



SUPERLEAGUE - WOMEN

Coach: Russell Hampton

Game Results

Friday

Balcatta lost Southern Cross 0-3
19-25, 16-25, 8-25

Sunday

Cats lost to UWA 0-3
22-25, 14-25, 22-25

Cats d ECU Chequers 3-1
21-25, 25-15, 25-21, 25-20



In good hands - *Balcatta Superleague* players Jenette Brown (left) and Claire Dragicevic block the ball against UWA.

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

Next game preview

Opponent - Perth Coastal
Ladder positions - Balcatta 3rd,
Perth Coastal 4th

Cat's game streak - Three wins in the
last five games

Last clash against opponent - Balcatta
lost in three sets (round 14)

Cats end weekend on winning note

After losing to Southern Cross and UWA (the top two teams) in the women's SuperLeague last Friday night, the Cats bounced back to beat ECU Chequers in four sets on Sunday.

Missing Kim Ellwood, Jenny Day and Melissa Johnson, and undermanned Balcatta team started strongly against the more favoured Southern Cross team in the first game on Friday night. It was neck to neck in the first set through to 18-all. But at that stage the Cats faltered and lost six points in a row and then the set 19-25. The second set started much the same as the first, but inconsistent passing let the Cats down and allowed the Cross to stack on eight unanswered points to lead by seven points at 5-12. Although the Cats maintained their side-outs, the damage was done and Southern Cross won the set (16-25). In the third set, the Cats lost focus and did not try hard enough as the Cross dominated from the start by leading 1-10. They continued their form running out big winners 8-25 in the Cats' worst defeat of the season.

In the second Friday night game against UWA, it was an even affair early with the lead changing several times right through to 22-all. Unfortunately for the Cats, a brief loss of concentration was all it took for UWA to break the set to 22-25. UWA started the second set on a roll and at 4-11 up they were in control. The Cats then switched on and started passing better and maintained their side out efficiency, but the damage had been done. UWA finished the set with the gusto they started with at 14-25. The third set saw an improved effort for the Cats who lead early at 12-8. But the powerhouse UWA team slowly worked their way back into the set and leveled the scores at 20-all, before powering on and taking the set 22-25 and the match.

In Sunday's clash against ECU Chequers, they got out of the blocks first and led by five points at 3-8 before the Cats staged a comeback to get within two points at 10-12. But ECU again pulled away and at 12-17 had the match in the bag. The Cats responded and leveled the scores at 18-all. But unfortunately the third ECU burst of the set took them to 21-25. The Cats gained the break in the second set and led 10-7. Tenille Ryan and Elise Chapman were brilliant in defence and the Cats extended their lead to 20-12, before powerful blocking by Claire Dragicevic sealed the set 25-15. Chequers got the jump in the third set to lead at 7-10. The Cats fought back as Ella Pragt found form to tie the game at 14-all before streaking ahead at 19-15 on the back of two Jenette Brown kills. ECU closed the gap to 20-22, but an ace to Claire Dragicevic saw the Cats win the set 25-22. The fourth set started with a bang as Ella Pragt six-packed her opposite number. When the score was tied at 4-all, the Cats roared into action to win six points in a row to be up 10-4. ECU were not going to lay down though and immediately closed the gap to 11-9. But then it was the Cats turn to accelerate as the scores went to 19-15. Chapman served four in a row and after aces to Jenette Fetisow and Dragicevic, Cats won the set 25-20 and the game.

Cats coach Russell Hampton said that Balcatta played much better in this game. "We saw the desperation return that was missing from the past two matches which was great to see," Russell said. "Our transition from spike defence to offense was also much improved. Well done to Elise Chapman who was definitely the standout player for the weekend."

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	Uni	ECU	SX	Uni	ECU	PC
Result	L	L		W		W	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	W	L	L	W	W
Score	0-3	0-3		3-2		3-0	1-3	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-3	2-3	3-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	0-3	0-3	3-1	
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2009 PVL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Team	G	W	L	D	F	B	Position*
MEN Superleague	18	9	9				4
Division 1	18	10	4		2	2	3
Masters (Div. 1)	19	8	8			3	=3
Division 2	19	14	3		2		2
Division 3	18	15	2			1	1
WOMEN							
Superleague	21	9	9			3	3
Division 1	18	14	4				1
Division 2	17	5	10			2	5
Division 3 (Blue)	18	5	10			3	5
Division 3 (Red)	17	12	2			3	1
Division 4	17	10	4			3	2

LEGEND
 G - Games played
 W - Wins
 L - Losses
 D - Draws
 F - Forfeits
 B - Byes
 TBC - To be confirmed

Positions (As at 27 Sept)

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