

●●● PASSING, SHOOTING, AND TREADING TO SUCCESS

Victorious Once Again Go Figure

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3
senior leaders

There is nothing better than taking a nice relaxing swim across cool, clear water with laughter at hand and calm abundant. Well, that was not exactly how the girls of water polo had their fun in the water. Rather, they passed, shot, and treaded.

It is no wonder water polo girls had to wear protective head gear. If they did not, then, let us just say this article would have been about another topic. Gruesomeness aside, the girls do not see matches in a negative way.

"Very excited and a little nervous," was the way **Erica Weber, 12**, a member of the girls water polo team, said she felt during matches.

It seemed what really helped this team get through their pressure to win were the traditions they did before games, which included team cheers that encouraged the team members to win and show their best effort during matches.

Especially helpful to the team seemed to be their coach.

"She helps me out in how to do things better," said **Hannah Myers, 9**.

Even with all of their support, when asked what sort of changes water polo members would like to be made **Weber** responded that she would have preferred to have new practice balls for water polo, an assistant coach as well as new benches and school funds for team suits.

Even though there were financial troubles, water polo teammates were still able to succeed and tie Upper Arlington, state champs for four years with a score of 3 to 3. Not only that, but they placed fourth at the state competition.

When water polo members were not busy passing, shooting, and treading, they spent a large amount of time doing programs that gave back to the community. They did the Leukemia Walk, and the Juvenile Diabetes Walk, which significantly helped raise money.

They were involved in a program where an upperclassman picked an underclassman to be their sister, which was a huge source of motivation for the team. Either way, there is one important piece of advice that the coach left for the water polo players: finish what you start.

Looking for a shot, Katie Hess, 12. It was key for the players to get high out of the water to either make a pass or shot. The higher they got out of the water the more likely the pass would be complete or the shot would go in the goal.

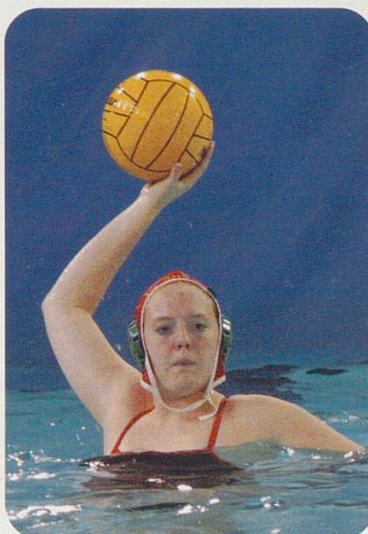


Most Memorable



"My most memorable moment is beating the guys." -**Hannah Myers, 9**

"My most memorable moment was tying Upper Arlington 3 to 3 in the Sycamore Tournament after playing two games against Kilbourne and Napoleon." -**Erica Weber, 12**



How high can you go? Amy Krone, 11, got high and over her defender to make a pass. To achieve this the girls had to build up their leg strength, because it took great strength to get high up and stay.

Searching for an open player, Kim Bieler, 11. Bieler was essential to the success the team accomplished. Without her strong leadership in the water the team would have fallen apart.

