

# 2025 Santa Clara University SOFTBALL

# 2025 Schedule (30-19, 9-3 WCC)

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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	
March 10 (Mor	n) Princeton (DH1) <sup>4</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 8-7 (9)	
	n) Princeton (DH2)4	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 10-2 (5)	
March 14 (Fri)	Portland State <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 9-2	
March 14 (Fri)	Harvard <sup>5</sup>	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 9-5	
March 15 (Sat)		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)	
٠, ,	Northern Colorado (DH1		W, 6-5	
٠, ,	Northern Colorado (DH2		W, 9-5	
•	n) Northern Colorado (DH1	•	L, 9-5	
,	n) Northern Colorado (DH2		L, 11-8	
•	) Fresno State (DH1)	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 8-4	
	Fresno State (DH2)	Santa Clara Calif.	L, 5-3 (10)	
March 26 (Wed)UC Santa Barbara (DH1) Santa Barbara, Calif. W, 6-5				
,	d)UC Santa Barbara (DH2	•	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.	W, 3-0 (9)	
Apr 19 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH1)*	Moraga, Calif.	L, 1-0	
Apr 19 (Sat)	Saint Mary's (DH2)*	Moraga, Calif.	W, 11-5	
Apr 22 (Tue)	Cal	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 3-2	
Apr 23 (Wed)	San Jose State	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 3-2	
Apr 30 (Wed)	#17 Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	L, 10-2 (6)	
May 3 (Sat)	LMU (DH1)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 5-4	
May 3 (Sat)	LMU (DH2)*	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 7-5	
May 4 (Sun)	LMU*	Santa Clara, Calif.	L, 8-2	
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

Santa Clara (30-19, 9-3 WCC) vs. Oregon State (23-21, 6-6 WCC)

Corvallis, Ore. • Kelly Field • Friday, May 9 - Saturday, May 10

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# **Game/Season Notes**

### Coming Up:

 Santa Clara plays Oregon State on the road in the final regular season series with West Coast Conference Championship implications. They play a doubleheader on Friday and a single game on Saturday.

## **WCC Clinching Scenarios:**

- Santa Clara is tied for first place in the WCC standings along side Saint Mary's with a 9-3 record. Oregon State and LMU are tied for third at 6-6.
- Saint Mary's travels to play at LMU this weekend in a three game series one game on Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday.
- Santa Clara's magic number is three to clinch the WCC.
- If LMU and Oregon State both win all three of their games this weekend, there will be a four-way tie for the conference championship. Each team will be recognized as WCC champions. In this scenario, LMU will earn the conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA Tournament through the Conference tiebreaking procedures.
- If Santa Clara and Saint Mary's finish tied for the conference title, both would be recognized as champions. Santa Clara would earn the conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA Tournament with a 2-1 record against Saint Mary's in their head-to-head series this season.
- If Santa Clara or Saint Mary's earn a victory, both LMU and Oregon State are eliminated from contention for the conference championship.
- There is not a scenario where Oregon State can earn the conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA Tournament, but can earn a share of the conference championship in a four-way tie with LMU, Saint Mary's and Santa Clara.

## **Last Time Out:**

- Last weekend, SCU won the series against LMU two games to one, sweeping the doubleheader on Saturday and dropping the last game. It was their fourth straight WCC series win this season marking the first time thats happened in program history.
- Six seniors Hope Alley, Lauren Bryson, Abbey Charpentier, Hannah Edwards, Bethany Shih and Alaina Valdez - were recognized in a pregame ceremony in the home finale.

# Season Highlights:

- Thirty wins this season is tied for the highest win total in the 46 year history of the program. They've won 30 games three times previously in 2003, 2004 and 2024.
- The 60 win total between this season and last is tied for the most since 2003 and 2004 when they won 60 games combined on back-to-back 30 win seasons.
- Swept the WCC series opener (vs. Pacific) for the first time in program history since the WCC began sponsoring softball in 2014.
- · First time in program history winning four WCC series.
- The nine WCC wins are tied for the most in school history (2024).
- Three walk-off wins: 1. Abbey Charpentier hit a walk-off single in the eighth against CSU Bakersfield (DH2, Feb. 24); 2. Princeton committed an error to allow the winning run to score in the ninth (DH1, March 10); 3. Hope Alley hit a walk-off double in the seventh against SJSU (April 23).
- Recorded a seven-game win streak (March 26 April 12) for the second straight season, the longest since the 2004 season when that team won 12 straight to close out the season.

# Atop the Career Win List:

- Broncos head coach Gina Carbonatto became the winningest coach in program history with her 114th victory 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 2000-
- As of May 6, Carbonatto's record stands at 120-134 in her sixth season. Her first two seasons in 2020 and 2021 were Covid shortened seasons.
- 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



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# WCC Accolades:

Six Broncos have been recognized with West Coast Conference weekly honors this season, the <u>latest being Ferguson who was named WCC Pitcher of the Week on April 21</u> after pitching 11 1/3 scoreless innings in the Saint Mary's series. Ferguson is the fourth different SCU pitcher to be recognized.

-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.

## Topping the League (as of May 6):

- Santa Clara leads the WCC in: batting average (.310), runs (283, 5.8 runs/game), hits (415), doubles (73), triples (T-1, 16), RBIs (243), bases on balls (164), OBP (.395), stolen bases (75), sacrifice flies (23), sacrifice bunts (41), and shutouts (8).
- Bronco players lead the league in: batting average (Curran .434), runs (Curran 47), hits (Curran 75), triples (Curran 5), hit by pitch (Alley 15), sacrifice bunts (Rubio 9), sacrifice flies (Gray 6), stolen bases (Curran 25), and ERA (Ferguson, 1.84).

## Among the National Leaders (as of May 5):

- Curran is 13th nationally in hits (75), 39th with a .434 batting average & T-42 in stolen bases (25).
- Alley is tied for 31st nationally as the toughest to strike out averaging one strikeout per 28.0 at-bats (five strikeouts in 140 at-bats), T-16 in hit by pitches (15).
- · Gray is tied for eighth nationally in sacrifice flies (6).
- Ferguson is 26th nationally with a 1.84 ERA and the third best among freshmen.
- · The team is tied for third nationally in double plays turned with 32.

### Alley Everywhere (as of May 6):

 Alley is the only player in the top 10 of the WCC in the following 12 categories: batting average, slugging%, OBP, OPS, runs, hits, RBIs, doubles, triples, HBP, sac bunts & stolen bases.

# Pitching Dominance in WCC Action:

- The Broncos pitching staff has a 1.71 ERA in 12 WCC games.
- A trio of Bronco pitchers Hannah Edwards, Cari Ferguson and Hazyl Gray are a combined 9-3 in WCC contests this season with a 1.62 ERA, four shutouts and five complete games.

# Topping or Nearing Program Single Season Records (since at least 2000):

- Runs: 50 Ashley Trierweiler (2023)....Cairah Curran 47 (2025)
- Hits: 75 Cairah Curran (2025)....72 Angela Kabanuck (2007) & Jessica Clee (2006)
- Sacrifice Flies: 6 Hazyl Gray (2025) ....5 Taylor Burns (2020)
- Team Batting Average: .310 (2025) ..... .280 (2023)

### Streaks:

- Alley has safely reached base in 24 straight games.
- Ferguson has allowed just three runs (two earned) in the last 39 innings spanning nine appearances (4-0, 0.36 ERA). During the stretch, she has three shutouts including a pair of two hit shutouts, one over seven innings (vs. Pacific, April 12) and another over nine innings (vs. Saint Mary's, April 18).

## Curran's Season Breakdown (through 49 games):

 Has a hit in 43 games; safely reached base in 45 games; has 23 multi-hit games; and has scored a run in 33 games.

# Run-Rule & Extra Inning Games:

• Broncos have been involved in 18 run-rule or extra inning games. They are 8-2 in run-rule games and 5-3 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 nine of the 10 doubleheaders this season, the Broncos have either swept or been YouTube:

# **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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swept in each of them going 14-4. 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.

· They split against Saint Mary's (April 19).

### 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 6-5 so far this season against those teams, beating Northern Colorado. Princeton and Saint Mary's 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 Preseasor

- 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.
- 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.rule games and 4-3 in extra inning games.

# **West Coast Conference Standings**

## (As of May 6)

	School	WCC	Overa
Т	1 Santa Clara	9-3	30-19
Т	1 Saint Mary's	9-3	26-22
T:	3 Oregon State	6-6	23-21
T	3 LMU	6-6	21-29
5	Pacific	5-10	16-34
6	San Diego	4-11	20-29