



2024 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2024 Schedule (11-7, 0-2 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		W, 14-12
Sept. 28	~ Alumni Game		--
<u>Big West/WCC Challenge (San Jose, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 5	#17 UC Davis		L, 7-14
Oct. 5	#12 UC Santa Barbara		L, 8-9
<u>Lancer Joust (Riverside, Calif. & Fullerton, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 11	Cal State Fullerton	ESPN+	W, 12-9
Oct. 11	Concordia University Irvine		W, 15-13
Oct. 12	Biola		W, 14-8
Oct. 17	#9 California	ESPN+	L, 10-14
Oct. 24	* #14 California Baptist	ESPN+	L, 12-13
<u>Julian Frasier Memorial (Santa Clara, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 25	UC Merced	ESPN+	W, 15-9
Oct. 26	#13 Harvard	ESPN+	L, 10-11
Oct. 27	#19 Brown	ESPN+	W, 13-12
Nov. 1	* #9 Pepperdine	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Nov. 2	* #17 LMU	ESPN+	Noon
Nov. 8	* Pacific	ESPN+	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 (11-7, 0-2 WCC)

vs.

#9 Pepperdine (17-6, 2-0 WCC)

#17 LMU (9-11, 0-3 WCC)

Los Angeles / Malibu, Calif. • 1 p.m. / Noon

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Series History

vs. #9 Pepperdine

Series History (since 2010).....Pepperdine leads, 5-2
in Malibu, Calif.....Tied, 0-0
Current Streak.....W3, Pepperdine
Last Meeting.....Nov. 5, 2023 | L, 6-11

vs. #17 LMU

Series History (since 2008).....LMU leads, 23-8
in Los Angeles.....LMU leads, 8-3
Current Streak.....W5, LMU
Last Meeting.....Nov. 3, 2023 | L, 8-15

Match Notes

- The No. 18 Santa Clara University men's water polo team begins a four-game road trip with two West Coast Conference games in Santa Clara, facing No. 9 Pepperdine on Friday and No. 17 LMU on Saturday.
- Santa Clara has dropped four of its last five WCC games dating to last season, though both of its defeats in 2024 have been by only one goal.
- The Broncos last beat the Waves 10 years ago on Nov. 14, 2014, edging them, 16-15, in Santa Clara.
- Two of Santa Clara's last four defeats versus LMU (since 2021) have been by only one goal, including a 7-6 regular season setback in Los Angeles on Oct. 6, 2022.

Season Notes

- Santa Clara went 2-2 in four games last week, with both defeats coming by only one goal. The Broncos erased a six-goal deficit on Thursday versus WCC opponent California Baptist before falling, 13-12. They then went 2-1 in their own Julian Frasier Memorial, only falling to No. 13 Harvard, 11-10, on Saturday.
- The Broncos already have 11 wins on the season and look to surpass their win totals from each of the past four years. Santa Clara still has at least six more games to play in 2024 and haven't won more than 13 games in a seasons since 2019 (15).
- Santa Clara redshirt freshman **Luke Baird** was named the KAP7 West Coast Conference Newcomer of the Week on Oct. 15 after helping lead the No. 17 Broncos to a perfect weekend at the Lancer Joust. Baird totaled seven goals, four steals, three field blocks and an assist with two multi-goal performances in three games. Baird tied for the game high Friday with a season-best four goals in the tournament opener versus host Cal State Fullerton. He came back in Friday's nightcap with two more goals against Concordia University Irvine for a six-goal day Friday. Baird added another goal Saturday in the Broncos' 14-8 win over Biola, one of 10 Broncos to score in the game.

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Season Notes

• Santa Clara freshman utility man **Riccardo De Simon** owns two WCC Newcomer of the Week awards this season. His most recent came for the week of Sept. 23-29 after helping lead the Broncos to a milestone road victory at No. 13 UC Davis. He also won the award for the week of Sept. 9-15 after scoring 11 goals across four games at the Princeton Invitational.

• Senior attacker **Zach Fales** was one of 20 student-athletes from across the country named Thursday to the 2024 Cutino Award Watch List, the award given annually to the top NCAA Division I collegiate male and female in water polo. Fales is the Broncos' leading points-getter with 63 total points. He has team highs in goals (37) and assists (26). Fales is also second on the team with 21 steals.

• Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** reached his 300th career men's water polo win this season thanks to a 14-12 win at No. 13 UC Davis on Sept. 27. He's earned all 300 of his wins at the helm of the Broncos' program. 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 2023 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 Sept. 13.

• 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 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

WCC PRESEASON POLL & TEAM

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 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.



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CWPA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Oct. 30)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1	UCLA	1	99
t-2	Fordham	5	91
t-2	Stanford	3	91
t-2	Southern California	2	91
5	Pacific	4	78
6	Princeton	6	76
7	California	t-7	67
8	UC Irvine	9	66
9	Pepperdine	t-7	61
10	UC Davis	10	54
11	Long Beach State	11	53
12	San Jose State	12	42
13	UC San Diego	t-14	40
14	UC Santa Barbara	16	36
15	California Baptist	t-14	29
16	Harvard	13	26
17	LMU	t-17	22
18	Santa Clara	t-17	16
19	Brown	19	12
20	George Washington	RV	3
RV	Bucknell University	RV	2
RV	Navy	20	2

Season Notes

ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Oct. 30)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank
1	UCLA	1
2	Stanford	2
3	Southern California	3
4	Fordham	5
5	Pacific	4
6	Princeton	6
7	California	7
8	UC Irvine	8
t-9	Long Beach State	9
t-9	Pepperdine	10
11	UC Davis	11
12	UC San Diego	t-12
13	San Jose State	t-12
14	UC Santa Barbara	15
15	Harvard	14
16	California Baptist	16
17	LMU	t-17
18	Santa Clara	t-17
19	Brown	19
20	Navy	20