

●●● RECOVERING FROM THEIR LOSSES

Boys Water Polo makes strides toward success

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Go Figure

2

seniors

18.5

hours spent in
the pool a
week

7

balls used in
practice

5

GMC All-
Academic team
members

Building a new basis for success, the team has come together. The boys have faced much adversity because they lost 10 seniors; however, the seniors and upperclassmen have stepped it up and led the team.

"Losing 12 players hurt the team and therefore many of the starters are new. This season is a recovery season and it will build up back to the success of the past," said **Jason Kao, 9**.

Although their record is not the best, they have accomplished a lot since starting out with only seven players. The team hung up signs throughout the school advertising for their varsity water polo team. They had a great turn out from the flyers. Many new players joined the team and found out how much fun you could have in the water.

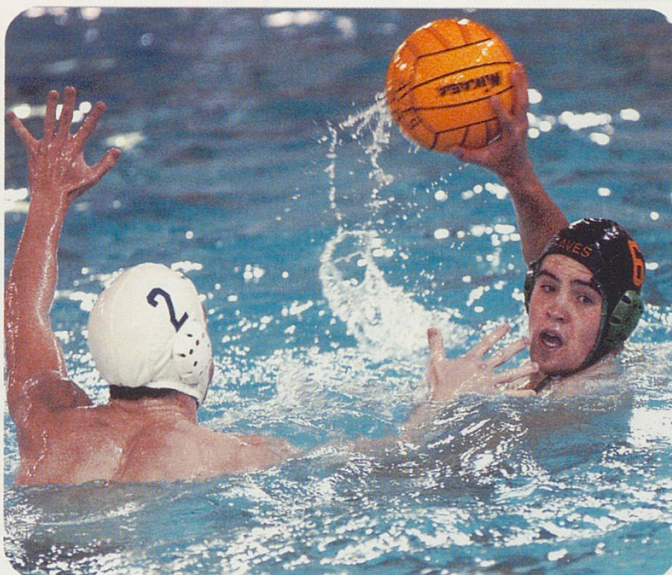
Team bonding was a key part of the boy's season. They had pasta parties, out of town tournaments, watched movies together between matches, and washed cars.

"The team bonded through pasta parties, movies parties, and washing cars at Phil's house," said **Ben Parker, 12**.

The boys have worked hard and improved greatly throughout the season. They improved from a team that barely had enough players that understood the game to a team that is true competition.



Fake out! Philip Wight, 12, tries to fake out his defender and goalie to score a goal. Fakes are essential for good offensive shooting.



Looking down the pool, Brian McMillen, 11, searches for an open player. The goalie starts off the offense after the team gets the ball when they are on defense. It is important to have a strong goalie to run a successful game.

