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SCOREBOARD - ROUND 11

MEN

Superleague

Rossmoyne b Balcatta 3-1
21-25, 28-26, 25-10, 25-18

Division 1

Southern Cross b Balcatta 3-1
15-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-18

Bal. Masters b ECU Chequers 3-2
25-17, 23-25, 28-30, 25-18, 16-14

Division 2

Southern Cross b Balcatta 3-2
22-25, 23-25, 25-11, 25-18, 15-12

Division 3

UWAVC b Balcatta 3-0
25-20, 25-21, 28-26

WOMEN

Superleague

Balcatta b ECU Chequers 3-0
25-22, 25-13, 25-20

Division 1

Balcatta b Rossmoyne 3-1
25-20, 25-13, 26-28, 25-20

Division 2

ECU Chequers Masters b Bal. 3-1
23-25, 25-15, 25-16, 25-23

Division 3

Sth Cross White b Bal. Blue 3-2
16-25, 19-25, 26-24, 25-18, 15-12

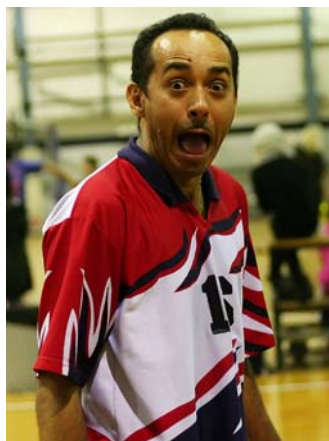
Balcatta Red - Bye

Division 4

Bye



Back in business - the inform Balcatta women's Superleague moved into second spot on the PVL ladder during the week.



Pumped up - Balcatta Division 1 Masters player Alwyn White.



Eye on the ball - Balcatta Division 1 player Lauren Wenman gets ready to dig the ball while coach Aaron Leung looks on.

Balcatta girls turn to shine

In Round 11, the Balcatta Volleyball Club girls outshone the boys for the first time this season. The Cats had good wins in the women's Superleague and Division 1 competitions with our top side moving up into second spot on the PVL ladder. Balcatta Masters were our only winners in the men's competition. Both our undefeated men's Division 2 and 3 teams recorded their first losses for the season, against Southern Cross and UWA, respectively. Coincidentally, it was the same day that St Kilda ended its unbeaten run in the AFL.

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Wounded Cats dig deep to win

Balcatta Masters beat ECU Chequers in a hard-fought five-set game last week (25-17, 23-25, 28-30, 25-18, 16-14). Cats coach Marty Bertuleit said that it was a great effort from the team. With two players injured, the Cats only had six players, including Romano Fracassini, who could not play front-court due to injuries. "We got Division 3 captain Elliot Hill to fill in, but he had to leave and play his own game after the second set," Marty said. "At that point, Balcatta Men's Superleague and Division 2 & 3 teams were all playing, so there were no extra players to help out. Romano ended up having to play front-court under duress, but he did a great job, as did the team. We dug deep and came up with a very satisfying win in a game that took 2 hours and 15 minutes."

Cats get their money's worth

Balcatta was poised to beat Rossmoyne in straight sets on the weekend in the women's Division 1 competition, but ended up having to work hard to win in four sets after giving up three match-points in a marathon third set (25-20, 25-13, 26-28, 25-20). The team welcomed back Brooke Beasley after a few weeks holiday who made the court in the third set to record a couple of massive outside kills. Strong blocking and serving again featured in the girls' game with most players making serving runs throughout the match. Coach Aaron Leung said his team continues to work on side out as a priority as they are dominant with the ball in hand. "But we are still making too many errors when our opposition serves well," Aaron said. "It was a solid win that could have been better had we converted a few more of those important points."



SUPERLEAGUE - WOMEN

Coach: Russell Hampton

Game Results

Balcatta b ECU Chequers 3-0
25-22, 25-13, 25-20



Breaking through - Cats Superleague player Jenny Day penetrates the ECU defence.

Cats Captain - Jenny Day
PVL position in 2008 - 4
Premierships - 3 (1996, 1997, 1998)

This week's game preview

Opponent - ?Perth Coastal
Ladder positions - Coastal 4th,
Balcatta 2nd

Cat's game streak - 2 losses and a win

Last clash against opponent -
Balcatta lost in four sets.

Cats move up ladder into second spot

Balcatta beat ECU Chequers last weekend in straight sets in the women's Superleague and is now in second spot on the PVL ladder.

Heading into the game Balcatta were in third spot but were missing Jenette Brown (who was on her honeymoon!) and Ella Pragt (out with injury).

ECU won the first three points in a row at the start of the first set with the Cats winning the next point when Claire Dragicevic blocked a winner. ECU maintained a two-point lead for the first half of the set despite kills from Tenille Ryan and two in a row by Jenny Day. Elise Chapman found her range with a powerful kill that saw the ECU defender fall backwards. At 13-15, sparked by a great defensive save by Ryan, the Cats drew level at 16-all. ECU again grabbed a two-point lead on a serve ace, but the Cats rebounded through Jenny Day and Elise Chapman, who won the next six points in a row including two aces. Tracey Hasselerharm then chimed in with a block and a kill and Dragicevic cleaned up the set with a B quick at 25-22.

The second set was also close early with scores level at five all. After Kim Ellwood stuffed a block and Chapman killed an outside ball followed by an ace, the Cats lead by one point at 9-8. Kym Ellwood then stepped up to serve and after getting an ace, the Cats won the next six points while she was on serve. While on 16-10, Dragicevic blocked a winner and on the back of Ryan's serve, Mel Johnson kept the points flowing to give the Cats a nine point lead at 21-12. Dragicevic and Hasselerharm combined with a kill block each before Hasselerharm won the final point of the set with another kill (25-13).

The Cats were now in control and opened up a five-point lead at the start of the third set, again on Ryan's serve. Johnson then killed two balls in a row and after Dragicevic pounded an overpass, the Cats were up by six points at 10-4. Dragicevic then lit up the service line with three aces and Hasselerharm made another kill to further extend the Cats lead at 15-7. Ellwood then struck with consecutive kills and an ace, but ECU fought back with three points in a row. Balcatta then rebounded and opened up a comfortable lead at 19-14 powering away to win the set (25-20) and the game.

Balcatta Coach Russell Hampton said that the Cats were stronger and more disciplined in defence and offense. "Although we had an average passing game, we were still able to get many quick kills and some good blocks," Russell said.

"Credit goes to our servers who managed nine aces in three sets. Claire Dragicevic was superb and Tenille Ryan played some spectacular defence and turned many poor passes into good sets. Also, after a slow start passing, Kim Ellwood's game continued to improve she registered five perfect passes in the final set.

Superleague Women - Season at a Glance

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Opp.	SX	Uni	Bye	PC	Bye	ECU	Uni	PC	SX	ECU	PC	Uni	ECU	PC						
Result	L	L		W		W	L	W	W	W	L	L	W							
Score	0-3	0-3		3-2		3-0	1-3	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-3	2-3	3-0							
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