

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB

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2019 State Championships – Round 4

WSL2

Tonight we had very special guest join us, Millie Pullyblank! Mille came to play just one game with Essendon before she heads back to Hungary. She got us off to a great start, scoring 3 goals in the first quarter. This set us up comfortably for a easy game against, Monash Uni. We played a strong defence, but the tighter rules saw us receive a lot of exclusions. But we got our opportunities at the other end too, with Olivia putting away a wonderful shot in extra man. We also collected 4 penalty shoots, Millie and Alex scoring one and missing one each. For the last quarter, we saw Kate come into the field from the goals. The sneaky left hander even scored herself a goal! Overall a great game of water polo.



Millie

Essendon defeated Monash: 13 – 3

Report by Alex Steere

Goals : Millie 6, Olivia 3, LisaAndo 1, Mietta 1, Alex 1, Kate 1

WSL3

Numbers were down again this week, but we did have 8 confirmed with the possibility of a 9th pending traffic and travel time. One up on last week with the bonus of a table person (thanks Liam!). We started with plenty of confidence scoring quickly through Gab before things settled down. LisaMS conned the keeper with her trademark "look away" shot before Gab went back for number 2. In the second quarter Mel came into the spotlight putting 2 goals away with a nice rocket coming in from Sher too. So we were up 6-0 at the haltime swap. Sheridan and Gab added another each in the third and we let MU slip one in with a lapse in defense. A comfortable 8-1 lead going into the final quarter before Gab ramped things up shooting 3 goals and Sher put away her third for the game. We did allow MU in again, but Sandra put a stop to all others as they kicked up a gear towards the game's end. But the glory should always be shared by those not appearing on the goal list. Susan was rock solid in CB, Clare created numerous drives and beautiful passes to players in front, Georgia had another great game causing turnovers and getting in the action at the pointy end. Thanks also to LisaAs who coached from the sidelines, having made it to the pool (from work) for the final quarter. A great team effort!



Gab

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 12 – 2

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Goals : Gaby 6, Sheridan 3, Melinda 2, LisaMS 1

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



WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

WEEKLY WRAP



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YthG

The girls were up against a new team this week, in the Richmond Cubs. Being their first year in the competition, they have been outplayed by the more experienced teams, so we were expecting a solid performance. We 10 players at the ready including Sabina (first game in the U16s) and Clem and Georgia having made their debut in the previous weeks. Essendon were on the job quickly with a strong drive and draw by Claudia allowing her to pass to an unmarked Mietta for the first goal. This was quickly followed up by a second when Mietta turned her defender and shot home. Essendon were on attack again soon after that when Georgia stole the ball and it was passed in to Lucy who was unmarked in front of goal and made no mistake. Richmond finally got into gear and entered the Essendon 5m zone but Sabina managed a steal to put Essendon on attack again. No goals this time and at the end of the first we had 3-0 lead. In the second, after Lilly won the swim-up (she got 4 in a row) she turned poacher and shot a good right-wing goal after Camille gave her a pin-point pass. Meanwhile Clem was doing some good driving and after drawing the defense, she passed in to Mietta who shot home. Then it was Claudia's turn after Lilly made herself some space and gave a great assist. There was finally time for one more as Camille then turned her player and passed to Mietta for another goal. 7-0 at HT. Richmond got a couple of attacks going in the third quarter but Miranda was up to the job and pulled off some clean saves. This allowed Essendon to score first when Mietta loitered in front of the Richmond goal and surprised the goal keeper with a steal and tap-in. The goals kept coming with Camille doing more great work in mid-field stealing the ball and passing to an unmarked Mietta for more of the same. Essendon were giving their bench a good workout allowing some good game time for the newer members allowing Lilly into CF and scoring followed by Georgia finding her own space. At the end of the third we had a commanding 12-0 lead. The game loosened up further in the final term and Sabina took advantage to get a goal in her first game following more good work from Clem. Mietta then did a turn and roll to beat a final defender to score followed by Clem giving a good pass to Lilly to score and finally Miranda spotting Lilly unmarked who passed in to Lara who closed out the game for Essendon. Great game from everybody and a good tune-up for the more experienced Richmond Tigers next week!



Sabina

Essendon defeated the Richmond Tigers : 16 – 0

Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

Goals : Mietta 7, Lilly 3, Camille 1, Lara 1, Claudia 1, Lucy 1, Georgia 1, Sabina 1

MSL5

This week we turned our form around in taking on Melbourne Uni who are a well seasoned and experienced team who might not be the fastest swimmers but they read the play well and early. The chilly evening air in the outdoor pool focused our efforts on swimming hard to stay warm! We got the early jump on them through a superb steal from Lucas, relay pass to Vincent and then cross cage pass to Dean to open our account. This set the tone for our endeavor for the game which was in stark contrast to last week. In response to this MU stepped up the aggressive play which pushed us to move the ball in attack and we soon added another goal to our tally. On the stroke of quarter time they snuck an outside shot through our defence to open their scoring account. The second quarter was a tight tussle with both of us scoring in quick succession followed by plenty of scoring attempts. Importantly we continued to create opportunities in attack by drawing kick outs and stretching their defence. They employed a tactic to drop one player in defence to set up a cherry pick situation that we quickly covered and didn't allow them to exploit throughout the game. This created more space in which we could work in attack. The second half was a tale of two quarters where MU threw everything they had at us in the third quarter and pegged back our advantage with a penalty conversion right on 3/4 time. We resolved at the final break to focus on getting the first goal and then holding them off. We achieved this and it opened the flood gates where we added 2 further goals through converted penalties from Lucas and Dean while holding them scoreless in the final term to emerge from the cold water victorious.



Daniel

Report by Daniel Gilberston

Essendon defeated Melbourne University : 9 – 6 Goals : TBC

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WSL2

NYP Dragons	11
Essendon	11
Footscray	8
Melbourne Uni	7
Monash	6

WSL3

Essendon	11
St Caths	11
Monash	9
Melbourne Uni	7
La Trobe Uni	5
NYP Dragons	4

YthG

Richmond Tigers	12
Essendon	12
Melb Collegians	8
NYP Dragons	8
Richmond Cubs	3
Footscray	3

MSL5*

Melb Surge	9
Essendon	7
Monash Penguins	7
Monash SeaLions	7
Melb Collegians	6
Old Haileybury	5
MelbUni Gropers	4
MelbUni Blue	3

* Ladder after R3

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