airport (still in her corporate gear and high heels) to get to the pool for this game with 5mins to spare!

Essendon drew with St Catherine's : 6 – 6

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Goals : Amelia 3, Georgia 1, LisaMS 1, Cathy 1 (and Gab's missing goal!)



Olivia



Amelia

WEEKLY WRAP

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YthG

Our girls faced the ever improving NYP Dragons side in the chilly outdoors. It was a grind of a game, with our girls not completely switched on. We were very disjointed from defence into attack. Our attack has been strong in all games so far this season, and tonight was no different. It was just our ball movement around their goal that didn't flow. Camille and Lilly opened our scoring, seeing the score at quarter time 2-1. It was an even 2nd quarter, with Claudia and Lilly's goals canceling NYP 2 goals. Miranda got busy in goals and saved most of what NYP threw at her. Halftime saw us ahead at 4-3. Lara was holding down the CB position very well, as NYP have a very good CF, which they go to all the time. Lara got out of the back field to push up and score a nice goal in the third quarter and Claudia snagged her second for the match. Elise, Lucy and Clementine were solid in defence, and Mietta was being frustrated in front of goal. The third quarter came to a quick halt when the goals became dislodged with 1.36 left on the clock. The goals were fixed and the game resumed with the last quarter. Claudia added another goal and the game petered out to a comfortable win.

Essendon defeated the NYP Dragons : 7 – 4 Goals : Claudia 3, Lilly 2, Camille 1, Lara 1

Report by Darren Steere

MSL5

Quite a flat game and not a night for us to remember or draw a lot of insights from. We faced off against Monash who were a player down the whole game and we failed to capitalize on this advantage and set up extra man attack with each opportunity and were caught napping as they quickly counter attacked and drew major fouls. This resulted in them converting the majority of their scoring opportunities. Great games from Lucas, Vincent and Marcus for their tireless efforts in attack.

Report by Daniel Gilberston

Essendon were defeated by Monash : 9 – 6 Goals : TBC



Photos courtesy of Torben Fink-Jensen (see more on FB)

2019 State Championships - Ladders after Round 3

WSL2

NYP Dragons	8
Essendon	8
Footscray	7
Monash	5
Melbourne Uni	4

WSL3

Essendon	8
St Caths	8
Monash	6
Melbourne Uni	6
La Trobe Uni	4
NYP Dragons	3

YthG

Richmond Tigers	9
Essendon	9
NYP Dragons	7
Melb Collegians	5
Richmond Cubs	2
Footscray	2

MSL5*

Melb Surge	6
Essendon	6
Melb Collegians	4
Old Haileybury	4
Monash Penguins	4
Monash SeaLions	4
MelbUni Gropers	2
MelbUni Blue	2

* Ladder after R2

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