

# **2024 Santa Clara University** SOFTBALL

2024 Schedule (21-			1-16, 0-0 WCC)	
	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	W, 6-0
	Feb 23 (Fri)	UNLV <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	W, 7-6
	Feb 24 (Sat)	Tulsa <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	L, 1-8
	Feb 24 (Sat)	UNLV <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	L, 5-6 (8)
	Feb 25 (Sun)	Southern Utah <sup>3</sup>	Las Vegas	W, 13-8 (8)
	March 1 (Fri)	Sacramento St. (DH1) <sup>4</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	W, 7-5 (9)
	March 1 (Fri)	Sacramento St. (DH2)4	Sacramento, Calif.	Canceled
	March 2 (Sat)	UC Santa Barbara <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	L, 5-9
	March 2 (Sat)	UC Davis <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	W, 8-3
	March 3 (Sun)	Wagner College <sup>4</sup>	Davis, Calif.	W, 2-1 (8)
	March 8 (Fri)	North Dakota St. (DH1) <sup>5</sup>		W, 3-2
	March 8 (Fri)	North Dakota St. (DH2) <sup>5</sup>		W, 4-3
	March 9 (Sat)	Iowa (DH1) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 4-2
	March 9 (Sat)	Iowa (DH2) <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 3-2
	March 16 (Sat)	_	Boise, Idaho	W, 12-0 (5)
	March 16 (Sat)		Boise, Idaho	L, 0-8 (5)
	March 17 (Sun)	_	Boise, Idaho	W, 10-2 (6)
	March 17 (Sun)		Boise, Idaho Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 3-10
		Idaho State (DH1) Idaho State (DH2)	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 6-3
	March 23 (Sat)	, ,	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 4-3 L, 0-9 (5)
		CSU Bakersfield (DH1)	Bakersfield, Calif.	L, 0-9 (3) W, 4-1
		CSU Bakersfield (DH2)	Bakersfield, Calif.	W, 4-1
		Southeastern Louisiana (DH1)		L, 2-10
	, ,	Southeastern Louisiana (DH2)		Canceled
	Apr 2 (Tue)	No. 8 Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	L, 1-3
	Apr 13 (Sat)	Incarnate Word (DH1)	San Antonio, Texas	W, 8-7 (8)
	Apr 13 (Sat)	Incarnate Word (DH2)	San Antonio, Texas	L, 7-8
	Apr 14 (Sun)	Incarnate Word	San Antonio, Texas	L, 2-4
	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 City of Trees Classic Tournament \*WCC Game

Santa Clara (21-16, 0-0 WCC) vs. LMU (18-21, 1-3 WCC)

Los Angeles · Smith Field · Friday, April 19 - Sunday, April 21

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### **Game/Season Notes**

- Santa Clara begins West Coast Conference play against LMU starting Friday.
- This season, the WCC 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.
- Last week, the Broncos had their conference bye week and played at Incarnate Word going 1-2 while LMU opened their WCC schedule against San Diego. During the trip to San Antonio, the Broncos attended a San Antonio Missions games, the double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, where Marie Martorella's brother, Nathan Martorella, plays.
- The Broncos closed out the nonconference portion of the schedule with a 21-16 record. The 21 nonconference winns are tied for most in program history since at least 1979, matching the totals from 1986 and 2002 seasons.
- This is the third-straight season SCU has reached the 20-win mark, the first time they've done that since 2004-06. Head coach Gina Carbonatto is the first Bronco coach to post three-straight 20-win seasons since March Crouch did it from 2002-04.
- SCU played in six tournaments this spring going 16-11: a 2-3 record in each of the first two tournaments at the Fresno State Kickoff Classic (Feb. 9-11) and Silicon Valley Classic I (Feb. 15-18); 3-2 at the UNLV Rebel Classic (Feb. 23-25), 3-1 at the Capital Classic (March 1-3), 4-0 at the SVC II tournament (March 8-9) and 2-2 at the City of Trees Classic (March
- The Broncos had a season-high seven-game win streak in early March. The win streak was the longest since the 2004 season when that team won 12-straight to close out the season.
- Offensively, on the season, SCU has a .274 batting average (second in the WCC behind Saint Mary's) with three and a half regular starters hitting over .300 - Hazyl Gray (.325), Bailey McLaughlin (.324), Cairah Curran (.302) & Robynn Balmediano (.300) and average 4.5 runs/game.
- Salmon leads the West Coast Conference in RBIs (33). Other Bronco statistical leaders include: Marie Martorella & Hazyl Grayin sac flies (T1 - 4), Hannah Edwards in wins (9) and Avery Seva in saves (T1 - 2).
- Freshman Cairah Curran had a 14-game hitting streak and safely reached base in 17-straight games earlier in the season.
- The veteran pitching staff that returns three of the four pitchers from last season has a 3.82 ERA (second in the WCC behind Saint Mary's). Hannah Edwards has a team-high nine wins. The staff already has four saves topping last season's total of two.

#### 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.

The 2024 schedule is comprised of 55 games (now 53 with two cancelations) 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.

#### 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.



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- Six All-WCC honorees First Team: Ashley Trierweiler; Second Team: Emma Bickford, 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 D1Softball, 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 fastoitch 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** Ht. B/T Yr. No. Name Pos. Hometown/HighSchool/Last School Ewa Beach, Hawaii / James Campbell Cairah Curran MI/OF 5-5 L/R Fr. 5-6 R/R So. Salinas, Calif. / Salinas 2 Marie Martorella C/1B 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 Р San Jose, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty / San Jose City College 5 Alaina Valdez 5-8 L/R Jr. Rebecca Rubio MI/OF 5-2 L/R Fr. Buena Park, Calif. / John F. Kennedy 5-4 L/R So. 8 Bethany Shih SS/2B Foster City, Calif. / San Mateo 10 Hazyl Gray P/UT 5-7 L/L So. Fairfield, Calif. / Vanden Caitlyn "Red" Golob OF 5-8 L/R Fr. Riverside, Calif. / Martin Luther King 11 Morgan Salmon 2B/SS 5-10 R/R Jr. Lafayette, Calif. / Brentwood 12 Lauren Bryson 1B 5-6 R/R Jr. Woodland, Calif. / Pioneer 15 Jacqueline Lemus С 5-1 R/R So. San Jose, Calif. / Valley Christian 16 17 Avery Seva Р 5-6 R/R Fr. Granite Bay, Calif. / Granite Bay Abigail Charpentier C/3B Irvine, Calif. / Santa Margarita 20 5-6 R/R Jr. 22 Sage Hager 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 C/1B/OF 5-10 R/R Fr. 26 Taryn Clements 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 Leiora Davidson 5-10 R/R So. Eastvale, Calif. / Eleanor Roosevelt 42 1B Hannah Edwards 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 our 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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