

Emily earns GB call-up

LONGDENDALE School pupil Emily Hett hopes to make a splash after being called up for Great Britain's under-19s underwater hockey squad.

The 14-year-old, who lives in Hyde, is one of the youngest players to be chosen to play the sport for her country.

Emily (*pictured*), who plays for the Xarifa underwater hockey team based at Dukinfield Pool, will have her first outing for the British team in Rennes, France between July 11 and 14.

She presently turns out for Xarifa's under-16s team, as well as training with the adults representing both the club and Manchester.

Emily's British call-up stems from a successful training event

held in Devon during April.

Her performances there saw her shortlisted for the squad and eventually earned her selection for the England team who took part in the Home Internationals in Sheffield.

The final choices were then made for the Great Britain squad and Emily was one of those players to receive a call-up.

A Xarifa spokesman said: "What Emily lacks in size she makes up for in tenacity, skill and determination.

"We are delighted to have one of our players capped for Great Britain."

It will also be something of a family affair as Emily's mother, Janet, has been co-opted to assist the squad in procuring the kit they need.

