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## "Double Tops"

### For Our Senior Team's in the BWPL Super 5's



### Men's Super 5s

Team	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
Manchester	8	7	0	1	103	55	48	14
Invicta	8	5	1	2	73	59	14	11
Cheltenham	8	4	0	4	77	69	8	8
Solihull	8	2	1	5	81	82	-1	5
Lancaster	8	1	0	7	39	108	- <mark>6</mark> 9	2

### Women's Super 5s

Team	Ρ	w	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Manchester	8	6	1	1	102	46	56	13
Otter	8	5	1	2	89	50	39	11
Coventry	8	5	0	3	78	53	25	10
Liverpool Lizards	8	3	0	5	67	78	-11	6
Caledonia	8	0	0	8	43	152	-109	0





City of Manchester Senior men's and women's team's made history by becoming the first club to win the British Water Polo League Division 1 in the same season. The men dominated the division only loosing in the penultimate match to Invicta. Finishing in style with a win on Sunday against last years champions Solihull.

The ladies played a "Winner takes all" match against The City of Coventry. After beating Otter on the Saturday 7-4 Coventry were the only team who could overtake Manchester at the top. Great Defence and some clinical finishing gave Manchester a 6-1 victory and the title.





# Celebrations





### **Manchester Hawks Season Review**

City of Manchester Hawks met their self-imposed goal this season and successfully retained their place in National League 3 after a challenging round of matches against some very senior and experienced teams aiming for Division 2.

Disappointing clashes with other important commitments meant many normally regular Hawks players couldn't make a commitment to the full season, leaving coach Dan Paddon to juggle each weekend: he called on 19 different players across this short season, including 2 very junior players (well done to Harry Bentham and Jack Radcliffe for making impressive contributions). Only 2 players made all 7 matches, 4 different players were used in goal - including Tom and Luke Roche who have not previously been known for their goal-keeping skills, and the team played 3 matches with only one substitute.

Despite this, the core fitness and skills of all players showed through in some sparkling team and individual performances, and much was achieved through grim determination and mutual support. The off-season will allow time to consolidate these attributes and plan a new campaign in 2019/20.



Photo shows the team members who played in the last matches of the season:

Back Row: coach Dan Paddon, Rob Gourley, Marcus Crompton, Dave Teasdale (c), Richard Goodwin-Robertson, Harry Bentham

Report and Photo by Rachel Crompton Team Manager



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## Events for your diary



This year's summer festival will take place at Manchester Aquatics Centre on Saturday 22 June. Start time is normally 10.00 with finals at 18.00. Matches are 2 x 7 minutes all in and teams usually get 5 - 6 matches during the day. We have 5 pitches - 3 for 2005+ and 2 for 2007+ - both competitions are 7 a side.

### Sponsorship Available

City of Manchester W.P.C.

#### Festival Sponsorship- from £100 + VAT

The Manchester Festival is a must attend event in the Water Polo Calendar with 36 Teams from all over the country entering our club run tournament. The festival attracts 600 players/officials as well as a further 800 Spectators. We run two festivals each year.

#### Banner Sponsor £500 + VAT

- $\rightarrow$  Advertisement in festival programme
- $\rightarrow$  1 x poolside banner
- → Website advertisement
- → Social media advertisement
  → Invite to Annual awards evening
- $\rightarrow$  Club newsletter advertisement

#### Festival T-shirt Sponsor- £100 + VAT

- → Logo on festival t-shirts sold to competitors (not exclusive)
- → Advertisement in festival programme





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### Watch both senior teams in their home pool

Having won both the men's and women's BWPL Super 5s Competition, both sides are now in contention for the British Championships.

The next games will be held on Sunday 12th May at the East Manchester Leisure Centre with the men's game against Polytechnic commencing at 4.30 PM with the women's game starting at 5.45 PM.

This is a great opportunity to see both sides in action in one of our home pools and for younger players in particular to experience high-level matches.

Everybody is welcome to attend with tickets priced at £3 each or £10 for a family of four (payable on the door).





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### LEN Junior Men's Water Polo Championships Qualification Group B

### **Manchester Aquatics Centre May 3-5**



#### Friday 3 May Session 1 18:00 Israel **Great Britain** 19:20 France Slovakia v Saturday 4 May Session 2 13:00 GB 01 Women v GB 02 Women 14:20 ENG Men SCO Men v Session 3 17:00 Great Britain v Slovakia 18:20 France Israel v Sunday 5 May Session 4 10:00 Slovakia Israel v 11:20 Great Britain v France

The U17 Junior men play their European Qualification games at Manchester Aquatics centre over the weekend May 3-5.

City of Manchester have six players in the squad :

Callum Fookes, Brett Takemoto, Christian Thompson - Captain , Thomas Yates, Tom Roche, Luke Roche. Plus TM - Mike Yates (CoM).

Come along and support the team.

Saturday afternoon will see Men England V Scotland

City of Manchester have 10 players in the England squad:

Dylan Green, Michael Cousins, Lewis Daly, Joel Leighton, Dan Paddon - Capt Michael Patterson, Cam Richards, Chris Sturtevant, Isaac Wass, Aaron Winstanley.

Saturday afternoon will also feature GB 01 V GB02 women

City of Manchester have

Thea Simpson and Martha Warrilow playing in this match.

Come along and support the team.

### Tickets available to pre-order from:

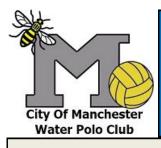
ejmwpmanchester2019@gmail.com

Season Tickets £25 – sessions 1 - 4

Session 1, 3, 4 tickets £10

Session 2 tickets £5

U16s half price



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## **University Water Polo**

Manchester has two great Universities' .The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University.

City of Manchester Water Polo club are connected with both.

Both University's train at the Aquatics centre .

**The University of Manchester** Women are coached by CoM Head coach Theo Nousios and include CoM player Steph Whittaker.

**The University of Manchester** Men are coached by CoM first team player Eleftherios Chelioudalis (Lefty) And include CoM players James Warmen and Michael Cousins



**Manchester Metropolitan University**. Men's and Women's teams are both coached by CoM Dan Paddon and include CoM Players:

**Women**: Isobel Howe (Captain), Niamh Campbell-O'Donnell, Emmie-Rose Eastwood, Honor Grimes, Millie Boucher **Men**: Dan Paddon (Captain), Joel Leighton, Cameron Richards, Dylan Green, Michael Patterson, Isaac Wass, Andrea De Caro.

