

Press Release

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Amateur Swimming Association of Jamaica

JAMAICA GO DOWN TO FRANCE IN WORLD CHAMPS WATER POLO

Jamaica suffered another loss in the 13th FINA Junior Men's Water Polo World Championships to another European water polo power, France. Jamaica gave up 28 goals, demonstrating their defensive weakness, but scored 2 good goals as a result of a much improved showing on offence. Like the other European teams that Jamaica has faced in the competition, the French were taller and stronger, a significant advantage at either end of the pool.

Never the less, the Jamaican Coach Borbely was happy with the improvements that his team showed on offense. He noted that his team protected the ball better, carefully moving it up field. They frequently establishing their offensive formation with the hole man in position. John-Claude Wright, Garrick Robinson and Marlon McIntyre were able to break loose on a number of occasions but were unable to finish. Borbely was also satisfied with the Jamaican's use and awareness of the clock, dumping the ball at the right time so as not hand the advantage to the French.

The first quarter was another miserable one for Jamaica as they allowed nine goals and Jamie Smith already holding two exclusion fouls. Jamaica's offense began to work better in the second and with 4:43 to go in the half, Jamie Smith passed to Marlon McIntyre in the hole who scored.

Jamaica had to wait until late in the forth quarter to enjoy their second goal. Clearly tired, and with 1:35 to go in the game, Jamaica got possession of the ball with Jordan Chung downfield. With a nice pass allowing him to keep the advantage he sprinted towards goal and scored.

With Jamaica finishing in last place in Group D, they will now play South Africa who went down to Japan 12 - 7, at 9:00 AM (7:00 Jamaica time) on Wednesday to decide 21st place. To ensure that the Jamaican's gain as much experience as they can, he has arranged a practice game against the Columbians tomorrow.

In the other Group D match, Serbia Montenegro had a surprisingly easy game against Croatia winning 10 - 4. Serbia therefore finish the preliminary round on top of Group D, Croatia second and Columbia third.

Jamaica's team: Daniel Arscott (goal), John-Claude Wright, Payton Bhoorasingh, Marlon McIntyre, Jordon Chung, Robert Hamilton, Christopher Soley, Gwayne Ross, Jamie Smith, Lance Rochester (Captain) and Garrick Robinson.

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