



2024 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2024 Schedule (5-2, 0-1 WCC)

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
Sept. 7	Fresno Pacific	ESPN+	W, 18-4
<u>Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)</u>			
Sept. 13	Iona		W, 16-6
Sept. 13	#6 Princeton	ESPN+	L, 9-15
Sept. 14	Bucknell		W, 20-16
Sept. 15	Wagner		W, 17-10
Sept. 20	* #9 San Jose State	ESPN+	L, 10-11 (SV)
Sept. 21	George Washington	ESPN+	W, 17-10
Sept. 27	#13 UC Davis		6 p.m.
Sept. 28	~ Alumni Game		Noon
<u>WCC/Big West Tournament (San Jose, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 5	UC Davis		10:15 a.m.
Oct. 5	UC Santa Barbara		4 p.m.
<u>Lancer Joust (Riverside, Calif. & Fullerton, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 11	Cal State Fullerton		Noon
Oct. 11	Concordia University Irvine		7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Biola		12:10 p.m.
Oct. 17	California		5 p.m.
Oct. 24	* California Baptist	ESPN+	2 p.m.
<u>Julian Frasier Memorial (Santa Clara, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 25	UC Merced		1:20 p.m.
Oct. 26	Harvard		10:20 a.m.
Oct. 27	Brown		9:20 a.m.
Nov. 1	* Pepperdine		1 p.m.
Nov. 2	* LMU		Noon
Nov. 8	* Pacific		6 p.m.
Nov. 9	Stanford		Noon
Nov. 15	* Air Force	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Nov. 22-24	WCC Championship (@ Stockton, Calif.)		TBA
Dec. 6-8	NCAA Championship (@ Stanford, Calif.)		TBA

Home games in **BOLD** | Neutral games in *Italics*

* WCC game | ~ Exhibition | Rankings are CWPA Men's Varsity Top-20

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#18 Santa Clara (5-2, 0-1 WCC)

vs.

#13 UC Davis (6-7, 0-0 Big West)

Davis, Calif. • Schaal Aquatic Center • 6 p.m.

Watch Live: N/A

Live Stats: thefosh.net

Series History

Series History (since 2007)..... UC Davis leads 26-4
In Davis..... UC Davis leads 9-4
Current Streak W20, UC Davis
Last Meeting..... Sept. 22, 2023 | L, 10-11
First Meeting..... Sept. 15, 2007 | L, 6-8

Match Notes

- Friday's game at No. 13 UC Davis is Santa Clara's second road game against a national top-20-ranked team this season.
- Santa Clara is 0-9 in true road games at top-20-ranked teams since 2022 (the past three seasons).
- Four of those nine defeats, however, were decided by only one goal.
- Santa Clara hasn't defeated UC Davis since Oct. 9, 2011, when it beat the Aggies, 9-6, in Davis, Calif. (also the site of Friday's game). Santa Clara was also ranked No. 18 in that game 13 years ago.
- The Broncos are 1-5 versus current Big West Conference teams over the past three seasons (since 2022). The lone win came at home versus Cal State Fullerton in last season's Julian Fraser Memorial Tournament, a 12-9 victory at Sullivan Aquatic Center.

Season Notes

- The No. 18 Santa Clara University men's water polo team split two home games last week, narrowly falling to crosstown rival and No. 9-ranked San Jose State, 11-10, in sudden victory overtime on Friday. That game acted as both teams' West Coast Conference opener. The Broncos then beat George Washington 17-10 in a non-conference matchup Saturday.
- The Broncos created numerous opportunities of its own to win Friday's game against San Jose State, but the Spartans' defense made an amazing effort to stifle SCU's attack. Santa Clara was held scoreless for seven minutes, 28 seconds, to end the game after scoring a go-ahead goal halfway through the first overtime period.

Santa Clara won the sprint to start the sudden victory period, giving it the first chance to win the game with a score. Santa Clara would miss three shot attempts on three different possessions in sudden victory overtime, including one with a man advantage after a drawn exclusion. The SCU defense kept getting the ball back to the Broncos, even stopping three consecutive shots from SJSU on one possession, but their last attempt with less than a minute to play in the period was stopped again by San Jose State, who's goalkeeper, Brendon Gyapjas, made 15 saves on the day.

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Season Notes

• Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** is on the cusp of his 300th career win, all with the Broncos. After a 1-1 weekend last week and a 5-2 start to the 2024 season, Wilbur currently sits at 299 career wins. Wilbur is in his 23rd season as head coach of the program and is the winningest coach in program history. He began his tenure at Santa Clara in the fall of 2002.

Keith Wilbur Career Milestone Wins

No.	Opponent	Score	Date
1.	Whittier College	7-5	Sept. 9, 2002
50.	Air Force	8-6 (OT)	Oct. 16, 2005
100.	University of Redlands	10-9	Nov. 21, 2008
150.	University of La Verne	18-5	Sept. 25, 2011
200.	St. Francis (NY)	8-4	Sept. 12, 2015
250.	Occidental College	18-10	Oct. 5, 2019

• The Broncos (12-14 in 2023) finished the 2023 season ranked tied for 18th in the nation alongside WCC rival Pacific. Santa Clara has 13 matches scheduled in 2024 against teams ranked in both of the preseason top-20 polls, including showdowns against top-five teams California (No. 2/2) on Oct. 17, Stanford (No. 3/3) on Nov. 9 and Princeton (No. 5/5) on Friday.

• All seven members of the WCC received votes in the CWPA preseason national poll, with six of them earning placement in the poll. WCC Preseason Coaches' Poll favorite Pacific was the highest-ranked WCC member at No. 7. San Jose State landed at No. 9, Pepperdine was No. 13, LMU was placed at No. 16, Cal Baptist earned a No. 17 showing, and the Broncos came in at No. 19. Air Force earned three votes in the CWPA poll.

• Santa Clara returns its top two points scorers from 2023 in **Zach Fales** and **Gojko Kapovic**. Fales earned first team all-WCC honors and was tabbed an All-American honorable mention by the ACWPC after scoring a team-high 61 goals and totaling 101 points. Kapovic was the team's leading assists-getter with 59 and was second on the team with 88 total points. He also scored 29 goals (fourth on the team).

• The Broncos also return their starting goalkeeper from a year ago, **Harrison Labrosse**. The sophomore Labrosse made 159 saves in 16 starts. He also grabbed 12 steals on the season while logging a season-high 13 saves on two occasions.

• Santa Clara raked in the academic awards last school year. The team had a WCC-best 10 total honorees on the 2023 WCC All-Academic team. It later raked in 16 All-Academic awards from the ACWPC this summer. 2024 senior **Connor Long** earned "Outstanding" honors from the ACWPC.

2024 WCC Men's Water Polo Preseason Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Pl.)	Pts
1.	Pacific (5)	35
2.	San José State (1)	30
3.	Pepperdine	26
4.	LMU	22
5.	California Baptist	16
6.	Santa Clara	12
7.	Air Force	6

2024 Men's Water Polo Preseason All-WCC Team

Name	School	Yr.
Tommaso Baldineti	LMU	Sr.
Jeremie Cote	Pacific	Sr.
Adam Csapo	Pepperdine	Jr.
Reuel D'Souza	Pacific	Sr.
Brendon Gyapjas	San José State	So.
Tom Leggett	Air Force	So.
Caleb Teraoka	California Baptist	Gr.

2024 Men's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Wyatt Stenson	GK	6-7	180	R-Jr.	Woodside, Calif.
1A	Owen Van Stralen	GK	6-0	185	R-So.	Orinda, Calif.
1B	Harrison Labrosse	GK	6-5	170	So.	Lafayette, Calif.
2	Zach Fales	Att.	6-3	190	Sr.	La Jolla, Calif.
3	Harrison Villella	Cen.	6-3	205	R-So.	Bainbridge Isl., Wash.
4	Max Hendrickson	Att.	6-0	175	R-Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif.
5	Mason Jaeger	Cen.	6-2	235	Sr.	El Segundo, Calif.
6	Gavin Fisher	Att.	5-11	185	R-Jr.	Costa Mesa, Calif.
8	Ben Kyrrillos	CenD.	5-11	200	R-Jr.	La Jolla, Calif.
9	Reese Jenican	Cen.	6-4	215	Jr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
10	Charlie Kosinski	Att.	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
11	Jack Palmer	Util.	5-10	205	R-Jr.	Dallas
12	Gojko Kapovic	Att.	5-10	185	Sr.	Makarska, Croatia
13	Connor Long	Util.	6-1	205	Sr.	Cupertino, Calif.
14	Jason Alietti	CenD.	6-5	200	So.	Pasadena, Calif.
16	Julien Chow	Util.	-		R-Fr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
17	Thomas Wisdom	Util.	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Saratoga, Calif.
20	Grant Roesch	Util.	6-3	185	So.	Moraga, Calif.
21	Riccardo De Simon	Util.	6-3	187	Fr.	Bologna, Italy
22	Luke Baird	CenD.	6-5	240	R-Fr.	Springfield, Va.
23	Charlie Engs	Att.	6-2	175	R-Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
24	Jack Fisher	Att.	6-3	170	Fr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
26	Reece Hammond	Util.	6-5	190	R-Fr.	Long Beach, Calif.
28	Henry Engs	Util.	6-1	220	Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
RS	Weston Bancroft	Util.	6-3	195	Rs.	La Jolla, Calif.
RS	Tyler Swensen	GK	6-4	200	Rs.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
RS	Jensen Welton	Util.	6-2	195	Rs.	Austin, Texas

CWPA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Sept. 25)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1	UCLA	1	100
2	Southern California	3	94
3	Stanford	2	91
4	Pepperdine	4	82
5	Pacific	5	80
6	California	6	77
7	Princeton University	7	71
8	UC Irvine	8	61
t-9	Long Beach State	t-10	56
t-9	San Jose State	9	56
t-9	Fordham	t-10	56
12	UC Santa Barbara	13	46
13	UC Davis	12	35
14	Harvard	14	34
15	Loyola Marymount	t-15	31
16	UC San Diego	t-15	29
17	Navy	17	16
18	Santa Clara	18	14
19	Brown	19	11
20	California Baptist	20	9
RV	Air Force	RV	3
RV	Bucknell	NR	1
RV	Wagner	NR	1
RV	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	RV	1