

## **Gozo Waterpolo Cup 2011.**

The first edition of the Gozo Waterpolo Club was held at the Otters Pitch in Marsalforn on Sunday 28th August 2011. This Tournament was organized by Otters Aquatic Sports Club with the support of the Parliamentary Secretariat for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue.

This event was contested by the Under 21 teams of Otters Nivea, Sirens Ritter Sport and 3CX Exiles. Each team could make use of one over age guest player and one foreign player.

The three games turned out to be quite evenly contested and low scoring. Maybe the choppy sea made it difficult for the players to shoot accurately. In the first game Otters Nivea and Exiles shared the spoils. The home team was leading by one goal till the very end. Yet Exiles managed to score a last gasp goal, precisely one second from the end, securing a draw.

The second game was played by Sirens and Exiles. Sirens turned out to be the winners by a three goal margin. After a scoreless first session they lead throughout the game. The fact that the Exiles foreign player felt unwell and did not feature during this game must have affected the performance and morale of the Exiles team.

Thus the third game between Sirens and Otters would decide the winner. Sirens could secure the honour even if they drew while the hosts needed a win to claim the Gozo Cup. The first three sessions were balanced and neither team managed to forge ahead by a clear margin. Then the exclusion of Sirens' key player Alex Attard for three personal faults tilted the equilibrium in Otter's favour and they ended up winning comfortably by a four goal margin.

Parliamentary Secretary, Dr. Chris Said LL.D. delivered a speech and presented the trophies to the three teams.

**Otters Nivea 4**  
**3CX Exiles 4**

*(1-0, 2-1, 0-2, 1-1)*

**Otters** : J. Cremona, P. Sciberras, G.L. Zammit 1, S. Xerri, G. Tabone, K. Scicluna 1, M. Balatoni 2, S. Dimech, G. Xuereb, M. Dimech, C. Martin, P. Martin, A. Azzopardi, E. Farrugia.

**Exiles** :A. Borg Cole, M. Paris, S. Vassallo 1, P. Paris, A. Manharz 1, D. Paris, T. Paris, K. Griscti 1, D. Borg Millo, J. Pace, J. Fenech, D. Borg 1.

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**Sirens Ritter Sport 6**  
**3CX Exiles 3**

*(0-0, 1-0, 3-1, 2-2)*

**Sirens** : N. Griscti, D. Tahab 3, P. Micallef, V. Bartolo, M. Grech, A. Sammut, I. Spiteri, G.L. Busuttil 1, J. Napier, A. Attard 1, L. Caruana, S. Oggero 1, J. Sant, G. Bajada.

**Exiles** :A. Borg Cole, M. Paris, S. Vassallo, P. Paris, A. Manharz , D. Paris, T. Paris 1, K. Griscti , D. Borg Millo, J. Pace 1, J. Fenech, D. Borg 1.

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**Sirens Ritter Sport 4**  
**Otters Nivea 8**

*(0-0, 1-2, 2-2, 1-4)*

**Sirens** : N. Griscti, D. Tahab 1, P. Micallef 1, V. Bartolo, M. Grech 1, A. Sammut 1, I. Spiteri, G.L. Busuttil , J. Napier, A. Attard , L. Caruana, S. Oggero , J. Sant, G. Bajada.

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