



2026 Santa Clara University WOMEN'S WATER POLO

2025-26 Schedule

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

Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)

Feb. 13	CSUN	Overnight	L, 5-12
Feb. 14	#14 Marist	Overnight	L, 10-18
Feb. 14	#21 Brown	Overnight	L, 7-18
Feb. 15	Cal St. Monterey Bay	Overnight	L, 10-11

Feb. 21	* #13 Fresno State		1 p.m.
Feb. 22	UC Merced		1 p.m.
Feb. 27	* San Diego State		1 p.m.
Feb. 28	* 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	#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	* LMU		11 a.m.
March 21	Alumni Game		Noon
March 26	* Pacific		5 p.m.
March 28	* Azusa Pacific		1 p.m.

April 1	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 | Rankings are CWPA National Top-25 Poll
 All times are Pacific and subject to change

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Santa Clara (1-10 0-0 GCC)

vs. No. 13 Fresno State (8-7, 0-0 WCC)
Saturday, Feb. 21 • 1 p.m. Pacific
Santa Clara, Calif. • Sullivan Aquatic Center

at UC Merced (1-2)
Sunday, Feb. 22 • 1 p.m. Pacific
Merced, Calif. • Aquatics Center

Watch Live: SideArm / team1sports.com/wwpa
Live Stats: thefosh.net

Series History

Series History (since 2006)..... Santa Clara is 1-8/ 1-0
 At Location 0-5 / N/A
 Current Streak L8 / W1
 Last Meeting..... March 8, 2025 | L, 8-24 / Feb. 16, 25 | W, 14-8
 First Meeting..... Feb. 17, 2018 | W, 7-6 / Feb. 16, 25 | W, 14-8

Game Notes

- Santa Clara looks to snap an eight game losing streak to Fresno State.
- This will be the first meeting in Merced between the Broncos and the Bobcats.

Season Notes

- Last time out, Santa Clara was topped by CSUN, No. 14 Marist, No. 21 Brown, and Cal State Monterey Bay at the Bronco Invitational.
- Santa Clara is led on offense by Megan Chambliss who has scored a team-high 15 goals and added five assists. Chloe Rizof is second in scoring with 12 goals and has six assists while Mia Barkett has scored 11 times and is second with 13 assists. Sydney Maccabe leads the team with 18 assists and 25 points with seven goals scored. Evelyn McLaughlin has added nine goals and five assists as well.
- In the cage, Haley Tassell has started every game and made 92 saves with nine assists. Tassell leads the team with 15 steals.
- 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.

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Season Notes

- 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. Makena 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.

GCC Standings (as of Feb. 18)

Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
1. San Diego State	1-0	8-6	W1
2. LMU	0-0	10-3	W4
3. Azusa Pacific	0-0	11-4	L1
4. California Baptist	0-1	7-5	L2
5. Fresno State	0-0	8-7	L1
6. Pacific	0-0	5-5	W2
7. Santa Clara	0-0	1-10	L9

GCC Preseason Poll

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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2026 Women's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / High School
1	Haley Tassell	5-7	GK	Jr.	San Diego / Patrick Henry HS
1A	Fritzi Warneke	5-5	GK	So.	San Jose, Calif. / Presentation HS
2	Annika Burks	5-8	2MD	Jr.	Menlo Park, Calif. / Castilleja HS
3	Evelyn McLaughlin	5-8	UTIL	Jr.	Pleasanton, Calif. / Amador Valley HS
4	Megan Chambliss	5-7	UTIL	Sr.	Danville, Calif. / San Ramon Valley HS
5	Makenna Genco	6-1	UTIL	So.	Clovis, Calif. / Clovis North HS
7	Calla Troxel	5-8	UTIL	Jr.	Park City, Utah / Park City HS
8	Hailey Romano	-	CEN	Fr.	San Diego / Cathedral Catholic HS
9	Airi Seib	5-5	DR	Jr.	Walnut Creek, Calif. / Carondelet HS
10	Ava Wells	5-3	UTIL	Fr.	Worthington, Ohio / Worthington Kilbourne HS
11	London Menard	5-7	2M	So.	Orinda, Calif. / Campolindo HS
12	Mikayla Crowe	5-6	2MD	So.	San Diego / The Bishop's School
13	Avary Torres	5-4	DR	Sr.	Los Angeles / El Segundo HS
14	Khloe Tarbet	5-9	UTIL	So.	Agoura Hills, Calif. / Agoura Hills HS
15	Mia Barkett	5-7	DR	Jr.	La Mesa, Calif. / Helix Charter
16	Sydney Maccabe	5-7	DR	Sr.	Tustin, Calif. / Foothill HS
17	Julia Ernsting	5-7	DR	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif. / Los Gatos HS
18	Reese Artura	-	DR	Fr.	La Canada Flintridge, Calif. / Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy
19	Chloe Rizof	5-2	DR	So.	Newport Beach, Calif. / Newport Harbor HS
21	Lia Lakis	5-9	DR	So.	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. / Palos Verdes Peninsula HS

Head Coach: Claire Linney (Fifth season, Santa Clara '09)

Assistant Coach: Emily Diacono (First season, Fresno State '22)

Pronunciation Guide

PLAYERS

#1A FRITZI WARNEKE ..FRIT-zee WARN-uh-KEY
 #2 ANNIKA Burks.....ON-ick-uh
 #3 EVELYN MCLAUGHLIN EHV-uh-LYNN
mc-LOFF-lin
 #5 Makenna GENCOJen-Ko
 #7 CALLA TROXELCAL-uh TRAWKS-uhl
 #11 London MENARDMuh-NARD
 #12 MIKAYLA CROWEMuh-KAY-lah Crow
 #13 AVARY Torres.....Avery
 #14 KHLOE TARBET.....Tar-Bit
 #15 Mia BARKETTbar-KETT
 #16 Sydney MACCABEMuh-KAYB
 #17 AIRI SEIB.....Eye-dee SIGHB (just like
“sigh”with a ‘b’ at the end)
 #21 LIA LAKIS.....LEE-uh LAY-kiss

Emily DIACONODee-CON-owe

By Class

Freshman	4
Sophomores.....	7
Juniors.....	6
Seniors	3

By State

California	18
Utah.....	1
Ohio.....	1