

## British Gas Women's Water Polo team lose 11-5 to Rgufk Izailovo Moscow

The British Gas Women's Water Polo team played their third and final match in Russia against a strong Rgufk Izailovo Moscow side. This match was set to be the toughest of the competition, against a team that, like the British side, hadn't lost yet. The Russian club started very well and took a quick 4-1 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Britain's Hannah Wild and Fran Leighton scored in the second quarter and despite putting up a strong defence the Moscow side continued to score. At the half way stage the British Gas team found themselves 6-3 down.

Both the third and the fourth quarter saw the team have few shooting opportunities with Moscow's defence only allowing three shots on goal in open play. With one conversation in open play and another in a man-up situation the British side added two more goals to their total.

Rgufk Izailovo Moscow continued to convert their opportunities and the match finished 11-5 to the Russians.

Having won two out of the three matches in this friendly competition the British Gas team finished second overall. British Gas defender Victoria Louise Hawkins won the Best Defender of the Competition Award.

These matches represent the start of the team's preparation for the LEN European A Qualification tournament next April.

Programmes Manager, Joanna Wray, said of the tournament as a whole: "Overall the competition was an excellent start to the senior's preparation for the European A Qualifiers in April, and I was extremely impressed with how well the team played considering it was the first competition since July.

"The athletes worked really well as a team and the competition usefully highlighted a few small areas that would be worked on in the coming months. The team will now head to a training camp in Manchester against the French team next week. Competitive play for the girls is essential for their development, and I am proud to be with the team supporting our goal through the next few years to the Olympics."

Women's head coach Szilveszter Fekete: "The friendly competition was very useful; we played well especially after four months with these being our first games. The team have only just started training, doing some fitness and swim training they played the competition, with only a few things missing like man-up tactics. We tried some new things and it is the best place to learn playing against the Russians."

### Overall Competition Standings

1. Rgufk Izailovo Moscow, Russia
2. Great Britain
3. Iraklis Thessaloniki, Greece
4. St Petersburg, Russia

The British Gas Women's Water Polo Team consists of:

Rosemary Morris

Robyn Nicholls

Fiona McCann

Chloe Wilcox

Victoria Louise Hawkins

Frances Leighton

Rosalind Griffiths

Hannah Wild  
Victoria Charlotte Hawkins  
Angela Winstanley-Smith  
Aine Hoy  
Alexandra Rutledge

## Toolbox



[Print](#)



[PDF](#)



[RSS Headlines](#)

Published

17:28:48 27.10.2009

<https://www.dorsetwaterpolo.org/cms/index.php?section=news&cmd=details&newsid=54&pdfview=1>