

**England Junior Waterpolo Team
Training Camp
Paris, France
28 to 30th March 2003**

H. Cartwright (Manager), N. Leighton & J. Read (Coaches)

Team - as in the coaches report

Date final team names confirmed with office (office use only):	17 March 2003
Date selection letter sent to team from office (office use only):	22 March 2003

ASSEMBLY						Office Response
Flights	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Airline/s used:	BMIBaby					
Airport/s used:	East Midlands					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Flights on time. No problems.						

KIT & DISTRIBUTION						Office Response
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Date kit distributed (office use only):						

ACCOMMODATION						Office Response <i>Accommodation sourced by Team Manager directly through French contacts.</i>
Rooms	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Location (from pool and other facilities)	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Meals/Food	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
General Service	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Accommodation name, address and contact numbers: CISP Maurice Ravel,75012 Paris. Tel: +33144756000						
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Reasonably priced & clean. Good VFM but basic.						

TRAINING VENUE						Office Response
Location (from hotel and other facilities)	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: National Academy						
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Bus & metro needed between hotel & pool.						

ADMINISTRATION						Office Response
Communication with office	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Information from Organisers	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Comments (if any - please keep brief):						

FINAL SUMMARY - any additional comments you would like to make (not obligatory).
A hard weekend against high quality opposition. Would have been much better if had been able to use on site accommodation

COSTINGS (For use by Water Polo Team Managers controlling own budgets only)
Flights £1.7k, accommodation £0.4k, meals £0.9K & assembly £0.2k

Water Polo Coaches Report

An England Squad of thirteen players were chosen from sixteen attending trials/training held on 15th & 16th February at Ponds Forge Sheffield. Two of the younger squad members, playing in the Inter District Tournament were also selected.

1	Andrew Crawford	85	Bolton School & City of Manchester	GK
2	Kieren Bayles	85	Sutton & Cheam	LH
3	Matthew Pimblett	85	Bolton School & City of Manchester	
4	Peter Hutchinson	87	Bolton School & City of Manchester	
5	Joel Thomas	87	Cheltenham	
6	Alex Parsonage	85	Warley & Cheltenham	LH
7	Andrew McAllister	85	Cheltenham	
8	Mark Banwell	85	Cheltenham	
9	Andrew Heywood	85	City of Manchester	
10	Andrew Squires	85	Lancaster	
11	Thomas Curwen	85	Lancaster	
12	Adam Scholefield	85	Rotherham Metro & Morley	Capt
13	Adam Marsland	85	Parogon	GK

Arrangements for this first excursion to the National Academy of France were made after making contact in Aix les Bains in July 2002.

The French Academy has been in operation for just nine months. Training and full time education is offered on a full range of Olympic sports at what used to be a military training school. These superb facilities include a 5 lane 50m training pool and an 8-lane 33½m water polo competition pool.

Training began shortly after our arrival in the lecture room with a re-cap of work already covered in Barcelona and Sheffield. White board and TV monitor facilities were kindly made available for our use over the weekend. In the event we used this facility for approximately 3-3½ hours.

Two hours training plus 2 periods with the French Academy pupils concluded Friday's session.

Friday	7.30pm -9.30pm	2hrs
Saturday	8.30am - 11.00am.	2½hrs
	3.00pm -5.00pm	2hrs
	8.00pm – 10.00pm	2hrs
Sunday	8.30am – 11.00am	2½hrs

Total water time 11hrs

This was a very challenging weekend for the players. Each working hard on their chosen or selected positions. The training games concentrated on set play in front of goal with little emphasis on counters. Much time was spent in attack, breaking down

- press
- zone

In defence, the squad practiced

- high pressing
- calling a drop

Man up/man down work was also a feature of the weekends training, with four drills being practised.

It was difficult to gauge the progress made over the three days in the company of our hosts. The French have made enormous progress whilst at the academy since we saw them in July last year. The Academy and the coaching is a testament to the progress that has been made in such a relatively short period of time.

The same squad of players will assemble once more on 3rd April for a tournament in Poland. Our hosts have also attracted Germany & Ireland to their tournament. This will be our final preparation before the European Qualification tournament in Lisbon.

Norman Leighton
Coach