

**Great Britain Junior Men W/P
Slowianka Cup
Gorzow, Poland
3 to 6th April 2003**

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

Athletes - As in the coaches report

Date final team names confirmed with office (office use only):	17 March 2003
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ASSEMBLY						Office Response
Flights	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Airline/s used:	B.A.					
Airport/s used:	Birmingham					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Flights on time. No problems.						

KIT & DISTRIBUTION						Office Response
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	

ACCOMMODATION						Office Response
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: Mieszko Hotel, Gdynskich St, 66-400 Gorzow. Tel: 48 957205051. Fax: 48 957225671						
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Reasonably priced, comfortable accommodation.						

COMPETITION VENUE						Office Response
Location (from pool and other facilities)	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Facilities	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Access	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Support Services	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Competition Organisation	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	
Doping Control	Yes / No					
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Slowianka Pool.						
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Excellent modern facility. 30 x 20 metre pitch.						

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).
Good preparation for the Euro Quals. Slow journey from Berlin to Gorzow.

COSTINGS (For use by Water Polo Team Managers controlling own budgets only)
Flights£2.4k, accomm£1.3k,meals£0.15k & assembly£0.22k

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

Water Polo Coaches Report

This was the squads final preparation before the European Qualification Tournament in Lisbon 17th-19th April. The players selected were those who performed at the recent training camp in France at the end of March.

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

The new pool in Gorzow was quite amazing for £3.4m. The standard of opposition was ideal, Ireland Germany and Poland each gave the GB team different tactical situations to work on and break down, as did some of the refereeing and table decisions.

First International 4th April 6.30pm

Germany 5-3 Great Britain (2-1, 0-0, 1-0, 2-2)

A satisfactory result for our first proper match since October 2002. The Germans were gifted two goals in the first period as a result of poor defending. For the rest of this game the sides were evenly matched.

Man of the Match awarded to:- Andrew Crawford, GB Keeper
 Scorers:- Andy Heywood, Alex Parsonage, Kieren Bayles.
 Man Ups 4 converted 1 25% success
 Man Downs 3 defended 1 33⅓% success

Second International 5th April 10.15am

Ireland 5-10 Great Britain (0-2, 1-1, 2-2, 2-5)

The GB team was always in control of this game, which is more than can be said of the German referee and Polish table officials. A goal was awarded in the 1st period, 0-3 to GB. On his way back to the half way line, the referee THEN decides to disallow the goal, keeping this a secret from both teams. The game WAS restarted from the half way line! We first became aware of a problem at the interval when we questioned the table why our goal had not been entered onto the scoreboard!

More was to come, in the fourth period a penalty was awarded to the Irish after GB had called a 'third' time out, in actual fact it was only our second. The table had mistakenly debited an Irish time out against GB. (Technical point, the correct decision should merely have been a change of possession, NOT a penalty, Bizarre!

Man of the Match awarded to:- Adam Scholefield.
 Scorers:- A. Scholefield 3, M. Banwell 2, P. Hutchinson 2, T. Curwen,
 A. Parsonage, M Pimblett,
 Man Ups 9 converted 4 44% success
 Man Downs 3 defended 2 66% success

Third International 5th April 6.15pm

Poland 4-7 Great Britain (0-3, 2-1, 2-2, 0-1)

This was a pressure game after the Poles put in an impressive performance during the mornings play, with a surprising, but well deserved 6-5 victory over Germany.

The result meant GB now had to win by 2 goals for another chance to play the Germans in Sundays finals. Losing would have given another game against Ireland for 3rd 4th place.

An excellent 1st period gave GB the belief a victory could be achieved. The work rate was relentless, with excellent work defence and attack. The team were worthy winners by 3 goals over the hosts.

Man of the Match awarded to :- Thomas Curwen
 Scorers:- T. Curwen 3, A. Heywood, M Pimblett, A. Scholefield, A. Squires.
 Man Ups 3 converted 3 100% success
 Man Downs 3 defended 1 33% success

Fourth International 6th April 10.15am

Germany 10-5 Great Britain (3-1, 3-2, 1-2, 3-0)

Both defences played well, the Germans managed to thwart GB attempts on goal with their playing of a left hand drop and our inability to initially break down this defence. Nevertheless, it was good to note GB prevented the German counters until the final period.

Scorers:- M. Banwell, T. Curwen, A. Heywood, P. Hutchinson A. Squires.

Man Ups	4	converted	2	50%	success
Man Downs	1	defended	1	100%	success

Summary

<u>Scorers</u>		<u>Major Kings</u>	
Curwen	5	Banwell	2
Scholefield	4	Curwen	2
Banwell	3	McAllister	2
Heywood	3	Heywood	1
Hutchinson	3	Parsonage (1 pen)	
Parsonage	2	Scholefield	2
Squires	2	Squires	1
Pimblett	2		
Bayles	1		
<u>Total</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>11</u>

Man Ups	20	converted	10	50%	success
Man Downs	10	defended	5	50%	success

This was the final preparation before the squad travels to Lisbon for the qualification tournament. The tournament gave GB four excellent matches to fine tune tactics in a bid to qualify for Turkey.

Norman Leighton
Coach