

# **2025 Santa Clara University** SOFTBALL

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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.	L, 10-8
Feb 14 (Fri)	Cal Poly <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 12-4 (6)
Feb 15 (Sat)	UIC <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 12-10
Feb 15 (Sat)	UC San Diego <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 11-3 (6)
Feb 16 (Sun)	Colorado State <sup>2</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb 24 (Mon)	CSU Bakersfield (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 10-0 (5)
Feb 24 (Mon)	CSU Bakersfield (DH2)	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 4-3 (8)
Feb 28 (Fri)	UC Riverside <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	L, 4-3
Feb 28 (Fri)	Nevada <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	L, 2-1
March 1 (Sat)	UC Davis <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	W, 9-7 (8)
March 1 (Sat)	Sacramento State <sup>3</sup>	Sacramento, Calif.	L, 10-2 (6)
March 2 (Sun)	Nevada <sup>3</sup>	Davis, Calif.	L, 6-2
March 4 (Tue)	Boston College	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 3-2 (9)
March 8 (Sat)	San Jose State <sup>4</sup>	San Jose, Calif.	L, 4-3
. ,	)Princeton (DH1) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 8-7 (9)
	) Princeton (DH2) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 10-2 (5)
,	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 9-2
March 14 (Fri)		Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 9-5
March 15 (Sat)	Columbia <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 9-3
	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 11-2 (5)
	)Weber State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 11-3 (6)
	Northern Colorado (DH1	) Greelev. Colo.	W, 6-5
	Northern Colorado (DH2		W, 9-5
, ,	) Northern Colorado (DH1		L, 9-5
	) Northern Colorado (DH2		L, 11-8
	Fresno State (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 8-4
٠ .	Fresno State (DH2)	Santa Clara Calif.	L, 5-3 (10)
March 26 (Wed)UC Santa Barbara (DH1) Santa Barbara, Calif. W, 6-5			
March 26 (Wed)UC Santa Barbara (DH2)Santa Barbara, Calif. W, 3-2			
Apr 5 (Sat)	San Diego (DH1)*	San Diego	W, 5-0
Apr 5 (Sat)	San Diego (DH2)*	San Diego	W, 5-0
Apr 6 (Sun)	San Diego*	San Diego	W, 10-1 (5)
Apr 12 (Sat)	Pacific (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 3-0
Apr 12 (Sat)	Pacific (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 4-3 (8)
Apr 13 (Sun)	Pacific*	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 5-4 (9)
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 (Sun)	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.	
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- 1 Paradise Classic
- 2 Silicon Valley Classic I
- 3 Capital City Classic
- 4 Silicon Valley Classic II
- 5 Golden Coast Classic
- \*WCC Game

Santa Clara (25-15, 5-1 WCC) vs. Saint Mary's (19-18, 2-1 WCC)

Moraga, Calif. · Cottrell Field · Friday, April 18 - Saturday, April 19

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# **Game/Season Notes**

#### Coming Up:

- Santa Clara faces Saint Mary's on the road for their third West Coast Conference series of the season, playing a single game on Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday.
- The Broncos sit atop the WCC standings with a 5-1 record while the Gaels will be playing their second conference series and has a 2-1 record. Despite just playing one conference series, the Gaels are in second place, followed by LMU at 3-2 with San Diego and Pacific at 2-4. Oregon State is in sixth with an 0-2 record in the WCC.

#### Last Time Out:

- SCU took the series against Pacific last weekend winning two of three, marking just the second time in program history that they've won the first two WCC series to open the season. They also accomplished the feat in 2022.
- In winning the first two games of the series, the Broncos stretched their win streak to a season-high seven games before it was snapped in the series finale, falling 5-4 in nine innings.
- Cari Ferguson pitched a two-hit shutout in the series opener against Pacific carrying a no-hitter into the sixth inning. At the time, it was the third shutout in the last four games for SCU with Ferguson pitching in two of them.

### Atop the Career Win List:

- Broncos head coach Gina Carbonatto became the winningest coach in program history with her 114th victory. It came in the first game of the doubleheader on April 12 against her alma mater, Pacific. She surpassed Marcy Crouch who compiled a 113-166 record from
- Back on March 1, Carbonatto picked up her 100th career victory with a win over UC Davis at the Capital City Classic Tournament becoming just the second SCU coach to reach that career milestone.

#### WCC Accolades:

- · Five Broncos have been recognized with West Coast Conference weekly honors this
- -Cairah Curran and Hazyl Gray were named WCC Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week, respectively, on Feb. 10.
- -Abbey Charpentier was named WCC Player of the Week on Feb. 17.
- -Hannah Edwards was named WCC Pitcher of the Week on March 17.
- -Curran and Seva were named WCC Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week on March 31. It was the second recognition for Curran this season.

#### Among the League & National Leaders:

- Santa Clara leads the WCC in batting average (.321) and ERA (3.29) as well as runs (248), hits (358), doubles (T-1, 61), triples (T-1, 14), RBIs (210), bases on balls (137), OBP (.402), stolen bases (65), sacrifice flies (22) and sacrifice bunts (33).
- Batting Average: Curran (1st, .465), Taryn Clements (6th, .380), Hope Alley (10th, .348)
- Runs: Curran (1st, 41), Gray & Alley (T-3rd, 34), Rebecca Rubio (6th, 28), Clements (9th, 25)
- Hits: Curran (1st, 67), Gray (4th, 43), Rubio (5th, 41), Alley (6th, 40), Clements (9th, 38)
- RBIs: Gray (3rd, 31), Alley & Clements (T-6, 28), Rubio (9th, 22)
- Doubles: Gray (T-2, 10, Alley (5th, 8)
- Triples: Curran, Charpentier & Rubio (T-1st, 3), Gray & Alley (T-7, 2)
- Sacrifice Bunts: Clements (1st, 8), Rubio (T-2, 7), Golob (8th, 4), Curran (10th, 3)
- Sacrifice Flies: Gray (1st, 6), Kyla Acres & Clements (T-2, 3), Rubio (10th, 2)
- Stolen Bases: Curran (1st, 22), Alley (T-2, 10), Rubio (3rd, 9), Gray (8th, 7)
- As of April 16, Curran was:
- -Tied for seventh nationally in hits (67), 18th with a .465 batting average & T-33 in stolen bases (22).

#### Streaks:

- Clements has safely reached base in 24 straight games.
- Curran has a 15-game hitting streak.

Curran's Season Breakdown (through 40 games):



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• Has a hit in 37 games; safely reached base in 38 games; has 21 multi-hit games; and has scored a run in 28 games.

#### **Run-Rule & Extra Inning Games:**

• Broncos have been involved in 16 run-rule or extra inning games. They are 8-1 in run-rule games and 4-3 in extra inning games.

#### 20 Wins Again:

• With the doubleheader sweep of UCSB on March 26, Santa Clara reached the 20 win mark for the fourth straight season. The last time they accomplished the feat was from 2002-2006 when they did it five consecutive years.

#### Success in Doubleheaders:

• In eight doubleheaders this season, the Broncos have either swept or been swept in each of them going 12-4. They swept CSU Bakersfield, Princeton, \*Northern Colorado, UCSB, San Diego and Pacific and got swept by Northern Colorado and Fresno State. \*The four game series against Northern Colorado came on back-to-back doubleheader days on a March 22 and 23.

#### 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. The Broncos are 4-2 so far this season against those teams, beating Northern Colorado and Princeton twice each.
- 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 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.
- <u>Gray was named the WCC Player of the Year</u>, the first ever Bronco to receive the honor while <u>Curran was the WCC Defensive Player of the Year</u>, 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.

# **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 returned to the team in late-March after playing in a Professional Softball League in Mexico with the Bravas de Leon earlier in the spring.
- 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.

# **Team 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

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