



2026 Santa Clara University WOMEN'S WATER POLO

2026 Schedule (0-0, 0-0 GCC)

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
Jan. 17	#17 UC Davis	Sidearm	9 a.m.
Jan. 17	Fresno Pacific	Sidearm	3 p.m.
Jan. 24	Cal State Monterey Bay	Sidearm	1 p.m.

Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)

Jan. 30	Iona		10:30 a.m.
Jan. 30	LIU		3 p.m.
Jan. 31	#15 Princeton		9 a.m.
Feb. 1	Villanova		8 a.m.

Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)

Feb. 13	CSUN		11:30 a.m.
Feb. 14	#23 Marist		9:45 a.m.
Feb. 14	#22 Brown		5:15 p.m.
Feb. 15	Cal State Monterey		2 p.m.

Feb. 21	* #7 Fresno State		1 p.m.
Feb. 22	UC Merced		1 p.m.
Feb. 27	* #21 San Diego State		1 p.m.
Feb. 28	* #25 California Baptist		3 p.m.

March 1	#24 Ponomo-Pitzer		12:30 p.m.
March 1	Redlands		3 p.m.

Claremont Convergence (Claremont, Calif.)

March 6	TBA		TBA
March 7	TBA		TBA

March 15	* #8 LMU		11 a.m.
March 21	Alumni Game		Noon
March 26	* #19 Pacific		5 p.m.
March 28	* Azusa Pacific		1 p.m.

April 1	#12 San Jose State		4 p.m.
April 3	Fresno Pacific		1 p.m.

GCC Championship Tournament (Fresno, Calif.)

April 10	First Round		TBA
April 11	Semifinals		TBA
April 12	Championship		TBA

NCAA Championship (La Jolla, Calif.)

April 24	Quarterfinals		TBA
April 25	Semifinals		TBA
April 26	Championship		TBA

Home games in **BOLD** | Neutral games in *Italics*

* GCC game | ~ Exhibition

Rankings are CWWA National Top-25 Poll

All times are Pacific and subject to change

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Santa Clara (0-0, 0-0 GCC)

vs.

#17 UC Davis (0-0, 0-0 Big West)

Fresno Pacific (0-0, 0-0 WWP)

Santa Clara, Calif. • 9 a.m./3 p.m. • Sullivan Aquatic Center

Watch Live: Sidearm Sports

Live Stats: thefosh.net

Series History

vs. #17 UC Davis

Series History (since 2006) UC Davis leads, 26-1 in Santa Clara, Calif. UC Davis leads, 4-0 Current Streak W10, UC Davis Last Meeting Feb. 9, 2025 | L, 6-17

vs. Fresno Pacific

Series History (since 2006) Santa Clara leads, 21-1 in Santa Clara, Calif. Santa Clara leads, 6-1 Current Streak W1, Fresno Pacific Last Meeting April 13, 2025 | L, 9-12

Match Notes

• Santa Clara opens its 2026 season at home Saturday with two games in one day -- kicking things off at 9 a.m. versus No. 17-ranked UC Davis before wrapping up with a 3 p.m. matchup versus Fresno Pacific.

• No. 17 UC Davis has won nine consecutive meetings against the Broncos dating to 2015. That includes two wins in Santa Clara (2017, '19). Both of those games were decided by four or fewer goals.

• Fresno Pacific beat Santa Clara on the Broncos' Senior Day last season, 12-9. It was the Sunbirds' first win in the series since at least 2006, a stretch of 21 games in 20 years.

• Santa Clara went 6-6 last season versus non-Division I teams (Fresno Pacific is an NCAA Division II school). It also went 2-8 at Sullivan Aquatic Center. The Broncos are 2-2 in season openers under head coach Claire Linney.

Season Notes

• The Broncos (0-0, 0-0 GCC) open their season at home for the first time in 11 years on Saturday, welcoming former Western Water Polo Association rivals UC Davis and Fresno Pacific to Sullivan Aquatic Center. The last time the Broncos won a season opener at home was Jan. 25, 2008, when they beat Cal State East Bay, 11-5.

• Santa Clara's 2026 slate includes games against 11 teams ranked in the Collegiate Water Polo Association Preseason Top-25 poll. They'll host two games against top-10-ranked Golden Coast Conference foes -- No. 7 Fresno State on Feb. 21, and No. 8 LMU on March 15. They'll also play in three different in-season tournaments.

• Santa Clara's 2026 roster boasts 16 returners and four freshmen. It's a young roster, with only three seniors (**Megan Chambliss**, **Sydney Maccabe**, **Avary Torres**) and six juniors. The Broncos return two of their top-three point scorers from a year ago in Chambliss (1st, 57 points) and Maccabe (3rd, 46 points), with Chambliss coming back after leading the Broncos in goals (41) and Maccabe finishing second in assists (21) and steals (27).

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Season Notes

- Underclassmen impact players returning this season include **Chloe Rizof**, who scored 20 goals and swiped 12 steals as a true freshman in 2025. Rizof was named to the 2025 GCC All-Freshmen Team for her efforts. **Makenna Genco** scored nine goals and dished five assists (14 points) as a rookie last season, while **Fritzi Warneke** made 10 appearances in goal and made 23 saves on the year.
- Junior goalkeeper **Haley Tassell** returns after starting all of the Broncos' 25 games last season and making 142 saves. She also swiped 12 steals (tied for fifth on the team) and dished six assists.
- Santa Clara had 13 student-athletes named to the 2025 GCC All-Academic team in July, marking the eighth consecutive year the Broncos have had double-digit GCC All-Academic honorees. Santa Clara has had no fewer than 11 GCC All-Academic Team members since 2018, and has posted 13 or more for six consecutive years (since 2020).
- The Broncos then collected 14 more all-academic awards from the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches and also earned its 15th consecutive All-Academic Team award from the organization. Santa Clara has earned the ACWPC All-Academic Team award every year since 2011. The team most recently posted a 3.506 team GPA in the 2025 fall term.
- Santa Clara also had two student-athletes represented on the 2025 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District At-Large team. Now-graduated seniors **Francesca Moynihan** and **Libby Slater** both landed on the team after posting 3.73 and 3.86 GPAs, respectively, while starting all 25 of the Broncos' games.
- The Broncos welcomed **Emily Diacono** as the program's new assistant coach in July, replacing departed assistant and former Broncos student-athlete, Allie Lamb. Diacono comes to Santa Clara following coaching stops at Mount St. Mary's University, Fresno State, and with various age-group and high school programs. She most recently served as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's water polo teams at Mount St. Mary's in Maryland. Diacono played four seasons of Division I water polo at Fresno State, where she was a two-time Golden Coast Conference champion and helped the Bulldogs to two NCAA Tournament appearances.

2026 Women's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Haley Tassell	5-7	GK	Jr.	San Diego
1A	Fritzi Warneke	5-5	GK	So.	San Jose, Calif.
2	Annika Burks	5-8	2mD	Jr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
3	Evelyn McLaughlin	5-8	UTIL	Jr.	Pleasanton, Calif.
4	Megan Chambliss	5-7	UTIL	Sr.	Danville, Calif.
5	Makenna Genco	6-1	UTIL	So.	Clovis, Calif.
7	Calla Troxel	5-8	UTIL	Jr.	Park City, Utah
8	Hailey Romano	-	CEN	Fr.	San Diego
9	Airi Seib	5-5	DR	Jr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
10	Ava Wells	5-3	UTIL	Fr.	Worthington, Ohio
11	London Menard	5-7	2M	So.	Orinda, Calif.
12	Mikayla Crowe	5-6	2mD	So.	San Diego
13	Avary Torres	5-4	DR	Sr.	Los Angeles
14	Khloe Tarbet	5-9	UTIL	So.	Agoura Hills, Calif.
15	Mia Barkett	5-7	DR	Jr.	La Mesa, Calif.
16	Sydney Maccabe	5-7	DR	Sr.	Tustin, Calif.
17	Julia Ernsting	5-7	DR	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif.
18	Reese Artura	-	DR	Fr.	La Cañada Flintridge, Calif.
19	Chloe Rizof	5-2	DR	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
21	Lia Lakis	5-9	DR	So.	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

AROUND THE GCC

2025 Final GCC Women's Water Polo Standings

Pl.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
1.	LMU	7-0	20-12	L1
2.	Fresno State	6-1	14-8	L1
3.	Pacific	5-2	14-10	W1
4.	San Diego State	4-3	15-15	L2
5.	California Baptist	3-4	12-16	L3
6.	Azusa Pacific	2-5	17-15	W1
7.	Concordia	1-6	7-23	W1
8.	Santa Clara	0-7	6-19	L2

2025 GCC Player of the Year

Ruth Arino Ruiz, LMU (ATT, Sr.)

2026 GCC Women's Water Polo Preseason Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Pl.)	Pts
1.	Fresno State (5)	35
2.	LMU (2)	31
3.	Pacific	26
4.	San Diego State	21
5.	California Baptist	17
6.	Azusa Pacific	9
7.	Santa Clara	8



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CWPA NATIONAL TOP-25 POLL

(Preseason Poll)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1.	Stanford University	1	98
2.	Southern California	2	95
3.	UCLA	3	92
4.	Hawaii	4	89
5.	California	5	86
6.	Long Beach State	6	78
7.	Fresno State	t-8	73
t-8.	LMU	7	68
t-8.	UC Irvine	t-8	68
t-10.	Arizona State	t-11	64
t-10.	Indiana	14	64
12.	San Jose State	15	57
13.	UC San Diego	13	52
14.	Harvard	10	48
t-15.	Princeton	t-11	43
t-15.	Michigan	t-16	43
17.	UC Davis	t-16	38
18.	UC Santa Barbara	19	27
19.	Pacific	20	25
20.	Wagner College	t-16	20
21.	San Diego State	22	19
22.	Brown	t-23	15
23.	Marist	21	11
24.	Pomona-Pitzer	25	10
25.	California Baptist	NR	8
RV	CSUN	RV	6
RV	LIU	RV	4
RV	Villanova	RV	3
RV	La Salle	RV	1

Season Notes

ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-25 POLL

(Final poll of 2025)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank
1.	Stanford	1
2.	Southern California	4
3.	UCLA	2
4.	Hawaii	5
5.	California	3
6.	Long Beach State	6
7.	LMU	t-8
8.	UC Irvine	7
9.	Arizona State	10
t-10.	Fresno State	11
t-10.	Harvard	t-8
12.	UC San Diego	12
13.	Princeton	13
14.	Indiana	14
15.	Michigan	15
16.	San Jose State	16
17.	UC Davis	17
18.	UC Santa Barbara	18
t-19.	Pacific	19
t-19.	Wagner	20
21.	San Diego State	21
22.	Brown	22
23.	Marist	23
24.	Pomona-Pitzer	24
t-25.	Bucknell	NR
t-25.	CSUN	25