

LEN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP FINAL
KLINK, GERMANY
21ST & 22ND AUGUST 2004
(TRAVEL – 19TH -23RD AUGUST)

Team Staff CAROLE HUNT(TEAM MANAGER/ COACH), MIKE HEMMINGS (SUPPORT STAFF)
Athletes ALAN BIRCHER, DAVID PROUD

Date first & final team names confirmed with office (office use only):	04 August 2004
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ASSEMBLY	
Flights	Excellent
Airline/s used:	BRITISH AIRWAYS /KLM
Airport/s used:	NEWCASTLE, HEATHROW, BIRMINGHAM
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Swimmers flew from Heathrow and met Carole in Berlin.	

Office Response

KIT & DISTRIBUTION	
ALL SWIMMERS HAD KIT FROM PREVIOUS MEETS	
Comments (if any - please keep brief) Both Alan and David suggested that there is a need for new swimsuits as when they have raced with grease etc it ruins the existing swimwear.	

Office Response <i>Each discipline is responsible for ordering it's kit either annually or on an event by event basis (10 weeks notice required). Kit was not ordered for this event.</i>

ACCOMMODATION	
Rooms	Very Good
Location (from pool and other facilities)	Good
Meals/Food	Good
General Service	Very Good
Accommodation name, address and contact numbers: Muritz Hotel GMBH, Am Seeblick 1, 17192 Klink. Tel: +49 3991141855. Fax: +49 39 91141854	
Comments (if any - please keep brief): The swimmers like this venue and the event is always well organised. Travel from airport to venue is too far – once there the pool and venue altogether. Swimmers like pool being in the hotel and ability to just wander out to course.	

Office Response

TRAINING VENUE	
Location (from hotel and other facilities)	Excellent
Facilities	Very Good
Access	Good
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Muritz Hotel GMBH, Am Seeblick 1, 17192 Klink. Tel: +49 3991141855. Fax: +49 39 91141854	
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Can swim at what time they liked – facilities to warm down after first swim and then again after second swim.	

Office Response

COMPETITION VENUE (if appropriate)	
Location (from pool and other facilities)	Excellent
Facilities	Excellent
Access	Excellent
Support Services	Good
Competition Organisation	Excellent
Doping Control	Yes
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Muritz Hotel GMBH, Am Seeblick 1, 17192 Klink. Tel: +49 3991141855. Fax: +49 39 91141854	
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Ideal venue for open water swimming	

Office Response

ADMINISTRATION	
Communication with office	EXCELLENT
Information from Organisers	EXCELLENT
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Yasmeen is excellent at organisation and a full pack was sent to me and all swimmers aware of what was happening all weekend.	

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.

Will need to go into Warren to get water for the swimmers – it is beneficial to go and get a stock of water on the day you arrive.

It was useful having a car with us as we could get around.

Be aware of travel of 2hrs from Berlin to venue.

FINAL SUMMARY - any additional comments you would like to make (not obligatory).

Fantastic meet with swimmers working well together. We were lucky to have Mike Hemmings out there who was excellent with the transport and supported the team well. It was a pleasure to take two well focused swimmers and to come away with excellent results. Once again, it was excellent to see the Union Jack and National Anthem played on 4 separate occasions and it was positive to see that our swimmers were still swimming positively and strongly at the end of the European Open Water Cup final when the other teams appeared to be struggling.

Thanks from me especially to Yasmeen who organized everything and made sure that I had all that I needed for the swim. The swimmers were exemplary and a credit to the Country.

RESULTS**European Open Water Cup Final , Klink , Germany****MEN 10KM (17 SWIMMERS)**

1. ALAN BIRCHER	GBR	1.54.02.79
2. JOSE HERVAS	ESP	1.54.59.24
3. MAARTEN VAN DER WEIJDEN	NED	1.55.01.55
11. DAVID PROUD	GBR	1.56.05.24

LEN CUP 5 KM

1. ALAN BIRCHER	GBR	55.38.75
2. TONI FRANZ	GER	55.43.43
3. SAMUELE PAMPANA	ITA	56.48.73
12. DAVID PROUD	GBR	57.17.80

LEN SUPER FINAL TOTAL RESULTS

1. ALAN BIRCHER	GBR	2.49.41.54
2. JOSE HAVAS	ESP	2.51.55.04
3. MARTEN VAN DER WEIJDEN	NED	2.51.56.30
10. DAVID PROUD	GBR	2.53.23.04

LEN CUP FINAL POINTS STANDING

1. ALAN BIRCHER	GBR	57
2. JOSE HERVAS	ESP	47
3. MARCO FORMENTINI	ITA	47
12. DAVID PROUD	GBR	25

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