

The Junior (1997+) North Sea Cup was held in Swansea on 8-9 November 2014 :

Match reports –

Match 1 vs Wales –

Won 8 -4 (2-2, 1-1, 2-1, 3-1), Majors for = 9, against = 9

Scorers : Angus Cameron & Tom Kane – 2, Ben Parsons, Clayton Woods, Ross Stewart & Scott Wilson – 1 each

Majors : Ben Parson, Angus Cameron, Clayton Woods, Tom Kane & Mathew Crighton – 1 each

This was a very close opening game with us pulling away in the second half as the Welsh team tired. Having been beaten by this team earlier this year in Brno the team performed much better and posed more of attacking threat than then.

Match 2 vs Ireland –

Lost 5-12 (1-5, 1-2, 2-3, 1-2), Majors for = 8, against = 3

Scorers : Scott Wilson – 4, Ben Parsons

Majors : Angus Cameron, Clayton Woods & Reuben Bowman

We had a bad start to this game with the team not ready mentally which then gave the Irish the upper hand throughout the remainder of the match.

Although defeated by the eventual winners again the the team were much more competitive than in Brno which was again encouraging.

Match 3 vs Denmark –

Lost 9-10 (4-4, 2-3, 0-1, 3-2), Majors for = 10, against = 6

Scorers : Scott Wilson – 5, Ben Parsons, Clayton Woods, Tom Kane & Bailey Forbes – 1 each

The first two quarters was probably the best Polo this group of players has played. The third quarter saw a Danish player excluded for Brutality and in the following 4 minutes when we were man-up, we were unable to score and reduce the two goal deficit, inexperience saw us make bad choices during our Man-up. Although we hit back well in the third quarter we eventually lost out by one goal. The importance of converting Man-up situations and taking our chances was demonstrated in this game which we could have easily won.

Summary –

Position 3 (Bronze)

Goals for = 22, against = 26

Scorers : Scott Wilson – 10, Ben Parsons & Tom Kane = 3 each, Angus Cameron & Clayton Woods – 2 each, Ross Stewart & Bailey Forbes – 1 each

Majors for = 27, against = 14

Majors : Angus Cameron & Clayton Woods = 4 each, Mathew Crighton = 2, Ben Parsons, Tom Kane, Reuben Bowman & Gerard – 1 each

Generally the team has improved since Brno following the increase in squad sessions and the emphasis on improving leg strength, general fitness and ball skills although we have work to do in attacking ploys and Man-up which will be the main focus going forward into 2015

The effort from the players was very good however they need to prepare better and focus on their roles in the team during the warm-up period.

The addition of Denmark to make this a four team competition was a major improvement and the venue at Swansea was excellent as was the organisation by our Welsh Colleagues.

Team :

- 1. Jamie Heywood, Warrender**
- 2. Gerard O'Hagan, Hamilton**
- 3. Ben Parsons, Menzieshill – Captain**
- 4. Angus Cameron, Stirling**
- 5. Clayton Woods, Portobello**
- 6. Ross Stewart, Dunfermline WPC**
- 7. Tom Kan, Crawley**
- 8. Bailey Forbes, Warrender**
- 9. Scott Wilson, Warrender**
- 10. Colin Woods, Aberdeen ASC**
- 11. James Melville, Dunfermline WPC**
- 12. Mathew Crighton, Menzieshill**
- 13. Reuben Bowman, Stirling**

Manager : Andrea Baker

Coach : Brian Campbell

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