



WEEKLY WRAP

2021 Winter Competition – Round 4

WSL1 Report by Alex Steere

Our first game back after lockdown and we were up against ladder leaders and reigning premiers in Footscray. One word to describe this game : OUCH!

Essendon were defeated by Footscray : 4 – 24 Goals : TBC

WSL3 Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

After a 7 week break, it was good to finally get back into the pool for a game. Our list of 10 dwindled to 8 but at least we had a bench for the late night soiree against old foes StCaths. With the water temperature in the outdoor pool barely tepid everyone needed to keep moving to stay warm, and there was plenty of swimming required as StCaths took hold of the game quickly up 0-4 at the break. With an old hack in goal flapping her arms in the air instead our usual keeper, things didn't improve in the second with another 4 goals finding the net. That said, we struggled to cover their fast breaks on turnover being regularly one down in defense. At the other end, we had opportunities and shots, but their defense applied good pressure and we couldn't score, down 0-8. The breakthrough came in the third, when we switched out our keeper for more experience in the pool. We kept them to 3 goals with better defense (and a better keeper!) while Taryn and LisaMS put us on the scoresheet. We hoped to carry that form into the final quarter, but everyone was tiring. So it didn't end well.

Essendon were defeated by St Catherine's : 2 – 16 Goals : Taryn 1, LisaMS 1

JnrW Report by Torben Fink-Jensen

Essendon had a good squad size of 10 players for our first game back against NYP who also had a similar bench, with Nancy Cover on her debut as U18 and U16 coach! These games have recently been quite tight between the two teams so we were looking forward to seeing how today played out. We came strongly out of the box, with contributions across the pool. Strong drives and good passing led to two goals early on before NYP had their first attack. The game evened up by then but NYP only had two shots on goal, whereas Essendon were still going hard at the other end. Miranda kept out a couple of good shots before we turned around and managed one more in the quarter for a 3-0 lead. The 2nd quarter was a tighter affair with NYP starting to get frustrated and getting a bit scrappy in their tackling. NYP got the first goal for the quarter, reducing the Essendon lead to 3-1 before we got back into the game and Maria got into space on the left wing and scored. Towards the end of the quarter, Stef got a poke in the eye meaning she had to retire. Essendon got another goal through Lilly for 5-1 at half time. The third was equally close but Essendon were intent on maintaining their lead. Essendon were first on the board again through Maria to get to 6-1 before letting NYP drive through on a fast break and send a ball over Miranda's head. Essendon then managed a double-kick-out which unfortunately didn't turn into a goal, but then a penalty which did, 7-2 at the end of the third. The final term was more of the same from Essendon keeping the pressure on and although one goal went through, another goal to Claudia finished the game off nicely, giving Nancy her first win on debut!

Essendon defeated the NYP Dragons : 17 – 4 Goals : Lilly 3, Claudia 2, Maria 2, Mietta 1



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YthG Report by Andrew Cover

Nancy took over the reins as coach this week for Darren (knee recovery) against the challenging Richmond Tigers. With five girls playing a back-to-back game, after coming off the u18's win against the NYP Dragons, and many girls still finding their feet – the team of 8 faced a battle, as Richmond had a bench of 5, ready and eager. The Tigers came out strong in the first quarter and left our girls a little 'lost', with the quarter ending 5 – 0. During the second quarter the girls composed themselves and started to apply pressure and kept the defence stronger than the first quarter. Lilly managed our first goal before half time with the change of ends score standing at 8 – 1. The third quarter was by far their best. The girls were passing and communicating better and outplayed Richmond in this quarter scoring 3 goals to their 2. Maintaining their force the girls kept pace in the final quarter, but the sense the game was away from them became inevitable. For a team with many players still developing their skills, training and commitment will prove beneficial to the team as they play through the season.

Essendon were defeated by Richmond : 5 – 12 Goals : Lilly 4, Sabina 1

YthB Report by Mike Holtz

It was great to get back in the pool and the boys opened up the 'restart' with a game against DVE. Quick out of the blocks and behind the early goal scoring of Josh, Brandon, and Lloyd the team opened up a 4-0 quarter time lead. Scoring continued behind Koebe and a rare goalie shot from Zach at halftime lead to a 7-3 lead. The team continued to exhibit strong scoring ability, but DVE capitalised on most of the erroneous passes throughout the game to keep the score line interesting. Final result was a deserved win and hopefully refreshed skills that will be needed for tougher opponents later in the season.

Essendon/Monash defeated DVE Aquatic : 13 – 5 Goals : Brandon 5, Koebe 3, Josh 3, Lloyd 1, Zach 1

MSL5 Report by Lisa Murray-Segal

Water Polo Victoria made the call late this afternoon, to cancel this game and all the others scheduled prior to lockdown. It's unclear at this stage if this game will be slotted in elsewhere, or abandoned.

2021 Winter Competition – Ladders after R3

WSL1

Footscray	9
Richmond	9
Melbourne Uni	5
Essendon	5
NYP Dragons	4
Monash Uni	3

WSL3

Old Ivanhoe	9
Essendon	6
St Caths	4
La Trobe Uni	4

JnrW

Rich Yellow	8
Rich Black	5
Essendon	4
NYP Dragons	4
Melb Collegians	2

YthG

Ovens & Murray	9
MC Marlins	8
NYP Dragons	7
Essendon	7
Richmond	5
DVE/Monash	3

YthB

Richmond	9
Ess/Mon	7
DVE Aquatic	5
NYP Dragons	3

MSL5 *

Melb Surge	6
DVE Aquatic	4
Essendon	4
Old Haileybury	4
MC Chiefs	3
Monash	2
Melbourne Uni	1

* Ladder after R2

JULY 24, 2021 (Assuming we are out of lockdown!)

MARIBYRNONG – Bunnings Fundraiser

We need another 4 volunteers (over the age of 18) to help on the day – just a 2hr block required. Use the link here to sign up and show your support for the club :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ca9a82da1fd0-maribyrnong>



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