

## Caledonia

### Division 3 – Second Weekend

#### Team

Cap No.	Player
1	Simon Metcalfe
2	David Baxter
3	Alan Shepherd
4	Darren Campbell
5	David Stewart
6	Christopher Campbell
7	Steven Adams
8	Callum MacGregor
9	Ryan Laird
10	Stewart Carlile
11	Mark Speed
12	Andrew Woodall
13	Calum Fraser

Another three games, another three wins. That was the positive message from the weekend. However, we are becoming experts in making life difficult for ourselves – twice having 4 goal leads going into the last period and having these worn away. While, again, it always felt as though we were in control of games, we must learn to put teams away. That said, we are now winning games by a goal rather than losing them by one!

We played a lot of good quarters of water polo where we balanced our tempo with control. Our normal offense, based around the advantages created by the central forwards, was upset by the heavy defending (consistent refereeing throughout the weekend but a change in interpretation from the first weekend) both in the centre forward position and on the outside. Very few goals were scored or man-up situations created from the centre forward position throughout the weekend (by Caledonia or any other team) despite heavy presses from most teams. However, we were patient in creating opportunities and our fast break counter-attack was effective.

On the basis that this interpretation of the laws will continue, we need to improve our work under this heavy pressure if we are to continue our winning streak.

*Top Scorers:* *Mark Speed and Cahum Fraser (12)*

*Dirtiest Players in the Game:* *Mark Speed and Andrew Woodall (5)*

### Game 1 – South Derbyshire

**Win – 13 –12**

Score			Man-Up	
1 <sup>st</sup>	2-4	2-4	Gained	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-4	7-8	Success	3 (37.5%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5-0	12-8	<b>Man-Down</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	1-4	13-12	Lost	4
Final		13-12	Defended	2 (50%)

After a long drive down, we made some errors in the first period and found ourselves behind early. We were subjected to a very heavy press and, initially, found it difficult to break down. However, the effort took its toll on both teams and having a full bench made a real difference in the second period where we are to start pulling goals back.

A change of defence in the third quarter caused South Derbyshire problems and helped us create more fast break opportunities, putting some daylight between the teams. However, during the fourth period we were a little wasteful with our chances and did not take the opportunities presented to us, resulting in the final score being closer than it should have been.

### Game 2 – Ealing

**Win – 16 – 10**

Score			Man-Up	
1 <sup>st</sup>	4-2	4-2	Gained	10 and 1 penalty
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3-3	7-5	Success	6 (60%) and 1 penalty
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6-3	13-8	<b>Man-Down</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	16-10	Lost	3 and 1 penalty
Final		16-10	Defended	2 (67%) and 1 penalty

This game was an incredibly physical game and we were able to lead throughout the match and keep our discipline under tremendous pressure.

We played this game with two sets of six outfield players, changing ever 4 minutes, each six playing in a controlled manner. Due to the physical nature of the game, the press applied by Ealing restricted the opportunities for our centre forwards.

Again, a strong start to the third quarter helped us pull away and we secured victory comfortably from then on.

### Game 3 – Warley

Win – 11 – 9

Score			Man-Up	
1 <sup>st</sup>	2-2	2-2	Gained	8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5-2	7-4	Success	4 (50%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-2	10-6	<b>Man-Down</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	1-3	11-9	Lost	5
Final		11-9	Defended	2 (40%)

We made a good start in the first period before being pinned back by the loss of two sloppy goals. A strong second and third period allowed us to pull away in what was a very broken game. However, we lost a sloppy goal at the end of the third period and then became too defensive during the final quarter and it took a couple of good saves at the end of the game from Simon to secure the victory.

We struggled with the broken nature of the play throughout the game and the reluctance of their centre forwards to cover attributed to our defensive mindset towards the end of the game. We must remain offensive and continue to set up our attacks in a balanced and structured manner and not become drawn into this type of game which does not suit our style.

## Season Stats

### Goals

Name	First Weekend			Second Weekend			Third Weekend			Fourth Weekend			Fifth Weekend		Total
	Exeter	Swindon	Invicta	SD	Ealing	Warley	Invicta	Swindon	Exeter	Birmingham	Warley	Ealing	Birmingham	SD	
	15-12	16-9	20-4	13-12	16-10	11-9									
Simon	-	-	-	-	-	-									-
Dave B	1	1	1	3	-	-									6
Alan	-	-	2	1	1	-									4
Callum	2	2	3	1	1	1									10
Dave S	1	1	1	-	3	2									8
Robert	-	1	-	-	-	-									1
Stevie	1	1	2	-	-	-									4
Ryan	3	2	1	-	-	2									8
Logan	-	1	2	-	-	-									3
Stewart	1	-	-	-	-	-									1
Mark	1	1	4	1	3	2									12
Andrew	4	2	2	1	1	1									11

Calum	1	4	2	2	3	-									<b>12</b>
Darren	-	-	-	3	2	1									<b>6</b>
Chris	-	-	-	1	2	2									<b>5</b>
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>									<b>91</b>

### Majors

Name	First Weekend			Second Weekend			Third Weekend			Fourth Weekend			Fifth Weekend		Total
	Exeter	Swindon	Invicta	SD	Ealing	Warley	Invicta	Swindon	Exeter	Birmingham	Warley	Ealing	Birmingham	SD	
Simon	-	-	-	-	-	-									-
Dave B	-	1	1	-	-	-									2
Alan	1	-	1	-	1	-									3
Callum	1	-	-	-	1	-									2
Dave S	1	-	-	-	1	-									2
Robert	1	-	-	-	-	-									1
Stevie	-	-	-	-	-	-									-
Ryan	-	-	1	1	-	-									2
Logan	-	-	2	-	-	-									2
Stewart	-	-	-	-	-	-									-
Mark	2	-	-	2	-	1									5
Andrew	2	1	-	-	1	1									5
Calum	1	1	-	-	-	-									2
Darren	-	-	-	1	-	3									4

