

## Lamorinda Soda Moms Place at Water Polo Tournament

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Most women water polo players throw in their towels after high school, but a select few Lamorinda moms have kept playing into their 50s. The Lamorinda teams called the H2O Soda Moms have one team consisting of women 40 and older and another team of women 50 years and older.

From June 6-8, the Soda Moms competed in the Masters Nationals tournament at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School. The 40's team won three games on Friday and Saturday,

and made it into the Championship game. In the championship game, the team lost to the Oakland Grayhairs and placed second in the tournament.

The 50's team won three games and lost two to place third in the field. Playing against nationally ranked teams like the Fighting Flamingos, the 50's team didn't give up in any of its games.

'We were down by 11 at halftime,' recalls a member of the 50's team Jane Allen of her game against the Flamingos. 'Our coach Andrew Morris told us not to give and keep playing hard.'

The Soda Moms didn't give up and beat the Flamingos by one goal in the second half.

In the whole Masters tournament, there were 23 women teams of four age groups: 20+, 30+, 40+, and 50+. Though there weren't as many fans at the Soda Mom's games then there was at the Men's National team game against Australia, the team was having fun and the true fans including family and friends came to support them at their games.



Team Soda Moms, 3rd place National Championship USA Waterpolo, 50 and over age group

From Left to Right: Front Row, Kneeling: Connie Miller, Jenny White, Ann Bundy, Jane Allen,

Back Row, Standing: Deborah Simmons, Mary Ann Ellsworth, Jerilyn Moore, Carole Lynn, Jeannie Johnson, Pauline Dorr, Linda Buchannan, Anni Minuzzo, Patty Trenkwalder; Back Row: Coach Andrew Morris

Photo Robert Johnson



Jenny White, a member of the 50 and over group, on team Soda Moms  
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