



2025 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2025 Schedule (7-6, 1-0 WCC)

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
<u>Bobcat Mini (Merced, Calif.)</u>			
Aug. 29	UC Merced	Team1Sports	W, 26-3
Aug. 29	Fresno Pacific		W, 17-7
<u>Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)</u>			
Sept. 5	#18 George Washington		W, 17-8
Sept. 6	#13 Princeton	ESPN+	L, 11-12
Sept. 6	Mount St. Mary's		W, 23-13
Sept. 7	#4 Fordham		L, 15-20
Sept. 13	~ American River College		W, 22-6
<u>Overnight MPSF Invite (Los Angeles)</u>			
Sept. 19	#5 Stanford	Overnight	L, 7-19
Sept. 20	#15 California Baptist	Overnight	L, 11-14
Sept. 20	Redlands	Overnight	W, 17-7
Sept. 21	#17 UC Santa Barbara	Overnight	W, 11-10
Sept. 27	#9 UC Davis	ESPN+	L, 15-17
Oct. 3	#14 UC Santa Barbara	ESPN+	L, 10-14
Oct. 5	* #15 Pacific	ESPN+	W, 13-11
Oct. 11	#11 Long Beach State	ESPN+	Noon
Oct. 11	~ Alumni Game		2 p.m.
Oct. 16	* California Baptist	ESPN+	Noon
Oct. 18	* #6 San Jose State	ESPN+	1 p.m.
<u>Julian Frasier Memorial (Santa Clara, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 24	* #9 LMU	ESPN+	2:40 p.m.
Oct. 25	#20 Brown	ESPN+	11:40 a.m.
Oct. 26	Harvard	ESPN+	9:20 a.m.
Nov. 5	#4 Stanford	ESPN+	5 p.m.
Nov. 8	* Air Force	ESPN+	11 a.m.
Nov. 14	#6 Pepperdine	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	WCC Championship (@ USAF Academy, Colo.)		TBA
Dec. 5-7	NCAA Championship (@ Stanford, Calif.)		TBA

Home games in **BOLD** | Neutral games in *Italics*

* WCC game | ~ Exhibition | Rankings are ACWPC Men's Top-20

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#16 Santa Clara (7-6, 1-0 WCC)

vs.

#11 Long Beach State (10-5, 1-0 Big West)

Santa Clara, Calif. • Sullivan Aquatic Center • Noon PDT

Watch Live: ESPN+
Wesley Kading (play-by-play)
Live Stats: thefosh.net

Series History

Series History (since 2007)..... Long Beach State leads, 1-0
 In Santa Clara..... Tied, 0-0
 Current Streak W1, Long Beach State
 Last Meeting..... Sept. 20, 2009 | L, 8-10 (OT)
 First Meeting..... Same

Game Notes

- The No. 16 Santa Clara University men's water polo team wraps up a four-game home stand Saturday with a non-conference clash versus No. 11-ranked Long Beach State. It's the first time the two teams have met since 2009 -- a span of 16 years.
- Long Beach State eeked out a slim, 10-8, win in overtime over the Broncos last time the two teams met on Sept. 20, 2009. The matchup was part of the now-defunct NorCal Invitational that featured many of the best teams in the country.
- Santa Clara is 1-2 this season versus Big West Conference teams, having split two games versus UC Santa Barbara, and also being edged by UC Davis on Sept. 27. The Broncos were 2-2 versus the Big West last season and 1-3 in 2023.
- The Broncos are 3-6 this season versus nationally ranked teams. Five of those six losses have come by five goals or fewer, and three of them were by three goals or less.

Season Notes

- Then-No. 17-ranked Santa Clara split two home games last week, dropping a rematch versus No. 14 UC Santa Barbara on Friday, 14-10, before opening West Coast Conference play with a 13-11 win over No. 15 Pacific on Sunday. The Broncos rallied to within one after halftime Friday against the Gauchos, but UCSB surged late with a decisive 4-1 run. **Reese Jenican** sparked the Broncos to a WCC-opening win over Pacific on Sunday with a game-high four goals, including the decisive strike with 54 seconds left. He scored twice in the fourth period alone and ended an eight-minute drought for the Broncos in the second.
- Senior center **Reese Jenican** was named the KAP7 WCC Player of the Week Tuesday after helping lead Santa Clara past No. 15 Pacific Sunday in their conference opener. Jenican delivered in the clutch Sunday, scoring a game-high four goals, including the decisive strike in the final minute. With the score tied 11-11 and only 54 seconds on the clock, he took an entry pass from Imme van der Schaaf at two meters, fought for position, turned, and fired home the go-ahead goal to put the Broncos ahead for good.

Jenican was the momentum builder all day for SCU. He scored twice in the fourth period alone — once to halt Pacific's 4-1 scoring run and once for the game-winner. He ended an eight-minute scoring drought in the second period with a strike that pushed Santa Clara ahead, 4-2. He also tallied a steal and drew an exclusion. Jenican drew three exclusions and had a steal Friday versus No. 14 UC Santa Barbara, giving him four goals, four drawn exclusions and two steals for the week.

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Season Notes

• Santa Clara's WCC-opening win over Pacific on Sunday was its first conference-play-opening win since 2021, when it beat Biola, 19-7, to open Western Water Polo Association competition. The Broncos were 0-2 in their first two WCC openers (beginning in 2023), though both of those games were decided in sudden victory overtime.

• Santa Clara swept the KAP7 WCC weekly awards on Sept. 30, with **Riccardo De Simon** earning his second consecutive Player of the Week accolade, and freshman **Imme van der Schaaf** collecting his first Newcomer of the Week recognition.

The two underclassmen were key in the No. 16 Broncos' narrow defeat at the hands of then-No. 9 UC Davis Saturday. De Simon was the team's leading scorer with four goals, and van der Schaaf added three. De Simon also drew four exclusions, swiped three steals and dished two assists for six total points. Van der Schaaf dished an assist along with his three scores for four points, swiped a steal and drew an exclusion.

• De Simon's first WCC Player of the Week award came on Sept. 23 after scoring 13 goals in four games on Sept. 19-21 at the prestigious Overnht MPSF Invitational in Los Angeles. De Simon posted four multi-goal performances in four games, including a career-high six goals on Sept. 20 to beat Redlands. He scored three times on Sept. 19 in the tournament opener versus No. 5 Stanford, scored two against No. 17 UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 21 to help the Broncos beat the Gauchos for the first time in program history, and he scored two more on Sept. 20 versus No. 15 California Baptist.

The sophomore from Bologna, Italy, grabbed 11 steals and dished six assists over the three-day tournament. He was a perfect 10-for-10 in sprint victories during the weekend, and he also drew nine exclusions and recorded six field blocks.

• De Simon leads the WCC in steals (43), sprint wins (23) and is second in field blocks (9) through the first six weeks of the season. He's also fourth in the conference with 43 goals.

• Senior center **Reese Jenican** was named to the 2025 Cutino Award Watch List on Sept. 25, the program's second selection in as many seasons following Zach Fales' inclusion in 2024. Jenican has appeared in 86 career games for the Broncos as a starting center, totaling 77 goals, 16 assists, 38 steals, and 127 drawn exclusions. This season, he's fourth on the team with 14 goals, and tied for the team lead with 22 drawn exclusions. He has also contributed four steals and three field blocks. He scored a season-high four goals in the Broncos' 23-13 win over Mount St. Mary's on Sept. 6 and has drawn a season-high four exclusions in three different games.

• Freshmen powered Santa Clara to its most goals in a game in at least 18 years on Opening Day at UC Merced on Aug. 29. Rookies **Imme van der Schaaf**, **Ashton Brown**, **Beck Early**, **Jamie De Zwart** and **Weston Bancroft** all shined in their collegiate debuts with multi-goal games, leading the Broncos to a dominating, 26-3, victory. Van der Schaaf led SCU with four goals, Brown scored three, while Early, De Zwart and redshirt freshman Weston Bancroft all scored two each.

• Santa Clara finished fifth in the West Coast Conference a year ago, posted its first over-.500 record in five years and nearly upset eventual WCC Tournament champion California Baptist in the first round of the tourney. The Broncos won 13 games last season and have won double-digit games in four consecutive years and six straight when not including the COVID-19-shortened 2020 season.

• **Riccardo De Simon** was named to the WCC Preseason Team on Aug. 22. De Simon quickly established himself last year as one of the WCC's top all-around players. He earned All-American Honorable Mention from the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches, all-WCC Honorable Mention, and was named WCC Newcomer of the Week three times in his debut season. He also excelled in the classroom, earning AC-WPC All-Academic "Superior" honors and a spot on the WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll with "Bronze" accolades.

• Santa Clara returns two of its top-three point scorers from a year ago in De Simon (77 total points) and **Henry Engs** (61 total points). De Simon was the Broncos' second-leading scorer with 51 goals, while Engs was No. 2 in assists with 36.

2025 Men's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Tyler Swensen	GK	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
1A	Owen Van Stralen	GK	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
1B	Harrison Labrosse	GK	6-5	170	Jr.	Lafayette, Calif.
1C	Ryland Pierce	GK	6-3	200	Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif.
2	Jason Alietti	CDef.	6-5	200	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.
3	Henry Engs	Util.	6-1	220	So.	Orinda, Calif.
4	Jensen Welton	Util.	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Austin, Texas
5	Ashton Brown	Cen.	6-4	216	Fr.	Sydney
6	Charlie Kosinski	Att.	6-0	180	R-So.	Greenwich, Conn.
8	Harrison Villella	Cen.	6-3	205	R-Jr.	Bainbridge Isl., Wash.
9	Reese Jenican	Cen.	6-4	215	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
10	Thomas Wisdom	Util.	6-1	190	R-So.	Saratoga, Calif.
11	Julien Chow	Util.	6-2	195	R-So.	Palo Alto, Calif.
12	Grant Roesch	Util.	6-3	185	Jr.	Moraga, Calif.
13	Beck Early	Att.	5-10	175	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
14	Imme van der Schaaf	Util.	6-1	185	Fr.	Veldhoven, Neth.
15	Dylan Hazen	Att.	6-0	190	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
16	Jamie De Zwart	Util.	6-7	180	Fr.	League City, Texas
20	Hank Woodman	Util.	6-2	180	Fr.	Winnetka, Ill.
21	Riccardo De Simon	Util.	6-3	187	So.	Bologna, Italy
22	Luke Baird	CDef	6-5	240	R-So.	Springfield, Va.
23	Charlie Engs	Att.	6-2	175	R-So.	Orinda, Calif.
24	Weston Bancroft	Util.	6-3	195	R-Fr.	La Jolla, Calif.
26	Reece Hammond	Util.	6-5	190	R-So.	Long Beach, Calif.
28	Mikhail Popov	Utility	6-0	195	Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif.

AROUND THE WCC

WCC Men's Water Polo Standings

Pl.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
t-1.	California Baptist	1-0	16-7	W6
t-1.	San Jose State	1-0	6-4	L1
t-1.	Santa Clara	1-0	7-6	W1
4.	Pacific	1-1	7-5	L1
t-5.	Air Force	0-1	15-7	W1
t-5.	Pepperdine	0-1	9-7	L1
t-5.	LMU	0-1	6-8	W2

2025 WCC Men's Water Polo Preseason Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Pl.)	Pts
1.	San José State (4)	33
2.	Pepperdine (1)	29
3.	LMU (1)	24
3.	Pacific (1)	24
5.	California Baptist	16
6.	Santa Clara	15
7.	Air Force	6

2025 Men's Water Polo Preseason All-WCC Team

Name	School	Yr.
Tommaso Baldineti	LMU	Gr.
Mateja Bosic	San José State	Sr.
Adam Csapo	Pepperdine	Sr.
Riccardo De Simon	Santa Clara	So.
Brendon Gyapjas	San José State	Jr.
Erik Ionescu	Pepperdine	So.
Tom Leggett	Air Force	Jr.
Andrea Nuzzo	California Baptist	Fr.



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ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Oct. 8)

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

Dropped from poll: #t-19 Navy

CWPA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Oct. 8)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1.	UCLA	1	100
2.	California	2	95
3.	Southern California	3	90
4.	Stanford	4	85
5.	Fordham	5	82
6.	UC San Diego	7	74
7.	San Jose State	6	68
8.	Pepperdine	10	65
9.	UC Davis	8	60
t-10.	Long Beach State	9	52
t-10.	LMU	11	52
12.	UC Santa Barbara	16	46
t-13.	Princeton	12	34
t-13.	Santa Clara	15	34
15.	California Baptist	t-13	31
16.	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	t-19	25
17.	Harvard	NR	20
18.	Pacific	17	17
19.	UC Irvine	t-13	12
20.	George Washington	t-19	8
RV	Brown	18	1
RV	Cal State Fullerton	NR	1
RV	Concordia University Irvine	NR	1
RV	Iona	NR	1

Dropped from poll: #18 Brown

Season Notes

• The Broncos also return starting goalkeeper **Harrison Labrosse**, who totaled 363 saves across his first two seasons. He also brought 22 career steals and 20 games of 10 or more saves into 2025. Labrosse is already off to a hot start this season with three double-digit saves performances and 54 saves overall -- third in the WCC.

• Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** reached his 300th career men's water polo win last season thanks to a 14-12 win at No. 13 UC Davis on Sept. 27, 2024. He's earned all 300 of his wins at the helm of the Broncos' program. Wilbur is in his 24th 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 (13-10 in 2024) finished 2024 ranked 18th in the final ACWPC poll. Santa Clara has 13 matches scheduled in 2024 against teams ranked in the CWPA preseason top-20 poll, including showdowns against top-10 teams like its battle versus No. 4 Fordham on Sept. 7, two upcoming clashes versus Stanford (No. 5) on Friday and Nov. 5, and one against Long Beach State (No. 7) on Oct. 11. They'll also face San Jose State (No. 6) and Pacific (No. 10) in conference play.

• 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 San Jose State was tabbed No. 10. Pepperdine was the highest-ranked WCC member at No. 7. Pacific landed at No. 9, California Baptist was No. 13, LMU was placed at No. 16, and the Broncos came in at No. 18. Air Force earned two votes in the CWPA poll.