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**AT Feature:  
680 Drivers Finish 11th in United States Club  
Water Polo Championship Tournament**

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July 9, 2007 Update



*Vanessa Woodward is all smiles after 680 Drivers score a goal in their final game at the National Water Polo against the Lamorinda Bears.*

**By Todd Halvorson**

The 680 Water Polo Club 14 & UNDER girls team competed over the weekend in the United States Club Water Polo Championship Tournament (USCC). The USCC is comprised of the top 12 water

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polo club teams in California, in the 14 & UNDER division. Teams from Davis to San Diego traveled to Northern California to claim rights to be the #1 14 & UNDER age group club team in 2007. It was a prestigious honor to be invited to the USCC, and our girls gained some valuable playing experience that is unmatched. We played five games over a three day period, from Friday to Sunday. While we didn't come out on top in the games on Friday or Saturday, I felt that we were progressing and improving as a team, which ultimately is the goal.



*Whitney Pond*

The tournament for us was highlighted by the fact that we saw all of our hard work & determination come together in the end and defeat a cross town club team, Lamorinda Water Polo, 10-9!

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*Jelena Cyr*

The game was close throughout. Early on in the game, we found ourselves down 4-0 only to rally back to tie it at 5-5! Early goals by Elaine King and Megan Rodriguez gave us a boost and lit a fire under all the players to play more aggressively and together as team. The game was very competitive all the way through until the final horn. Led by Danielle Johnson with 3 goals, we managed to evenly distribute the scoring, with every player in the starting line-up scoring a goal. While there are many highlights and experiences that can be drawn from this tournament, for me as a coach, two things come to mind. It is of great enjoyment watching these girls work hard in practice, understand the game, become more competitive and see it pay off in the pool against some of the top club programs in California. Along with that, while we have a number of 14 & UNDER girls on 680 Water Polo this summer, we brought up two 12 & UNDER girls, Grace Cochran and Casey Pond, to play in the 14 & UNDER division, and they did quite well!

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*Hanging out with the team was Coach's Daughter, Drew Halvorson*

Overall, it was a great honor to be invited and be playing against some of the elite club teams in California vying for the right to be crowned the 2007 United States Club Champion. With our win over Lamorinda on Sunday, we ended up in 11th place overall.



*Danielle Johnson*

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