

# GB vs France J16s

July 9th, Abbeville — by Match Organiser, **Pam Davies**



**T**aking place in the French region of Picardy, this year's match saw the GBJ16 team (managed by CD Riches and Kate Callaghan) take on the French in a variety of boats. The racing was as close as expected, always giving the crowds a reason to cheer.

The match began positively for Great Britain with five consecutive wins, beginning with the Girls' Eight who snatched the lead from the French in the last 50m. This was followed by an outstanding display of sculling from Phil Klapp who dominated his race from start to finish. A win in the Girls' Double ensued, with the J16 Quad and J16 Coxless Four completing the winning streak.

The French fought back with a win in the Girls' Single but a pair of British triumphs in the J16 Double and WJ16 Quad soon forced them back. The French took both the Boys' Coxed Four and the Girls' Coxless Four and thrillingly won the Coxless Pair by the smallest of margins – however, the British pair (Patrick Lapage & Edmund Whitehead) was awarded the Entente Cordiale Cup by the five FISA Umpires, impressed at the standard of their fight back. The match concluded with a convincing victory for the Boys' Eight.

## Final Results

GB teams won 8-4, taking the Boys', Girls', and Overall Match Cups, which were presented at a celebration dinner. ■