



2025 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2025 Schedule (2-0, 0-0 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 | | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 6 | #13 Princeton | ESPN+ | 6:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 6 | Mount St. Mary's | | 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 7 | #4 Fordham | | 8 a.m. |
| Sept. 13 | ~ American River College | | Noon |
| <u>MPSF Invite (Los Angeles)</u> | | | |
| Sept. 19 | TBA | | TBA |
| Sept. 20 | TBA | | TBA |
| Sept. 21 | TBA | | TBA |
| Sept. 27 | #14 UC Davis | ESPN+ | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 3 | UC Santa Barbara | ESPN+ | 2:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | * #9 Pacific | ESPN+ | Noon |
| Oct. 11 | #6 Long Beach State | ESPN+ | Noon |
| Oct. 11 | ~ Alumni Game | | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 16 | * #13 California Baptist | ESPN+ | Noon |
| Oct. 5 | * #10 San Jose State | ESPN+ | 1 p.m. |
| <u>Julian Frasier Memorial (Santa Clara, Calif.)</u> | | | |
| Oct. 24 | * #16 LMU | ESPN+ | 2:40 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | #17 Brown | ESPN+ | 11:40 a.m. |
| Oct. 26 | #18 Harvard | ESPN+ | 9:20 a.m. |
| Nov. 5 | #3 Stanford | ESPN+ | 5 p.m. |
| Nov. 8 | * RV Air Force | ESPN+ | 11 a.m. |
| Nov. 14 | #7 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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#19 Santa Clara (2-0, 0-0 WCC)

vs.

2025 Princeton Invitational

#18 George Washington (2-4) / #13 Princeton (0-0)
Mount St. Mary's (1-3) / #4 Fordham (4-0)

Princeton, N.J. • DeNunzio Pool • Sept. 5-7 (Fri.-Sun.)

Watch Live: **ESPN+ (Princeton game only)**
Drew Casey (Play-by-Play)

Series History

vs. #18 George Washington

Series History (since 2008)..... Santa Clara leads 5-1

Last Meeting..... Sept. 21, 2024 | W, 17-10

vs. #13 Princeton

Series History (since 2008)..... Princeton leads 13-2

Last Meeting..... Sept. 13, 2024 | L, 9-15

vs. Mount St. Mary's

Series History First Meeting

Last Meeting..... N/A

vs. #4 Fordham

Series History (since 2007)..... Santa Clara leads 8-2

Last Meeting..... Sept. 11, 2023 | L, 10-12

Game Notes

• The No. 19 Santa Clara University men's water polo team rolls into the 2025 Princeton Invitational for its second tournament in as many weeks to begin the season. It'll mark the fourth consecutive year the Broncos have participated in the invitational.

• Santa Clara had its best showing last year at the annual Princeton Invitational in six years. The Broncos went 3-1 at the tournament for the first time since 2018 with wins over Iona, Bucknell and Wagner, and a narrow, 15-9, defeat at the hands of host and then-No. 6 Princeton.

• The Broncos have dominated their recent series versus both #18 George Washington and No. 4 Fordham. Since 2007, they're a combined 13-3 versus the two programs.

• The Broncos last beat host and No. 13-ranked Princeton on Oct. 27, 2019, at home in Santa Clara, Calif., a 10-7 win in their own Julian Fraser Memorial Tournament.

Season Notes

• No. 19 Santa Clara swept through last weekend's season-opening Bobcat Mini at UC Merced in style, scoring a total of 43 goals in two victories over the host Bobcats and Fresno Pacific. The Broncos beat UC Merced, 26-3, scoring their most goals in a game since at least 2007. They topped Fresno Pacific, 17-7 later the same day.

• Freshmen powered Santa Clara to its most goals in a game in at least 18 years during the first game of the season versus UC Merced on Saturday. 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. Van der Schaaf led SCU with four goals, Brown scored three, while Early, De Zwart and redshirt freshman Weston Bancroft all scored two each.

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Season Notes

• 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.

• The Broncos also return starting goalkeeper **Harrison Labrosse**, who has totaled 363 saves across two seasons. He also has 22 career steals and has recorded 10 or more saves in 20 games.

• 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 Fordham (tied for No. 3) on Sept. 7, Stanford (tied for No. 3) on Nov. 5, Long Beach State (No. 6) on Oct. 11, and Princeton (tied for No. 10) on Sept. 6. They'll also face Pepperdine (tied for No. 7), Pacific (No. 9) and San Jose State (tied for 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.

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 |
|------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | Santa Clara | 0-0 | 2-0 | W2 |
| 2. | Air Force | 0-0 | 5-1 | W2 |
| t-3. | California Baptist | 0-0 | 3-1 | W2 |
| t-3. | Pepperdine | 0-0 | 3-1 | W1 |
| t-3. | San Jose State | 0-0 | 3-1 | L1 |
| 6. | Pacific | 0-0 | 2-1 | L1 |
| 7. | LMU | 0-0 | 1-2 | L1 |

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 Baldinetti | LMU | Gr. |
| Mateja Botic | 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. |



2025 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Sept. 4)

| Rk. | School | Prev. Rank (from '24 Final Poll) |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | UCLA | 1 |
| 2. | Southern California | 2 |
| 3. | California | 8 |
| 4. | Fordham | 4 |
| 5. | Stanford | 3 |
| 6. | San Jose State | 12 |
| 7. | Long Beach State | t-5 |
| 8. | UC Irvine | 9 |
| 9. | Pacific | 7 |
| 10. | UC Davis | 14 |
| 11. | Pepperdine | 13 |
| 12. | UC San Diego | 10 |
| 13. | Princeton | t-5 |
| 14. | California Baptist | 11 |
| 15. | LMU | 19 |
| 16. | Harvard | 16 |
| 17. | Brown | 17 |
| 18. | George Washington | NR |
| 19. | Santa Clara | 18 |
| 20. | UC Santa Barbara | 15 |

Dropped from poll: #20 Navy

Season Notes

CWPA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Sept. 3)

| Rk. | School | Previous Rank | Pts. |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|----------|
| 1. | UCLA | 1 | 100 |
| 2. | Southern California | 2 | 95 |
| 3. | California | t-3 | 88 |
| t-4. | Fordham | t-3 | 83 |
| t-4. | Stanford | t-3 | 83 |
| 6. | San Jose State | t-10 | 74 |
| t-7. | UC Irvine | t-7 | 66 |
| t-7. | Long Beach State | 6 | 66 |
| 9. | Princeton | t-10 | 55 |
| t-10. | Pacific | 9 | 53 |
| t-10. | UC Davis | 14 | 53 |
| 12. | Pepperdine | t-7 | 51 |
| 13. | UC San Diego | 12 | 44 |
| 14. | California Baptist | 13 | 33 |
| 15. | LMU | 16 | 27 |
| t-16. | Brown | 17 | 18 |
| t-16. | Harvard | t-18 | 18 |
| 18. | UC Santa Barbara | 15 | 14 |
| t-19. | George Washington | NR | 11 |
| t-19. | Navy | 20 | 11 |
| RV | Santa Clara | t-18 | 7 |
| RV | Air Force | RV | 4 |
| RV | Bucknell | NR | 1 |

Dropped from poll: