

City of Plymouth ASA
Lamb's Trophy Water polo Tournament, HMS Raleigh
Saturday 25th November 2017- 1100 to 1600

Match order and Results

1. Devonport Royal **8** v Newton Abbott **8**
2. Royal Navy **2** v Barnstaple **8**
3. Devonport Royal **8** v Barnstaple **4**
4. Newton Abbott **13** v Royal Navy **3**
5. Devonport Royal **12** v Royal Navy **3**
6. Newton Abbott **7** v Barnstaple **12**

Goals Tally

Team	Devonport Royal	Barnstaple	Newton Abbott	Royal Navy	Goals For	Goals Against
Devonport Royal	X	8-4	8-8	12-3	28	15
Barnstaple	4-8	X	12-7	8-2	24	15
Newton Abbott	8-8	7-12	X	13-3	28	23
Royal Navy	3-12	2-8	3-13	X	8	33

Points Totals

Win=2 Draw=1 Lose=0

Barnstaple 4
 Devonport Royal 5
 Newton Abbott 3
 Royal Navy 0

Tournament Winners
Runners Up

Devonport Royal
 Barnstaple

City of Plymouth ASA Player of the Tournament James Bowden (Devonport)
 (to be awarded to a City of Plymouth ASA club member)

The first match was Devonport versus Lamb's Trophy tournament new comers Newton Abbott. Where Devonport had a full team of 13, Newton Abbott had only one substitute, so when Devonport took an early two goal lead it looked like Newton Abbott could be in trouble. But Newton didn't let this deter them and they managed to equal the score before the end of the first half. Both teams kept the refs busy with regular exclusions and alternated their goal scoring. Final score eight all.

With similar sized team Barnstaple and the Navy were the fixture, however it was obvious from their four goal lead at the end of the first quarter that Barnstaple easily out matched the RN. Unfortunately the RN didn't make the most of the many man up situations they managed to achieve, but managed to gradually improve their defence with the final score 2-8 to Barnstaple.

With back to back matches Barnstaple were straight back in to play Devonport and managed to score the first goal. However Devonport weren't to be beaten and gradually upped their goal tally with Barnstaple obviously tiring with their single substitute. However they didn't give up easily and started to make a come back in the second half, unfortunately it wasn't enough and despite exclusions on both sides Devonport came away with a comfortable win of 8-4.

With the Navy's coach playing for the opposition and similar numbers to Newton Abbott this looked to be an interesting match. The Navy played hard and well to begin with having warmed up their defence (and goalkeeper!) from the previous match the score was just 2-1 to Newton after the first quarter. Again the Navy managed to keep it together in the second quarter keeping the score low, although Newton's goalkeeper (Jon Trist) scoring in the last second of the quarter obviously didn't do anything for morale as the rest of the match slowly slipped away with the Navy not managing to reach the back of the net for the last two quarters. Final score 13-3 to Newton Abbott.

With the Navy back in the pool against the superior numbers and forces of Devonport the aim of the match was to keep the score as low as possible. Again for the two quarters of the match things weren't going to badly score 5-2 to Devonport. However the back to back matches had obviously taken their toll and despite Devonports's exclusions the Navy couldn't make the most of the advantage. By the end of the last two quarters the score 12-3 to Devonport.

The last and deciding match, if Newton Abbott were to win it goes to goals scored between themselves and Devonport to decide the winner, if Barnstaple win they overtake Newton Abbott in the scores and come second. With one substitute a piece this was going to be a tight match. The first quarter although tense was relatively low scoring with just two goals a piece. However the second quarter was a little more lively starting with goals coming thick and fast for both sides and then a fracas resulting in penalties for both sides. By the end of the second quarter though Barnstaple had managed to pull three goals ahead 4-7. For the next two quarters Barnstaple never lost their lead despite exclusions from both sides the match remained fast and furious right until the final whistle with Newton Abbott working hard to try to get the title but Barnstaple proved just that too much at the end of a long day. final score 7-12 to Barnstaple.