

City of Plymouth ASA
Lamb's Trophy Water polo Tournament, HMS Raleigh
Saturday 26th November 2016- 1100 to 1600

Match order and Results

1. Devonport Royal **9** v Royal Navy **9**
2. Barnstaple **4** v Newquay **7**
3. Devonport Royal **8** v Barnstaple **9**
4. Royal Navy **5** v Newquay **14**
5. Devonport Royal **5** v Newquay **12**
6. Royal Navy **8** v Barnstaple **16**

Goals Tally

Team	Devonport Royal	Barnstaple	Newquay	Royal Navy	Goals For	Goals Against
Devonport Royal	X	8-9	5-12	9-9	22	30
Barnstaple	9-8	X	4-7	16-8	29	23
Newquay	12-5	7-4	X	14-5	32	14
Royal Navy	9-9	8-16	5-14	X	22	39

Points Totals

Win=2 Draw=1 Lose=0

Barnstaple 4
 Devonport 1
 Newquay 6
 Royal Navy 1

Tournament Winners
Runners Up

Newquay
 Barnstaple

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

Lamb's Trophy 2016 Report

Having been escorted to the pool at HMS Raleigh, the teams got their trunks on and prepared for the tournament ahead.

The first match was Devonport Royal vs the Royal Navy team, and the RN team went out hard and scored the first two goals. However Devonport picked themselves up and managed to draw back level with the Navy, and as the Navy began to tire in the second half Devonport pushed ahead to lead 8-5. After a few words from coach and a series of major fouls by Devonport the Navy team managed to score the final goal in the last minute to draw 9-9.

Up next were Newquay and Barnstaple each with only one substitute a piece, the game was frantic from the off with two major fouls in the first two minutes; although neither side managed to make the most of the extra player. It was Barnstaple that scored the first and second goals, before another major foul allowed Newquay to get onto the score board. The game was neck and neck from this point on with each team drawing level and then conceding a goal, although it wasn't until just before the end of the third quarter that Newquay managed to pull ahead. Unfortunately for Barnstaple a few silly mistakes led to them giving away two penalties in the final quarter after which they never quite recovered, leaving the final score 4-7 to Newquay.

Barnstaple were straight back on to play Devonport for the third match, which was to be another close fixture. Barnstaple scored the first goal and Devonport weren't far behind, again the goals seemed to come from one side and then the other. Although Devonport did take the lead at the end of the first quarter, Barnstaple had managed to get the score back even by the end of the second quarter.

In the third quarter Barnstaple upped their game and had a three goal advantage by the end however Devonport were not going down without a fight, and Barnstaple were beginning to flag. In the last minute of the game it looked as though Devonport had managed another draw, but with only seconds to go Barnstaple's James Baker managed to sneak a goal in, making the final score 8-9 to Barnstaple.

The Navy and Newquay were in the pool for the next match, and by the end of the first quarter the game seemed quite even with only a one goal difference, despite the Navy giving away an early penalty. The second quarter however set the two teams apart with Newquay really taking the lead ending the second quarter 3-8. Unfortunately for the Navy they never really recovered from that point on, although in the last few minutes they made a final push scoring the last two goals to make the final score 5-14 to Newquay.

This time it is was Newquay's turn to get straight back in the pool, now against Devonport; as Devonport knew they could no longer win the tournament the decision was made to give some of their younger players some experience against a senior team. With a slow start from Devonport they finally managed to get their first goal in the second quarter and from then on worked steadily to try to keep the score low and get the goals in the back of the net,

unfortunately they never recovered from the first four goals scored by Newquay in the first quarter, and the final score was 5-12 to Newquay.

For the final match Barnstaple saw there only substitute playing for the Navy team, but they didn't let that bother them, and with the Navy giving away an early penalty they took the lead from the off set. The Navy did manage to level the score but by the end of the first quarter the score was 1-3 to Barnstaple, a position from which the Navy never recovered. Acceding a major foul and then a penalty at the beginning of the final quarter did not help the Navy's position, and in the final minutes Barnstaple scored the final two goals of the tournament to make the score 8-16 to Barnstaple.