

National Age group report U15 girls 2019 (Iceni)

TEAM members

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Rebecca Clark (did not travel due to a medical emergency 4 days before the tournament)

Suffolk's Iceni had the long journey to Sunderland for the National water polo Age groups championships on the 3rd November with what must have been one of the youngest teams we have ever put out.

We were drawn in Group B against Sedgefield, Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham all the teams have fearsome reputations for success.

Match 1 Iceni 11:1 Sedgefield. Iceni Dominated and Sedgefield were lucky to score a consolation through a penalty. Sedgefield's Goalkeeper was in grate form

Match 2 Iceni 2:22 Liverpool. The score looks much worse than the performance merited. Iceni were competitive throughout the game and constantly threatened the Liverpool goal. Evidence of this is Liverpool's Goalkeeper was the top goal keeper.

Match 3 Iceni 7 : 11 Birmingham. This was Iceni's worst performance against a Birmingham team which while strong were unable to break Iceni down.

Match 4 Iceni 8: 23 Manchester. This game was much better and Iceni matched Manchester goal for goal in the first half before Manchester took control in the 2nd and pulled ahead.

Play Offs

Match 1 Watford 16:5 Icen. For this game the Icen girls again started really well and took the lead before Watford produced a solid performance to have a comfortable half time lead. Icen struck back in the second half frustrating Watford and really having a go.

Match 2

Birmingham 9:7 Icen. At this stage and the last of some very hard games we had a very tired team but the girls showed courage stamina and no shortage of skill to more than match the Birmingham team with a very close game.

Overall a very good performance from a very young side. The players voted Emily Payne as player of the tournament while the coaches thought it was Ellie Merit

Icen's Natasha Payne was the tournament's top goal scorer with 33. Roll on next year the future looks very bright.