

WATER POLO AGM REPORT 2008

COUNTY HONOURS

The following players, following trials, were selected and have competed for Devon in South West ASA competitions during 2008. Team placing in brackets.

U13 – Paris James, Laura-Beth Morrison, and Tom Whiting (3rd)

U15 – Laura Shears and Tom Whiting (Won)

U17 – Jack Beer, Ed Glanville, Tom McLeman and Alex Morrison (Won)

U19 – Richard Glanville and Jon Trist (2nd)

Development Ladies (1992) – Louise McGowan, Chloe Roberts, Jess Shears, Laura Shears and Annie Tinsley (Won)

Jack Beer and Jon Trist also went on a Devon U19 tour to Hungary. They competed in a tough tournament in a country where water polo is a national sport.

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

At present, Paris James, Ryan Rogers, Jess Shears, Laura Shears, Thomas Wadeley-Jones and Tom Whiting have all passed their trials to continue at the RTC. Here they major on technique and body position.

Jess Shears has recently passed National trials and is now in the final 36 from which a junior international will be chosen – good luck Jess.

DEVON LEAGUE WATER POLO

U15 - Finished 2nd. Squad: Guy Bennett, Ben Gauntlett, Paris James, Beth Jones, Laura- Beth Morrison, Chloe Roberts, Ryan Rogers, Laura Shears, Alex Snowball, Thomas Wadeley –Jones and Tom Whiting.

U17 – Finished 3rd but were only one win away from finishing second. Squad: Jack Beer, Dan Evans, Ed Joffe, Ed Glanville, Guillaume Godbehere, Louise McGowan, Tom McLeman, Alex Morrison, Jess Shears and Annie Tinsley. Some U15 have also played.

U19 – Finished 3rd but again only one win away from 2nd place. Squad: Ben Davis, Richard Glanville, Julian Hull, Max Morrison, Phil Ross and Jon Trist. Plus some U17's and U15's have also played.

Ladies – Won beating Newquay 3-1 on penalties after normal and extra time. Team: Hayley Beer, Faye Drinkwater, Amber James, Paris James, Louise McGowan, Chloe Roberts, Jess Shears, Laura Shears, Lynn Shears, Annie Tinsley, Katie Trist and Sue Webb.

DEVON KNOCK OUT CUP

Our U15, U17 & U19 sides were all knocked out at the semi final stage. Our Ladies contest the final this Sunday vs. Newquay.

BRISTOL & WEST (SENIOR Men)

Our two senior men's sides have been competing in the Bristol and West Divisions one and two. The final league standings have not yet been posted on their website. The first team have won six, drawn one and lost five so are likely to finish mid table. Our second team have won seven, drawn two and lost three and are likely to finish third. Several of our U17 and U19 players have played for these two teams this year.

As you can see we have had a good year regarding county player selections and Jess is seeking to be selected for our international junior side. Both Phil Shears and I have seen some great team performances this year with many players making vast improvements in their game. We are always looking for more players, both girls and boys, to join and be part of our successful section. There will be some recruitment activity in the coming months.