

**Great Britain – Swimming
Barcelona, Spain
World Open Water Championships
13 – 27 July 2003
Depart UK 10/7/03 and return to UK 17/03**

Head Coach: Malcolm Staight
TM: Sam Greetham
Ass TM/Coach: Helen Slatter

Swimmers:

Male	Female
Alan Bircher	Paula Wood
David Proud	Heather Frederiksen

Date final team names confirmed with office (office use only):	25 June 2003
Date selection letter sent to team from office (office use only):	26 June 2003

ASSEMBLY					
Flights	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Airline/s used: British Airways & Jet2					
Airport/s used: Heathrow & Leeds Bradford					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Although departure from 2 separate airports, assembly in Barcelona. Was not a problem and worked well.					

Office Response

KIT & DISTRIBUTION					
Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Kit distributed at venue – would have been preferred to have distributed prior to departure to give swimmers opportunity of costume fitting prior to departure for competition.					

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: Hotel Rivoli, La Rambla 128 08002 Barcelona					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Eating arrangements were more of buffet style and although very nutritious and met all the required nutritional values over ten days even fruit and pasta needed some variation.					

Office Response

TRAINING VENUE (if appropriate)					
Location	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Facilities	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Access	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Barcelona Sports & Recreational Swimming Club					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Transport to training was not always available and to meet with availability at swimming pool taxis had to be used to and from the facility 4 times a day. Also an entry fee per day was required.					

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): Thank you to Wendy Coles who stepped in Yasmeen's absence and did a creditable job to get us to the championships.					

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.

Lack of GB medical cover left the team vulnerable on an extended trip. Any illness would have had to be dealt with by local medical facilities which was not always readily available being in a foreign country. Open Water swimmers now swimming in more than one competition the need for massage and stretching are becoming apparent as stiffness does occur when athletes are swimming the more extreme distances.

RESULTS

13 July 2003

5k Event - Mens

1 st	Evgueni Kocharov	RUS	53.11.9
2 nd	Christian Hein	GER	53.13.9
3 rd	Vladimir Diattchine	RUS	53.14.8
8 th	Alan Bircher	GBR	53.25.0
26 th	David Proud	GBR	54.44.9

5k Event - Women

1 st	Viola Valli	ITA	57.01.2
2 nd	Jana Pechanova	CZE	57.03.9
3 rd	Britta Kamrau	GER	57.06.4
5 th	Paula Wood	GBR	57.07.8
24 th	Heather Frederiksen	GBR	1.01.42.9

16 July 2003

10k Event - Mens

1 st	Vladimir Diattchine	RUS	1.50.58.8
2 nd	Christian Hein	GER	1.51.06.5
3 rd	David Meca	ESP	1.51.08.4
24 th	Alan Bircher	GBR	1.56.17.0

10k Event - Womens

1 st	Viola Valli	ITA	1.59.49.9
2 nd	Angela Mauer	GER	1.59.51.1
3 rd	Edith Van Dijk	NED	1.59.53.0
8 th	Paula Wood	GBR	2.01.51.6

19 July 2003

25k Event - Mens

1 st	Yury Kudinov	RUS	5.02.20.0
2 nd	David Meca	ESP	5.02.20.4
3 rd	Petar Stoichev	BUL	5.02.20.6

25k Event - Women

1 st	Edith Van Dijk	NED	5.35.43.5
2 nd	Britta Kamrau	GER	5.35.46.1
3 rd	Angela Mauer	GER	4.35.46.5