



# 2024 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

## 2024 Schedule (6-2, 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	<i>Iona</i>		W, 16-6
Sept. 13	#6 Princeton	ESPN+	L, 9-15
Sept. 14	<i>Bucknell</i>		W, 20-16
Sept. 15	<i>Wagner</i>		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		W, 14-12
Sept. 28	~ Alumni Game	--	--
<u>Big West/WCC Challenge (San Jose, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 5	#17 UC Davis		10:15 a.m.
Oct. 5	#12 UC Santa Barbara		4 p.m.
<u>Lancer Joust (Riverside, Calif. &amp; 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

All times are Pacific and subject to change

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## #14/15 Santa Clara (6-2, 0-0 WCC)

vs.

## Big West/WCC Challenge

## #16/17 UC Davis (6-8, 0-0 Big West)

## #12/12 UC Santa Barbara (13-6, 0-0 Big West)

Santa Clara, Calif. • Sullivan Aquatic Center • 2 p.m. / Noon

Watch Live: N/A  
Live Stats: thefosh.net

## Series History

### vs. #17 UC Davis

Series History (since 2007)..... UC Davis leads 26-5  
Neutral Site..... UC Davis leads 9-0  
Current Streak ..... W1, Santa Clara  
Last Meeting..... Sept. 27, 2024 | W, 14-12

### vs. #12 UC Santa Barbara

Series History (since 2008)..... UC Santa Barbara leads 3-1  
Neutral Site..... UC Santa Barbara leads 1-0  
Current Streak ..... W3, UC Santa Barbara  
Last Meeting..... Oct. 24, 2021 | L, 5-19

## Match Notes

- The No. 14/15 (ACWPC Poll/CWPA Men's Varsity Poll) Santa Clara University men's water polo team stays local this weekend with two games across town at San Jose State in the Big West/WCC Challenge.
- The Broncos are 2-5 versus current Big West Conference teams over the past three seasons (since 2022). They most recently defeated then-No. 13 UC Davis on the road, 14-12, on Sept. 27.
- Santa Clara hasn't faced UC Santa Barbara since 2021, falling in that game at home, 19-5. The Broncos last defeated the Gauchos on Sept. 21, 2008.
- The Broncos haven't defeated UC Davis in consecutive meetings since 2008, when they beat them on Nov. 15, 2008, and then again on Nov. 23, 2008.

## Season Notes

- The No. 14/15 Broncos went on the road Friday and took down host and No. 13-ranked UC Davis, 14-12, to earn their first win over the Aggies in 13 years, and in the process, reach the 300th victory for head coach Keith Wilbur. Santa Clara (6-2) never trailed in the game. In the process, it beat the Aggies (6-8) for the first time since Oct. 9, 2011, when it beat them, 9-6. That game was also in Davis, the Broncos were also ranked No. 18 back then, and they also never trailed in that game.
- Santa Clara freshman utility man **Riccardo De Simon** earned another weekly award Tuesday, being named the KAP7 West Coast Conference Newcomer of the Week for the second time, this time for the week of Sept. 23-29 after helping lead the Broncos to a milestone road victory at No. 13 UC Davis. De Simon did it all Friday for then-No. 18 Santa Clara, scoring one goal, tallying a team-high three assists on three other goals, grabbing four steals, recording three field blocks on defense and also drawing two exclusions to help lead the Broncos to a historic 14-12 win on the road at then-No. 13-ranked UC Davis.

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## Season Notes

• Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** now has 300 career men's water polo wins, and he's earned all of them at the helm of the Broncos' program. Friday's 14-12 win at No. 13 UC Davis. 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
300.	UC Davis	14-12	Sept. 27, 2024

• 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.	<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>12</b>
7.	Air Force	6

### 2024 Men's Water Polo Preseason All-WCC Team

Name	School	Yr.
Tommaso Baldinetti	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 Oct. 2)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1	UCLA	1	100
2	Southern California	2	94
3	Stanford	3	91
4	Pepperdine	4	84
5	Pacific	5	81
t-6	UC Irvine	8	69
t-6	Fordham	t-9	69
t-6	California	6	69
9	Princeton	7	61
10	Long Beach State	t-9	55
11	San Jose State	t-9	53
12	UC Santa Barbara	12	46
13	UC San Diego	16	37
14	Harvard	14	34
15	<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>
16	LMU	15	26
17	UC Davis	13	22
18	Brown	19	13
19	California Baptist	20	11
t-20	Air Force	RV	4
t-20	Navy	17	4
RV	Wagner College	RV	2