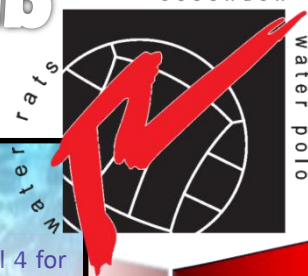




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## 2019 State Championships – Round 5

### WSL2



Phoebe

Essendon started well with LisaAndo winning the swim up (and all 4 for the game) and from the first attack, Phoebe was able to slot a goal from the perimeter. Our defence held up well in response to the Melbourne Uni attacks and Phoebe again got on the score sheet through a penalty. It was quickly clear that we had pace that MU couldn't match and drivers were being fed well from the back. Firstly Sarah and then Mietta got quick breaks and closed out. Lilly finished the quarter off to make it 5 to a solitary MU goal. The pattern continued in the 2nd quarter as MU couldn't swim back quickly enough. Camille drew a penalty which she put away, Mietta twice, and then Camille again scored goals to give us a massive 8 goal lead by halftime. It continued in the same vein during the third, with LisaAndo doing the hard yards and passing to Mietta to finish and then Olivia doing the same leaving Mietta free for another goal. Following that Olivia got her own chance when sitting on the perimeter and threw a long bomb into the corner of the goal. MU tightened up a little after that putting in some tough defence and finally got a couple of coordinated attacks going and Katie had to pull off a couple of good saves to finish the quarter. The goal flow slowed down a bit in the 4th quarter as shots were being taken but not hitting the back of the net. LisAndo gave everybody a moment of amusement when she caught the ball with 2 hands in defence before remembering that she wasn't a goalie. After repelling some attacks, we started driving again. Eventually Phoebe picked up a good pass from Mietta and shot home followed by Sarah on a break fed well by a long ball from Katie.

*Report by Torben Fink-Jensen*

**Essendon defeated Melbourne Uni : 14 – 1**

Goals : Mietta 5, Phoebe 3, Camille 2, Sarah 2, Lilly 1, Olivia 1

### WSL3

This week's game against Monash turned out to be our toughest yet. With many of our better swimmers unavailable (Clare, Amelia, Jemma, Mel and Heidi) the hard yards fell onto Gaby, with Sher and Sally offering good support. But the rest of us aren't quite as quick, and with only one on the bench, this spot was in high demand. We didn't start well, and were probably a bit too relaxed against the team who finished bottom of the ladder last comp, but this side has seen a facelift. By the end of the quarter we had matched their 2 goals through Gaby and Georgia. They took control in the second, with 3 unanswered goals as we struggled to cover breaks and make use of our attacking opportunities with wayward shots. The third quarter was pretty even, as we'd changed tactics and left our CF down by the goal and Monash couldn't decide to cover them or gain an extra in attack. Gaby shot a nice goal but Monash equaled our efforts. And so we came into the final quarter down 3-6. We really applied the pressure, and managed to earn 4 exclusions. Goals came to Gaby, Sher and Susan, whilst we kept Monash scoreless. With 6-6 on the electronic scoreboard, and just 2 sec left on the clock, Monash were awarded a penalty and the siren sounded as our hearts sank. The refs moved everyone to pool's edge for the shot, and Sandra readied herself for the inevitable...and bam! A fantastic save! Squeals of joy and excitement came as we realized we had drawn the game. Or so we thought. Post game examination of the scorecard revealed a 7-5 win to Monash. WT? The fourth quarter goal that Sheridan scored was marked against a Monash player with the same cap number. An honest mistake made by our own table person, but one the referees couldn't substantiate despite us pleading, and the game result stood. We have informally requested confirmation with Monash via WPV to rectify this. Fingers crossed. Great comeback girls!

*Report by Lisa Murray-Segal*

**Essendon drew (🐼) with Monash : 6 – 6 (🐼) Goals : Gaby 3, Georgia 1, Susan 1, Sheridan 1**

WEEKLY WRAP



# 2019 State Championships – Round 5

## YthG



Miranda

Essendon were aggressive from the start which is what we needed to counter Richmond's pacy attack. Richmond had one weakness which was not having a regular goalkeeper, their approach was to use a different team member each quarter. The game ebbed and flowed until Poppy from Richmond managed to get a penalty in her favour and scored. Claudia managed to get several shots away and got close but the crossbar intervened. Essendon thought it was 0-1 at quarter time but benefitted from the Richmond goalie taking the ball over the line at one point and the umpires awarded a goal to Miranda making it 1-1. Lara scored early on in the 2nd to give our girls a 2-1 lead but Richmond came back with 2 goals, the Richmond drivers causing some confusion in defence and a backhand from Georgia in CF gave Richmond a goal putting the game score at 2-3 at halftime. The 3rd quarter was more of an issue when Camille fouled out after putting on some tough defence. This put some pressure on our bench and there was another couple of situations when drivers were able to get through without a defender going with them. Essendon had the last say at the end of the quarter with a steal by Lilly and pass to an unmarked Mietta for a goal. In the 4th quarter the pace was again frenetic with Richmond driving but rarely able to get past Miranda who kept out a number of tough shots. Essendon had a couple of chances but the setups weren't as organised as required. Richmond were keeping the Essendon danger players well marked, allowing Elise and Clementine to be free on the wings but not quite threatening enough from distance to add to our score.

Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

**Essendon were defeated by the Richmond Tigers : 3 –9 Goals : Miranda 1, Lara 1, Mietta 1**

## MSL5



Jamie

A game that had it all. Punches, kick outs for abuse, hard swimming, lots of kicks in the guts and Bryan getting more wood than a surge lumberjack. Unfortunately the boys were not expecting such dirty play and even more surprised when the refs failed to police most of it. Add poor shot selection when it counted and what was a very competitive 5-7 at half time ended up 6-11 for the defeat against a team that didn't cover themselves in glory but did make their opportunities count. Highlights: Bryan busting a gut in CF, Lucas getting punched in the head, and Jamie's rocket from 7m's out.

Report by Jamie Lowe

**Essendon were defeated by Old Haileybury : 6 – 11**

**Goals : Bryan 2, Lucas 2, Jamie 1, Luke 1**



## WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

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

## 2019 State Championships - Ladders after Round 5

### WSL2

Essendon	14
NYP Dragons	14
Monash	9
Footscray	8
Melbourne Uni	8

### WSL3

St Caths	14
Essendon	12
Monash	12
Melbourne Uni	10
NYP Dragons	5
La Trobe Uni	5

### YthG

Richmond Tigers	15
Essendon	13
NYP Dragons	11
Melb Collegians	9
Footscray	6
Richmond Cubs	4

### 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 R4

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