

2001+ Inter Regions, Walsall. 6th/7th December 2014

Competition report -

1	Thomas Cameron	DWPC
2	Lewis Hunter	Menziesshill
3	Joe O'Boyle	Warrender
4	Dominique Zahra (Capt)	Warrender
5	Gregor Turner	Portobello
6	Craig Harris	DWPC
7	Rowan Gallacher	Warrender
8	Rhauri Stuart	Warrender
9	Fraser Richardson	Hamilton
10	Ethan Darroch	Hamilton
11	John McKenzie	Warrender
12	Harry Gray	Stirling
13	Adam Heywood	Warrender

Manager : Michael Stuart

Coach : Brian Campbell

Formt :

Two groups of four teams played each other which was followed by play-offs to determine the placings with the top two in each group contesting 1-4th place and the bottom two contesting 5-8th place

Group match 1 –

London 12 Scotland 6 (3-2, 5-1, 4-1, 0-2)

Scorers : Dominique Zahra 4; Lewis Hunter 1

Majors : Rhauri Stuart 2, Lewis Hunter, Greg Turner & Rowan Gallacher 1 each.

Majors for : 6

Report :

This was a hard introduction for the team against one of the finalists with mistakes being punished.

With only 2 of the team having played at this level previously the team learned the hard way that you must protect the ball and retain possession.

Signs that they were learning came in the final quarter which we won albeit against a weaker seven London fielded.

Group match 2 –

North West Tigers 14 Scotland 9 (3-3, 2-3, 6-3, 3-0)

Scorers : Dominique Zahra 7, Rhauri Stuart & Harry Gray 1 each

Majors against : Harry Gray 1.

Majors for 6

Report :

Our second match was against the other finalist however the team had learned the lessons from the first game and started to understand how they each fitted into the structure of the team.

We led by one goal at half time and remained ahead 7-6 until losing three goals in the final three minutes of the quarter to go into the final quarter 11-9 behind. We missed a great chance to make it 11-10 which they scored-off to go 12-9 ahead and affectively finsih the game, Fielding our subs we lost a further two goals.

This was a much better performance and one we could have won against one of the top two teams with a little moe experience and composure.

Group match 3 –

Scotland 8 East Midlands 3 (1-0, 3-1, 4-1, 0-1)

Scorers : Lewis Hunter 5, Fraser Richardson 2, Ethan Daroch 1

Majors against : Ethan Daroch 1; none for

Majors for : None

Report :

East Midlands were the weakest team in the competition and were being defeated in other matches by around 20 goals. I rested the top players for the entire match which gave our less experienced players the responsibility to win the match which they proceeded to do with a good performance.

7/8th place play-off –

Scotland 12 North West Ravens 3 (2-1, 4-1, 3-0, 3-1)

Scorers : Dominique Zahra 10, Lewis Hunter & Harry Gray 1 each,

Majors against : Craig Harris 1

Majors for : 1

Report :

We suffered from a slow start to this game losing the first goal and missing a number of chances in the first quarter however we settled down and with Dominique in commanding form recored a comfortable win.

5/6th place play-off –

Scotland 7 East 10 (2-3, 0-2, 2-3, 3-2)

Scorers : Rhuari Stuart 3, Dominique Zahra 2.

Majors against : 3

Majors for : 6

Report :

We were always behind in this match and with Dominique heavily marked found it difficult to create chances. Tiredness also came into play with the players playing their fifth match over the weekend.

Final placing – 6th

MVP : Scotland & Competition awards – Dominique Zahra

Summary :

The team played well and the players will now have an understanding of the level in the UK that they have to match through hard work at both their core skills and fitness.

The Players behaved well over the weekend and Michael had arranged the Hotel and meals which were eaten as a group. Travel was by Mini-bus with no issues.

Check the Scottish Water Polo Website for current information :

<http://www.scottishwaterpolo.com>

Yours in Sport

**Brian M Campbell
Scotland Junior Coach**