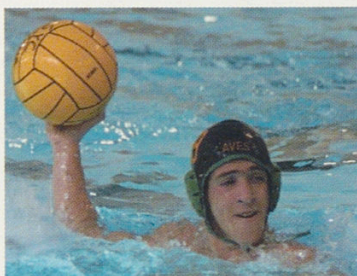


THE BOYS VARSITY AND JV WATER POLO TEAM, COACHED BY CHAD PACKER, HAD A STRONG SEASON.

The roster held one senior, ten juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen. **Ryan Klasmeier, 12**, the only senior, lead the team as the captain, along with **Joey Krone, 11**, and **Scott Keller, 11**. The team traveled to Columbus to play in the Ohio Cup, the weekend of September 13, 2002. This was their first competition. They played the first game on Friday, against Kilbourne, which ended in an 8-8 tie. The next opponent was McDowell High School, the 2001 Pennsylvania State Champion. The final was a 9-5 loss. The third game of the tournament was the best of that weekend.



Catch the ball. Brian McMillen, 9, making a save for the JV goal. McMillen was the only goalie on the JV team, and proved to be a good one. **Preparing for the shoot.** Guy Wiener, 11, waits for the opponent's goal. Wiener also played on both the varsity and JV teams.



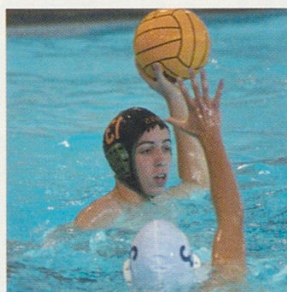
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Emerging above all depths Boys water polo heads to state

By Jenni Forbes

Facing Michigan's Huron High School, the boys dominated both the offensive and defensive half of the pool. The game ended with a tie, 6-6. In the last game of the tournament, Thomas Worthington's depth proved too much, and won the game. The most challenging game of the season, was against Thomas Worthington at the St. Francis Tournament. The Boy's' Water Polo team knew going into the game, that they were in for a challenge. Thomas was named first in the state, and had already beaten them twice in the season. Before the game, Coach Packer taught and showed the team a new offense to perform that would help them defeat Thomas. Their hard work paid off, because after a tough game, we won by one point. This game was one of the most memorable out of the entire season, because it proved that anything can be done that they set their minds to.

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Waiting for an open teammate. Nate Herrell, 11, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to. Their opponent, Princeton, was defeated in every game played against our team. Herrell, played on both the JV and varsity teams.

Shooting for the team. Heath Tameris, 10, shoots for the goal of the opposing team. This is the second year that Tameris is on the varsity team. Making the varsity team as a freshman is a big accomplishment.



Strategies and advice. Coach Packer is talking to the team during a water polo game time out and is giving the team helpful tips. This was Packer's 6th season as a coach for the boy's water polo team. Packer has coached the girl's water polo team at our school, and also at Princeton High School.

