

## Ljubljana tournament

17th November 2012

We started off with five players, but picked up Leigh, our stalwart centre-forward from the Madrid tournaments, and a couple of extra players from the Munich and Hungarian Masters teams. In our first game we were drawn against Hungary 1, and this went the way we expected: barely getting into their half and a big loss on the score-line.

Our second game followed suit, then we were up against Munich, for whom Philipp H was playing. We lost our Munich player, so we borrowed another Hungarian. However, we were late getting players into the water for the early part of the game, and had some confusion about where everyone should be playing. This caused the loss of two early goals, from which we were not able to recover.

After a break for lunch, we played against Ljubljana 3, who were mostly the Ljubljana first team of ten years before. They may have lost their speed, but not their positional play and flicking ability, and they kept on finding ways through our defences for a comfortable victory.

Our next game was against the Hungarian Ladies. They kept on taking the game to the wall, where the play mostly devolved into bashing, but we were able to bring the puck out into the centre of the field and put a few goals past them for what would be our only victory of the day.

We went on to play against the Hungarian Masters who also defeated us by quite a large margin.



Our final game was against Cirie from Torino, who had beaten us for the second division title at this same tournament in 2010. Again, their fast forwards proved to be too much for our tiring back line, and they put a brace of goals past us for only one reply.

This put us into eleventh place out of twelve. As it said on the trophy that we received, «Ooops, TRAIN HARDER».

Martin Reed

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### First Tournament Experience

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Luwigana 2012 was my first ever underwater hockey tournament. Though I've played a bit before, I must admit before the tournament I was pretty daunted. However, it was a really good experience and one that I'm thoroughly glad I did.

I can't pretend I scored tons of goals, or got everything right. However, it felt great to be part of a team, and I'm very grateful for Team Suisse for having me!

I've learnt loads of new things about the sport that I'll be able to incorporate into my game.

The attitude of all the other players from all the teams was really supportive, and even the best players told me they were all nervous at their first tournaments. All in all, it was great fun and I can't wait for my next one!

Josh Wyatt (Genève)



Alex, Sylvania, Josh, Tamas, Martin, Leigh, Dave, Kathleen (mascot), Anna, Antal