

ESSENDON WATER POLO CLUB

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2019 State Championships – Round 9

WSL2

No game clock or shot clock made for an interesting game. Essendon were out of the blocks early and generally set the tempo of the game, not allowing Monash many chances. We got into good setups and could drop to CF or pass around to get the best shot. Sarah managed to get the first goal by shooting from the perimeter and this was followed by Alex getting a penalty and scoring. Sarah bookended the quarter with a final shot just before the whistle. The 2nd quarter started a bit untidy for Essendon as we missed a couple of lame shots and had an enforced turnover for not playing the ball. Monash couldn't take advantage though and we managed to get a good goal through LisaAndo unmarked. We achieved a second goal when Alex took a long pass, managed to

Sarah

draw both defenders and then flip the ball to Mietta, who by this stage was unmarked for a fairly easy shot home. 5-1 at HT. The 3rd quarter was a fairly tough one, however Sarah got a great drive going from half way and kept going through onto goal and scoring. At this point Monash got their second goal through a penalty after Alex had per pocket picked. Meanwhile Katie was as solid as ever at the back, not needing to call on her acrobatics at any stage. Later in the quarter, Mietta managed to get a break, and after being tackled, passed in to LisaW on the drive and a good shot for goal making it 7-2 at the end of the third. The final term was a fairly routine close-out, starting with Lilly scoring, although we then lost her with an elbow to the nose. We had enough momentum though and Alex scored from close range followed by Mietta with 2 goals (one from a penalty) finished off the game solidly.

Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

Essendon defeated Monash University : 11 – 2

Goals : Sarah 3, Mietta 3, Alex 2, LisaAndo 1, LisaW 1, Lilly 1

WSL3

Last time we played MelbUni we came away with a 10 goal win. But that was 5 games ago, and they have ascended the ladder since, sitting just below us. So this was not going to be an easy game, especially with 5 of our players unavailable. We managed to secure Cathy late in the day to ensure we had a bench when the first whistle blew, but this was not one of our better performances. With no scoreboard or clock in operation, things didn't begin well, and MU proved to be young and quick, putting us under pressure particularly on the turn overs. We struggled to get our act together and give each other room to set things up in attach. Very ordinary first half, but our game picked up after that. We played a better in the 3rd and 4th with really good defense, but we just couldn't score despite numerous extra man chances. We all missed shots that would normally be a given. Have we lost our mojo? Nothing seemed to gel despite some good setups and play. We just couldn't finish off the job. Sadly, this is the first game since May 2018 the WSL3 team have been held scoreless! OMG... #embarrassed. We will need to save face next game!

Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Essendon were defeated by Melbourne University : 0 – 7

WSL2 Game Night

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



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YthG

The mood was light as the girls filed in to play the Richmond Cubs. They are Richmond's second team and so very young. We decided to full press all around the pool, as they didn't have a centre forward that would give us any trouble. Our press resulted in turnovers for us and we rewarded ourselves with 5 first quarter goals. Lara was the defensive wall with Claudia (3) and Mietta (2) finishing off the good work, securing a 5-1 lead. We improved our press in the second quarter and Richmond's scoring dried up completely, while Lilly (2) and Sabina (1) chimed in to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Making it 8-1 at halftime. Camille, Georgia and Clementine were all busy in the middle of the pool, pressing hard, creating turnovers and supplying the fast break. Three goals in the third and fourth quarters saw us run out comfortable winners. We will need to up our game next time out after the school holidays as we will face the top Richmond team.

Report by Darren Steere

Essendon defeated the Richmond Cubs : 15 – 2

Goals : Claudia 5, Mietta 5, Lilly 4, Sabina 1

MSL5

Essendon Vs MC Chieftans : ? – ? Goals : ?

No report received



YthG Game Night

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2019 State Championships - Ladders after Round 9

WSL2		WSL3		YthG		MSL5*	
NYP Dragons	26	Melbourne Uni	22	Richmond Tigers	27	Melb Surge	22
Essendon	24	Essendon	21	Essendon	24	Essendon	18
Monash	17	St Caths	20	NYP Dragons	19	Old Haileybury	18
Melbourne Uni	16	Monash	17	Melb Collegians	15	Monash SeaLions	18
Footscray	13	NYP Dragons	15	Footscray	12	Melb Collegians	17
		La Trobe Uni	11	Richmond Cubs	8	Monash Penguins	16
						MelbUni Gropers	11
						MelbUni Blue	8

Top 4 Teams play Finals

** Ladder after R8*

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