



# WEEKLY WRAP

## 2021 Winter Competition – Round 1

### WSL1 Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

It was our first game in our "home pool" and we had 12 players ready to rumble! SL1 proved to be a manageable step up as the game ebbed and flowed in the first quarter. Melb Uni's attacks were predictable at first and after a while, Millie was found in CF and a backhand made it past the keeper for 1-0. We had some good chances with shots beating their keeper but bouncing off the underside of the bar and not going in. Melb Uni eventually got a chance and took it to make it 1-1. Essendon let through a penalty chance in the last 30 seconds but Katie tipped it over the bar. Goals were hard to come by in the 2nd quarter as well. Eventually Melb Uni broke the deadlock with a shot off the bottom of the crossbar, but otherwise Katie really put in some good saves. Neither team was able to get much going apart from that for 1-2. Melb Uni broke the drought in the 3rd quarter with 2 goals relatively quickly to go out to a 1-4 lead. But Essendon was inspired to lift up a gear and we managed to get a goal back about halfway through the quarter to make it 2-4. We had a couple more good attacks but couldn't score. Melb Uni then managed one more before the break, 2-5. The pattern repeated in the final quarter as Melb Uni managed another 2 goals to go to 2-7 before we could get moving. We did grab a goal back through a drive from Mietta but Melb Uni had the final say with one more goal for a 5 goal win.

**Essendon were defeated by Melbourne University : 3 – 8** Goals : Millie 1, Mietta 1, Sarah 1



WSL1 inaugural match at VU pool  
Photo : Torben Fink-Jensen

### WSL3 Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

After a 6 week break our returning players were keen as mustard to get back into the pool and get this competition underway. With several girls leaving the squad for a variety of reasons, we welcomed back former player Taryn Bretherton to the team. As we were nervously awaiting our registration emails on Monday just 24hrs ahead of the game, the news came in from StCaths that they were giving us a forfeit. Something about late night games and a lack of babysitters. Whilst it was disappointing not to be able to play a game, an 8 goal win against StCaths is worth an extra night on the couch! Yep, we'll take that! Next week ladies...👍

**Essendon defeated St Catherine's : 8 – 0 (FORFEIT)**



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## YthG Report by Darren Steere

It was a cold, windy and dark night to get the new season underway. With just the bare seven girls showing up, we faced our old foe in NYPD who had a bench of 5. So the game plan was to control the ball, and not chase their wide players. Control the middle of the pool. The game got under way and within the first minute we had taken the lead with a goal from Lilly. This set the first quarter up, with everyone pressing hard in defense and causing turnovers. Another goal to Lilly, followed by a nice goal to Sabina from the lefthander's side. Lilly finished the quarter with another, while leaving NYPD scoreless, 4-0. The second quarter became a bit of an arm wrestle, with NYPD's defense tightening up. We still had our chances in front of goal, but the pressure placed on us, saw our shots miss or saved. NYPD got their radar on, adding 3 goals to Lilly's one. At halftime it was 5-3. The change of ends, didn't change the style of play. We again wasted good chances in front of goal, with OliviaC slotting our only goal for the third term. NYPD nibbled into our lead with 2 more goals making it a close 6-5. At the three quarter time break, the girls looked cooked. With no subs and holding the lead for the whole game, the girls were asked to dig deep. They responded with a goal each to Lilly and Sabina. We then needed to control the ball and run down the game time. But the girls were in attack mode, and while we turned the ball over, we did enough to limit them to two goals and run out winners. A great result under the circumstances and we look forward over the next couple of weeks to regain some extra players.

**Essendon defeated the NYP Dragons : 8 – 7** Goals : Lilly 5, Sabina 2, OliviaC 1

## YthB Report by Mike Holtz

Wednesday's game against DVE was the first swim for the Essendon/Monash combined team, and the boys did not disappoint. The teething issues expected from a new playing group were not apparent as the boys burst out to a 4-0 lead. Building a strong buffer gave the boys the opportunity to try new positions, work on ball movement to generate better shots, and settle in. Overall a great start to the season, well done boys!

**Essendon/Monash defeated DVE Aquatic : 13 – 5** Goals : Pietro 5, Kobe 3, Josh 3, Brodie 1, Lloyd 1

## MSL5 Report by Daniel Gilbertson

Unfortunately we went down in a low scoring game, but it was terrific to see three new players joining our squad. Other highlights were plenty of opportunities in front of goal with more chances for us to improve our control of the ball in attack over the coming weeks.

**Essendon were defeated by DVE Aquatic : 3 – 5** Goals : Lucas 1, Bryan 1, Jacob 1

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### GIVE WATER POLO A TRY 2021 WINTER SEASON

Essendon Water Polo Club has junior teams from beginner (U12 mixed) to U14, U16 and U18 for both boys and girls! Plus there are Senior and Social teams too!

- Training is on Monday nights in an indoor heated pool
- Games for U12s/U14s are played Sundays
- Other games held on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings
- New season kicking off in May 2021

Never played before... Not sure? So long as you can swim, you should be time to play water polo! Come to a Practice Session to meet the coaches, other players & see if you enjoy it!

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