

**GB Junior men's water polo.  
Qualification tournament for the European Championships  
Lisbon, Portugal  
17 - 19 April 2003  
Travel: 16 to 19 April 2003**

Howard Cartwright (Manager), Norman Leighton & Jerome Read (Coaches)

As coaches' report.

<b>Date final team names confirmed with office (office use only):</b>	07 April 2003
<b>Date selection letter sent to team from office (office use only):</b>	10 April 2003

<b>ASSEMBLY</b>					
<b>Flights</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Airline/s used:</b>	BA				
<b>Airport/s used:</b>	Heathrow to Lisbon				
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b>					

<b>Office Response</b>
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<b>KIT &amp; DISTRIBUTION</b>					
	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b>					

<b>Office Response</b>
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<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>					
<b>Rooms</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Location (from pool and other facilities)</b>	Excellent	<b>Good</b>	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Meals/Food</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>General Service</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Accommodation name, address and contact numbers:</b> Praia Mar, Rue do Gurue 16, 2775 Parede, Carcavelos, Lisbon. Tel: 351214573131					
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b> Good value & helpful. Approx 15mins by car to the pool					

<b>Office Response</b>
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<b>COMPETITION VENUE</b>					
<b>Location (from pool and other facilities)</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Access</b>	Excellent	<b>Good</b>	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Support Services</b>	Excellent	<b>Good</b>	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Competition Organisation</b>	Excellent	Good	<b>Satisfactory</b>	Fair	Poor
<b>Any local support services bought in</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
<b>Doping Control</b>	Yes / No				
<b>Venue name, address and contact numbers:</b> Jamor National Stadium					
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b>					

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

<b>Office Response</b>
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<b>COSTINGS (For use by Water Polo Team Managers controlling own budgets only)</b>					
Flights £2.9k, hotel£2.6k, other costs £0.13 k & assembly £0.4k					

<b>RESULTS - As in coaches report</b>					
<b>Full set of official results sent to office by team manager (office use only)</b> Yes / No					

## Water Polo Coaches Report

The squad selected was the same as those who performed well just two weeks earlier in Poland.

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 GB party arrived on 16th April in Lisbon, one day prior to competition. The players were taken from the airport to the pool for an hour's high tempo session. After dinner at the hotel, members of the squad made excellent use of the conference facilities studying the Germany game from our previous trip to Poland. The following morning, an hour session had been allocated before our first international that evening.

### **First International 17<sup>th</sup> April 6.45pm**

Portugal 5–8 Great Britain (0-3, 1-0, 1-4, 3-1)

The tactic from the start was a high press. The captain got the team off to an exceptional start with two steals off the arc to counter. Tom Curwen settled any team nerves with a hat trick in the first period. The rest of the game was very much dictated by GB, which allowed the entire bench to enjoy a fair proportion of the game.

Scorers: Adam Scholefield 3, Tom Curwen 3, Mark Banwell, Alex Parsonage.

Man Ups	5	converted	3	60%	success
Man Downs	4	defended	2	50%	success

### **Second International 18<sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm**

France 9-3 Great Britain (3-1, 0-0, 2-0, 4-2)

Having trained with the French Academy only a month ago, the emphasis was to stop the counter attack. This was achieved for three periods. The final score was an improvement on our last encounter of nine months ago in Aix les Baines (12-3)

Scorers: Joel Thomas, Alex Parsonage, Andrew Heywood.

Man Ups	5	converted	1	20%	success
Man Downs	1	defended	1	100%	success

### **Third International 19<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am**

Malta 9-10 Great Britain

(1-1, 3-4, 2-2, 1-0). Extra Time (1-0, 1-2). Golden Goal (0-0,0-1)

The tie of the tournament. This was always going to be a close affair, as each team knew, that only a win would secure a place with the elite in Turkey. The Maltese played a very aggressive game resulting in three GB hats being 'destroyed'. Their team had notable individuals. Nevertheless, our commitment to team tactics and focus on the game hid any sign of uncertainty there may have been. Many chances from both sides were missed, but with 1m 55seconds remaining in the fourth period of extra time a penalty awarded to GB was eventually converted by Tom Curwen to end this epic.

Scorers: Andrew McAllister 2, Matthew Pimblett 2, Alex Parsonage 2, Thomas Curwen 2, Andrew Heywood, Mark Banwell.

Man Ups	8	converted	4	50%	success
Man Downs	2	defended	1	50%	success

## Summary

<u>Scorers</u>		<u>Major Kings</u>	
Curwen	5	Curwen	1 + 1 pen
Parsonage	4	Parsonage	1 + 1 pen
Scholefield	3	Scholefield	2
Heywood	2	Bayles	1
Banwell	2	Pimblett	1
McAllister	2	Thomas	1
Pimblett	2		
Thomas	1		
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Total	21	Total	9

Man Ups	18	converted	8	44%	success
Man Downs	7	defended	5	71%	success

The training and preparation for this qualification tournament has been the most influential factor in the squads performance to compete at this level. Once more, useful feedback was given to all players on a one to one basis using video footage of games played.

This outlines the fine line between success and failure. The strength in competition around the continent fluctuates from year to year, however, I am pleased to report that GB have shown that there is consistency in our ability to produce a team fit to qualify. It is essential that the hard work and commitment to youth polo continues.

My thanks to Jérôme Read for his outstanding work in preparing this team.

Norman Leighton  
Coach