



2026 Santa Clara University WOMEN'S WATER POLO

2026 Schedule (1-6, 0-0 GCC)

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
Jan. 17	#17 UC Davis	Sidearm	L, 3-22
Jan. 17	Fresno Pacific	Sidearm	W, 19-7
Jan. 24	Cal State Monterey Bay	Sidearm	L, 7-12

Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)

Jan. 30	Iona		L, 10-12
Jan. 30	LIU		L, 10-14
Jan. 31	#17 Princeton	ESPN+	L, 7-21
Feb. 1	Villanova		L, 3-9

Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)

Feb. 13	CSUN	Overnight	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 14	#14 Marist	Overnight	9:45 a.m.
Feb. 14	#21 Brown	Overnight	5:15 p.m.
Feb. 15	Cal St. Monterey Bay	Overnight	2 p.m.

Feb. 21	* #11 Fresno State	Sidearm	1 p.m.
Feb. 22	UC Merced		1 p.m.
Feb. 27	* #19 San Diego State		1 p.m.
Feb. 28	* #20 California Baptist		3 p.m.

March 1	Pomona-Pitzer		12:30 p.m.
March 1	Redlands		3 p.m.

Claremont Convergence (Claremont, Calif.)

March 6	#25 Cal State Fullerton		2 p.m.
March 6	Chapman		7 p.m.
March 7	#5 Arizona State		8:30 a.m.
March 7	Concordia University Irvine		1:30 p.m.

March 15	* #9 LMU	Sidearm	11 a.m.
March 21	~ Alumni Game		Noon
March 26	* #22 Pacific		5 p.m.
March 28	* Azusa Pacific	Sidearm	1 p.m.

April 1	#18 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 ACWPC National Top-25 Poll

All times are Pacific and subject to change

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vs.

2026 Bronco Invitational

CSUN (7-1) / #14 Marist (6-2)

#21 Brown (5-2) / Cal State Monterey Bay (5-5)

Santa Clara, Calif. • Sullivan Aquatic Center • Feb. 13-15 (Fri.-Sun.)

Watch Live: Overnight Network
Thomas Dunn (play-by-play)

Series History

vs. CSUN

Series History (since 2006)..... CSUN leads, 7-1
Last Meeting..... Feb. 14, 2025 | L, 10-14

vs. #14 Marist

Series History (since 2006)..... Marist leads, 11-2
Last Meeting..... March 1, 2025 | L, 8-16

vs. #21 Brown

Series History (since 2006)..... Brown leads, 4-2
Last Meeting..... Feb. 15, 2025 | L, 5-16

vs. Cal State Monterey Bay

Series History (since 2006)..... Santa Clara leads, 34-4
Last Meeting..... Jan. 24, 2026 | L, 7-12

Game Notes

• Santa Clara hosts its own Bronco Invitational this weekend, starting Friday. The Broncos will play four games in three days, including two against ranked opponents.

• The Broncos played CSUN in last season's Bronco Invitational, falling 14-10 to the Matadors. It was the teams' first matchup since 2020 and only their second since 2014.

• Santa Clara ran into Marist at last season's Claremont Convergence, where they fell, 16-8, to the Red Foxes. The teams have met five times since 2022. The Broncos last beat Marist, 10-5, in 2015 at the Triton Invitational in La Jolla, Calif.

• Santa Clara has dominated the series versus regional rival Cal State Monterey Bay, owning a 30-game advantage head-to-head. But the Otters got the best of the Broncos last month, earning only their fourth win over SCU with a 12-7 triumph in Seaside, Calif.

Season Notes

• LAST TIME OUT -- Santa Clara traveled to the East Coast two weeks ago to participate in the Princeton Invitational. There, they went 0-4 against some of the nation's best, including host and No. 17-ranked Princeton.

The Broncos scored 20 total goals -- 10 in each game -- in two games on the tournament's first day (Jan. 30). The Broncos were narrowly edged by Iona, 12-10, and were within one goal of LIU until a couple of empty-netters late made it a 14-10 final.

Santa Clara took a 1-0 early lead over host No. 17 Princeton and scored three goals in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second half before the Tigers pulled away for a 21-7 victory on Jan. 31. Villanova closed out the Broncos' weekend with a 9-3 neutral-site triumph on Feb. 1. **Chloe Rizof** scored goals in all four games for Santa Clara.

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Season Notes

• **Haley Tassell** is third in the Golden Coast Conference with 8.1 saves per game. She's tied for fifth with 57 saves, and her .407 save percentage ranks No. 6. **Sydney Maccabe's** 1.7 assists per game and **Mia Barkett's** 1.6 rank No. 6 and 7, respectively, in the conference. **Megan Chambliss** ranks ninth in the Golden Coast Conference with six sprint wins.

• 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).

• 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

GCC Women's Water Polo Standings (through Jan. 29)

Pl.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
t-1.	Azusa Pacific	0-0	8-3	W5
t-1.	LMU	0-0	8-3	W2
3.	California Baptist	0-0	7-4	L1
4.	Fresno State	0-0	7-5	L1
5.	San Diego State	0-0	7-6	L2
6.	Pacific	0-0	3-3	W2
7.	Santa Clara	0-0	1-6	L5

GCC Player of the Week (Feb. 12)

Emmie Ramirez, California Baptist (ATT, So., Hawthorne, Calif.)

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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ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-25 POLL

(Week of Feb. 11)

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

Dropped from poll: #t-25 Pomona-Pitzer, #t-25 Villanova

CWPA NATIONAL TOP-25 POLL

(Week of Feb. 11)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1.	Stanford	1	100
2.	UCLA	2	96
3.	Southern California	3	92
4.	California	4	89
5.	Hawaii	5	82
6.	Arizona State	6	81
7.	Long Beach State	7	77
8.	Harvard	8	70
9.	LMU	9	68
10.	Indiana	t-10	64
11.	UC Irvine	12	56
12.	Marist	18	54
t-13.	Fresno State	t-10	48
t-13.	Princeton	t-13	48
t-13.	UC San Diego	t-13	48
16.	Michigan	15	43
17.	UC Davis	16	37
18.	San Jose State	17	33
19.	San Diego State	19	27
20.	Brown	t-20	24
21.	California Baptist	23	19
22.	Pacific	t-20	17
23.	Wagner	22	12
24.	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	24	7
25.	CSUN	t-25	4
RV	Bucknell	t-25	2
RV	Pomona-Pitzer	RV	1
RV	Villanova	RV	1
RV	Iona	RV	1

Dropped from poll: #t-25 Bucknell

Season Notes