

Making a Huge Splash

I was anxious and excited when I walked through the pool doors on the second day of the state waterpolo tournament. It was the final championship game which would determine Sycamore state champions, or the runners up.

Thoughts of the tournament from the previous year began to fill my head. The game was between the same two teams as last year: Sycamore and Napoleon. I knew we had a tough match ahead of us, and I was ready for the challenge.

The flag waved and the battle for the championship began. Instantaneously, all of my thoughts focused completely on the game. After months of our training, I knew it was crucial to combine all of our skills and strategies and work as a true team.

The game was close the entire time. Like the previous year, the score was tied after the fourth quarter and went into overtime. With only twenty seconds remaining on the clock, our goalie Mandy Hester shot full court to score the winning goal. When the buzzer sounded, we were acknowledged the state champions for the fourth consecutive year.

All of our hard work paid off. Furthermore, our ability to work together as a team came through. And for that alone, the Lady Aves were the true state champions.

by Liz Neal

Seniors Beril Clinic, Kerry Bennett, and Michelle Lichtenberger, and juniors Julie Gazzdik, Liz Neal, Laurie Kems, and Callie Wright proudly display their waterpolo state championship trophy.



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