

City of Plymouth ASA
Lamb's Trophy Water polo Tournament, HMS Raleigh
Saturday 28th November 2015- 1100 to 1600

Match order and Results

1. Devonport A	5	v	Royal Navy	3
2. Barnstaple	4	v	Newquay	5
3. Devonport B	1	v	Devonport A	12
4. Royal Navy	7	v	Barnstaple	3
5. Newquay	9	v	Devonport B	4
6. Devonport A	4	v	Barnstaple	1
7. Royal Navy	2	v	Newquay	8
8. Devonport B	2	v	Barnstaple	9
9. Devonport A	5	v	Newquay	6
10. Royal Navy	8	v	Devonport B	3

Goals Tally

Team	Devonport Royal A	Barnstaple	Newquay	Royal Navy	Devonport B	Goals For	G o a l s Against
Devonport Royal A	X	4-1	5-6	5-3	12-1	26	11
Barnstaple	1-4	X	4-5	3-7	9-2	17	18
Newquay	6-5	5-4	X	8-2	9-4	28	15
Royal Navy	3-5	7-3	2-8	X	8-3	20	19
Devonport Royal B	1-12	2-9	4-9	3-8	X	10	38

Points Totals

Win=2 Draw=1 Lose=0

Newquay 8
Devonport A 6
Royal Navy 4
Barnstaple 2
Devonport B 0

Tournament Winners

Newquay

Runners Up

Devonport Royal

City of Plymouth ASA Player of the Tournament

Max Edwards (Devonport)

(to be awarded to a City of Plymouth ASA club member)

Lamb's Trophy 2015 Report

After a bit of trouble getting all the players through HMS Raleigh gate, and escorted to the pool it was time to begin the Lamb's Trophy Water polo tournament 2015.

The first match Devonport Royal A versus the Royal Navy, and within the first 30 secs the Navy acceded a major foul, leaving Devonport the perfect opportunity to score their first goal. After Devonport scored another goal the Navy pulled their trunks up and managed to slip a goal past Devonport's keeper. The match followed with each team taking it in turns to score. Final score 5-3 to Devonport.

Second match Barnstaple v Newquay and Barnstaple went out a little too hard acceding two major fouls in the first two minutes, although Newquay only managed to score off the latter. After letting another goal in, Barnstaple fought back to bring the score back even, and from then on each team took it in turns to score and get sent out, although Newquay managed to score the final and winning goal to make the score 4-5 to Newquay at the final whistle.

The third match was between Devonport Royal A and a mix of Devonport and Navy players (and coach) to make up another team, Devonport B team. Unfortunately Devonport B team turned out to be just that and despite a valiant effort they only managed to get one goal past the more experienced Devonport A team. Final score 12-1 to Devonport Royal A.

Having only seven players and losing one of them to the Navy for the fourth match, Barnstaple managed to borrow a couple of players from Newquay. Although when their goalie got sent out at the beginning of the match it allowed the Navy to get ahead from the start. Up to the half time whistle each team scored one after the other; after that Barnstaple allowed Steve Winterbach one of the RN's South African players to dominate the game and score four goals in this half with them only managing to score one more. Final score 7-3 to the Royal Navy.

Fifth match Newquay v Devonport B, and Devonport B put up a much more convincing performance, for although they did concede the first goal they soon brought the score back level before Newquay got themselves together and scored a further four goals before half time. From then on it was evident that Newquay were going to take the win, but Devonport B refused to give up and put three goals past the Newquay keeper before the final whistle. Final score 9-4 to Newquay.

In the sixth match Barnstaple felt the lack of a substitute against a full Devonport A team, however they managed to make Devonport work for every goal, and would have done much better if they'd managed to keep seven players in the water, as Devonport A took advantage of every man up possession presented to them. Final score 4-1 to Devonport A.

The first minute of the seventh game obviously put the RN team too much at ease for although they scored the first goal against Newquay that only proved to wake them up, and they retaliated with four in return before half time. The second half didn't prove much better for the RN, again they managed to get the ball past Newquay's keeper, and again Newquay retaliated with another four, one a penalty given away in the last minute. Final score 8-2 to Newquay.

Barnstaple's final match, and determined not to go home without a win they went out hard and scored their first two goals against Devonport B in the first two mins. However their goalie Mark Edmonds obviously didn't want to make it too easy, managing to fumble the ball and score an own goal just before the half time whistle, meaning Barnstaple were only one goal ahead. Quickly changing goalies at half time Barnstaple managed to steadily increase their lead throughout the second half, with even their goalie D Taverner heaving the ball all the way across the pool in the last 30 seconds to score the final goal of the match. Final score 9-2 to Barnstaple.

The ninth and the deciding match of the tournament, Devonport A v Newquay. Tensions were running high, and the first major foul was acceded by Newquay in the first minute giving Devonport the chance to score the first goal. It took Newquay a while to get back together but once they did they scored two goals before Devonport could retaliate. The last minute of the first half and Devonport's J Bowden was sent out giving Newquay another chance to score, making it 2-3 to Newquay at half time.

The second half and Newquay again didn't give Devonport A chance to get their heads out of the water before B May put the ball in the back of the net. However a penalty against Newquay's goal keeper T Hogg allowed Devonport to get the trophy back in sight. The match continued with Devonport playing catch up and Newquay just managing to keep the the lead. Although things looked a little unsure towards the end as Devonport's A Williams scored just before the last minute, however it wasn't to be and Newquay won the match and thus the tournament 6 goals to 5.

The final match, Royal Navy v Devonport B and at the beginning of the first half it looked like the Navy had it in the bag but Devonport B took charge of themselves and then looked like they were determined to end the tournament with at least one win under their belt. End of the second half score 2-3 to the Navy. However the RN team were obviously given a talking to at half time and they dominated the second half only allowing Devonport B to slip only one goal past, and with a series of major fouls against Devonport the final score was 8-3 to the Royal Navy.

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