

EU Nations U17 Men's Water Polo Tournament 2021

29-31 Oct 2021 in Brno, Czech Republic.

Head coach John Spicer has praised the England Men's U17 team of international debutants for their performances at the EU Nations Cup tournament in Brno, Czech Republic.

Spicer described their campaign as 'very successful' after the team finished seventh in what was a tightly-contested eight-team competition.

South Africa came out on top as overall winners while hosts Czech Republic were second and Slovakia third.

"It was very successful", said Spicer. "We were playing an age group up so we knew it would be a challenge but it was a good opportunity for the players to get international experience. Especially a high-class tournament like that to initiate them into the pressures and the physicality of it and how to prepare really, it's the start of that learning curve."

'They're one of the best teams'

Spicer praised the team's spirit and relationship both in the pool and outside of it. He said: "I've been coaching for quite a few years now and they're one of the best teams in terms of getting on and gelling that I've ever coached really. They all get on really well and it was a good gelling performance for them to get together. As coaches, we were really pleased with them.

"Getting on with your team and being aware and helping each other up – the bonding is very important. If we can combine that then with increased technique and fitness, we'll have a very very good team."

Speaking about how the team performed in Brno, he said: "Everyone in the team scored at least two goals, it just shows you that there's quality across the board and it's not just coming from one or two players.

"Will Thompson was the top goal scorer with 15 which is really good. The highest goal scorer in the tournament was 21 so for being a seventh-place team, to get 15 was really good.

"This is their first big experience of international polo so they're going to learn a lot and know what level they need to attain."

[Match streams](#) via the Czech Water Polo Federation. When available, click on the in-video icon to select a match from a playlist to view. Click on a panel heading below to open and view just results of and scorers in England's or Scotland's matches or to close an open panel.

Day 1

Czech Republic 36 vs 2 Scotland

(8:2, 9:0, 9:0, 10:0)

Goals: Filip Dmitter, ?en ?kk Rameš and Ivan Schönwälder 6, David Martin?a 5, Kamil Chodl and Jakub Šubrt 3, Filip Harant and Bed?ich Št t?pánek 2, Simon Vyšín, Mat ?j Sedlický and Jonáš Diblík 1

James Miller 2

Slovakia 15 vs 10 England

(6:2, 2:3, 3:2, 4:3)

Goals:

Slovakia: Simon Šttanga 5, Nicholas Da Silva, Benjamin Illias and Daniel Han?ár 2, Alex Zub?ák, Samuel Hrnko, Marek Koricina and Matviy Dnistryan 1

First match report says: England: Patel 4, Jackson 2, Coleman, Glennon, Moos and Griffiths 1

Second match report says England: William Thompson 4, Ryan-Jay Griffiths 2, Ben Alderson, Cayden Down, George Barnicle and James Coleman 1

Head Coach John Spicer said: "The physicality was a shock but I was pleased that they competed and their heads didn't go down and they were very good. Throughout all the games they competed well and we were really pleased with that."

England 7 vs 15 Austria

(1:2, 2:2, 1:3, 3:8)

Goals:

William Thompson 5, Cayden Down and George Barnicle 1

Aleksandar Lekic 6, Sergej Milosevic 4, Linus L ängle 2, Stefan Stojkovic, Fabio Bittner and Erol Ibrisimovic 1.

Head Coach John Spicer said: "The second match of that day was probably one of our most disappointing performances because I think they weren't prepared for that fatigue. They gave it all in that first match and to try and reproduce it in another game on the same day was difficult. But, that's what we're there for – to get that experience and learning curve that they've got to do that."

Scotland 5 vs 25 South Africa

(1:5, 2:7, 2:7, 0:6)

Goals:

Ross Sinclair, Luke Hunter, Adam Primrose, Sam Molloy and James Miller 1.

Jared Royce Shapiro and Aaron Tarr 6, Rhys Thomas Lomax 5, Christopher Gray, James Kana Davis and Nicholas Cordt

Steinhagen 2, Cole Jared Fredericks and Matthew James Pryce 1.

1. Czech Republic 2 2-0-0 51:11 6 pts (36:2, 15:9)

2. RSA 2 2-0-0 40:10 6 pts (15:5, 25:5)

3. Switzerland 2 0-0-2 14:30 0 pts (5:15, 9:15)

4. Scotland 2 0-0-2 7:61 0 pts (2:36, 5:25)

1. Slovakia 2 2-0-0 25:18 6 pts (15:10, 10:8)

2. Lithuania 2 1-0-1 26:15 3 pts (18:5, 8:10)

3. Austria 2 1-0-1 20:25 3 pts (5:18, 15:7)

4. England 2 0-0-2 17:30 0 pts (10:15, 7:15)

Day 2

Final Group B match

Lithuania 16 vs 11 England

(5:2, 3:3, 4:3, 4:3)

Goals:

Simone Calabrese 7, Agnius Liupsevicius 4, Patryk Pašuk 3, Artiom Citovi? and David Kunikauskas 1

James Coleman 3, Aaron Downer, Arish Patel and Ryan James 2 , Henry Jackson and Ryan-Jay Griffiths 1

Head Coach John Spicer said: "I think they went five goals down in the second quarter but we played to their level after that which is great. The thing about the team is that every one of them can play in that starting seven – they're all at that level."

Group B Table

1. Slovakia 3 2-1-0 32:25 6 pts (15:10, 10:8, 7:7)

2. Lithuania 3 2-0-1 42:26 6 pts (18:5, 8:10, 16:11)

3. Austria 3 1-1-1 27:32 3 pts (5:18, 15:7, 7:7)

4. England 3 0-0-3 28:46 0 pts (10:15, 7:15, 11:16)

Final Group A match

Scotland 4 vs 24 Switzerland

(1:7, 0:6, 2:4, 1:7)

Goals:

Kester Harris 2, Caelan Milne and Muray Dickson 1 .

Benjamin Pfister 7, Dominic Mlcoch 4, Todor Ilic and Luka Petric 3, Phileas Storck 2, Thomas Rusch, Federico Carminati, Yuma Rockson Negro, Oscar Kieloch and Elias Nieddu 1.

Group A Table

1. RSA 3 3-0-0 48:17 9 pts (15:5, 25:5, 8:7)

2. Czech Republic 3 2-0-1 58:19 6 pts (36:2, 15:9, 7:8)

3. Switzerland 3 1-0-2 38:34 3 pts (5:15, 9:15, 24:4)

4. Scotland 3 0-0-3 11:85 0 pts(2:36, 5:25, 4:24)

5th to 8th place play off match

Scotland 2 vs 15 Austria

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5th to 8th place play off match

Switzerland 21 vs 6 England

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Goals:

William Thompson and Henry Jackson (2), Thomas Davis and George Barnicle (1)

Head Coach John Spicer said: "A good thing to learn from this is that they need stronger legs to cope with that pressure when they're on the ball."

Day 3

7th Placed Play Off

England 16 vs 9 Scotland

(6:3, 4:0, 3:3, 3:3)

Goals:

William Thompson 4, Thomas Davis and Henry Jackson 3, Arish Patel 2, Ben Alderson, Ryan-Jay Griffiths, Ryan James and James Coleman 1

Caelan Milne and James Miller 3, Ross Sinclair, Cameron McRobbie and Sam Molloy 1

Head Coach John Spicer said: "That game was terrific. It's one of those that you're expected to win so there's that extra pressure but we had a game plan. We said we'd press them right from the start and put pressure on them and it paid dividends. It was pretty competitive in the first quarter and then early in the second we went four goals up and we were on top of them and in control of the game. We wanted to cut them out of the game as early as possible and we did that early in the second quarter so that was good play by us. We had our game plan and we executed it well."

Final

RSA 11 vs 6 Czech Republic

(3:1, 2:2, 3:2, 3:1)

Goals:

Ross Hamilton Van Breda 4, Jared Royce Shapiro 2, Matthew James Pryce, James Kana Davis, Rhys Thomas Lomax, Nicholas Cordt Steinhagen and Tigran Joseph Sennett 1

Kamil Chodl 2, Filip Dittmer, ?en ?kk Rameš, Filip Harant and Ivan Schönwälder 1

Bronze Medal Match

Lithuania 8 vs 9 Slovakia

(3:2, 1:1, 3:0, 1:6)

Goals:

Patryk Pashuk 3, Agnius Liupsevi?ius 2, Agnaus Liupševi?ius, Juras Ulinda and Simone Calabrese 1

Benjamin Iliáš 4, Simon Stanga, Alex Zub?ák, Matvyi Dnystrian, Marek Koricina and Samuel Hrnko 1

5th Place Play Off

Switzerland 20 vs 10 Austria

(5:2, 3:3, 6:2, 6:3)

Goals:

Oscar Kieloch 4, Benjamin Pfister, Dominic Mlcoch and Elias Nieddu 3, Erduan Shkodra and Leonardo Manzotti 2, Thomas Rusch, Federico Carminati, Yuma Rockson Negro 1

Marko Budija 3 Aleksandar Lekic and Sergej Milosevic 2, Linus L ängle, Stefan Stojkovic and Erol Ibrisimovic 1.

Squad

Ben Alderson, Sedgefield & Rotherham

George Barnicle, Devonport

James Coleman, Devonport

Tom Davis, Bridgefield

Cayden Down, Boldmere

Aaron Downer, Cheltenham
Zack Downer • Cheltenham
Lewis Glennon, Northampton School Boys
Ryan Jay Griffiths, Sedgefield
Sam Handley, Cheltenham
Henry Jackson, Rotherham
Ryan James, Wellington
Dan Moos, Ipswich
Arish Patel, Watford
Will Thompson, Bristol

Support staff

Head coach: John Spicer,
Assistant coach: Trevor Down,
Team Manager: James Jackson

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