

"Water Polo is one of the most exciting games to watch. It's an action packed sport that is intense from beginning to end,"
Emily Reitenbach,
Former Coach

Waiting. Suzanne Wight, 11, looks for an open man toward which to pass the ball. Wight was one of the varsity starters and contributed a lot to the high number of points scored during the season. Her skills helped the team to finish with a successful season.

Sluff! Jen Witte, 11, shouts to her teammates that she is open for a pass. Teamwork was essential to the success of the team. The term "sluff" was used in practice and game situations to alert their teammates that a player was open for a shot or a pass.



Sprint! Alex Perrotti, 9, swims down the pool on a counter attack. A counter attack results in an offensive turnover. Counter attacks were a huge part of the girls strategy.



Coaches Kevin Hartman and Andrew Jordan at a home game. This was their first year coaching and they learned a lot about the game from the girls. They hope to return next year.



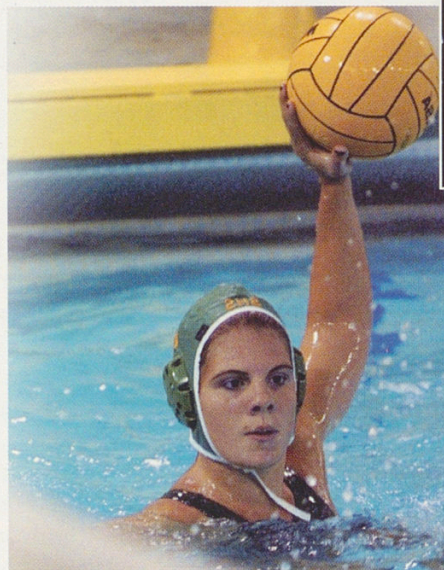
It is a foul sport

But somebody's got to play it

By Katie Loftspring

FOUL! Unlike most sports deliberate fouling is an integral part of the game of water polo. The referee's whistle is constantly blowing indicating one type of foul or another. Some of the reasons for major fouls include "sinking," "kicking or striking an opponent," and "committing an act of brutality." Through the use (and sometimes abuse) of fouls, the girls qualified second in state. The two most memorable games of the season were the dual meet at Princeton, and the game versus Thomas Worthington at the Milford Invitational. Neither game could have been more exciting. In the Princeton game the girls did not play to their full potential leaving them down 2-7 after the first half. After a pep talk with the coaches, they began to pull their way back up. As a result of their tough defense and fast counter attacks, they were able to tie Princeton with only 1 minute remaining in the 4th quarter. With no time to run a play the girls just tried to get open to shoot. With only 1.4 seconds remaining **Jaclyn Tameris, 12**, shot and scored. Another very memorable game was versus Thomas Worthington at the Milford Invitational. Both teams played a tough game leaving the score tied at the end of the 4th quarter. It took quadruple "sudden death" overtime to pull this game out. They finished hard and finally scored.

"Scoring that goal was definitely the highlight of my season," said **Suzanne Wight, 11**.



A goal is just seconds away. Jaclyn Tameris, 12, prepares to shoot the ball. Tameris was one of the captains, and contributed a lot to the team. Her fast counter attacks and smart play helped the team to a second place finish at state.



Lets eat! Lauren Klayman, 12, Lauren Siemer, 12, Kim Bieler, 9, and Emily Rozzo, 12, enjoy some food at a pasta party. Pasta parties were a great way for the girls to bond and refuel for upcoming games.



Shoot to Score! Gretchen Bloomstrom, 11, sets her sights on the goal. The look of determination in her eyes ensures success for the team. **Set up.** Lauren Klayman, 12, waits while her teammates set up a play. Getting open and setting up plays was crucial to the offense.

