

**Fleetwood Junior Water polo match report  
Burnley - January 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Fleetwood 8 – Burnley 11**

Team: Alex Myers, Alex Ward, Jack Hirst, Oliver Roe, Lucy Wetherill, Mike & James Lydon, Joe & Jack Booth.  
Coach: Steve Brown.

A strange start to the game – a relay race using 6 players swimming 25m free. Fleetwood won; of course, those years of excellent swimming training paying off!

Fleetwood won the first ball and Lucy managed a shot that sadly hit the woodwork. Then Burnley rapidly got the ball down their end and fired a powerful shot into goal. Another 3 goals for Burnley quickly followed before Fleetwood steadied themselves. Some great defending by James allowed the ball to be passed back to Mike whose shot was deflected off for a corner. Great passing from Alex M to Jack B gave Fleetwood their first goal.

The burly Burnley lads sneaked in another goal. Fleetwood then produced some good moves with excellent passing to give Jack H his first goal of the night.

A double act by the two Jacks leads to Jack H getting his second goal and putting Fleetwood back in the game. Fouls by Burnley see two of their men off and Fleetwood use the space to full advantage and Jack B scores. Alex M takes a savage blow to the face and comes off just as the whistle blows for half time. He came back smiling!

Burnley start off strong and Ollie makes a great save but they come back to score again. Joe & Lucy worked well together to give Lucy another crack at goal. It's just wide but back to Alex W who takes a shot. Saved by their keeper the Burnley team just cannot keep possession and Jack H scores from an amazing back-hand shot.

Burnley sneak another goal past but before long Lucy throws an excellent pass to Jack B who brings the scores back to 6-7. Fleetwood were denied another goal as Alex M was thwarted by the whistle for  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.

Burnley score soon after but teamwork from Ollie to Jack B gets the ball to Mike for his first goal of the night. Burnley gets a penalty and score but Fleetwood are quick to bounce back and give Jack B another goal to his name. Burnley manages another two goals and we finish with the score at 8-11. A second game of 2 eight-minute halves was then played with Fleetwood winning 3-2. All 3 goals coming from our keeper Ollie who was allowed out to play.

A great performance from the Fleetwood team who must have an average age and weight far below the Burnley team. Their coach came over and told Fleetwood how brilliant they were and that they were the only team he's seen who actually play together as a team. In a year's time he thought that Fleetwood would be the top team in the area.