

IN IT TO WIN IT!

Girls water polo swims into action, drowning all competition

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From rigorous morning practices to placing second in the state, girls water polo achieved great things throughout their season. Led by captains **Amy Krone, 12**, and **Kim Bieler, 12**, the team squashed their competition.

"We beat Upper Arlington at the Ohio Cup in overtime. It was really exciting because they have won State six years in a row," said **Rachel Myers, 12**.

The highlight of the team's season was placing second in the state championships. They had gone to the championships the past four years straight. The competition was fierce, but they were more than up to the challenge.

The girls were united by their coach, **Ms. Sarah Churchill**.

"This year was great to have a coach that really brought us together," said **Krone**.

Ms. Sarah Churchill really helped the team cooperate. She pulled them together and kept their spirits high, no matter what.

Overnights and pasta parties also helped to build strong unity throughout the season.

"Our sleepovers were really good for our team unity. They also made our team stronger, in and out of the water," said **Julie Bonn, 12**.

Teamwork contributed to their success during the season. Cooperation helped the team to improve their game and beat their biggest rivals and many other competitors.

The girls water polo team had a strong, winning season. They stomped their competition through strong leadership, rigorous training and most importantly team unity.

Row 1: Paige Keefe, 11, Michaela Mondro, 10, Emily Hess, 10, and Megan Merk, 9. Row 2: Sarah McMillen, 10, Alexis Ponticos, 10, Anne Fiorenza, 10, Jenna Tameris, 9, Nicole Hall, 12, and Hannah Myers, 10. Row 3: Claire Mondro, 12, Brittany Lawrence, 11, Coach Sarah Churchill, Kate Miller, 11, Lindsay Fischer, 9, Kenzi Kassoff, 10, and Chelsea Keller, 11. Row 4: Kimberly Bieler, 12, Rachel Myers, 12, Julie Bonn, 12, and Amy Krone, 12.

GIRLS WATER POLO

Final Record: 10-5

MVP: Amy Krone	Mason 11-4	Princeton 9-5	Upper Arlington 3-7
Best Defensive Player: Brittany Lawrence	Upper Arlington Tournament 2-2	Milford 6-5	Princeton 15-6
Best Offensive Player: Kate Miller		Milford 8-6	Thomas Worthington 9-7
Most Improved: Paige Keefe			
Spirit Award: Claire Mondro	Milford Tournament 2-2	Worthington Ohio Cup 5-0	Milford 8-6
Aves Award: Kim Bieler	Napolean Tournament 1-3	Mason 16-5	Milford 9-6
			Upper Arlington 5-10



SHOOT IT! Kate Miller, 11 shot the ball into the net. The game was very intense and the competition was fierce. When playing the girls were completely focused on what their next move was.



Amy Krone, 12, moves the ball down the pool. Dribbling was an important aspect in the game. **Krone** was a crucial part of the team with her ability to move the ball with speed and agility.