Warrender girls are just champion

Warrender girls have won the Scottish under-15 water polo cup after a day of drama at Strathclyde University Pool.

The capital club, who were augmented by three players from West Edinburgh Stingrays, defeated Dunfermline in a final which went to a penalty shoot-out after the teams had finished level at 9-9.

Ultimately it was Warrender who kept their composure with Emily Lake, 12, and Hanna Hablicsek, 14, scoring before 11year-old Ella Stubbs clinched a 3-2 shoot-out win.

Julia Kerr, who has coached the Warrender girls for the past six years having been introduced to the sport by her daughter, said: "I don't think I have ever been so nervous.

"In a round-robin tie against Dunfermline, whom we had never beaten, we were trailing by three points inside the fourth (and final) quarter but recovered to win 8-5."



Warrender water polo girls receive their trophy after a nailbiting penalty shoot out win in the final..

Warrender had a more comfortable passage against Menzieshill Whitehill (6-0) and although they lost out 6-5 in the roundrobin to Portobello who were reinforced by players from Forth Valley and Stirling they still had sufficient scoring credits to progress.

Menziehill Whitehall won the bronze medal match against Portobello.

The winning line-up: Hanna Hablicsek, Emily Lake, ,Skye Miller, Ella Stubbs, Ellie Gardner, Isabella Aylett Vazquez, Mae Mellanby plus Zoe Nimmo, Abigail Hart and Morven Cooper (all West Edinburgh Stingrays).

Photo credit: Joanne Lake (team manager).



The Warrender water polo girls prepare for action.