



# 2026 Santa Clara University WOMEN'S WATER POLO

## 2026 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.)

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|---------|------------------|-------|----------|
| 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.)

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

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|----------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Feb. 21</b> | <b>* #13 Fresno State</b> |  | <b>L, 7-21</b> |
| Feb. 22        | UC Merced                 |  | W, 18-7        |
| Feb. 27        | * # 19 San Diego State    |  | L, 4-20        |
| Feb. 28        | * # 22 California Baptist |  | L, 8-14        |

|         |                      |  |          |
|---------|----------------------|--|----------|
| March 1 | <i>Ponoma-Pitzer</i> |  | L, 10-12 |
| March 1 | Redlands             |  | W, 21-5  |

### 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. |

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| <b>March 15</b> | <b>* LMU</b>           |  | <b>11 a.m.</b> |
| <b>March 21</b> | <b>Alumni Game</b>     |  | <b>Noon</b>    |
| March 26        | * Pacific              |  | 5 p.m.         |
| <b>March 28</b> | <b>* Azusa Pacific</b> |  | <b>1 p.m.</b>  |

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|---------|----------------|--|--------|
| 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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**YouTube:** \_\_\_\_\_ SantaClaraBroncos

## Santa Clara (3-14, 0-3 GCC)

### at Cal State Fullerton (12-8)

Friday, March 6 • 2 p.m. Pacific | Fullerton, Calif.

### at Chapman (3-5)

Friday, March 6 • 7 p.m. Pacific | Orange, Calif.

### vs. Arizona State (19-3)

Sunday, March 7 • 8:30 a.m. Pacific | Claremont, Calif.

### vs. Concordia (8-6)

Sunday, March 7 • 1:30 p.m. Pacific | Claremont, Calif.

Live Stats: [thefosh.net](http://thefosh.net)

## Series History

Series History (since 2006).... Santa Clara is 1-0 / 6-0 / 0-5 / 13-7  
 At Location ..... 0-0 / 2-0 / 0-3 / 1-0  
 Current Streak ..... W1 / W6 / L5 / L3  
 Last Meeting..... March 3, 2023 | W, 17-5  
 ..... April 18, 2025 | W, 14-13  
 ..... March 5, 2017 | L, 2-14  
 ..... April 26, 2025 | L, 9-11

## Game Notes

- Santa Clara heads to Claremont Convergence for four games Saturday and Sunday.

## Season Notes

- Last time out, Santa Clara was fell to No. 19 San Diego State, No. 22 Cal Baptist, and Pomona-Pitzer before bouncing back with a big 21-5 victory over Relands.
- Santa Clara is led on offense by Megan Chambliss who has scored a team-high 31 goals and added eight assists. Chloe Rizof is second in scoring with 24 goals and has 11 assists while Evelyn McLaughlin has scored 15 times with six assists and Hailey Romano has 14 goals. Mia Barkett has scored 12 goals and is second with 16 assists. Sydney Maccabe leads the team with 26 assists and has eight goals scored.
- In the cage, Haley Tassell has started every game and made 147 saves with 15 assists and 20 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 March 5)

| Team                  | Conf.      | Overall     | Streak    |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. LMU                | 2-0        | 12-3        | W6        |
| 2. San Diego State    | 3-1        | 10-7        | W2        |
| 3. California Baptist | 2-1        | 9-5         | W2        |
| 4. Fresno State       | 1-1        | 10-8        | L1        |
| 5. Pacific            | 1-1        | 7-6         | L1        |
| 6. Azusa Pacific      | 0-2        | 12-6        | W1        |
| 7. <b>Santa Clara</b> | <b>0-3</b> | <b>3-14</b> | <b>W1</b> |

## 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. <b>Santa Clara</b> | <b>8</b> |

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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. /<br>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 GENCO .....Jen-Ko  
 #7 CALLA TROXEL .....CAL-uh TRAWKS-uhl  
 #11 London MENARD .....Muh-NARD  
 #12 MIKAYLA CROWE .....Muh-KAY-lah Crow  
 #13 AVARY Torres.....Avery  
 #14 KHLOE TARBET.....Tar-Bit  
 #15 Mia BARKETT ..... bar-KETT  
 #16 Sydney MACCABE ..... Muh-KAYB  
 #17 AIRI SEIB.....Eye-dee SIGHB (just like  
 .....“sigh”with a ‘b’ at the end)  
 #21 LIA LAKIS.....LEE-uh LAY-kiss

Emily DIACONO .....Dee-CON-owe

### By Class

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

### By State

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| California ..... | 18 |
| Utah.....        | 1  |
| Ohio.....        | 1  |