



# 2025 Santa Clara University SOFTBALL

## 2025 Schedule (3-2)

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
Feb 6 (Thur)	Hawaii <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu	L, 7-2
Feb 7 (Fri)	Saint Louis <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu	L, 4-3
Feb 7 (Fri)	Southern Indiana <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu	W, 9-0
Feb 8 (Sat)	Saint Louis <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu	W, 6-4
Feb 8 (Sat)	Hawaii <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu	W, 3-0
Feb 14 (Fri)	Colorado State <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Feb 14 (Fri)	Cal Poly <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Feb 15 (Sat)	UIC <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Feb 15 (Sat)	UC San Diego <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Feb 16 (Sun)	Colorado State <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Feb 24 (Mon)	CSU Bakersfield (DH1)	Bakersfield, Calif.	
Feb 24 (Mon)	CSU Bakersfield (DH2)	Bakersfield, Calif.	
Feb 28 (Fri)	UC Riverside <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
Feb 28 (Fri)	Nevada <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
March 1 (Sat)	UC Davis <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
March 1 (Sat)	Sacramento State <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	
March 2 (Sun)	Nevada <sup>3</sup>	Davis, Calif.	
March 4 (Tue)	Boston College	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 8 (Sat)	San Jose State <sup>4</sup>	San Jose, Calif.	
March 10 (Mon)	Princeton (DH1) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 10 (Mon)	Princeton (DH2) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 14 (Fri)	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 14 (Fri)	Harvard <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 15 (Sat)	Columbia <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 15 (Sat)	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 16 (Sun)	Weber State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 22 (Sat)	Northern Colorado (DH1)	Greeley, Colo.	
March 22 (Sat)	Northern Colorado (DH2)	Greeley, Colo.	
March 23 (Sun)	Northern Colorado (DH1)	Greeley, Colo.	
March 23 (Sun)	Northern Colorado (DH2)	Greeley, Colo.	
March 25 (Tue)	Fresno State (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	
March 25 (Tue)	Fresno State (DH2)	Bakersfield, Calif.	
March 26 (Wed)	UC Santa Barbara (DH1)	Santa Barbara, Calif.	
March 26 (Wed)	UC Santa Barbara (DH2)	Santa Barbara, Calif.	
Apr 5 (Sat)	San Diego (DH1)*	San Diego	
Apr 5 (Sat)	San Diego (DH2)*	San Diego	
Apr 6 (Sun)	San Diego*	San Diego	
Apr 12 (Sat)	Pacific (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 12 (Sat)	Pacific (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 13 (Sun)	Pacific*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 18 (Fri)	Saint Mary's*	Moraga, Calif.	
Apr 19 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH1)*	Moraga, Calif.	
Apr 19 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH2)*	Moraga, Calif.	
Apr 22 (Tue)	Cal	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 23 (Wed)	San Jose State	Santa Clara, Calif.	
Apr 30 (Wed)	Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	
May 3 (Sat)	LMU (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 3 (Sat)	LMU (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 4 (Fri)	LMU*	Santa Clara, Calif.	
May 9 (Fri)	Oregon State (DH1)*	Corvallis, Ore.	
May 9 (Fri)	Oregon State (DH2)*	Corvallis, Ore.	
May 10 (Sat)	Oregon State*	Corvallis, Ore.	

1 Paradise Classic  
2 Silicon Valley Classic I  
3 Capital City Classic  
4 Silicon Valley Classic II  
5 Golden Coast Classic  
\*WCC Game

## Silicon Valley Classic I Tournament

Santa Clara, Calif. • Santa Clara Softball Stadium •  
Friday, Feb. 14 - Sunday, Feb. 16

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## Game/Season Notes

### Coming Up:

• Santa Clara and San Jose State co-hosts the Silicon Valley Classic I Tournament starting Friday. A total of 15 games will be played over three days with eight of them at Santa Clara Softball Stadium. The Broncos will play in five of them, all at home. Refer to the [Tournament Central page](#) for details including the daily schedule and links to live stats/live stream.

### Last Time Out:

• Santa Clara captured the tournament championship at last weekend's Bank of Hawaii Paradise Classic shutting out host, Hawaii, 3-0 in the championship game. Cairah Curran returned to her home state to [win the tournament MVP honors](#) while Hazyl Gray and Rebecca Rubio were named to the All-Tournament team.

### WCC Accolades:

- Curran and Gray were named [West Coast Conference Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week](#), respectively, for their efforts at the Paradise Classic.
- Curran went 11-for-19, scored five times, drove in six runs and stole two bases. The reigning WCC Defensive Player of the Year was perfect in 24 chances defensively while playing second base. She went 5-for-5 against Southern Indiana, becoming just the fifth Bronco to have five hits in a game since 2000 and the first since All-American Ashley Trierweiler did it twice in 2023.
- Gray pitched 10 scoreless innings and won two games. In the championship game, Hawai'i entered the game undefeated at 4-0 but the left-handed hurler threw 5 1/3 innings and gave up four hits, a walk and struck out four in a 3-0 combined shutout effort.

### Power Surge:

- Curran had three extra-base hits (two doubles and a triple) among her 11 hits over the weekend. Last season she had one extra base hit among 51 hits.
- Lauren Bryson hit her first career home run last Saturday against Saint Louis, a go-ahead 2-run shot in the Broncos 6-4 win.

### Newcomers:

- All five Bronco newcomers, freshmen Cari Ferguson, Audrey Graham and Elle Merlino along with transfers Hope Alley (Cal) and Kendal Manley (Sierra College) saw action in the opening weekend.
- Ferguson came in relief of Gray to pitch a combined shutout in the Paradise Classic championship game. Ferguson retired all five batters she faced including three on strikeouts to pick up her first career save. She fanned a total of 11 batters in 8 1/3 innings over the tournament.

### Schedule:

- The 2025 schedule is comprised of 52 regular season games, including 25 home games and against five 2024 NCAA Tournament teams – Cal, Northern Colorado, Princeton, Saint Mary's and Stanford.
- SCU will play in a total of five tournaments, co-hosting three of them - 1. Silicon Valley Classic I co-hosted with San Jose State from Feb. 14-16; 2. Silicon Valley Classic II co-hosted with San Jose State (March 8 & 10); and 3. Golden Coast Classic co-hosted with Saint Mary's (March 14-16).
- This season, the WCC returns to the traditional 15-game league slate with the addition of Oregon State to make it a six team league. Last season, with the departure of BYU from the conference, it was a 16-game schedule for each of the five conference member schools.

### 2025 Preseason

- Three Broncos – Cairah Curran, Hannah Edwards and Hazyl Gray – were named 2025 preseason All-West Coast conference by a vote of the league's six head coaches.
- The Broncos were picked to finish fourth by a vote of the same panel. This season, there are six teams in the WCC including league newcomer Oregon State.

### 2024 Season Highlights

- The Broncos finished with an overall record of 30-23 last season, matching the program



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record for the most single season victories equaling the 2003 & 2004 teams. It included a season-high seven-game win streak, the longest since the 2004 season when that team won 12 straight to close out the season.

- SCU has three straight seasons with 20 or more victories, the first time that's occurred since 2004-06.
- The Broncos finished with nine WCC wins, the most in school history and was one win away in the final regular season series from clinching the WCC title and making it to the first ever NCAA Tournament.
- Seven players were named All-WCC, the most in program history, surpassing the six that were named in 2015 and 2023 - First Team: Hazyl Gray and Bailey McLaughlin; Second Team: Cairah Curran, Robynn Balmediano, Hannah Edwards & Morgan Salmon; Honorable Mention: Abigail Charpentier.
- [Gray was named the WCC Player of the Year](#), the first ever Bronco to receive the honor while [Curran was the WCC Defensive Player of the Year](#), the third Bronco to be named the league's top defender, following Kelly Scribner who won the inaugural award in 2014 and Ashley Trierweiler in 2021.

## Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/HighSchool/Last School
1	Cairah Curran	MI/OF	5-5	L/R	So.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii / James Campbell
2	Marie Martorella	C	5-6	R/R	Jr.	Salinas, Calif. / Salinas
3	Hope Alley	INF/OF	5-7	R/R	Gr.	Pleasanton, Calif. / Cal
4	Mariah Montalvo	C/3B	5-4	R/R	Jr.	Watsonville, Calif. / St. Francis
5	Alaina Valdez	P	5-8	L/R	Sr.	San Jose, Calif. / San Jose City College
7	Rebecca Rubio	MI/OF	5-2	L/R	So.	Buena Park, Calif. / John F. Kennedy
8	Bethany Shih	MI	5-4	L/R	Jr.	Foster City, Calif. / San Mateo
10	Hazyl Gray	P/UT	5-7	L/L	Jr.	Fairfield, Calif. / Vanden
11	Caitlyn "Red" Golob	OF	5-8	L/R	So.	Riverside, Calif. / Martin Luther King
14	Elle Merlino	INF/OF	5-9	L/R	Fr.	Vancouver, Wash. / Central Catholic
15	Lauren Bryson	1B	5-6	R/R	Sr.	Woodland, Calif. / Pioneer
16	Jacqueline Lemus	C	5-1	R/R	Jr.	San Jose, Calif. / Valley Christian
17	Avery Seva	P	5-6	R/R	So.	Granite Bay, Calif. / Granite Bay
20	Abigail Charpentier	C/OF	5-6	R/R	Sr.	Irvine, Calif. / Santa Margarita
23	Robynn Balmediano	OF	5-3	L/R	Jr.	Benicia, Calif. / Benicia
26	Taryn Clements	C	5-10	R/R	So.	Seal Beach, Calif. / Los Alamitos
27	Kyla Acres	1B/OF	5-6	L/R	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Bishop Gorman
28	Cari Ferguson	P	5-8	R/R	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif. / Los Alamitos
37	Audrey Graham	MI/OF	5-2	R/R	Fr.	Dixon, Calif. / Dixon
42	Leiora Davidson	1B	5-10	R/R	Jr.	Eastvale, Calif. / Eleanor Roosevelt
54	Kendal Manley	1B/P	5-10	R/R	Jr.	Auburn, Calif. / Sierra College
64	Hannah Edwards	P	5-7	R/R	Gr.	San Jose, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty

### 2025 Team

- The 22 player roster has 17 returners including four of the five pitchers who pitched last season.
- The four returning pitchers (Hannah Edwards, Alaina Valdez, Avery Seva & Hazyl Gray) account for 27 of 30 wins (90-percent) and 91-percent of innings pitched in 2024.
- Eight returners had 20 or more starts on the field. The Broncos return 72 percent of at-bats, 70.8 percent of the hits and 69.7 percent of the RBIs from 2024.
- SCU lost pitcher Sage Hager, catcher Cameron McGinnis, outfielder Bailey McLaughlin, utility player Ella Romero and infielder Morgan Salmon from last year's team.
- Three of the five newcomers hail from the prep ranks - Cari Ferguson, Audrey Graham and Elle Merlino - along with two transfers - Hope Alley from Cal and Kendal Manley from Sierra College.
- All but three players hail from California. Kyla Acres is from Nevada, Cairah Curran from Hawaii, and Elle Merlino from Washington.

### Breakdown by Class:

**Graduate Students (2):** Hope Alley, Hannah Edwards

**Seniors (3):** Lauren Bryson, Abigail Charpentier, Alaina Valdez

**Juniors (8):** Robynn Balmediano, Leiora Davidson, Hazyl Gray, Jacqueline Lemus, Kendal Manley, Marie Martorella, Mariah Montalvo, Bethany Shih

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

**Freshmen (3):** Cari Ferguson, Audrey Graham, Elle Merlino

## Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Gina Carbonatto (6th season, Pacific '07)

**Assistant Coach:** Kat Guevara (1st season, Lyon College '19)

**Assistant Coach:** Maddi Hackbarth (1st season, Arizona State '20)

**Grad Assistant:** Makena Brocki (1st season, San Diego State '24)

### About the Coaching Staff:

- Gina Carbonatto enters her sixth season as the head coach of the Broncos. Entering the 2025 season, she has a career record of 90-115.
- Carbonatto served as the assistant coach for Great Britain's Under-22 women's softball team from 2018 - 23.
- A brand new coaching staff will support Carbonatto this season - pitching coach Kat Guevara, hitting coach Maddi Hackbarth and graduate assistant Makena Brocki, are all starting their first season at Santa Clara.
- Along with the hitters, Hackbarth also works with the catchers, the position she played during her All-American playing career at Arizona State.
- Carbonatto works with the 'short gamers' - the slap hitters - as well as with the defense.
- Brocki is currently playing in a Professional Softball League in Mexico with the Bravas de Leon and is expected to return to Santa Clara in mid-March.
- Carbonatto will be the third base coach as she has in the previous seasons and Guevara the first base coach.
- Hackbarth will be the bench coach.

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