

**Great Britain Open Water Swimming
FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup (10km)
Ein El Sokhna, Egypt
19 March 2004
(travel: 17 - 20 March 2004)**

TM Sam Greetham
Chaperone: Jayne Knight

Swimmers: Paula Wood, Alan Bircher

Date final team names confirmed with office:	01 March 2004
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ASSEMBLY					
Flights	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Airline/s used:	British Airways				
Airport/s used:	Manchester and Heathrow				
Comments (if any - please keep brief):					

Office Response

KIT & DISTRIBUTION					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Kit used from previous allocation, extra costumes given					

Office Response

ACCOMMODATION					
Rooms	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Location	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
General Service	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Accommodation name, address and contact numbers: Amigo Hotel, El Ein El Sokhna. Tel: +202 0106057318 (Mr Muurad)					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Although hotel in Cairo (overnight stop prior to transfer to competition venue) excellent. Hotel at venue itself very poor. Not used through winter, mosquitoes a BIG problem, even as a last resort was of a very poor standard – did not meet usual requirements.					

Office Response The hotel used was only accommodation offered by organisers in an almost unknown resort. Very disappointing that such poor accommodation offered at a FINA event.

TRAINING/COMETITION VENUE					
Location	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Facilities	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Access	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Optional support services (access to sports science etc)	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Red Sea Coast, El Ein El Sokhna					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Due to venue being away from hotel, travel to and from training became a burden and as all information and meals were taken at venue travel became somewhat of a problem.					

Office Response

ADMINISTRATION					
Communication with office	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Information from Organisers	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Office did a very good job in very limited time and with limited information from the organisers.					

Office Response

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

Although this was a FINA World Cup preference seemed to be given to the swimmers and Federations participating on a regular basis. Although FINA World Cup should be regarded as a premier event, a lot could be learnt from what goes on within the European Federation Cup competitions and Len events.

Results:

Women (24 finished out of 27 entries)

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| 1. Stefanie Biller | GER | 2.05.13 |
| 2. Britta Kamrau | GER | 2.05.15 |
| 3. Angela Maurer | GER | 2.05.16 |
| 5. Paula Wood | GBR | 2.09.06 |

Men (35 finished out of 36 entries)

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| 1. Anton Sanatchev | RUS | 2.02.29 |
| 2. Petar Stoychev | BUL | 2.02.47 |
| 3. Christof Wandratch | GER | 2.02.49 |
| 4. Alan Bircher | GBR | 2.02.51 |