

## NASC Water Polo Report – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008

Update on games played since last report:

### **Bristol & West – Division 1.**

Away vs. Bristol Central 2nds Won 20-17.

Away vs. Swindon Dolphins Lost 9-11.

### **Bristol & West – Division 2.**

Away vs. Bristol Harlequins Won 14-4.

Away vs. Frome Won 12-11.

Away vs. Bath University Drew 10-10.

### **Devon League U19.**

Away vs. Kingsbridge Won 13-4.

### **Devon League U17.**

Away vs. Exeter Won 14-11.

Away vs. Paignton Lost 5-7.

### **Devon League U15.**

No league game yet as wanted some training time at the Lido prior to any league games as several new players. First game 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Teignmouth Lido opens in May so we will start to have some home games for all sides.

### Regional Training Centres (RTC).

Trials were held last weekend, at Millfield, for 93/94 & 95/96 age groups. Paris James, Ryan Rogers, Thomas Wadeley- Jones & Tom Whiting were all successful in the 95/96 age group. Laura Shears (95/96) and Jess Shears (93/94) were unable to attend as away on holiday but will be accepted. The new term starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. There is a new venue, it will be held at Exeter instead of Street, Somerset.

There are RTC's around the country from which approx 140No are selected for the National RTC. From this, approx 75 are picked for National squads and from these National teams are selected. This is the player pathway to the top.

### Goals.

At a recent training session I complained to the pool staff that one goal only had one rope to secure it to the pool side and the other had a piece of electrical wire to secure the goal which snapped when pulling the goal tight to the wall. We have had a response from the Council in that these goals

are our equipment and we should maintain them. The reply was that they are infact Council property hence maintenance down to them. I saw Jo Boardman a few Sundays ago who complained that putting the goals out was chipping the tiled surface. She watched her staff install the goals with a potential view of 'condemning' the goals so they couldn't be used. I have had not communication since. I do not know if there is a staff procedure (NOP) instructing how to correctly install the goals but the fact is the staff drag the heavy goals along the surface. One possible solution is fitting nylon castor wheels to the bottom so they can be wheeled on the pool side.

#### Training time.

Teignmouth Lido opens up in May but closes at the end of September. I have contacted Middlemoor Pool but there are no evenings available. We are therefore looking at using the Marine camp, at Lypstone, throughout the winter instead of Newton Abbot Leisure Centre from 9-10 on a Sunday. The major drawback is the distance to get there but there are several benefits for this:

- Pool hire is cheaper than NALC - £40/hour but we would need to provide own lifeguards.
- This would give training all year round for seniors as well as juniors. Lypstone is long so we can have Seniors/U19 at one end and U15/U17/Ladies at the other.
- Pool availability is from 7.00 – 9.00PM. We would be looking to book it for 1.5 hours. We would be able to get younger players involved as 9.00 PM on a Sunday evening at NALC is too late for many.
- The pool has goals and we would be able to play games there for all age groups in all leagues.
- I attended a Health & Safety meeting there recently and we are provisionally booked from October. I would need to return, with Coral, to go through H&S and procedure issues with them.
- This, if it goes ahead, will free an additional hour training time for the swimming squads.
- This would negate any 'goal problem' as detailed above.

#### Teignbridge Sports Personality Awards.

Our unbeaten 2007 U15 squad were not successful.

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