

**England Senior Men Water Polo Team  
Frauenfeld LEN Friendly Tournament  
Frauenfeld, Switzerland  
20-22 June 2003  
(travel: 20 & 22 June 2003)**

**Staff.**

Taylor, Mark. *Coach.*

Baker, Stephen *Manager*                      Hammersmith Penguin.

**Team**

Banwell, Mark.	Cheltenham.	Bowers, Neil.	Lancaster. Capt.
Curwen, Tom.	Lancaster.	Drinkwater, Ivan.	Polytechnic.
Evans, Chris.	Hammersmith Penguin.	Figes, Craig.	Bristol.
Martin-Dye, Graham.	Hammersmith Penguin.	Parsonage, Alex. *	Cheltenham.
Stafford, Jonathon.	Tyldesley.	Taylor, David.	Cheltenham.
Thomas, Michael.	Cheltenham.	Thresher, Matthew.	Bristol.
Wall, Tom.	Hucknall		

<b>Date final team names confirmed with office (office use only):</b>	04 June 2003
<b>Date selection letter sent to team from office (office use only):</b>	16 June 2003

<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Office Response</b>
<b>Flights</b> <b>Excellent</b> Good      Satisfactory      Fair      Poor	
<b>Airline/s used:</b> British Airways	
<b>Airport/s used:</b> Heathrow and Manchester	
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b> Food on flight as always was poor.	

<b>KIT &amp; DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>Office Response</b>
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b> Only one new player received kit	

<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<b>Office Response</b>
<b>Rooms</b> Excellent      Good      Satisfactory      Fair <b>Poor</b>	
<b>Location</b> Excellent      Good      Satisfactory <b>Fair</b> Poor (from pool and other facilities)	
<b>Meals/Food</b> Excellent      Good <b>Satisfactory</b> Fair      Poor	
<b>General Service</b> Excellent <b>Good</b> Satisfactory      Fair      Poor	
<b>Accommodation name, address and contact numbers:</b> Military Barracks, Frauenfeld. No contact details.	
<b>Comments (if any - please keep brief):</b>	

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

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

**Office Response**

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

This event served the team objectives by further allowing the coach to introduce younger players to the team in a low pressure event as part of the redevelopment of the England team for the 2006 Commonwealth Tournament.

Additionally, the additional experience gained by the young players who will play in the Junior and Youth European and World championships later this summer will be invaluable. Interestingly, Egypt's team were the u/20 side that were preparing for Naples under Hungarian coaching.

For a second time this summer third place, but the objective was experience and not position.

**COSTINGS (For use by Water Polo Team Managers controlling own budgets only)**

Total cost £3850

**RESULTS**  
**Tournament results.**

Egypt v Austria 7-2  
Switzerland v England 7-6  
England v Austria 7-7  
Switzerland v Egypt 13-7  
Egypt v England 8-5  
Switzerland v Austria 8-4

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

**WATERPOLO**  
**Final Positions:**  
**1- Switzerland- 6 pts, 2- Egypt - 4 pts, 3- England - 1 pts,**  
**4- Austria - 1 pts.**

V Switzerland 6-7 (1-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-2)  
The Swiss played off of 15 players for the tournament and had returnees from the Hungarian league.

As the quarter scores show, a very tight game of two matched sides. Given that our average age was about 5 years younger, a good performance.

With even majors for and against, their 4-2 advantage swung the game. The Swiss have a couple of very strong pit forwards that our younger players could not deal with.

V Austria 7-7 (1-4, 2-0, 3-1, 0-1)  
A very important game for the team. It came back form a 1-4 first quarter which could have been an end of game start. That these young players came back, conceding only 2 goals in the rest of the game was a good learning experience and a credit to them.

V Egypt. 5-8 (2-2, 1-2, 2-3, 0-1)  
The England team came up against a young but physical side in the Egyptians as the 10-5 major count suggests. A continued inability to score 6-5, in this case 25% was the difference.

A useful game where England scored, but their chief goal scorers were unable to free themselves from heavy marking.