



WATER POLO

Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023

No. 16 Santa Clara (0-0, 0-0) at UC Merced/Fresno Pacific
Fresno, Calif. • 12:30/3:30 p.m. PT

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Live Stats:

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Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	TV Info	Time
Sept. 2	vs. UC Merced	--	12:30 p.m.
	at Fresno Pacific	--	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Iona^	--	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Navy	--	8 a.m.
	at Princeton	--	2 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. LIU	--	5 a.m.
Sept. 16	UC Davis	ESPN+	12 p.m.
Sept. 22	MPSF Tournament	--	TBA
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Sept. 24	MPSF Tournament	--	TBA
Sept. 29	at Stanford	--	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Cal Baptist*	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	vs. University of Redlands%	--	12:40 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs. Biola%	--	11:15 a.m.
	vs. Fresno Pacific%	--	2:45 p.m.
Oct. 12	at San Jose State*	ESPN+	4 p.m.
Oct. 14	Alumni Game	--	1 p.m.
Oct. 20	Harvard#	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Oct. 21	Cal State Fullerton#	ESPN+	10:40 p.m.
	Fordham#	ESPN+	2:40 p.m.
Oct. 22	Brown#	ESPN+	9:20 a.m.
Oct. 27	Pacific*	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Nov. 3	LMU*	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Nov. 5	Pepperdine*	ESPN+	12 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Air Force*	ESPN+	3 p.m.
Nov. 17-19	WCC Championship	--	TBA
Dec. 2-3	NCAA Championship	--	TBA

Home games in **BOLD** and played at Sullivan Aquatic Center

Times are Pacific and subject to change

^ - Princeton Invitational

% - Lancer Invite

- Julian Fraser Memorial Tournament

* West Coast Conference

Match Notes

- Saturday's games will serve as the opening day for all three programs.
- The Broncos will take on UC Merced first and host-Fresno Pacific later in the day.
- Santa Clara won last season's lone meeting against Fresno Pacific, a 16-6 affair at home.

Season Notes

- This is Santa Clara men's water polo's first season as members of the West Coast Conference.
- As part of the WCC's partnership with ESPN+, all Bronco home games and road conference games will be streamed live on ESPN+.
- Santa Clara is ranked 16th in the ACWPC Preseason Coaches Poll
- The Broncos return 21 players from last season's roster and have welcomed a total of nine newcomers to the squad.
- Senior center defender Chase Raisin was named a Preseason All-WCC selection after leading the team in steals (31) and posting 28 goals in 26 starts.
- The Broncos return their leading scorer from a year ago in junior Zach Fales, who tied for the team-lead of 43 goals on a team-high 102 attempts. Fales also ranked second on the team with 38 assists.
- Santa Clara is led by Keith Wilbur in his 21st season at the helm. He is assisted by former Bronco star Will Grant in his second year in the role.



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Keith Wilbur is in his 21st year at Santa Clara.

Wilbur has spent each of those seasons as head coach of the men's water polo team and the first 19 years also directing the women's water polo program.

Former Santa Clara player and his longtime assistant coach Claire Linney was elevated to head coach of the women's program in September, 2021.

Wilbur, an accomplished collegiate player, is the winningest coach in school history for both programs. He has recruited and coached six Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC) All-Americans, led both men's and women's programs to their best-ever seasons, including taking the women to the 2009 Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) Championship game and has twice been named WWPA Coach of the Year.

His men's program achieved a No. 10 national ranking in 2009 by the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), and both programs have enjoyed extended time ranked among the nation's top 20. The women's team's best ranking came in 2007, when the CWPA tabbed the Broncos No. 12.

Not only have his teams excelled athletically, his student-athletes have posted a 100 percent graduation rate on the women's side and more than 95 percent on the men's side.

The Broncos have consistently been recognized for their accomplishments outside the pool. In 2012, the women placed a league-best 11 student-athletes on the WWPA All-Academic team, and at the end of 2017 eight women landed on the Golden Coast Conference (GCC) All-Academic team.

The Broncos best-ever record on the men's side came in 2009, when SCU went 22-12 and advanced into the WWPA semifinals, behind All-America driver Jack Wall, who finished his collegiate career among the most accomplished water polo players in school history.

The Bronco women's best overall record of 25-8 occurred in 2006. In 2009, SCU was one win away from its first-ever NCAA tournament berth. Utility player Lindsey Bacolini was the program's first Division I All-American in 2006 and lefty Amy Lamb was honored as an All-American in 2009.

Prior to being hired at Santa Clara, he served as the top assistant at San Jose State University in 2002, helping the Spartans rank as high as No. 6 nationally.

Following an outstanding playing career, which included a brief stint as a member of the U.S. National Team and competing in the 1997 World University Games in Sicily, Italy, he moved into coaching, getting his start at his high school alma mater Menlo School. Wilbur coached four high school All-Americans and led the team to the CCS Championship game three times in his four years at Menlo. Before his arrival, Menlo had never won a CCS playoff match.

Wilbur, who was hired in July 2002, is a 1996 honors graduate of Princeton University, earning his bachelor's degree in economics. He helped the Tigers win three Ivy League Championships as a goalie and team captain.

2023 Men's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Year	Position
1	Wyatt Stenson	R-So.	Goalie
1A	Own Van Stralen	R-Fr.	Goalie
1B	Harrison Labrosse	Fr.	Goalie
1C	Ethan Evans	Sr.	Goalie
2	Cody Ferguson	Sr.	Center
3	Matt Somers	Sr.	Center Def.
4	Max Hendrickson	R-So.	Attacker
5	Michael Krienkamp	Sr.	Center Def.
6	Gavin Fisher	R-So.	Attacker
8	Zach Fales	Jr.	Attacker
9	Ben Kyrillos	R-So.	Attacker
10	Billy Barry	Sr.	Utility
11	Jack Palmer	R-So.	Attacker
12	Gojko Kapovic	Jr.	Attacker
13	Connor Long	Jr.	Attacker
14	Chase Raisin	Sr.	Center Def.
15	Mason Jaeger	Jr.	Center
16	Reese Jenican	So.	Center
17	Kyto Fraley	Jr.	Attacker
18	Thomas Wisdom	Fr.	Attacker
19	Harrison Villella	R-Fr.	Utility
20	Grant Roesch	Fr.	Utility
21	Johnny Shepherd	R-So.	Attacker
22	Bennett Stafford	Sr.	Utility
23	Jack Gannaway	Sr.	Attacker
24	Charlie Kosinski	Fr.	Attacker
25	Luke Baird	Fr.	Center Def.
26	Reece Hammond	Fr.	Utility
27	Jason Alietti	Fr.	Utility
28	Charlie Engs	Fr.	Attacker

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Assistant Coach: Will Grant (2nd season)