



2024 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2024 Schedule (4-1, 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	<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+	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

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#18 Santa Clara (4-1, 0-0 WCC)

vs.

#9 San Jose State (3-0, 0-0 WCC)

George Washington (3-4, 1-0 MAWPC)

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

Watch Live: ESPN+

Evan Giddings / Thomas Dunn (play-by-play)

Live Stats: thefosh.net

Series History

vs. #9 San Jose State

Series History (since 2015)..... San Jose State leads 12-6
In Santa Clara..... Santa Clara leads 3-2
Current Streak..... W7, San Jose State
Last Meeting..... Oct. 12, 2023 | L, 12-7

vs. George Washington

Series History (since 2007)..... Santa Clara leads 4-2
In Santa Clara..... Santa Clara leads 1-0
Current Streak..... W1, George Washington
Last Meeting..... Sept. 14, 2019 | L, 15-7

Match Notes

- Friday's game versus crosstown rival and No. 9-ranked San Jose State marks Santa Clara's opening of West Coast Conference play.
- The Broncos have lost their last two conference openers (2022, '23). They last defeated Biola, 19-7, at home on Sept. 24, 2021, to open Western Water Polo Association play.
- George Washington is the Broncos' fifth East Coast opponent in the past two weeks and one of seven East Coast teams they'll face in 2024. The Broncos went 3-1 last weekend against East Coast teams at the Princeton Invitational.
- Santa Clara hasn't beaten San Jose State since the COVID-shortened 2020 season that was held during the spring of 2021. The Broncos beat the Spartans, 11-10, at Sullivan Aquatic Center, in what was the season opener on Feb. 28, 2021.
- The Broncos beat George Washington in the Revolutionaries' only other trip to the Mission Campus in the past 17 years. They beat them, 12-11, on Oct. 24, 2016, in what was then called the "Rodeo Tournament," hosted by the Broncos at Sullivan Aquatic Center.

Season Notes

- The No. 18 Santa Clara University men's water polo team had its best showing last weekend at the annual Princeton Invitational in six years. The Broncos went 3-1 at the tournament for the first time since 2018 with wins over Iona, Bucknell and Wagner, and a narrow, 15-9, defeat at the hands of host and No. 6 Princeton.
- Freshman utility player **Riccardo De Simon** was named the KAP7 WCC Newcomer of the Week Monday for the week of Sept. 9-15 after he scored a team-leading 11 goals across four games at the Princeton Invitational. He had multiple goals in three games, including a season-high five Saturday in the Broncos' 20-16 win over Bucknell. It was De Simon's back-to-back goals four minutes into the first period versus Bucknell that put the Broncos up for good, erasing a 3-2 Bisons lead and making it 4-3 at the time. He added six steals and four assists on the weekend.

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Season Notes

• Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** is on the cusp of his 300th career win, all with the Broncos. After a 3-1 weekend at the Princeton Invitational and a 4-1 start to the 2024 season, Wilbur currently sits at 298 career wins. 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

• 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.	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 Kyrillos	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. 18)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1	UCLA	1	100
2	Stanford	2	93
3	Southern California	3	91
4	Pepperdine	4	85
5	Pacific	7	79
6	California	5	76
7	Princeton	6	69
8	UC Irvine	9	63
9	San Jose State	t-12	57
t-10	Long Beach State	10	52
t-10	Fordham	14	52
12	UC Davis	8	47
13	UC Santa Barbara	t-12	41
14	Harvard	15	35
t-15	LMU	16	30
t-15	UC San Diego	11	30
17	Navy	17	18
18	Santa Clara	19	15
19	Brown	18	12
20	California Baptist	20	6
RV	Salem University	NR	1
RV	Air Force	RV	1
RV	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	NR	1
RV	California Lutheran	NR	1