

Clayton Wins, Charlotte Shocks 2011 PowerBar Cup Field

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Dynamo Swim Center
Atlanta, GA

Clayton (St. Louis, MO) outscored their five opponents by forty goals to efficiently march to their first-ever PowerBar Cup title. Charlotte finished second, their highest finish since a PBC title almost fifteen years ago. Orlando finished third, also their best finish in several PowerBar attempts.

Congratulations to Collins Hill for their high school bracket championship. Collins Hill defeated St. Pius X 4 - 3 in overtime. As in 2010, St. Pius and Collins Hill advanced unchallenged to the championship game. Unlike 2010, there are several clubs closing the gap, especially Southern Crescent and Pace Academy.

Fifty high school athletes and several coaches participated in a Friday evening clinic. Hosted by Dynamo Water Polo Club and its sponsors TURBO and Kap7, the clinic featured two-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer and water polo Olympian Brad Schumacher. Now head coach of the highly-regarded SET Aquatics program (water polo and swimming), Schumacher was impressed with the enthusiasm and interest in improvement he saw at the clinic and in Saturday morning games.

In the open division, fifteen teams from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and Missouri played for PowerBar Cup medals, PowerBar performance nutrition products and Kap7 balls that go to the top three finishers.

The championship game between Clayton and Charlotte remained close until just before half time. Throughout the first half, Charlotte had many scoring opportunities and took more shots than Clayton, but could not convert. Both goalkeepers played very well, but several Charlotte defensive lapses in front of goalie Jeff Doyal led to several Clayton fast break goals. Clayton finished the half with a slim lead but all the momentum. Clayton continued their efficient offense and solid team defense in the second half to put away the Charlotte Sharks 10-3.

After the championship game, Clayton coach Alan Stiffelman roundly complemented the tournament. In a straw poll, his players almost unanimously agreed to defend their title in 2012. The sole dissenter was summarily shot. (OK, just kidding on that last sentence.)

Plans are already under way for the 2012 PowerBar Cup. Mark your calendars for August 25-26 and visit www.dynamowaterpolo.com to keep up on the latest tournament information.

For complete 2011 PowerBar Cup results please visit <http://www.dynamowaterpolo.com/powerbar/11.shtml>

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Dynamo lefty Andy Neff (dark #10) shoots for the cross corner on a counter attack during the 2011 PowerBar Cup. His Mom (just above goalie's head) seems quite nervous her little man might get hurt.

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Dynamo Gold players Ken Beamon (f), Jarod Stentiford (m) and Steven "Kiwi" Price (rear) demonstrate the trademark "Dynamo Dyno-mite" press defense of their club against Miami Riptides during the 2011 PowerBar Cup.

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Jeremy Estep, Dynamo WPC center forward, readies to shoot as Miami Riptide defends crash from the wings in action from the 2011 PowerBar Cup.

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