

**Great Britain Youth Men Water Polo
Warm Weather Training Camp
Sliema, Malta
5 – 12 July 2005**

TEAM MANAGER Lisa Knights
COACHES Nick Hume (5-10 July)
COACHES Martin Kelly

Athletes	Club	Athletes	Club
1. Stephen Bayles	Sutton & Cheam	10 Brett Perkins	Hucknall
2. Alasdair Campbell	Warender	11. Glen Robinson	Lancaster
3. Matthew Holland	Sutton & Cheam	12. Joshua Smith	Huddersfield
4. Ryan Johnson	Harrogate	13. Michael Smith	Sutton & Cheam
5. Thomas Kelly	Sheffield	14. Jake Vincent	Solihull
6. Sean King	Invicta	15. Jack Waller	Invicta
7. Richard Lawlor	Bolton School	16. James Wannop	Lancaster
8. William Massey	Bristol	17. Daniel Korcz	Grantham
9. Graeme Murray	Warender	18. Alan Chambers	Invicta

Date first & final team names confirmed with office (office use only):	08 June & 23 June
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ASSEMBLY					
Flights	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Airline/s used:	British Jet				
Airport/s used:	East Midlands and Malta				
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Airline food atrocious					

Office Response

KIT & DISTRIBUTION					
	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Boys had t-shirts and that's it					

Office Response

ACCOMMODATION					
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

Office Response Hotel was booked through Sunspot Tours by Traveleads (package deal) and both agent and tour operator were aware group was a sports team. However, not once was it mentioned there was a dress code at the hotel by tour operator. Also hotel website does not mention this. Hotel chosen by Waterpolo as cheapest package offered.
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Accommodation name, address and contact numbers: Imperial Hotel, Rodolfu Street, Sliema, SLM06, Malta. Tel: +356 21344093. Fax: +356 21336471.					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Hotel staff did not like having a group of young teenagers staying there – despite also catering for a group of 40 Italian & French students. Boys had to wear long formal trousers to eat in the restaurant each evening! No relaxation of the rules – it made things difficult at times especially when the boys were dashing off to another match or training session. Good location for pool though – only a 15 minute walk. Nice hotel but ridiculous formal evening wear policy.					

TRAINING VENUE					
Location (From hotel and other facilities)	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Facilities	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Access	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor
Venue name, address and contact numbers: Neville Pace, Neptunes Pool, Balluta Bay, Sliema, Malta. email: npace@gauciborda.com					
Comments (if any - please keep brief): Great training facility. Provided excellent opportunities for training and games. Short walk from the hotel. Also had a gym alongside it, which was offered to us. No medical facilities nearby though. Also had good catering facilities.					

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):					

Office Response

USEFUL INFORMATION - anything regarding the competition, location, venue etc that may be of interest to future team managers, i.e. banks do not open on a Tuesday or females are required to cover heads in public places.

If staying at the Hotel Imperial again make sure you have long trousers and some more formal wear other than shorts and shirts!

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

Self Financed

Coaches Report

As part of the increased focus on development for our younger players this self-financed training camp to Malta was organised. A training camp with 'informal' games was considered more beneficial than identifying a specific tournament at this stage of their long term development.

Training each day from 7-9, 12-1.30, 4-5.30 and 8.30-10pm clearly didn't leave a lot of time for anything else! But the boys handled the workload admirably. The evening session consisted of games every night against either a strong Italian Junior team who were on tour, or local club teams. On the last night a formal game against the Under 17 Maltese team was arranged.

The boys worked exceptionally hard all week and this paid off in the final match against the Maltese whom we beat 7-6. With a variety of training such as ocean swims, straight swimming and technical training, it advanced the team hugely during the week, drawing numerous comments from onlookers not only about their excellent performance but their overall discipline and behaviour.

The highlight of the week was probably the game we watched at the national stadium between two of Malta's biggest rivals. In front of 2500 'mad for it' supporters (and security guards) Sliema pulled out a last second victory to send the trumpet playing drum beating crowd into a frenzy! If that wasn't enough to inspire our youngsters towards 2012 nothing will!

Overall a great success and very beneficial all around.

