



Girls win state title, boys capture fourth place

Most sports teams can only dream of a season equivalent to that of the Girl's Water Polo team. With an undefeated season, and the State Championship title in their possession for the fourth year in a row, the girls made it seem almost too easy. Talking to any one of the team's 17 members will prove otherwise.

"A lot of people think that because there aren't many other teams in the league there is no competition," stated junior Liz Neal, "but the teams that we do play offer us a real challenge."

Teammate Julie Gazdik agreed. "Most of our games are very close score wise," she commented.

Coach Mark Sullivan attributed the team's success to the team's diverse make-up. "There was a good mix of both upper-class and under-class players. It worked well for the team, because the new girls brought new insight, while the returning players had the success of past years to build on."

"We did better this year than in past years, because of greater depth of players," agreed Neal. Most of the girls admit that while the team has several outstanding members, the entire group must function well as a unit for the team to be effective.

"We realized that if we wanted to be really focused during a game, we would have to stay focused during practice," said Neal.

Neal summed up the season when she said, "I really feel that we earned the

State-title this year, and I am really proud of the team."

The boys waterpolo team finished the season placing 4th at state and a record of 10-8. John Hilb and Mike Preissler led the team in scoring with 53 and 54 points respectively. John Hilb also had 41 assists. Ken Robinson had 90 blocks and Jon Wolper had 67.

"We improved greatly this year. Our record and performance are a lot better than last year," said varsity coach Mark Sullivan. According to Sullivan, the team needed to cut down on turnovers, increase the intensity, and also work on conditioning.

"Upper Arlington, Worthington, and Princeton were tough this year," commented Sullivan. The team suffered losses to these three teams at state. As a result, they placed 4th.

"I think our team was as competitive as the team that won state," said Chris Preissler. "We had a lot of new players who greatly improved. Half of our team will be back next year."

Senior John Hilb was named the Most Valuable Player, and also first team all-Ohio. Mike Preissler was named second team all-Ohio.

Among other achievements: Randy Rust was named honorable mention All-Ohio; Ken Robinson, most improved; Jon Wolper, Spirit of Sycamore; and Jeff Reese, Rookie of the Year.

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Girls Water Polo	
Glen Oak	W
Princeton	W
Milford	W
Findlay	T
Princeton	W
Milford	W
Worthing.	W
Lakeside	W
Milford	W
Worthing.	W
Princeton	W
Milford	W
Findlay	W
Princeton	W
Napoleon	W
Final Record:14-0-1	
Boys Waterpolo	
Princeton	L
Milford	W
Talawanda	W
Worthing.	L
Lakeside	L
Worthing.	L
Princeton	L
St. Francis	W
Napoleon	W
Milford	W
Worthing.	L
Princeton	W
Columbus	W
Talawanda	W
Napoleon	W
Arlington	L
Worthing	L
Princeton	L
Final Record:9-9	



Front row: B. Kilnic, M. Lichtenberger, K. Bennett, J. Commons. Second row: L. Neal, J. Taylor, E. Power, L. Kerns, B. Schneider, J. Kim, Coach Sullivan. Back row: J. Gazdik, M. Neal, M. Reed, C. Wright, A. Lillian, M. Hester.