



2024 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

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

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
Sept. 7	Fresno Pacific	ESPN+	W, 18-4
<u>Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)</u>			
Sept. 13	Iona		10 a.m.
Sept. 13	#6 Princeton	ESPN+	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Bucknell		11 a.m.
Sept. 15	Wagner		9 a.m.
Sept. 20	* San Jose State	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Sept. 21	George Washington	ESPN+	Noon
Sept. 27	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

All times are Pacific and subject to change

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#19 Santa Clara (1-0, 0-0 WCC)

vs.

Iona (1-2) / #6 Princeton (3-0)

Bucknell (2-2) / Wagner (3-1)

Princeton, N.J. • DeNunzio Pool • Sept. 13-15 (Fri.-Sun.)

Watch Live: ESPN+ (Friday's Princeton game only)
Drew Casey (play-by-play)

Series History

vs. Iona

Series History (since 2013)..... Santa Clara leads 8-0
Last Meeting..... Sept. 8, 2023 | W, 14-11

vs. #6 Princeton

Series History (since 2013)..... Princeton leads 13-1
Last Meeting..... Sept. 9, 2023 | L, 7-15

vs. Bucknell

Series History (since 2013)..... Santa Clara leads 4-2
Last Meeting..... Oct. 22, 2022 | W, 13-11

vs. Wagner

Series History (since 2013)..... Santa Clara leads 7-0
Last Meeting..... Sept. 11, 2022 | W, 10-7

Match Notes

- Santa Clara returns to the Princeton Invitational for the third consecutive season, having gone a combined 4-4 in the tournament in 2022 and '23.
- Santa Clara won its Princeton Invitational opener in 2023, also against Iona (its 2024 tournament-opening opponent), 14-11.
- The Broncos are a combined 19-2 since 2013 against three of its opponents this weekend, Iona, Bucknell and Wagner. Tournament host and No. 6-ranked Princeton has held the edge in the series versus the Broncos, leading 13-1 since 2013.
- The Broncos last beat Princeton on Oct. 27, 2019, at home in Santa Clara, Calif., a 10-7 win in their own Julian Frasier Memorial Tournament.

Season Notes

- The No. 19 Santa Clara University men's water polo team cruised to its second consecutive season-opening victory Saturday and fourth in the last five years, dominating visiting Fresno Pacific, 18-4, at Sullivan Aquatic Center ... Santa Clara also snapped a short, two-year home opener losing streak Saturday with their win over the Sunbirds.
- Santa Clara enters the 2024 season as the No. 19 ranked team, thanks to both the Collegiate Water Polo Association and the ACWPC preseason top-20 rankings. It held on to that ranking after week one in this week's CWPA rankings.
- The Broncos (12-14 in 2023) finished the 2023 season ranked tied for 18th in the nation alongside West Coast Conference 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.

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Season Notes

• 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 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 Sept. 11)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1	UCLA	1	99
2	Stanford	3	93
3	Southern California	4	89
4	Pepperdine	13	87
5	California	2	80
6	Princeton	5	76
7	Pacific	7	67
8	UC Davis	8	62
9	UC Irvine	6	56
10	Long Beach State	10	51
11	UC San Diego	12	47
t-12	UC Santa Barbara	11	42
t-12	San Jose State	9	42
14	Fordham	14	39
15	Harvard	15	33
16	LMU	16	30
17	Navy	18	18
18	Brown	20	15
19	Santa Clara	19	13
20	California Baptist	17	7
RV	Bucknell University	RV	5
RV	Air Force	RV	2
RV	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges	RV	1