

Water Polo Report

February 2018



British Water Polo League

Lizards

The Lizards are now **TOP** of the **Super Five League** after the weekend in Sheffield where they beat Manchester and Sheffield. The next weekend in Lancaster where they were due to play against Coventry and Otter was cancelled because of the weather.

Liver Birds

The Liver Birds team also travelled to Sheffield to play Hucknall and Otter Lutra in **Championship 1**. They beat **Hucknall** and drew with Otter keeping them third in the division. The team had a couple more players making their debut in the League including Emily Atkinson (13 years old) in goal and Emily Ireland who scored in her first match.

Water Beetles

The Water Beetles have just heard that they will not have to take part in the **play-off tournament** in April against new applicants for the League as only one team has applied to join and one team has withdrawn.

ASA Girls 17 and u19 Age Group Preliminary Rounds

The Liverpool girls' youth (U17) team played in Liverpool against Manchester, Cheltenham, Icen, Newton Abbott and Watford over the weekend of February 17/18th. They had three wins a draw and a loss which was sufficient to qualify them for the next round to be held in Northampton at the end of March where they will meet the qualifiers from the other preliminary group of games

The Liverpool Junior (u19) team played their Preliminary Round matches in Northampton against Manchester, Otter Futura and Cheltenham. Wins against Otter Futura and Cheltenham secured a place into the qualification round which will be held in Manchester in the middle of March.

England Senior Women's Squad

Six of City of Liverpool's women's team (Katie Hesketh, Laura Hesketh, Kathryn Fowler, Sophie Gilbert, Lauren Tasker and Kate Read) have been invited to participate in the England training and competition programme over the next 2 years, including a **Commonwealth Games Tournament in Malta** in September.

Liverpool International Masters

The men's squad hosted their International Masters Tournament on **Saturday February 24th** at Liverpool Aquatic Centre. Teams from Ireland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the Czech Republic will be taking part as well as teams from all over the UK. A total of fourteen teams took part in a series of forty five matches using two pitches simultaneously. The tournament was eventually won by a Manchester & District representative side beating Cheltenham in the final.

