

THE BEST THERE IS!!!

Although the shirt with their team slogan was banned by the administration, it didn't dampen the spirit of the 1989 Girls Water Polo team or affect the outstanding playing that brought them the state title. The championship was an 8 to 6 win over Worthington High School.

Kathy Christensen felt that the decision of the administration was unfair because "As a team, we weren't trying to do anything against school rules (by wearing our shirts). We felt it was a way to show our spirit; they just happened to see it in a different way."

"If anything, the fact that we couldn't wear our shirts just made us want to win ever more. We wanted to prove our statement and win," commented senior Susan Manassah.

The regular season play was a time for winning, and then the girls topped it off by becoming the first Sycamore Girls Water Polo team to win the state championship.

"Winning state was great," pointed out Junior Emily Sexton. "We knew we could do it; it was just a matter of putting all we could into that final game. We worked as a team and it paid off."

The team was led by the seniors: Kathy

Clark, Susan Manassah, and Audrey McLennan. Coach Mark Sullivan stated, "Because water polo is a team sport, I hate having to single out any one person, but with the leadership of the seniors, it brought the girls together and helped them play better as a team. They had a good season, and ended it with a great tournament."

Kathy Clark, a senior and co-captain of the team stated "As a senior winning state was the highlight of my water polo career." She also added, "Our highest goal as a team was to win state. It was something that we had come so close to before, but had never done, so it was a great ending to my four years as a player."

Susan Manassah, other senior co-captain, stated "Although I'm not trying to speak for the team, I think they would agree with me that the reason we won state this year was because of the hard work we put in, and the common goal that we shared. In the past, we had come short of that dream, but because we never quit or gave up on that dream, we were winners in the end."

By Kristie Bowman

Boys Varsity Water Polo

	SHS	Opp.
Princeton	9	8
Columbus N.	13	8
Talawanda	6	7
Lakeside	3	7
Pepsi Mar.	13	6
Princeton	4	6
St. Francis	1	15
Napoleon	8	10
Princeton	11	8
Worthington	12	6
Berea	13	6
Findlay	8	7
Talawanda	8	6
Eastern	5	15
Huron	10	17
McDowell	13	10
St. Francis	7	13
Seaholm	11	9
Talawanda	7	7
Princeton	11	12
Totals 10W — 9L — 1T		

Girls Varsity Water Polo

	SHS	Opp.
Princeton	9	3
Lakeside	17	4
Findlay	12	8
Worthington	7	5
Sylvania	6	2
Princeton	12	2
Worthington	5	10
Findlay	11	8
Princeton	10	5
Sylvania	6	5
Findlay	11	6
Worthington	8	6
Totals 11W — 1L		

Row 1: Terry Hiltner, Kip Gausman, David Costura, Chris George, Scott Burns, John Hansen, Greg Meyer. **Row 2:** Jim Hern, John Martin, Brian Cheyne, Troy Lacher, Brian Rowe, Brian Noyes, Chad Rimsky. **Row 3:** Coach Mark Sullivan, Coach Gary Tameris.

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