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## 2025 Santa Clara University SOFTBALL

## 2025 Schedule (12-9)

Location

Feb 6 (Thur)	Hawaii <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu
Feb 7 (Fri)	Saint Louis <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu
Feb 7 (Fri)	Southern Indiana <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu
Feb 8 (Sat)	Saint Louis <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu
Feb 8 (Sat)	Hawaii <sup>1</sup>	Honolulu
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)	Santa Clara, Calif.
Feb 24 (Mon)	CSU Bakersfield (DH2)	Santa Clara, 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)		Davis, Calif.
	Boston College	Santa Clara, Calif.
, ,	San Jose State <sup>4</sup>	San Jose, Calif.
. ,	)Princeton (DH1) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.
March 10 (Mon) Princeton (DH2) <sup>4</sup> Santa Clara, Calif.		
•	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.
March 14 (Fri)		Santa Clara, Calif.
March 15 (Sat)		Santa Clara, Calif.
, ,	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.
, ,	)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)	Santa Clara 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.

- 1 Paradise Classic
- 2 Silicon Valley Classic I

May 10 (Sat) Oregon State\*

LMU (DH1)\*

LMU (DH2)\*

Oregon State (DH1)\*

Oregon State (DH2)\*

LMU\*

Santa Clara, Calif.

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- 3 Capital City Classic
- 4 Silicon Valley Classic II
- 5 Golden Coast Classic
- \*WCC Game

May 3 (Sat)

May 3 (Sat)

May 4 (Sun)

May 9 (Fri)

May 9 (Fri)

## **Golden Coast Classic Tournament**

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

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## **Game/Season Notes**

#### Coming Up:

Result L, 7-2 L, 4-3

W, 9-0

W, 6-4 W. 3-0

L, 10-8 W, 12-4 (6) W, 12-10 W, 11-3 (6)

W, 8-0 (5) W, 10-0 (5)

W, 4-3 (8)

W, 9-7 (8)

L, 10-2 (6) L, 6-2

L, 3-2 (9)

W, 8-7 (9)

W, 10-2 (5)

L, 4-3

L. 4-3

L, 2-1

• Santa Clara along with Saint Mary's co-hosts the Golden Coast Classic Tournament this Friday through Sunday. Seven games are on the docket at Santa Clara Softball Stadium with the Broncos playing in five of them. For the full schedule and updates, click here on the Tournament Central page as the forecast calls for inclement weather during the tournament.

#### Last Time Out

• SCU won two out of three games at the Silicon Valley Classic II Tournament. The Broncos lost at San Jose State on Saturday before sweeping Princeton at home on Monday.

#### 100 Career Wins:

The win over UC Davis at the Capital City Classic Tournament on March 1 gave head coach Gina Carbonatto her 100th career victory. She is just the second SCU coach to reach that career milestone. Carbonatto's record currently stands at 102-124.

#### WCC Accolades:

- Three Broncos have been recognized with West Coast Conference weekly honors this season:
- -Cairah Curran and Hazyl Gray were named <u>WCC Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week</u>, respectively, on Feb. 10.
- -Abbey Charpentier was named WCC Player of the Week, on Feb. 17.

## Among the Individual Stat Leaders:

- · As of March 12, Curran was:
- -Tied for 14th nationally with a .500 batting average; T-19 with 37 hits, T-24 with three triples & T-30 with a .565 on-base percentage.
- -1st in the WCC in batting average, runs (25), hits, stolen bases (8) and tied for 1st in triples.

#### Curran's Season Breakdown (through 21 games):

 Has a hit in 19 games; safely reached base in 20 games; has 13 multi-hit games; and has scored a run in 16 games.

### Run-Rule & Extra Inning Games:

• Ten of the last 15 games for SCU has either been a run-rule or an extra inning game. They are 5-1 in run-rule games and 3-1 in extra inning games.

### 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 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 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



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won 12 straight to close out the season.

- SCU has three straight seasons with 20 or more victories, the first time thats 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.

#### 2024 Summer

• Edwards and Salmon were selected to Great Britain Senior Women's National Softball team and won silver medal at the Women's Softball European Championship in Utrecht, Netherlands

#### 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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