

Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	8	13
Canton Glen Oak	WIN	18	3
Napoleon	LOSS	3	5
Upper Arlington	LOSS	6	9
Princeton	WIN	11	6
Milford	WIN	7	2
Princeton	WIN	16	7
Milford	LOSS	5	6
Upper Arlington	LOSS	2	8
Thomas Worthington	WIN	8	5
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	4	7
Napoleon	TIE	3	3
Milford	WIN	7	5
Princeton	WIN	14	7
Sylvania Northview	WIN	10	4
Napoleon	LOSS	5	6
Canton Glen Oak	WIN	11	6
Milford	WIN	8	6
Upper Arlington	LOSS	4	7
Princeton	WIN	8	6
Worthington Kilbourne	LOSS	1	13
Thomas Worthington	WIN	19	10



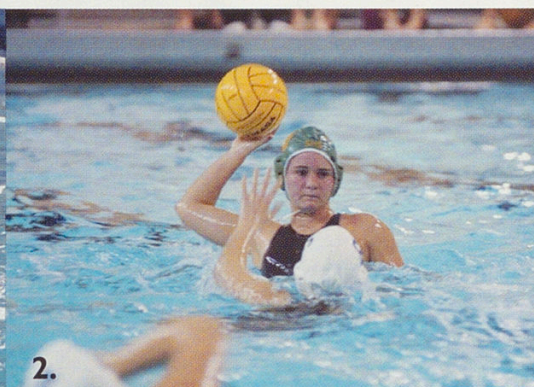
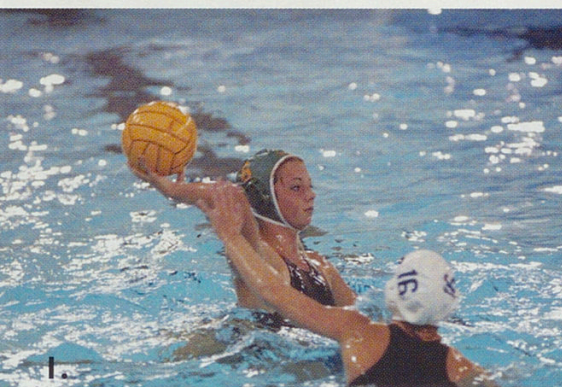
Row 1: Jen Witte, 12, Gretchen Bloomstrom, 12, Suzanne Wight, 12, Katie Loftspring, 12, Allyson Harmon, 12, **Row 2:** Alex Perotti, 10, Katie Hess, 11, Erica Weber, 11, Lauren Truax, 11, Sarah Porter, 10, Rachel Myers, 10, Chelsea Keller, 9, Paige Keefe, 9, **Row 3:** Coach Emily Reitenbach, Kim Bieler, 10, Amy Krone, 10, Katie Kirschner, 10, Emma Troendle, 10, Claire Mondro, 10, Brittany Lawrence, 9, Julie Bonn, 10, Nicole Hall, 10, Coach Jan Jordan

Teamwork

Earns 3rd in state

Girls water polo

By: Katie Loftspring



1. GOING FOR THE GOAL. Amy Krone, 10, got around her defender and headed toward the goal. Krone was one of the varsity starters, and contributed a lot to the high number of points scored during the season. **2. DRY PASSES.** Chelsea Keller, 9, passed to one of her teammates as her defender quickly approached. Dry passes were very important. A wet pass gave the defense a chance to set up. **3. SET UP!** Jen Witte, 12, waited for her teammates to set up a play. Getting open, and setting up plays was a crucial part of the team's offense.

The Story

HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND SACRIFICE. These were the key

elements to the girls' success. Each of the girls sacrificed both sleep and social lives in order to be a part of this state-qualifying team. During the season, the girls endured long, hard practices both morning and afternoon.

"Practices are very focused on becoming better players, but it is still a fun atmosphere," said Erica Weber, 11. In addition to the many hours of

practice, the girls traveled great distances to tournaments, and gave it their all at every game. At times they played up to four games per tournament. In the end, it all paid off. The girls had a great season finishing 3rd at the state tournament in Columbus.

"Placing 3rd in state was a great way to finish the season. All of the girls worked really hard, and it was a much deserved accomplishment," said Katie Hess, 11.

The girls success can be attributed to not only

their hard work at practices and at games, but also to their ability to play well together as a team. A team that gets along out of the water, will most likely play together better in the water. Water polo was all about pasta parties! Pasta parties were a great way for the girls to "fuel" up for big games, as well as a means for them to bond as a team. At these parties the girls ate tons of pasta, watched videos of previous games, and got fired up for the upcoming game or tournament.