

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB

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2019 State Championships – Round 6

WSL2 A scheduled bye this week, meant a night off for some. A guaranteed 3 points on the ladder were awarded and an 8-0 scoreline entered. All without raising a finger 😊 The 2s will face Footscray next week.

WSL3 After last week's dramatic game result, we received good news before the game this week that our 5-7 loss had been overturned to reflect the 6-6 draw that both teams agreed had been the final result. Nice work Monash and WPV! So there was a bit of a buzz around the pool celebrating a wrong being righted. But once again, there had been a scramble for players 90mins before game time. Our 11 became 8 and one maybe. So the call went out to Ando (who had offered to fill in if need be, with the 2s having a bye) and despite being told earlier in the day her services were not required – donned the speedos and came in on an hours notice. So we had a guaranteed lineup of 9, with our bonus 10th player arriving before the first whistle. So a good bench of 3 to take



Jemma

on La Trobe, a side riddled with former youth Essendon girls taught by the best. Gaby got us off strongly scoring 3 goals, with former Essendon player Steph Wadelton scoring for La Trobe. It was a quieter 2nd quarter with one goal each, after LisaMS lobbed one in and Steph scored again for LaTrobe. More action in the third with Jemma scoring 2, Sheridan 1 and Sandra stopping all that came her way to see us take a controlling 7-2 lead. The final term saw Clare and Mel both score to secure the game. Some great work from Ando creating drives, passes and solid work in CF. LisaAs at CB guaranteed no shots would come from CF. Heidi got back into the swing of things provided good pace and coverage. A pretty solid team effort. Thanks to Daniel for doing table duty on short notice.

Essendon defeated La Trobe University : 9 – 2

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Goals : Gaby 3, Jemma 2, LisaMS 1, Sheridan 1, Melinda 1, Clare 1

Presentation Night



Photo courtesy of Lisa Murray-Segal (see more on our FB page)

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YthG

Essendon were a bit sluggish after playing 4-5 matches earlier in the day at the Secondary Schools Championships, whereas MC had no players affected and were looking to take advantage of our condition. This showed in a fairly staid first quarter where we couldn't get much going in attack and were beaten on the drive in defense. MC made it to 2 goals before we could respond with Mietta earning a penalty and shooting home. The second was similar as we tried to grind out some attacks and keep MC out on defence. They managed to get one shot away which was successful to get a 3-1 lead. MCs defense was proving stubborn but also illegal resulting in Mietta then Camile being awarded penalties, both converted to level things 3-3. The third was tight with MC not getting any shots away but Essendon having some chances. Mietta fed a driving Lilly who slotted home for 4-3. We had a penalty shot saved but then dribbled towards the goal line missed by centimetres and another shot struck the underside of the crossbar narrowly failing to go in. Still leading by a goal we started the final quarter strongly with Lilly scoring to make it 5-3 and a safe win was beckoning. However we dropped off MC players on attack and they managed to shoot one goal and then another to make it 5-5. Then inexplicably came another goal to make it 6-5 with 1 minute to go and we were staring at a loss. We managed one final attack and a pass to Lara with 20 seconds on the clock led to a final goal, to draw level and at least get a point which was a good result given the girls' exhausted state.

Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

Essendon drew with Melbourne Collegians : 6 – 6 Goals : Lilly 2, Mietta 2, Camille 1, Lara 1

MSL5

A tough night at the office as we took on Surge, who are the current ladder leaders at an early timeslot at MSAC. We knew our swimming was going to be tested as Surge look to hone in on their depth of swimming capability and they coupled this with sloughing back on our centre forward which made our attacking opportunities more challenging. They are a well drilled team and caught us by surprise a number of times with strong counter attacks creating 1:1 with Gilbo in goals, exploited his weak side to put the ball into the net. As we settled into the game we developed a better structure in attack and drew fouls and through movement through centre forward created shooting opportunities. While we were able to match them in the pool we couldn't reflect this on the score board as we stared at a 6:3 deficit at half time. We knew we were still very much in the game and we needed to focus on playing our game style and being aware of their movements particularly in transition. Their depth of players on the bench and swimming power shone through in the third quarter and they started to pull away from us but we pegged them back through dogged determination in centre forward from Dean and Vincent, strong outside shooting from Lucas and the shut down role Bryan and Matt R played in centre back to limit their scoring options. Unfortunately the gap was too large for us to bridge in the final quarter and as we tired our eagerness to move the ball slowed. While it was a loss tonight there is plenty we can take from the game in how well we gelled as a team and with more shooting practice we will be able to pile on the goals.

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne Surge : 6 – 13 Goals : TBC

Report by Daniel Gilberston

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



2019 State Championships - Ladders after Round 6

WSL2

Essendon	17
NYP Dragons	17
Melbourne Uni	11
Monash	10
Footscray	8

WSL3

Essendon	16
St Caths	15
Monash	14
Melbourne Uni	13
NYP Dragons	6
La Trobe Uni	6

YthG

Richmond Tigers	18
Essendon	15
NYP Dragons	14
Melb Collegians	11
Footscray	7
Richmond Cubs	5

MSL5*

Melb Surge	15
Monash SeaLions	13
Essendon	11
Monash Penguins	11
Old Haileybury	11
Melb Collegians	8
MelbUni Gropers	6
MelbUni Blue	5

Top 4 Teams play Finals

** Ladder after R5*

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