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CROATIA HAND JAMAICA HEAVY LOSS IN WORLD CHAMPS WATER POLO

Jamaica had another lesson on world class water polo when Croatia hand them a 37-0 drubbing today in the 13th FINA Junior Men's Water Polo World Championships in Mar del Plata, Argentina. Croatia, like Jamaica's first opponents Serbia-Montenegro, were not only bigger and faster than the Jamaicans, but technically more skilled as well.

From the opening whistle, Jamaica were under press with two (2) quick goals and although Lance Rochester, Jamie Smith, John-Claude Wright and Marlon McIntyre showed some defiance at times, Jamaica was clearly undermanned ending the quarter down 8 - 0 with three (3) shots on goal.

The second quarter started in a similar fashion by, half way through the quarter the Jamaica started to move the ball better on offense but turnovers only led to Croatian fast breaks with one or two men advantage and an easy goal. The half ended with Croatia enjoying a comfortable 17 - 0 lead.

In the second half was much the same for the Jamaican's as Croatia continued to pile on the pressure. With 15 seconds left in the third, Jamaica came close to scoring as Chris Sloley lobbed the ball over Croatia's goalie only to see it hit the cross bar.

Midway through the forth quarter, Coach Borbely substituted the Jamaican goalie Daniel Arscott who was clearly overwhelmed and dejected. John-Claude Wright came close to scoring as time ran out in the forth but he too hit the cross bar with a shot from 8 metres out.

The Jamaican's, who must be happy to have the Serbia and Croatia games behind them, will face regional foes Columbia in tomorrows match which is scheduled to start at 15:45 local (13:45 Jamaican time). In today's other Group D match-up, Columbia were drubbed by Serbia-Montenegro 22 - 0.

End – John Eyre