

# NATIONAL WATER POLO LEAGUE

Match Secretary's Report  
and  
Statistics  
2008

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## 1. Introduction

It does not seem like 12 months since I was compiling the 2007 report yet a lot has happened in that time. The season has been busy and at times very hectic and for me in particular, whilst working to get water polo facilities back in place at my own club Solihull.

Millfield being closed for roof repairs 4 days before the October Division 1 event was a shock, but with the help of Cardiff and Bath University Centres and the co-operation of the clubs all but 2 games were accommodated over that same weekend. I was not around when this happened and I am grateful to Chris Ducker and David Andrews for sorting it out with minimal disruption.

Again we had a problem with the ASA Registration Department of a player from one of our Member clubs. Although he appeared to have an ASA registration number, when he was reported for 21.10 offence it was found by the Judiciary that he was not on the ASA list. Following investigation the ASA decided, for whatever reason, that they would backdate this registration to March. My enquiries have not unearthed their reasoning behind this, but I think this must serve as a warning to all clubs in the future to make absolutely sure your registrar has actually registered the players that are taking part. The easy way to do this is to obtain a list of the clubs players returned by the ASA after renewal. This should be available in plenty of time prior to the seasons start in September.

Another problem arose, when one of our member clubs was suspended for three games for a misdemeanour during the first weekend of the season. The suspension would have been served during the current season but the club appealed and due to the lack of urgency by the Judicial Department this will not be heard until end of January 2009. Thus, should the suspension be upheld will then have an impact on the 2009 season.

Even with its ups and downs the season was completed on time with only one club failing to fulfil its fixtures, that being over the last weekend. Thanks must go to all the 1<sup>st</sup> Division clubs for their understanding and co-operation following the Millfield closure, in particular to Manchester for staging the two GBJ games at the MAC, to Rotherham for agreeing to play two games on the same day at Millfield to enable the league to accommodate the earlier postponed Polytechnic v GBJ 2 game and to Polytechnic for agreeing to stay and play the GBJ 2 game late on the Sunday.

## 2. Annual Report

**Division 1** Lancaster regained the Division 1 title after missing out to Bristol Central last year. In the last 13 years Bristol Central have won the title 3 times and are the only team to have prevented Lancaster from making it 13 titles in 13yrs. They are still well short of Polytechnics record of 17 titles but the irony is that Polytechnic were this season relegated from Division 1 for the first time in their history.

The runners up were Rotherham closely followed by an ever improving Manchester who pushed Bristol into 4<sup>th</sup> position, a place they have not been used to for some years. Big disappointment were Penguin who started the season well attaining the 5<sup>th</sup> position at the completion of Phase 1, but failed to gain a single point in Phase 2 and at times during the latter stages found it difficult to raise a team.

If the title race was a runaway affair the relegation battle went to the wire on the last day of the season. The two contenders Portobello and Polytechnic played each other, with Polytechnic needing a win to put them in the play-off position. As Otter in Division 2 had already stated they would not Challenge, the winner would remain in Division 1. With Polytechnic 3 goals clear at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> period it seemed that their future may be safe but gradually Portobello fought their way back and won by 2 goals, an almost identical performance that they had against Solihull in the play-offs the previous season.

Scott Carpenter was again the leagues top goalscorer with 71 goals for Lancaster [78 if the matches against GBJ are included]. Scott has now made it three years on the trot, but still needs to do it another twice to equal fellow team mate Colin Burgess's record.

**Division 2** Following the completion of the second weekend it was evident that Tydesley were the main contenders for the title. Otter the only other possible challengers had what was for them a poor start and were never closer than 5 points. The Michael Cowburn goal machine continues to role with another 85 goals this season. Could we have a challenger for Scott Carpenter next season ?

Solihull having featured in the Division 1 play-offs the season before found themselves relegated. Having been deprived of training facilities for the whole of 2008 did well to muster 6 points, a total that would not have automatically relegated them in previous seasons.

Hucknall who had won all three games on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the season found themselves in the play-off place. They were challenged by Leeds from Division 3. Hucknall made a good start to the game but finally lost by 2 goals and were relegated.

**Division 3** Croydon found themselves in Division 3 having not needing to challenge in 2007 due to Newton Abbot and Readings departure. They took full advantage and won the Division without losing a game. Warley who many thought maybe the team to challenge finished 5<sup>th</sup> but did provide the leagues top goal scorer in Adam Whitehall scoring 71 times. Otter 1869 were automatically relegated and newly promoted Ealing found themselves back in Division 4 after the play-offs having been beaten 8 – 10 by a very well organised University of Bristol side.

### Division 4.

New team Swindon swept to the title after Cambridge's early season thrust faded. Swindon with several ex Newton Abbot and Reading players in their team were too strong for most clubs but still remarkably dropped a point to Bedford who finished bottom but one. Steve Margetts, this year with Swindon, was a again top goal scorer in the division managing another 91 goals. Justin Irvine of Bedford again scored a creditable 71 goals almost single handedly keeping Bedford off bottom place. Newcomers the RAF finished in last place but showed no lack of commitment always having at least 11 players on the poolside, something that clubs in higher divisions should note.

### General

It is worthy of note that the GB Juniors team playing in the top half of Division 1 would have finished in top place had they have not fallen foul of the leagues rules by playing players up from the GB Junior team in the lower half. No unfair advantage was gained or intended and it was a pity that the rules did not allow this to happen. In view of the recent funding announcements and the withdrawal of GB teams from almost all competitions, the achievements seem to be in vain.

It is mentioned earlier that the Solihull Club had to suffer the rigours of not having a pool for water polo for the whole of the 2008 season. Something that it is hoped will be solved by the end of January 2009 after a long year of discussion and negotiation. Even to summarise this saga is too long for the annual report, so an article will be posted on the website, hopefully to serve as a warning to clubs both swimming and water polo who maybe having a new facility constructed in the near future.

### 3. Summary of the 2008 Season

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#### Statistics

These are again presented in the usual format. This season there were 4 Divisions. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division of 10 teams, with the inclusion of two GB Junior squads, one in each section, during phase 2; and a full complement of 8 teams in Divisions 2 and 3; with 9 teams in Division 4. Again this year I have not included the actual match results as these are all detailed on the Web site.

#### Observations

- Lancaster easily regained the Division 1 title after surrendering it to Bristol in 2007
- Scott Carpenter's 78 goals in 15 games was, for the third year running, exceptional.
- There were 2 non-fulfillments both by W.L. Penguin who failed to fulfil their last weekend's commitments
- At the time of issuing this report the total number of sheets NOT returned by clubs was 79, a big increase from last year
- The overall goal scoring rate per game played was down slightly on last season making it just over 21 goals per game.
- The number of major/exclusion fouls committed was up significantly, 92 for the season increasing by 44% over 2007
- Violations of 21/10 were up by 28 offences from last season. Violations of 21/11 were up by 3
- Michael Cowburn, of Tyldesley, in Division 2, for the 11<sup>th</sup> year running appears in the top 10 goal scoring list. He is again the most prolific goal scorer per match in all four divisions averaging just short of 6 goals per game. The next nearest is Steve Margetts of Swindon with just below 6 per game
- The two best behaved clubs were Lancaster 5 exclusions per game, and Rotherham 5.44 exclusions per game,

#### 3.1 General Match Facts

##### Matches Played.

		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Total Matches arranged :-		<b>291</b>	263	249	256	247	215	222	270	252	252
Total Matches played :-		<b>289</b>	260	249	254	238	212	219	266	250	247
Non-fulfillments :-	Div 1	<b>2</b>	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1
	Div 2	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
	Div 3	<b>0</b>	0	0	2	6	0	3	3	2	4
	Div 4	<b>0</b>	3	0	0			no competition			
<b>TOTAL :-</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

#### 3.2 Refereeing attendances

291 games played, 289 had 2 referees officiating. 6 games took place at Ponds Forge 27/28<sup>th</sup> Oct [Div 2 and 4] with one of the officials not on the NWPL list.

#### 3.3 Match sheets not returned by clubs

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Total number of matches sheets that should be returned	<b>873</b>	789	747	768	741	636	675
Match sheets not received from promoter/referee	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	10	0	0
Match sheets not returned by clubs	<b>78</b>	17 [526]	20[508]	75 [512]	36[494]	111[424]	90[450]

#### 3.4 Match sheets not returned by clubs [by date 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008]

Rule 205.2 applied

Bristol	9	Birkenhead	0	Birmingham	4	Bedford	3
Cheltenham	0	Hucknall	0	Caledonia	14	Cambridge	16
Invicta	0	Invicta Marlins	0	Croydon	0	Grantham	0
Lancaster	0	Otter	0	Ealing	0	Manchester Hawks	0
Manchester	0	Sheffield	0	Leeds	14	Newcastle	0
Polytechnic	0	Solihull	0	Otter 1869	0	R.A.F.	0
Portobello	0	Sutton & Cheam	2	South Derbyshire	0	Swindon	0
Penguin	10	Tyldesley	0	Warley	0	Univ' of Bristol	0
Rotherham	7	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Weymouth &amp; Portland</b>	<b>0</b>
Welsh Wand's	0					<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>
G.B. Juniors	0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>						

#### 3.5 Results summary

		2008	2007	2006	2005
Division 1	Winners :-	Lancaster	Bristol	Lancaster	Lancaster
	Runners up :-	Rotherham	Lancaster	Cheltenham	Bristol
Division 2	Winners :-	Tyldesley	Invicta	Otter	Portobello
	Runners up :-	Otter	Solihull	Solihull	Welsh Wand's
Division 3	Winners :-	Croydon	Invicta Marlins	Sheffield	Caledonia
	Runners up :-	Leeds	Caledonia	Sutton & Cheam	Warley
Division 4	Winners :-	Swindon	Birmingham	Otter 1869	no competition
	Runners up :-	Univ' of Bristol	Croydon	Invicta Marlins	" "

- 3.6 Challenge Matches Otter [Div 2] did NOT challenge Portobello [Div 1] Therefore Portobello remain in Division 1  
 Leeds [Div 3] challenged Hucknall [Div 2] Leeds won 12 -10 so are promoted to Div 2 Hucknall relegated to Div 3  
 Univ' of Bristol [Div 4] challenged Ealing [Div 3] Univ' of Bristol won 10 - 8 so are promoted to Div 3  
 Ealing relegated to Div 4

## 4. Final League Tables

### 4.1 Division 1 League positions after Phase 1 applied.

NOTE :- Where teams have equal points rule 301.4 has been

	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Lancaster	9	9	0	0	159	54	18	+ 105
2. Bristol	9	7	0	2	121	82	14	+ 39
3. Manchester	9	6	1	2	122	74	13	+ 48
4. Rotherham	9	6	0	3	122	81	12	+ 41
5. W.L.Penguin	9	4	1	4	85	91	9	-- 6
6. Cheltenham	9	4	1	4	116	102	9	+ 14
7. Welsh Wanderers	9	3	1	5	84	115	7	-- 31
8. Invicta	9	2	2	5	89	104	6	-- 15
9. Portobello	9	1	0	8	71	182	2	-- 111
10. Polytechnic	9	0	0	9	52	136	0	-- 84

### 4.2 Phase 2 Rationale

- In Phase 1, each team played NINE games on a round robin basis.
- For Phase 2, the league was divided into TWO divisions the top five A to E and bottom five F to K with the addition of the GB Juniors, to play each other twice more in the remaining weekends – 10 more games for the top half and 10 in the lower half.
- In Phase 2, teams carry forward results (meaning points and game scores) from ALL MATCHES in Phase 1
- TWO tables were produced showing the positions with and without the GB Junior scores.

### 4.3 Final league Tables Division 1

NOTE :- Where teams have equal points rule 301.4 has been applied.

Top	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Lancaster	17	16	0	1	255	109	32	+ 146
2. Rotherham	17	12	0	5	204	147	24	+ 57
3. Manchester	17	10	1	6	204	128	21	+ 76
4. Bristol	17	10	0	7	177	155	20	+ 22
5. W.L.Penguin #	17	4	1	12	121	195	4	-- 74
<b>Bottom</b>								
6. Cheltenham	17	11	1	5	211	173	23	+ 38
7. Invicta	17	8	2	7	179	171	18	+ 8
8. Welsh Wanderers	17	8	2	6	184	196	18	-- 12
9. Portobello	17	2	1	14	145	285	5	-- 140
10. Polytechnic	17	0	1	16	117	238	1	-- 121

### 4.4 Final League tables including GBJ

Top	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Lancaster	10	7	0	3	114	85	14	+ 29
2. Rotherham	10	7	0	3	111	88	14	+ 23
3. Manchester	10	5	0	5	101	76	10	+ 25
4. Bristol	10	3	0	7	71	92	6	-- 21
5. GB Juniors 1*	10	8	0	2	116	93	--2	+ 23
6. W.L.Penguin #	10	0	0	10	48	127	--5	-- 79
<b>Bottom</b>								
1. Cheltenham	10	8	1	0	117	85	17	+ 32
2. Invicta	10	8	0	2	115	89	16	+ 26
3. Welsh Wanderers	10	7	1	2	129	98	15	+ 31
4. GB Juniors 2	10	3	0	7	97	108	6	-- 11
5. Portobello	10	2	1	7	94	127	5	-- 33
6. Polytechnic	10	0	1	9	77	122	1	-- 45

\* GBJ 1 played unregistered players against Bristol, Lancaster, Rotherham, Manchester twice each and Penguin.  
 Rule 304.6 applies Thus GBJ 1 are deducted 2 points per game = 18 pts

# W.L. Penguin deducted 5 points for non-fulfillment of two games at Millfield 13/14<sup>th</sup> December

### 4.5 Final League Tables top half Div 1 had GBJ players been registered according to rule

This has been included to show the progress the GB Junior 1 team has made.

Top	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference

1. GB Juniors 1	10	8	0	2	116	93	16	+ 23
2. Lancaster	10	7	0	3	114	85	14	+ 29
3. Rotherham	10	7	0	3	111	88	14	+ 23
4. Manchester	10	5	0	5	101	76	10	+ 25
5. Bristol	10	3	0	7	71	92	6	-- 21
6. W.L.Penguin	10	0	0	10	48	127	0	-- 79

#### 4.6 Final League Tables

#### Division 2

NOTE :- Where teams have equal points rule 301.4 has been applied.

	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Tyldesley	14	12	1	1	172	111	25	+ 61
2. Otter	14	9	1	4	156	135	19	+ 21
3. Sutton & Cheam	14	7	3	4	134	119	17	+ 15
4. Sheffield	14	6	1	7	99	107	13	-- 8
5. Birkenhead	14	5	2	7	120	128	12	-- 8
6. Invicta Marlins	14	4	2	8	129	136	10	-- 7
7. Hucknall	14	4	2	8	132	153	10	-- 21
8. Solihull	14	3	0	11	115	168	6	-- 53

#### 4.7 Final League Tables

#### Division 3

NOTE :- Where teams have equal points rule 301.4 has been applied.

	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Croydon	14	14	0	0	254	140	28	+114
2. Leeds	14	11	0	3	196	143	22	+ 53
3. Caledonia	14	9	0	5	189	153	18	+ 36
4. South Derbyshire	14	7	0	7	174	155	14	+ 19
5. Warley	14	6	0	8	188	203	10*	-- 15
6. Birmingham	14	4	0	10	117	179	8	-- 62
7. Ealing	14	4	0	10	148	193	8	-- 45
8. Otter 1869.	14	1	0	13	93	193	2	--100

\* Warley included an unregistered players name on the match sheet against South Derbyshire during the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Rule 304.6 applies. Thus Warley are deducted 2 pts as per rule.

#### 4.8 Final League Tables

#### Division 4

NOTE :- Where teams have equal points rule 301.4 has been applied.

	Plyd	W	D	L	Goals		Pts	Goal
					For	Agst		Difference
1. Swindon	16	15	1	0	320	177	31	+143
2. Univ, of Bristol	16	13	0	3	239	165	26	+ 74
3. Cambridge.	16	10	0	6	218	158	20	+ 60
4. Weymouth & Portland	16	9	1	6	222	212	19	+ 10
5. Manchester Hawks	16	9	0	7	230	194	18	+ 36
6. Grantham	16	4	0	12	131	225	8	-- 94
7. Newcastle	16	4	0	12	164	232	8	-- 68
8. Bedford *	16	5	2	9	156	210	8	-- 54
9. R.A.F.	16	1	0	15	127	234	2	--107

## 5. Goals and goalscorers

### 5.1 Goals

In 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Division 1 each team played each other once.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the season Division 1 teams including GBJ teams in both halves had 10 fixtures. In the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th Divisions teams played each other twice totaling 14 fixtures for each team.

The figures in brackets are the actual games that took place which excludes GB Juniors

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Division 1	1797[93]	1915[85]	1674[85]	1678[75]	1461[75]	1309[84]
Division 2	1057[56]	1098[56]	1284[56]	1589[90]	1633[90]	1448[83]
Division 3	1361[56]	1416[56]	1402[56]	1781[88]	1438[66]	706[45]
Division 4	1807[72]	1212[53]	1022[42]	-----	No competition	
TOTAL :-	6022[277]	5641[251]	5382[239]	5048[253]	4532[231]	3463[212]
Average per game :-	21.74	22.47	22.5	19.95	19.62	16.34

### 5.2 Best goal averages 2008 Top 9 teams.

	Division	Games	For	Against	Average
1. Lancaster	1	17	255	109	2.34 %
2. Croydon	3	14	254	140	1.81 %
2. Swindon	4	16	320	177	1.81 %
4. Manchester	1	17	204	128	1.59 %

5. Tyldesley	2	14	172	111	1.55 %
6. Univ' of Bristol	1	16	239	165	1.45 %
7. Cambridge	4	16	218	158	1.40 %
8. Rotherham	1	17	204	147	1.38 %
9. Leeds	3	14	196	143	1.37 %

### 5.3 Top goal scorers Top 10 from each Division

Numbers in brackets indicate games played in and have taken part in at least in 6 games

#### Division 1

1.	S. Carpenter	Lancaster	78[15]
2.	A. Parsonage	Lancaster	63[18]
3.	D. Laxton	Welsh Wand's	62[18]
4.	A. Scholefield	Rotherham	61[17]
5.	D. Taylor	Cheltenham	56[17]
6.	T. Curwen	Lancaster	55[17]
7.	C. Taylor	Welsh Wand's	49[19]
7.	J. Waller	Invicta	49[15]
9.	R. Leighton	Rotherham	47[16]
10.	F. Rutherford	Portobello	42[17]

#### Division 2

1.	M. Cowburn	Tyldesley	85[14]
2.	D. Siddons	Hucknall	46[12]
3.	T. Grace	Otter	45[11]
4.	S. Pemberton	Solihull	41[14]
5.	K. Bayles	Sutton & Cheam	33[14]
6.	A. Fowler	Birkenhead	31[14]
7.	C. Ainley	Otter	23[11]
7.	S. Bayles	Sutton & Cheam	23[11]
9.	E. Freeman	Solihull	22[11]
10.	S. Leathwood	Invicta Marlins	21 [8]

#### Division 3

1.	A. Whitehall	Warley	71[14]
2.	B. Keszthelyi	Leeds	65[12]
3.	D. DeBruyn	Croydon	48[12]
3.	I. Drinkwater	Croydon	48[10]
5.	B. Heath	Croydon	44[11]
6.	A. Marshall	Leeds	43[13]
7.	N. Covington	Warley	42[14]
8.	J. VanDerFlier	Ealing	40[13]
9.	N. Bird	South Derbys'	39[14]
10	C. MacGregor	Caledonia	33 [9]

#### Division 4

1.	S. Margetts	Swindon	91[16]
2.	J. Irvine	Bedford	70[16]
3.	N. Ludford	Cambridge	64[16]
4.	D. Smith	Manchester H'	62[14]
5.	M. Taylor	Univ' of Bristol	56[16]
6.	D. Heagarty	Weymouth & P	54[16]
7.	B. Mardon	Weymouth & P	45[11]
7.	S. Taylor	Univ' of Bristol	45[16]
9.	S. Gregory	Cambridge	43[16]
10.	M. Chapman	R.A.F.	42[16]

### 5.4 Top goalscorer within each club.

Figures in brackets are number of games played in.

In Div 1 goals scored against GBJ included

#### Division 1

Bristol	M. Thresher	40[15]
Cheltenham	D. Taylor	56[17]
Invicta	J. Waller	49[15]
Lancaster	S. Carpenter	78[15]
Manchester	S. Ryder	37[16]
Penguin	A. Banhidy	28[12]
Polytechnic	V. Bevins	14 [7]
Portobello	F. Rutherford	42[17]
Rotherham	A. Scholefield	61[17]
Welsh Wand's	D. Laxton	62[18]
G.B. Juniors 1	J. Waller	24 [9]
G.B. Juniors 2	J. O'Regan	26[10]

#### Division 2

Birkenhead	A. Fowler	31[14]
Hucknall	D. Siddons	46[12]
Invicta Marlins	S. Leathwood	21 [8]
Otter	T. Grace	45[11]
Sheffield	R. Rattlidge	20[14]
Solihull	S. Pemberton	41[14]
Sutton & Cheam	S. Bayles	33[14]
Tyldesley	M. Cowburn	85[14]

#### Division 3

Birmingham	G. Tonks	32 [8]
Caledonia	C. McGregor	33 [9]
Croydon	I. Drinkwater	48[10]
Croydon	D. DeBruyn	48[12]
Ealing	J. VanDerFlier	40[12]
Leeds	B. Keszthelyi	65[12]
Otter 1869	L. Estrella	24[12]
South Derbyshire	N. Bird	39[14]
Warley	A. Whitehall	71[14]

#### Division 4

Bedford	J. Irvine	70[16]
Cambridge	M. Ludford	64[16]
Grantham	M. Lawtey	27[15]
Manchester Hawks	A. McGinty	41[16]
Newcastle	J. Whitaker	38[12]
R.A.F.	M. Chapman	42[16]
Swindon	S. Margetts	91[16]
Univ' of Bristol	M. Taylor	56[16]
Weymouth & Port'	D. Heagarty	54[16]

## 5.5 Top goalscoring averages

*To qualify a player must have played in a minimum of 6 games and achieved an average of 3 goals per game. Figures in brackets indicate number of games played.*

	Player	Club	Div	Goals	Average/game
1.	M. Cowburn	Tyldesley	2	85[14]	6.07
2.	S. Margetts	Swindon	4	91[16]	5.69
3.	B. Keszthelyi	Leeds	3	65[12]	5.42
4.	S. Carpenter	Lancaster	1	78[15]	5.20
5.	A. Whitehall	Warley	3	71[14]	5.07
6.	I. Drinkwater	Croydon	3	48[10]	4.80
7.	D. Smith	Manchester Hawks	4	62[14]	4.43
8.	J. Irvine	Bedford	4	70[16]	4.38
9.	B. Mardon	Weymouth & Portland	4	45[11]	4.09
9.	T. Grace	Otter	2	45[11]	4.09
11.	B. Heath	Croydon	3	44[11]	4.00
11.	N. Ludford	Cambridge	4	64[16]	4.00
11.	G. Tonks	Birmingham	3	32 [8]	4.00
14.	D. DeBruyn	Croydon	3	65[12]	3.93
15.	D. Siddons	Hucknall	2	46[12]	3.83
16.	C. MacGregor	Caledonia	3	33 [9]	3.67
17.	A. Scholefield	Rotherham	1	61[17]	3.59
18.	M. Taylor	Univ' of Bristol	4	56[16]	3.50
18.	A. Parsonage	Lancaster	4	63[18]	3.50
20.	A. Margetts	Swindon	4	38[11]	3.45
21.	D. Laxton	Welsh Wanderers	1	62[18]	3.44
22.	A. Marshall	Leeds	3	43[13]	3.31
23.	D. Taylor	Cheltenham	1	56[17]	3.29
24.	R. Tamlyn	Swindon	4	36[11]	3.27
24.	J. Waller	Invicta	1	49[15]	3.27
26.	T. Curwen	Lancaster	1	55[17]	3.24
27.	D. Heagarty	Weymouth & Portland	4	54[16]	3.21
28.	J. Whitaker	Newcastle	4	38[12]	3.17
29.	J. VanDeFlier	Ealing	3	40[13]	3.08
30.	N. Covington	Warley	3	42[14]	3.00

## 5.6 Highest individual goals scored

*Highest number of goals scored by any one player in any one match.*

### Scored 12 goals

B. Keszthelyi for Leeds -v- Ealing 04/10

### Scored 11 goals

S. Margetts for Swindon -v- Grantham 15/11

### Scored 10 goals

S. Carpenter for Lancaster -v- Portobello 06/09

D. Smith for Manchester Hawks -v- Weymouth & Portland 11/10

S. Love for Univ' of Bristol -v- Weymouth & Portland 07/09

### Scored 9 goals

D. Taylor for Cheltenham -v- Polytechnic 13/12

T. Curwen for Lancaster -v- Portobello 06/09

A. Parsonage for Lancaster -v- Portobello 06/09

G. Fulop for Sutton & Cheam -v- Solihull 12/10

M. Cowburn for Tyldesley -v- Solihull 28/09

M. Cowburn for Tyldesley -v- Solihull 02/11

M. Cowburn for Tyldesley -v- Hucknall 16/11

B. Keszthelyi for Leeds -v- Otter 1869 01/11

A. Whitehall for Warley -v- Ealing 01/11

D. Smith for Manchester Hawks -v- Newcastle 11/10

D. Smith for Manchester Hawks -v- Newcastle 29/11

S. Margetts for Swindon -v- Newcastle 27/09

S. Margetts	for	Swindon	-v-	Cambridge	11/10
D. Heagarty	for	Weymouth & Portland	-v-	Bedford	22/09

### 5.6 Highest number of goals scored by any one player in any one match. Continued

#### Scored 8 goals

R. Parker	for	Cheltenham	-v-	Welsh Wanderers	22/11
M. Cowburn	for	Tyldesley	-v-	Hucknall	11/10
I. Drinkwater	for	Croydon	-v-	Warley	21/09
I. Drinkwater	for	Croydon	-v-	Otter 1869	18/10
I. Drinkwater	for	Croydon	-v-	Caledonia	19/10
B. Keszthelyi	for	Leeds	-v-	Warley	05/10
A. Whitehall	for	Warley	-v-	Croydon	21/09
A. Whitehall	for	Warley	-v-	Birmingham	19/10
N. Covington	for	Warley	-v-	Leeds	05/10
N. Ludford	for	Cambridge	-v-	Newcastle	28/09
M. Chapman	for	R.A.F.	-v-	Swindon	28/09
S. Margetts	for	Swindon	-v-	Weymouth & Portland	16/11

#### Scored 7 goals

C. Figes	for	Bristol	-v-	Polytechnic	07/09
T. Curwen	for	Lancaster	-v-	Polytechnic	21/09
T. Curwen	for	Lancaster	-v-	Cheltenham	12/10
S. Carpenter	for	Lancaster	-v-	W.L. Penguin	06/11
S. Carpenter	for	Lancaster	-v-	G.B. Juniors 1	09/11
F. Rutherford	for	Portobello	-v-	Cheltenham	11/10
A. Scholefield	for	Rotherham	-v-	Portobello	06/09
A. Scholefield	for	Rotherham	-v-	Invicta	07/09
D. Laxton	for	Welsh Wanderers	-v-	Cheltenham	07/09
D. Laxton	for	Welsh Wanderers	-v-	Cheltenham	22/11
C. Taylor	for	Welsh Wanderers	-v-	G.B. Juniors 2	18/11
A. Banhidy	for	W.L. Penguin	-v-	Invicta	12/10
S. King	for	G.B. Juniors	-v-	Lancaster	22/11
D. Siddons	for	Hucknall	-v-	Invicta Marlins	12/10
D. Siddons	for	Hucknall	-v-	Solihull	12/10
T. Grace	for	Otter	-v-	Invicta Marlins	28/09
M. Cowburn	for	Tyldesley	-v-	Sheffield	13/09
M. Cowburn	for	Tyldesley	-v-	Otter	14/09
M. Cowburn	for	Tyldesley	-v-	Invicta Marlins	27/09
M. Cowburn	for	Tyldesley	-v-	Invicta Marlins	01/11
C. MacGregor	for	Caledonia	-v-	Warley	18/10
V. Torres	for	Ealing	-v-	Warley	01/11
A. Marshall	for	Leeds	-v-	Caledonia	21/09
A. Whitehall	for	Warley	-v-	South Derbyshire	23/11
J. Irvine	for	Bedford	-v-	Swindon	11/10
N. Ludford	for	Cambridge	-v-	Grantham	27/09
N. Ludford	for	Cambridge	-v-	Grantham	26/10
N. Ludford	for	Cambridge	-v-	Weymouth & Portland	15/11
D. Smith	for	Manchester Hawks	-v-	R.A.F.	15/11
J. O'Regan	for	Manchester Hawks	-v-	Swindon	12/10
A. Margetts	for	Swindon	-v-	Grantham	06/09
B. Heath	for	Croydon	-v-	Otter 1869	18/10
B. Heath	for	Croydon	-v-	Otter 1869	02/11
M. Taylor	for	Univ' of Bristol	-v-	Bedford	27/09
S. Taylor	for	Univ' of Bristol	-v-	Grantham	29/11
D. Heagarty	for	Weymouth & Portland	-v-	R.A.F.	12/10

## 6 Major/Exclusion Fouls

### 6.1 Major/Exclusion fouls per division

	2008		2007		2007		2005	
	Major fouls	ave/game	Major fouls	ave/game	Major fouls	ave/game	Major fouls	ave/game
Division 1	1360	14.62	1524	17.72	1450	15.26	1247	16.63
Division 2	748	13.36	798	14.25	849	15.16	1366	15.18

Division 3	935	16.70	825	14.73	849	15.16	1243	14.13
Division 4	1206	16.75	820	15.47	733	17.45	----	No Competition ----
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>4195</b>	<b>15.14</b>	<b>3967</b>	<b>15.80</b>	<b>3881</b>	<b>15.59</b>	<b>3856</b>	<b>15.24</b>

## 6.2 Major/Exclusion fouls per club

Number of games played by each club indicated in brackets.

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
Bristol	119	Birkenhead	90	Birmingham	128	Bedford	163[16]
Cheltenham	118	Hucknall	85	Caledonia	100	Cambridge	138[16]
Invicta	131	Invicta Marlins	94	Croydon	108	Grantham	128[16]
Lancaster	95	Otter	124	Ealing	131	Manchester Hawks	107[16]
Manchester	143	Sheffield	76	Leeds	129	Newcastle	123[16]
W.L.Penguin	111	Solihull	89	Otter 1869	135	R.A.F.	128[16]
Polytechnic	220	Sutton & Cheam	108	South Derbyshire	93	Swindon	142[16]
Portobello	180	Tyldesley	82	Warley	111	Univ' of Bristol	115[16]
Rotherham	98					Weymouth & P	162[16]
Welsh Wand's	145						

## 6.3 Major/exclusions average fouls per game *This is the table where you would possibly prefer to be bottom of the list*

1.	Polytechnic	Div 1	11.57	21.	Caledonia	Div 3	7.14
2.	Bedford	Div 4	10.19	22.	Invicta	Div 1	6.89
3.	Weymouth and Portland	Div 4	10.13	23.	Invicta Marlins	Div 2	6.71
4.	Otter 1869	Div 3	9.64	24.	G.B. Juniors 1	Div 1	6.70
5.	Portobello	Div 1	9.47	25.	Manchester Hawks	Div 4	6.69
6.	Ealing	Div 3	9.36	26.	South Derbyshire	Div 3	6.64
7.	Leeds	Div 3	9.21	27.	Bristol	Div 1	6.61
8.	Birmingham	Div 3	9.14	28.	W.L. Penguin	Div 1	6.53
9.	Swindon	Div 4	8.88	29.	Birkenhead	Div 2	6.43
10.	Otter	Div 2	8.86	30.	Solihull	Div 2	6.36
11.	Cambridge	Div 4	8.63	31.	G.B. Juniors 2	Div 1	6.30
12.	Grantham	Div 4	8.00	32.	Cheltenham	Div 1	6.21
12.	R.A.F.	Div 4	8.00	33.	Hucknall	Div 2	6.07
14.	Warley	Div 3	7.93	34.	Tyldesley	Div 2	5.86
15.	Croydon	Div 3	7.71	35.	Sheffield	Div 2	5.53
15.	Sutton and Cheam	Div 2	7.71	36.	Rotherham	Div 1	5.44
17.	Newcastle	Div 4	7.69	37.	Lancaster	Div 1	5.00
18.	Welsh Wanderers	Div 1	7.63				
19.	Manchester	Div 1	7.52				
20.	University of Bristol	Div 4	7.19				

## 6.4 Major/exclusion fouls by player

*This table shows players who have recorded major/exclusion fouls of 5 per 4 games played in.*

*The figures are shown in the averages order and for those players who have taken part in 6 or more games.*

Player	Club	Division	Majors	Games	Average
C. Tzamtzis	Polytechnic	1	37	16	2.31
T. Williams	Otter 1869	3	25	12	2.08
I. Wilkins	Warley	3	21	12	1.75
M. Oughton	Bedford	4	24	14	1.71
R. Chambers	Otter	2	15	9	1.67
A. Monico	Bedford	4	25	15	1.67
R. Parker	Cheltenham	1	15	9	1.67
Mi,Foulds	Birmingham	3	23	14	1.64
P. Bendilow	Leeds	3	19	12	1.58
J. Iwanowski	Ealing	3	22	14	1.57
D. Heagarty	Weymouth & Portland	4	25	16	1.56
M. Lawtey	Grantham	4	23	15	1.53
C. Blakeley	Leeds	3	21	14	1.50
C. Burgess	Lancaster	1	18	12	1.50
N. Covington	Warley	3	21	14	1.50
V. Torres	Ealing	3	18	12	1.50
K. Williams	Manchester	1	25	17	1.47
B. Heath	Croydon	3	16	11	1.45
D. Roberts	Birmingham	3	16	11	1.45

S. Longo	Univ' of Bristol	4	13	9	1.44
P. Lucas	Birmingham	3	20	14	1.43
C. Kirby	Rotherham	1	14	10	1.40
M. Bayliss	Portobello	1	22	16	1.37
B. Durham	R.A.F.	4	22	16	1.37
A. Fearn	Newcastle	4	22	16	1.37
R. Monico	Bedford	4	19	14	1.37
B. Donaldson	Croydon	3	15	11	1.36
L. Estrella	Otter 1869	3	15	11	1.36
P. Feilden	Solihull	2	15	11	1.36

#### 6.4 Major/exclusion fouls continued

Player	Club	Division	Majors	Games	Average
B. Field	Otter	2	15	11	1.36
S. Parry	Birkenhead	2	19	14	1.36
S. Ryder	Manchester	1	21	16	1.31
M. Rimmer	Tyldesley	2	18	14	1.29
N. Beard	Penguin	1	18	14	1.29
B. Elder	Penguin	1	18	14	1.29
S. Brassington	Newcastle	4	14	11	1.27
J. Fox	Weymouth & Poartland	4	14	11	1.27
C. Hsu	Polytechnic	1	14	11	1.27
A. Margetts	Swindon	4	14	11	1.27
M. Bourne	Manchester	1	20	16	1.25
T. Cattley	Bedford	4	20	16	1.25
O. Ganese	Otter	2	15	12	1.25
S. Hoeksema	Leeds	3	10	8	1.25
S. Margetts	Swindon	4	20	16	1.25

## 7. Registration facts

Figures in brackets are 2007 registration totals

Club	Late Regist'	Total Registered	Total Active	Club	Late Regist'	Total Registered	Total Active
Bedford	7	29[25]	21	Otter	3	17[20]	15
Birkenhead	2	24[25]	19	Otter 1869	8	24[19]	18
Birmingham	1	23[20]	15	Penguin	1	38[36]	25
Bristol	0	22[24]	15	Polytechnic	7	36[38]	25
Caledonia	3	26[24]	18	Portobello	1	25[22]	15
Cambridge	1	28[23]	18	Rotherham	2	21[27]	18
Cheltenham	1	35[38]	22	R.A.F.	0	20[00]	16
Croydon	3	45[43]	19	Swindon	2	22[00]	15
Ealing	2	24[21]	18	Sheffield	4	23[20]	16
Grantham	4	22[00]	16	Solihull	3	46[36]	15
Hucknall	0	17[22]	13	South Derby's	0	26[33]	13
Invicta	0	16[15]	16	Sutton & Cheam	2	30[31]	20
Invicta Marlins	4	27[22]	20	Tyldesley	2	17[18]	14
Leeds	3	32[32]	21	Univ' of Bristol	4	29[22]	20
Lancaster	0	23[28]	19	Warley	0	27[34]	16
Manchester	2	18[40]	18	Welsh Wand's	3	27[24]	18
Manchester Hawks	0	50[00]	22	Weymouth and Portland	6	38[00]	21
Newcastle	1	37[35]	19				
				<b>Totals:-</b>	<b>82[50]</b>	<b>964[950]</b>	<b>631[609]</b>

### 7.1 Registration history

The following shows the trends in the registrations during the last 15 seasons. This season the number of active players was 631, The most the league has had.. The average active player per club is marginally higher than last season.

	No of clubs In league	Total players Registered	Total Active	Average active players per club
2008	35	964	631	18
2007	34	950	609	Between 17 and 18
2006	34	949	595	Between 17 and 18
2005	30	854	512	17
2004	29	837	493	17
2003	26	776	443	17
2002	29	802	444	15
2001	30	946	520	17
2000	28	789	461	16
1999	28	809	454	16
1998	25	708	426	17
1997	24	658	401	17
1996	29	756	467	16
1995	29	771	463	16
1994	27	772	464	17
1993	29	810	410	14

Of the 631 active players in 2008, 126 were from overseas which is 20% of the active players as against 78 [12.8%] in 2007. Most of these players were active at some time during the season.

## 9. Disciplinary

There were 92 [58 in 2007] offences recorded these being awarded sanctions under 21/10 or 21/11. Eight of those were for brutality 21/11, each attracting a 2 match ban. These figures do not include managers or coaches who have received poolside bans and are listed separately

*Note :- Players that have committed 3 "ordinary" exclusion fouls during any one game are not included in the figures. Figures in brackets are last years offences. Note the significant increases.*

Number of players excluded as recorded on match sheet	92 [64]
Number of players excluded as receiving an automatic 1 match ban	82 [59]
Number of players excluded [with substitute after 4mins] 21/11	8 [5]
Number of players receiving a 2 match ban Automatic 21/11	8 [5]
Number of players who carried forward match bans from the 2007 season	1 [1]
Number of players carrying forward match bans to the 2009 season	6 [6]
Number of players receiving more than a two match ban during the season	1 + 1 pending an appeal
Number of coaches/managers receiving a match ban	8 [6]

All the players except 8, having received an automatic 1 or 2 match ban, have completed their suspension.

The players with the outstanding 1 or 2 match bans will miss the appropriate games at the beginning of the 2009 season irrespective of which club they are with.

## 10. Clubs per Division Provisional. 2009

One club "Weymouth & Portland" in Div 4 has withdrawn from the league at the end of the season.

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Bristol Central	Birkenhead	City of Birmingham	Bedford
City of Manchester	Croydon Amphibians	Caledonia	City of Cambridge
Cheltenham	Invicta Marlins	Hucknall	Ealing
Lancaster City	City of Leeds	Solihull	Grantham
Invicta	Otter	South Derbyshire	Manchester Hawks
Portobello	Polytechnic	Swindon	Newcastle
Rotherham Metro	City of Sheffield	Warley Wasps	Otter 1869
Tyldesley	Sutton & Cheam	University of Bristol	A.N.Other*
Welsh Wanderers			
West London Penguin			

\* R.A.F. + 3 applications to be decided

*Not known at time of going to press whether GB Juniors will be entering in 2009*

## 11. Dates and Venues for 2009

**Very provisional** depending on the formation of the Divisions in 2009. Div 1 dates as shown are a proposal only and may change depending on the LEN Championship dates and any possible UK entries.

The final Divisional allocations and venues will be circulated after the A.G.M.

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Div 1	24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Div 1
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Sept		31 <sup>st</sup> Oct/2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Div 1	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Div 1
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> Sept		14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Div 1	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Div 1
10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Oct		28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Oct		5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Div 1
		12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Play-offs if required

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