



# 2024 Santa Clara University SOFTBALL

## 2024 Schedule (4-6)

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
Feb 9 (Fri)	South Dakota State <sup>1</sup>	Fresno, Calif.	L, 0-1
Feb 10 (Sat)	South Dakota State <sup>1</sup>	Fresno, Calif.	W, 7-5
Feb 10 (Sat)	Fresno State <sup>1</sup>	Fresno, Calif.	L, 0-3
Feb 11 (Sun)	CSU Bakersfield <sup>1</sup>	Fresno, Calif.	W, 7-3
Feb 11 (Sun)	Fresno State <sup>1</sup>	Fresno, Calif.	L, 1-3
Feb 15 (Thur)	Nevada <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 5-12
Feb 15 (Thur)	Cal Poly <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 6-4
Feb 16 (Fri)	Portland State <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 5-3
Feb 16 (Fri)	Fordham <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 1-3
Feb 18 (Sun)	Seattle <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 4-5
Feb 23 (Fri)	Southern Utah <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	
Feb 23 (Fri)	UNLV <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	
Feb 24 (Sat)	Tulsa <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	
Feb 24 (Sat)	UNLV <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	
Feb 25 (Sun)	Southern Utah <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	
Mar 1 (Fri)	Sacramento State <sup>4</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
Mar 1 (Fri)	UC Santa Barbara <sup>4</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
Mar 2 (Sat)	UC Santa Barbara <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	
Mar 3 (Sun)	Wagner College <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	
Mar 3 (Sun)	UC Davis <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	
Mar 8 (Fri)	North Dakota St. (DH1) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 8 (Fri)	North Dakota St. (DH2) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 9 (Sat)	Iowa (DH1) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 9 (Sat)	Iowa (DH2) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 16 (Sat)	St. Thomas <sup>6</sup>	Boise, Idaho	
Mar 16 (Sat)	Boise State <sup>6</sup>	Boise, Idaho	
Mar 17 (Sun)	St. Thomas <sup>6</sup>	Boise, Idaho	
Mar 17 (Sun)	Boise State <sup>6</sup>	Boise, Idaho	
Mar 22 (Fri)	Idaho State	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 23 (Sat)	Idaho State (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 23 (Sat)	Idaho State (DH2)	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 27 (Wed)	CSU Bakersfield (DH1)	Bakersfield, Calif.	
Mar 27 (Wed)	CSU Bakersfield (DH2)	Bakersfield, Calif.	
Mar 29 (Fri)	Southeastern Louisiana (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Mar 29 (Fri)	Southeastern Louisiana (DH2)	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 2 (Tue)	Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	
Apr 13 (Sat)	Incarnate Word (DH1)	San Antonio, Texas	
Apr 13 (Sat)	Incarnate Word (DH2)	San Antonio, Texas	
Apr 14 (Sun)	Incarnate Word	San Antonio, Texas	
Apr 19 (Fri)	LMU*	Los Angeles	
Apr 20 (Sat)	LMU (DH1)*	Los Angeles	
Apr 20 (Sat)	LMU (DH2)*	Los Angeles	
Apr 21 (Sun)	LMU*	Los Angeles	
Apr 26 (Fri)	Saint Mary's*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 27 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 27 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 28 (Sun)	Saint Mary's*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 3 (Fri)	Pacific*	Stockton, Calif.	
May 4 (Sat)	Pacific (DH1)*	Stockton, Calif.	
May 4 (Sat)	Pacific (DH2)*	Stockton, Calif.	
May 5 (Sun)	Pacific*	Stockton, Calif.	
May 9 (Thur)	San Diego*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 10 (Fri)	San Diego (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 10 (Fri)	San Diego (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 11 (Sat)	San Diego*	Santa Clara, Calif.	

1 Fresno State Kickoff Classic

2 Silicon Valley Classic I

3 UNLV Tournament

4 Sacramento State/UC Davis Tournament

5 Silicon Valley Classic II

6 Boise State Tournament

\*WCC Game

## UNLV Rebel Classic

Las Vegas • Eller Media Stadium •

Friday, Feb. 23 - Sunday, Feb. 25

## Tournament Central

## Game/Season Notes

- Santa Clara travels Las Vegas to play in the UNLV Rebel Classic this Friday through Sunday. Four schools - Santa Clara, Southern Utah, Tulsa and host, UNLV - will participate in the 10-game, three-day tournament. The Broncos will participate in five games including two each on Friday and Saturday along with one game on Sunday.
- Game information for all the games can be found here => [Tournament Central](#)
- The Broncos are 4-6 on the season going 2-3 in each of the first two tournaments, the Fresno State Kickoff Classic and the Silicon Valley Classic I Tournament that was co-hosted along with San Jose State last week.
- SCU has scored 25 runs in their four wins (6.25 runs/game) but have only scored 11 runs in their six losses (1.83 runs/game).
- The veteran pitching staff that returns three of the four pitchers from last season has a 3.24 ERA. Newcomer Alaina Valdez leads the way not allowing an earned run in her four appearances spanning five innings while holding the opposition to a team-low .158 batting average. Hannah Edwards has a team-best three wins. The staff already has three saves in their four wins, after having two saves all last season.
- Offensively, the team is batting .235 with freshman Cairah Curran leading the way with a .400 batting average (12-for-30). The speedster also tops the team in stolen bases with six. Junior Morgan Salmon has supplied the power with three home runs and 10 RBIs to lead the team. One of home runs was walk-off two-run homer against South Dakota State in the Broncos first win of the season on Feb. 10.
- All seven newcomers saw action in the season opening tournament including all five position players - Kyla Acres, Taryn Clements, Cairah Curran, Caitlyn "Red" Golob and Rebecca Rubio - each getting at least one hit and the two pitchers - Avery Seva and Alaina Valdez - seeing action in the circle.
- The six of the seven newcomers who are freshmen will be doing an Instagram Takeover on the @scusoftball account starting this Friday for the duration of the UNLV Rebel Classic Tournament. The seven member sophomore class did their class takeover during the season opening weekend.

## 2024 Preseason

- Three Broncos - Hannah Edwards, Hazyl Gray and Morgan Salmon - were named 2024 preseason All-West Coast conference by a vote of the league's five head coaches.
- The Broncos were picked to finish fourth by a vote of the same panel.

## 2024 Schedule

- The 2024 schedule is comprised of 55 games including 22 at Santa Clara Softball Stadium. The Broncos will host two tournaments among the six they play and face two schools - Stanford and LMU - that qualified for the 2023 NCAA Tournament.
- In West Coast Conference action, the league will encompass a 16-game league slate for each of the five conference member schools. The WCC schedule will run for five weeks from April 12 to May 11 with one bye week. Each weekend series is comprised of four games with a single game series opener, followed by a doubleheader the next day and a single game series finale on the last day.

## 2023 Season Highlights

- The Broncos finished with an overall record of 23-26 after finishing the 2022 season at 21-30 to post their first back-to-back 20-win seasons since 2005 and 2006.
- The 23-win total was the highest since the 2006 campaign when they went 24-34.
- Most home wins (15-11) since Santa Clara Softball Stadium was built in 2016.
- Had the first sweep of a conference opponent (Pacific) since 2019.
- Five West Coast Conference Player/Pitchers of the Week honors won - the most ever in a season for SCU. The first year of WCC softball was in 2014.
- Six All-WCC honorees - First Team: Ashley Trierweiler; Second Team: Emma Bickford,



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Allyson Ferreira & Morgan Salmon; Honorable Mention: Hannah Edwards & Hazyl Gray.

- Two National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Pacific Region honorees - First Team: Ashley Trierweiler; Second Team: Hazyl Gray. They were the first Broncos to be recognized to the all-region team since Jaime Forman-Lau in 2004.
- Ashley Trierweiler named Second Team D1 Softball, Third Team NFCA & Second Team College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-American.

## 2023 Summer

- Edwards, Salmon and Cameron McGinnis were selected to Great Britain women's senior national fastpitch team.
- Departing graduate student Sammy Needham was co-winner of the #WCCRepresent Award for promoting the positive WCC SAAC values of sportsmanship and community service.

## Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Cairah Curran	MI/OF	5-5	L/R	Fr.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii / James Campbell
2	Marie Martorella	C/1B	5-6	R/R	So.	Salinas, Calif. / Salinas
3	Bailey McLaughlin	OF	5-5	L/R	Sr.	Benicia, Calif. / Benicia
4	Mariah Montalvo	C/3B	5-4	R/R	So.	Watsonville, Calif. / St. Francis
5	Alaina Valdez	P	5-8	L/R	Jr.	San Jose, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty / San Jose City College
7	Rebecca Rubio	MI/OF	5-2	L/R	Fr.	Buena Park, Calif. / John F. Kennedy
8	Bethany Shih	SS/2B	5-4	L/R	So.	Foster City, Calif. / San Mateo
10	Hazyl Gray	P/UT	5-7	L/L	So.	Fairfield, Calif. / Vanden
11	Caitlyn "Red" Golob	OF	5-8	L/R	Fr.	Riverside, Calif. / Martin Luther King
12	Morgan Salmon	2B/SS	5-10	R/R	Jr.	Lafayette, Calif. / Brentwood
15	Lauren Bryson	1B	5-6	R/R	Jr.	Woodland, Calif. / Pioneer
16	Jacqueline Lemus	C	5-1	R/R	So.	San Jose, Calif. / Valley Christian
17	Avery Seva	P	5-6	R/R	Fr.	Granite Bay, Calif. / Granite Bay
20	Abigail Charpentier	C/3B	5-6	R/R	Jr.	Irvine, Calif. / Santa Margarita
22	Sage Hager	P	5-5	R/R	Jr.	San Mateo, Calif. / San Mateo
23	Robynn Balmediano	OF	5-3	L/R	So.	Benicia, Calif. / Benicia
24	Cameron McGinnis	C/3B	5-8	R/R	Sr.	Davis, Calif. / Da Vinci Charter Academy
26	Taryn Clements	C/1B/OF	5-10	R/R	Fr.	Seal Beach, Calif. / Los Alamitos
27	Kyla Acres	3B/1B	5-6	L/R	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Bishop Gorman
30	Ella Romero	UT	5-4	R/R	Sr.	San Ramon, Calif. / Carondelet
42	Leiora Davidson	1B	5-10	R/R	So.	Eastvale, Calif. / Eleanor Roosevelt
64	Hannah Edwards	P	5-7	R/R	RS-Jr.	San Jose, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty

## 2024 Team

- The 22 player roster has 15 returnees including the three of the four pitchers who pitched last season.
- The three returning pitchers (Hannah Edwards, Sage Hager and Hazyl Gray) account for 21 of 23 wins (91-percent) and 81-percent of innings pitched in 2023.
- Mix of returnees and newcomers will step in to replace the offensive productivity from last season where five of the top seven hitters closed out their Bronco careers. The Broncos return 35-percent of the hits and 42-percent of the RBIs from 2023.
- Six of the seven newcomers hail from the prep ranks with Alaina Valdez hailing from the JUCO ranks.
- All but two players hail from California. Cairah Curran is from Hawaii and Kyla Acres from Nevada.

## Breakdown by Class:

**Seniors (3):** Cameron McGinnis, Bailey McLaughlin, Ella Romero

**Juniors (6):** Lauren Bryson, Abigail Charpentier, Sage Hager, Hannah Edwards (RS), Morgan Salmon, Alaina Valdez

**Sophomores (7):** Robynn Balmediano, Leiora Davidson, Hazyl Gray, Jacqueline Lemus, Marie Martorella, Mariah Montalvo, Bethany Shih

**Freshmen (6):** Kyla Acres, Taryn Clements, Cairah Curran, Caitlyn "Red" Golob, Rebecca Rubio, Avery Seva

## Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Gina Carbonatto (5th season, Pacific '07)

**Assistant Coach:** Jen Deering (5th season, Cal '03)

**Assistant Coach:** Kristi Villar (2nd season, Augustana '06)

**Grad Asst Coach:** Montana Dixon (3rd season, Stanford '21)

**Vol Asst Coach:** Emma Bickford (1st season, Santa Clara '23)

## About the Coaching Staff:

- Gina Carbonatto enters her fifth season as the head coach of the Broncos. Entering the 2024 season, she has a career record of 60-92.
- Carbonatto has served as the assistant coach for Great Britain's Under-22 women's softball team since 2018.
- In the summer of 2022, Carbonatto coached Great Britain's U-22 that competed in the European Under-22 Women's Fastpitch Championship in Kunovice, Czech Republic.
- On Carbonatto's SCU staff are pitching coach Jen Deering, who is also in her fifth season, hitting coach Kristi Villar is in her second season, graduate assistant Montana Dixon is in her third season and former Bronco player Emma Bickford is in her first season as a volunteer assistant.
- Dixon serves in the Director of Operations role; Bickford will help with the infield coaching and Carbonatto with the outfield coaching.
- Bickford finished her Bronco career tied for eighth in hits (168), second in doubles (42), third in RBIs (102), seventh in total bases (242), eighth in slugging percentage (.425) and first in sacrifice flies (10) since 2000.
- For the upcoming season, Carbonatto will be the third base coach and Bickford the first base coach.
- Deering and Villar will be the bench coaches.

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