



BECKENHAM WATER POLO

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The Winter Leagues are over and the introduction of the new rules for the Summer League is upon us. Find out all the latest results, stats and news below with an exciting new section. *If you have any content for future newsletters please contact [Dan Brown](#)*

Junior Squad Update

With the junior squads being completely full, it was great to see so many age groups competing in the Winter Season, giving all players a chance to play.

The U12A's have had a fantastic start to competitive water polo; *at the start of the season only 2 members of the team had played for Beckenham before.* The first round saw us take steps to building a team; 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. As the rounds progressed the team grew and grew, taking on, and beating all the participants in the league and being the only team to take points from league winners Watford, with a 4-2 victory. We finished the season placing a very commendable 2nd place and with the ambition to win the Summer League.

The U14's had their final tournament of the Winter League in Barnet and were rewarded with a superb showing against Watford. Tight pressing and control kept us in the match throughout allowing the win to be clinched with a late goal in the final minute of the game. However, our final match was a loss after conceding too many goals in the first half. The team remained strong and acquitted themselves well playing with great spirit throughout.

The U16B's entered the final round of the Winter League mid table and were faced with the daunting task of playing 1st and 2nd in the League. After previously losing to these teams the team were extremely motivated. The first match against Hythe A was extremely tight finishing a fantastic 5-5 draw. With confidence high we went into the final match against Watford determined to win. Extremely tight defending and excellent pit attacking allowed us a 5-2 win and an overall table position of 3rd.

The U16 Girl's had a strong start to the league winning 3 of their 4 opening matches. The team has joined forces with Hythe this year; who provide 3 members and Beckenham providing the rest, proving a great example of Kent clubs working well together. After a strong 11-10 victory against Basingstoke, the girls face a very well organised Otter next, eventually losing 5-1 after what proved to be a tight game. Improving even more, the girls were able to beat strong Penguin and Croydon sides. All to play for in the final round as we currently sit 2nd in the league.

The Summer league is under way and we hope to have some fantastic results from all of our junior teams in the coming months, however we are always welcoming new members. If you know anybody that wishes to give water polo ago or is looking for a new club please put them in contact with Nick Jackson.

Recently, 2 of our junior boys, Archie Pearson & Ben Young, were selected for the first time to represent England U17 in Brno (Czech Republic):

"Going out to the Czech Republic was a thrilling experience. At first we were really nervous but as the week went on and we began to relax as we learnt new tactics and most importantly enjoyed the tournament. We are extremely grateful to all the people who helped us get there."

Written by Ben Young and Archie Pearson



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Senior Squad Update

New rules have been applied for all senior water polo as of Summer 2019, with the aim to make games more interesting by increasing the speed of play and the amount of goals scored. Before the Summer league started we were invited to a tournament at Whitgift whereby these were put into practice.

By introducing various different tactics at training both the 1st and 2nd teams have made use of the rules and already scored some fantastic team goals. Both teams have had an array of results so far, with the highlights so far being an extraordinary win against a full strength Penguin team despite only fielding a 7 man squad and a nail biting draw for the 1st team against top of the table Sutton & Cheam.

May also saw a cup game fixture versus Shepway B. Due to injuries and illness Beckenham were only able to field an 8 man squad and started the game with a 8-2 down handicap. After end to end polo a Shepway last minute goal saw the game go into penalties, of which Beckenham won. Well done to everyone who played and we await to see the next leg fixture.

In March the U19 Girls played their last game of the season against Watford and managed to secure a draw of 10-10. The all girls training sessions have allowed them to concentrate on specific tactics and set plays. Mia Redfern was officially the top U19 goal scorer from the season along with Holly Campbell who scored the most goals overall for Beckenham.

On 28th April the girls faced Penguin at Whitgift. After a flying start and a 1st minute goal from Sarah Ellis Keeler they raced to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. The second and third quarters were more difficult as Penguin settled into the game but Tilda managed to stop everything that came her way. With the help of Jamie Spencer Boyce as coach the side managed to produce fast counter attacks in the fourth quarter and a superb 14-3 final score.



Club News and Events

New Rules

The beginning of the Summer Leagues meant the introduction of the Internationally tested new rules. As a club we have started to incorporate these into training sessions to ensure all of our teams are aware of these. Overall the new rules have been received positively, allowing a faster paced quicker game.

If you are not yet clear of all of these or need any clarification please speak to one of the senior members of the club who will help to clear up any confusion and explain using a match play scenario.

Volunteers

As a club run solely by volunteers we are always looking for help with admin, officiating or coaching. If you wish to get involved or have any further questions please contact Nick Jackson for more information.

Summer Tour

Andrew Kinch is currently organising an over 18 team to go to Amsterdam between the 30th August - 1st September. All games will take place outside with the option to camp on site.

Please contact Andrew Kinch if you are interested.

Social

Dora Roughan is organising a club social event with the date and location to be confirmed. We believe it is important to not only interact with team mates at training and games but also outside the playing environment.



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Team Tables

Men's 1st

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Sutton & Cheam Mens 1s	3	2	1	0	43	28	15	8
2 - Watford Mens 1s	3	2	0	1	33	30	3	7
3 ▲ Otter Mens 1s	3	2	0	1	39	40	-1	7
4 ▼ Beckenham Mens 1s	4	1	1	2	36	51	-15	7
5 ▼ Croydon Amphibians Mens 1s	2	1	0	1	22	15	7	4
6 ▼ Bexley Mens	2	1	0	1	30	24	6	4
7 - West London Penguin Mens 1s	3	0	0	3	26	41	-15	3

Men's 2nd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Otter Mens 2s	3	3	0	0	41	21	20	9
2 ▲ Avondale Mens 2s	4	2	0	2	39	54	-15	8
3 ▼ Enfield Mens 1s	3	2	0	1	42	29	13	7
4 ▼ Beckenham Mens 2s	3	1	0	2	45	43	2	5
5 - Whitgift Trinity Mens 1s	2	0	0	2	14	33	-19	2
6 ▲ West London Penguin Mens 2s	1	0	0	1	9	10	-1	1
7 ▼ Crawley Mens 1st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Senior Ladies

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Croydon Amphibians Ladies	1	1	0	0	20	9	11	3
2 - Beckenham Ladies	1	1	0	0	14	3	11	3
3 - Sussex Ladies	1	0	0	1	9	20	-11	1
4 - West London Penguin Ladies	1	0	0	1	3	14	-11	1

Junior Ladies

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Otter Ladies Junior	4	4	0	0	38	12	26	12
2 - Croydon Amphibians Ladies Juniors	4	2	0	2	37	19	18	8
3 - Watford Ladies Junior	4	1	1	2	15	34	-19	7
4 - Beckenham Ladies Juniors	4	0	1	3	13	38	-25	5

U12's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Watford Under 12s	10	9	0	1	65	15	50	28
2 - Beckenham Under 12s	10	8	1	1	54	27	27	27
3 - West London Penguin Hillingdon Under 12	10	6	0	4	44	33	11	22
4 - West London Penguin Latymer Under 12	10	4	0	6	32	61	-29	18
5 - Northampton Under 12	10	2	1	7	36	43	-7	15
6 - Croydon Amphibians Under 12s	10	0	0	10	15	67	-52	10

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1 - Watford Under 12s	10	9	0	1	65	15	50	28
2 - Beckenham Under 12s	10	8	1	1	54	27	27	27
3 - West London Penguin Hillingdon Under 12	10	6	0	4	44	33	11	22
4 - West London Penguin Latymer Under 12	10	4	0	6	32	61	-29	18
5 - Northampton Under 12	10	2	1	7	36	43	-7	15
6 - Croydon Amphibians Under 12s	10	0	0	10	15	67	-52	10

U14's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 ▲ Watford Under 14s	8	5	1	2	52	19	33	19
2 ▼ West London Penguin Latymer Under 14 A	8	5	1	2	31	31	0	19
3 - Chelmsford Under 14s	8	5	0	3	47	40	7	18
4 - Beckenham Under 14s	8	2	1	5	27	39	-12	13
5 - Croydon Amphibians Under 14s	8	1	1	6	22	50	-28	11

U16 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - Otter Under 16 girls	7	7	0	0	50	3	47	21
2 - Beckenham Under 16 girls	7	5	0	2	38	23	15	17
3 ▲ West London Penguin Latymer under 16 girls	7	2	0	5	26	38	-12	11
4 ▼ Croydon Amphibians Under 16 girls	7	2	0	5	20	35	-15	11
5 - Basingstoke Bluefins Under 16 girls	4	0	0	4	0	35	-35	4

U16's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 - West London Penguin Latymer under 16 B	4	3	0	1	36	19	17	10
2 ▲ Chelmsford Under 16s	4	2	1	1	20	22	-2	9
3 ▼ Worthing Under 16s	4	1	1	2	24	26	-2	7
4 ▼ Beckenham Under 16s	4	1	1	2	23	29	-6	7
5 - Watford Under 16s	4	1	1	2	19	26	-7	7

U16 B's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 ▲ Hythe Under 16s	8	6	2	0	40	31	9	22
2 ▼ Watford Under 16s B	8	5	1	2	51	28	23	19
3 - Beckenham Under 16 B	8	3	1	4	41	32	9	15
4 - Otter Under 16	8	3	0	5	40	33	7	14
5 - Haringey Aquatics Under 16	8	1	0	7	24	72	-48	10

We are currently awaiting the new fixtures and Summer leagues for some of the teams, however once these have been decided and confirmed they will be accessible via the 'Fixtures Live' link and will be displayed on our social media.

It has been extremely encouraging to see so many of our juniors integrating with our seniors in both training and games. The second team is currently recruiting new players so if you are interested in improving your polo and playing at a higher level please get in contact with Ian Steel.



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Update on Beckenham Players competing in the British Water Polo League for Invicta



Invicta - Mens Division 1

Following on from a disappointing second weekend Invicta had to make ground on Manchester to have any chance of winning the league, and kept the pressure on by beating Lancaster at Haberdashers on the Saturday. However, the Sunday saw a much closer match against Solihul which went all the way to the wire, with Solihul scoring an equaliser with only 18 seconds left. This meant Manchester had won the title with two games remaining; a perfect record of 6 from 6.

The last weekend of the season saw Invicta playing against Manchester on the Saturday with the chance of spoiling their perfect record, and a 2nd place decider against Cheltenham on the Sunday. Invicta were fortunate enough to have both matches played in front of the cameras for the



BBC's Red Button channel. From 3-2 behind Invicta put on an exhibition winning comfortably 5-11, the only team to beat Manchester all season having done so twice. The last game of the season was a straight up contest for second place in the table and despite a four minute man down Invicta were able to hold onto a strong 10-9 win, thus finishing second in the table and capping of an extremely successful season. This is Invicta's highest ever finish in the table since the club was started in 1992.



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Written by Paul Cheetham

All pictures from the weekend can be seen on <https://www.bwpl.org/gallery>

We have decided to add an additional section to the newsletter to get you all involved and see how well you know the club and water polo. Each edition we will give some facts about a player and all you have to do is try and work out who you think this is; *the answer will be provided in the next newsletter*. We are also going to add an interesting fact about the sport to broaden your knowledge about water polo and maybe help you in future pub quizzes!!

WHO AM I??

- Started playing in 1996.
- Played for Invicta, Invicta Marlins, Bristol and Boldmere.
- In 2008 they averaged 1 major per game played.
- Scored 58 goals in 2014 and 2015 combined.



“One of the earliest recorded games of a sport called water polo occurred at Crystal Palace in 1873 on September 15th in the boating lake”

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- 29.04 CROYDON AMPHIBIANS (A)
- 09.05 PENGUIN (A)
- 14.05 SUTTON & CHEAM (H)
- 11.06 WATFORD (H)
- 14.07 OTTER (A)
- 23.07 BEXLEY (A)
- 10.09 CROYDON (H)
- 17.09 SUTTON & CHEAM (A)
- 01.10 PENGUIN (H)
- 16.10 WATFORD (A)
- 29.10 OTTER (H)



- 07.05 ENFIELD (H)
- 28.05 CRAWLEY (H)
- 30.05 OTTER (A)
- 18.06 WHITGIFT TRINITY (H)
- 02.07 OTTER (H)
- 11.07 PENGUIN (A)
- 22.07 AVONDALE (A)
- 04.09 CRAWLEY (A)
- 15.10 PENGUIN (H)
- 28.10 ENFIELD (A)

