



2026 Santa Clara University BEACH VOLLEYBALL

2026 Schedule (8-4)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (PT)
Feb. 20	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.	W, 5-0
Feb. 20	San Francisco	San Jose, Calif.	W, 5-0
Feb. 21	San Francisco	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 3-2
Feb. 21	Pacific	Santa Clara, Calif.	W, 5-0

Battle of the Bay (Stanford, Calif. / San Jose, Calif.)

Feb. 27	San Francisco	Stanford, Calif.	W, 4-1
Feb. 27	#1 Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	L, 0-5
Feb. 28	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.	L, 1-4
Feb. 28	Sacramento State	San Jose, Calif.	W, 4-1

Long Beach State Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)

March 6	CSU Bakersfield	Long Beach, Calif.	W, 4-1
March 6	UAB	Long Beach, Calif.	W, 3-2
March 7	#14 Stetson	Long Beach, Calif.	L, 1-4
March 7	#11 Long Beach St.	Long Beach, Calif.	L, 0-5

Mustang Roundup (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

March 13	#17 Grand Canyon	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	2 p.m.
March 13	Oregon	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	4:30 p.m.
March 14	#19 Arizona	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	9 a.m.
March 14	#4 Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	3:15 p.m.

March 20	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.	4 p.m.
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West Coast Challenge (Santa Cruz, Calif.)

March 27	TBA	Santa Cruz, Calif.	TBA
March 28	TBA	Santa Cruz, Calif.	TBA

Boise State Beach Classic (Boise, Idaho)

April 3	UTEP	Boise, Idaho	10 a.m.
April 3	Boise State	Boise, Idaho	4 p.m.
April 4	CSUN	Boise, Idaho	9:30 a.m.
April 4	Oregon	Boise, Idaho	1:30 p.m.

April 7	San Jose State	Santa Clara, Calif.	4 p.m.
April 10	Chaminade	Honolulu	1 p.m.
April 10	Hawaii Pacific	Honolulu	3 p.m.
April 11	Oregon	Honolulu	11 a.m.
April 12	#12 Hawaii	Honolulu	2 p.m.
April 12	Oregon	Honolulu	5 p.m.
April 17	Sacramento State	Davis, Calif.	Noon
April 17	UC Davis	Davis, Calif.	2 p.m.
April 18	UC Davis	Davis, Calif.	10 a.m.
April 18	Sacramento State	Davis, Calif.	Noon

WCC Championship Tournament (Santa Monica, Calif.)

April 23	TBA	Santa Monica, Calif.	TBA
April 24	TBA	Santa Monica, Calif.	TBA

Home games in **BOLD** | Neutral games in *Italics*
 Rankings are AVCA National Top-20 Poll
 All times are Pacific and subject to change

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Santa Clara (8-4)

at

Mustang Roundup

#17 Grand Canyon (5-7) / Oregon (5-8)

#19 Arizona (8-3) / #4 Cal Poly (10-2)

San Luis Obispo, Calif. • March 13-14 (Fri.-Sat.)

Watch Live: N/A

Live Stats: statbroadcast.com

Series History

vs. #17 Grand Canyon

Series History Grand Canyon leads 5-0
 Last Meeting March 15, 2025 | L, 0-5

vs. Oregon

Series History Tied 1-1
 Last Meeting Feb. 21, 2020 | L, 1-4

vs. #19 Arizona

Series History Arizona leads 8-0
 Last Meeting March 22, 2024 | L, 1-4

vs. #4 Cal Poly

Series History Cal Poly leads 5-2
 Last Meeting March 17, 2024 | L, 0-5

Match Notes

- Santa Clara goes from one competitive tournament down south to another, this time heading to San Luis Obispo for Cal Poly's Mustang Roundup on Friday and Saturday.
- The Broncos have dropped all five of their historical meetings versus No. 17 Grand Canyon, including a 5-0 setback last season at this very tournament at Cal Poly.
- The Broncos haven't faced Oregon in six years, since falling to them at San Jose State. Both of the teams' meetings were played in the South Bay.
- No. 19 Arizona (8-0) and host and No. 4-ranked Cal Poly (5-2) have dominated their respective series versus the Broncos. However, Santa Clara has won at least one pair five times versus the Wildcats, and it narrowly fell to the Mustangs, 3-2, in 2023.

Season Notes

- **Ciara Cantlen** and **Alexandra Urbina** were named the West Coast Conference Pair of the Week Monday after earning two wins over ranked teams at last weekend's Long Beach State Invitational. Cantlen and Urbina closed out day one of the tournament on Friday with a sweep over UAB's Olivia Chychrun and Ava Grace Knott, 21-19 & 21-18, at the No. 4 pairs. The Blazers entered the weekend ranked No. 24 in the TruVolley College Beach Volleyball rankings. The next day, Cantlen and Urbina earned another win at the No. 4 pairs, this time beating No. 14 Stetson's duo of Zoe Flueckiger and Anniina Muukka, 2-1 (22-20, 22-24, 15-12).

Cantlen and Urbina are 4-3 as a pair this season, with a 2-0 record at the No. 3 spot and a 2-3 mark at No. 4. Cantlen carries an 8-4 individual mark, including a 6-4 record at the 4s. Urbina is now 7-5 on the season, with a 5-2 record playing at the No. 3 pairs spot and a 2-3 mark at No. 4.

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Season Notes

• **LAST TIME OUT:** Santa Clara went 2-2 at the Long Beach State Invitational, held at Long Beach City College, opening with a dominant day one Friday that saw the Broncos knock off CSU Bakersfield, 4-1, and upset No. 24 UAB (TruVolley rankings), 3-2, with **Ciara Cantlen/Alexandra Urbina**, and **Mandy Hansen/Noelle Niederman** each winning key matches. Saturday brought a tougher draw, as No. 14 Stetson handed the Broncos a 4-1 defeat — Cantlen and Urbina earned SCU's lone point — before host No. 11 Long Beach State closed out the weekend with a 5-0 sweep of the Broncos.

• Santa Clara split four matches at the Battle of the Bay on Feb. 27-28, beating San Francisco for the third time in two weekends and taking down Sacramento State for the 11th time in a row. The Broncos also fell to top-ranked and host Stanford on Friday before host San Jose State exacted revenge from a week earlier on Saturday with a 4-1 triumph. **Callie Loughran** went 3-1 as an individual over the weekend, pairing with **Noelle Niederman** at the No. 4 pairs and **Ava Stoddard** at the 5s.

• Santa Clara opened its 2026 season on Feb. 20-21 with a bang, going nearly perfect with three 5-0 wins. The Broncos swept both San Jose State and San Francisco on Opening Day (Feb. 20) at SJSU's Spartan Beach, then opened its home slate on Feb. 21 with another win over USF (3-2) and a sweep of Pacific. Freshman **Avery Cukjati** and sophomore **Sadie Snipes** went 4-0 on the weekend at the No. 1 pairs. **Ciara Cantlen** and **Noelle Niederman** also went unbeaten at the 4s, and **Callie Loughran** and **Ava Stoddard** went undefeated at the 5s.

• Santa Clara started the season 4-0 through the first weekend, 6-2 through the second and 8-2 through day one of last week's Long Beach State Invitational. The Broncos' 4-0 start to 2026 was its best unbeaten start to a season in program history. The Broncos started the 2016 season 7-1.

• The Broncos' 2026 roster features 15 returning letterwinners from a season ago. That includes student-athletes like junior **Noelle Niederman**, who won six matches at the No. 1 pairs spot last year, and sophomore **Sammy Wood**, who went 14-9 at the No. 2 spot. Sophomore **Sadie Snipes** is also back after racking up nine victories at the 2s in 2025. **Ciara Cantlen** and **Alexandra Urbina** after teaming up last year to go 13-8 at the No. 3 pairs. Cantlen had 19 individual wins at the 3s.

• Santa Clara's 2026 schedule is plenty competitive, featuring five different tournaments and culminating in the annual WCC Championship Tournament in Santa Monica, Calif., in April. The Broncos are slated to face six teams ranked in the AVCA Preseason Top-20 poll, including three top-10 matchups all on the road -- at No. 2 Stanford on Feb. 27, at No. 10 Long Beach State on March 7 and at No. 3 Cal Poly on March 14.

• The team also welcomes four freshmen to the roster in 2026. **Tyler Parouse** comes to the Broncos from Los Angeles, where she helped her Campbell High School indoor team win the CIF Division III state championship in 2023 while also qualifying for both the AAU and AVP Junior national championships. **Avery Cukjati** out of Tacoma, Wash., was named a junior beach volleyball AVCA All-American honorable mention in 2025. **Mandy Hansen** joins the program from Phoenix, where she led her Northwest Christian High School team to top-three state finishes in both indoor and beach volleyball. **Reilly Rose Gilliland** hails from Chico, Calif., and was a two-time NorCal High School Beach Volleyball Champion at Pleasant Valley High School.

• Santa Clara tied its single-season record for wins with 18 in 2025. It was a momentous season for the program, as it earned its first win over a nationally ranked team in 10 years, beating No. 17 Washington, 3-2, in March. At season's end, the Broncos would win three consecutive matches on the second day of the WCC Championship Tournament to reach the title match for the first time in program history. The Broncos also won 18 matches in 2023 (which included three wins over junior colleges and two versus NCAA Division II schools. 2025's 18 wins were all versus Division I programs).

• **Jeff Alzina** returns to the Mission Campus in 2026 for his eighth season at the helm of the Broncos. Alzina was named the full-time head coach of the program prior to the 2023 season, and since then the Broncos have won no fewer than 13 matches each year. The program had two such seasons in its entire existence prior to that (since 2013). Alzina has guided the team to earning 17 WCC all-academic nods (four all-academic team selections and 13 honorable mentions), and 16 all-WCC Selections (Two first team, six second team, and eight all-freshman selections) in only three years since being named the full-time head coach.

AVCA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

Week 3 (March 10)

Rk.	Name (1st Pl.)	Points	Record	Prev.
1.	UCLA (21)	458	11-2	2
2.	Stanford (2)	434	12-2	1
3.	USC	412	14-2	3
4.	Cal Poly	380	10-2	4
5.	Texas	375	7-3	5
6.	TCU	337	10-1	6
7.	Florida State	318	9-1	7
8.	Arizona State	298	10-0	8
9.	LMU	293	9-4	9
10.	California	254	8-5	10
11.	Long Beach State	227	7-3	11
12.	LSU	202	10-4	13
t-13.	Hawai'i	149	6-5	12
t-13.	Florida Atlantic	149	10-2	15
15.	Stetson	137	10-4	14
16.	North Florida	115	9-3	17
17.	Grand Canyon	114	5-7	16
18.	Washington	77	6-6	18
19.	Arizona	61	8-3	19
20.	South Carolina	25	6-2	20

Also Receiving Votes: Boise State (6), Florida Gulf Coast (5), Tulane (3), Georgia State (1)

AROUND THE WCC

This Week's Matches

Tournament	Location	Teams
Alumni Weekend	San José, Calif.	PAC, SMC
East Meets West Invite	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	LMU
Malibu Invitational	Malibu, Calif.	PEP
Mustang Roundup	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	SCU
Hornet Beach Bash	Sacramento, Calif.	POR, USF

WCC Pair of the Week (March 9)

Ciara Cantlen, R-So., Alexandra Urbina, Jr., Santa Clara

2026 WCC Beach Volleyball Preseason Poll

Pl.	Team	Pts. (1st)	Pl.	Team	Pts.
1.	LMU	36 (6)	5.	San Francisco	17
2.	Pepperdine	30 (1)	6.	Pacific	9
3.	Santa Clara	27	7.	Portland	8
4.	Saint Mary's	20			

2026 Beach Volleyball Preseason All-WCC Team

Name	School	Yr.
Hannah Couch	Saint Mary's	Sr.
Emma Eden	Pepperdine	So.
Chloe Hooker	LMU	Sr.
Branson Lennon	San Francisco	Sr.
Anna Pelloia	LMU	Sr.
Gabriella Perez	Pepperdine	Sr.
Ines Piret	LMU	So.
Magdalena Rabitsch	LMU	Jr.
Tanon Rosenthal	LMU	R-So.
Sadie Snipes	Santa Clara	So.



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2026 Beach Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Callie Loughran	5-8	So.	Los Angeles
2	Alex Franklin	5-11	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
3	Kawena Chillingworth	5-8	So.	Oahu, Hawaii
4	Alexandra Urbina	5-7	Jr.	Broomfield, Colo.
5	Sveva Munneke	5-8	Jr.	Houston
6	Ally Frailey	5-9	So.	Houston
7	Noelle Niederman	5-9	Jr.	Mercer Island, Wash.
8	Tyler Parouse	5-9	Fr.	Los Angeles
9	Hayley Hahn	5-8	Sr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
10	Sadie Snipes	6-0	So.	San Anselmo, Calif.
11	Avery Cukjati	5-8	Fr.	Tacoma, Wash.
12	Anna Balsdon	5-7	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
13	Ava Stoddard	5-11	So.	San Diego
14	Ellie Skale	6-1	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
16	Sammy Wood	5-9	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
17	Mandy Hansen	6-2	Fr.	Phoenix
19	Reilly Rose Gilliland	5-10	Fr.	Chico, Calif.
22	Ciara Cantlen	6-2	R-So.	Santa Cruz, Calif.
24	Teagan Wilson	6-0	So.	Salem, Ore.

Season Notes