

**British Swimming
Mare Nostrum
Rome
June 12th – 13th 2004**

Team Staff: Claire Huddart, Sean Kelly, Tim Jones, Ben Titley, Dave Champion, Chris Martin, Ian Oliver, Mark Perry

Athletes: James Gibson, Chris Cook, James Hickman, Ian Edmond, Todd Cooper, Matt Kidd, Steve Parry, Gavin Meadows, David Carry, Ed Sinclair, David O'Brien, Karen Pickering, Caitlin McClatchey, Melanie Marshall, Lorna Tonks

ASSEMBLY	
Flights	Internal flights to Heathrow, Heathrow - Rome
Airline/s used:	British Midland and British Airways for Internal Flights, Alitalia for International
Airport/s used:	Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester, Newcastle, Leeds/Bradford and Heathrow
Comments (if any - please keep brief):	5 members of the team arrived on 11 th June from Barcelona

Office Response

KIT & DISTRIBUTION	
No allocated kit, including swimwear. Swim hats the only kit provided	
Comments (if any - please keep brief):	

Office Response

ACCOMMODATION	
Rooms	Good
Location	Good – 10 / 15 minutes drive to the pool
Meals/Food	Satisfactory
General Service	Good
Accommodation name, address and contact numbers:	Hotel Regent Via Filippo Civinini, 46 (Parioli), 00197 Roma Tel +39 06.80240.1 Fax +39 06.808.13.94
Comments (if any – please keep brief):	The hotel was typical of a large European City, for its **** rating. The staff were friendly and helpful.

Office Response

TRAINING VENUE (If appropriate) N/A	
Location (from hotel and other facilities)	
Facilities	
Access	
Optional support Services (access to sports science etc)	
Venue name, address and contact numbers:	
Comments (if any - please keep brief):	

Office Response

COMPETITION VENUE (if appropriate)	
Location (from pool and other facilities)	Good
Facilities	Good
Access	Good
Support Services	The attaché for the British Team was very helpful, her mother was English and Father Italian, so she was fluent in both languages, which was a massive benefit to the team.
Competition Organisation	The competition ran smoothly and was well organised.
Any local support services bought in	N/A
Doping Control	Yes, but no British swimmers were tested
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Olympic Swimming Pool, Rome	
Comments (if any - please keep brief):	

Office Response

ADMINISTRATION	
Communication with office	Fair
Information from Organisers	Poor
Comments (if any - please keep brief): It was virtually impossible to make contact with the organising committee prior to leaving for the meet. The telephone number for the Federation does not seem to work. There was no acknowledgement of emails and faxes sent until 3 days before departure	

Office Response

USEFUL INFORMATION - anything regarding the competition, location, venue etc that may be of interest to future team managers, ie banks do not open on a Tuesday or females are required to cover heads in public places.
N/A

FINAL SUMMARY - any additional comments you would like to make (not obligatory).
The team flew from Rome to Cyprus for a 2 week training camp. There was not a direct flight available from Rome to Larnaca, the team had to fly via Athens. At check in the team were able to check bags straight through to Larnaca, but had to obtain their boarding cards in Athens. The original flight allowed for an hour and 15 minutes lay over in Athens, however the flight from Rome was an hour and a half late. The flight from Athens to Larnaca was cancelled and the team was moved to a later flight. On arriving in Athens, it was very difficult to establish where we needed to go to pick up the new boarding cards. There was no body available at the flight connection desk. Once the desk was located boarding cards were issued. The original lay over time of 1 hour and 15 would not have been sufficient. The importance of the luggage receipts must be emphasised, as these had to be checked, so that the luggage could be located, 2 athletes had not kept the receipts. They had to identify their baggage when boarding the plane.

RESULTS
<i>Full set of official results sent to office by team manager (office use only): Yes / No</i>