



2025 Santa Clara University MEN'S WATER POLO

2025 Schedule (9-12, 2-3 WCC)

Date	Opponent	Network	Time (PT)
<u>Bobcat Mini (Merced, Calif.)</u>			
Aug. 29	UC Merced	Team1Sports	W, 26-3
Aug. 29	Fresno Pacific		W, 17-7
<u>Princeton Invitational (Princeton, N.J.)</u>			
Sept. 5	#18 George Washington		W, 17-8
Sept. 6	#13 Princeton	ESPN+	L, 11-12
Sept. 6	Mount St. Mary's		W, 23-13
Sept. 7	#4 Fordham		L, 15-20
Sept. 13	~ American River College		W, 22-6
<u>Overnight MPSF Invite (Los Angeles)</u>			
Sept. 19	#5 Stanford	Overnight	L, 7-19
Sept. 20	#15 California Baptist	Overnight	L, 11-14
Sept. 20	Redlands	Overnight	W, 17-7
Sept. 21	#17 UC Santa Barbara	Overnight	W, 11-10
Sept. 27	#9 UC Davis	ESPN+	L, 15-17
Oct. 3	#14 UC Santa Barbara	ESPN+	L, 10-14
Oct. 5	* #15 Pacific	ESPN+	W, 13-11
Oct. 11	#11 Long Beach State	ESPN+	L, 14-15
Oct. 11	~ Alumni Game		--
Oct. 16	* #14 California Baptist	ESPN+	L, 8-13
Oct. 18	* #6 San Jose State	ESPN+	L, 8-11
<u>Julian Frasier Memorial (Santa Clara, Calif.)</u>			
Oct. 24	* #15 LMU	ESPN+	L, 10-13
Oct. 25	#20 Brown	ESPN+	L, 9-14
Oct. 26	#19 Harvard	ESPN+	W, 16-11
Nov. 5	#3 Stanford	ESPN+	L, 9-17
Nov. 8	* Air Force	ESPN+	W, 18-16
Nov. 14	#8 Pepperdine	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Nov. 21-23	WCC Championship (@ USAF Academy, Colo.)		TBA
Dec. 5-7	NCAA Championship (@ Stanford, Calif.)		TBA

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

* WCC game | ~ Exhibition | Rankings are ACWPC Men's Top-20

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#17 Santa Clara (9-12, 2-3 WCC)

vs.

#8 Pepperdine (15-10, 2-3 WCC)

Santa Clara, Calif. • Sullivan Aquatic Center • 1 p.m. PST

Watch Live: **ESPN+**
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Live Stats: **thefosh.net**

Series History

Series History (since 2003).....Pepperdine leads, 7-2
Santa Clara, Calif.....Pepperdine leads, 3-1
Current Streak W4, Pepperdine
Last Meeting..... Nov. 1, 2024 | L, 10-11
First Meeting..... Sept. 11, 2004 | L, 6-16

Game Notes

- The No. 17 Santa Clara men's water polo team hosts No. 8 Pepperdine on Friday for its final regular-season and West Coast Conference contest, celebrating Senior Day in an afternoon matinee.
- Pepperdine has won four consecutive matchups in the series dating to 2015, including wins in Santa Clara in 2018 (16-7) and 2023 (11-6).
- Santa Clara last defeated Pepperdine at its own Sullivan Aquatic Center on Nov. 14, 2014 -- exactly 11 years from Friday's game -- in a 16-15 victory.
- In the nine games the Waves and Broncos have played against each other over the past 23 years (since 2003), five have been determined by five or fewer goals, including each of the past two. Pepperdine narrowly edged Santa Clara, 11-10 in Malibu in 2024.

Season Notes

- LAST TIME OUT** -- Santa Clara stormed back Saturday from a fourth-quarter deficit with three goals in the final three minutes to earn a hard-fought, 18-16 WCC road win over Air Force at Cadet Natatorium.

The Broncos outscored the Falcons 3-1 down the stretch, pulling ahead with a pair of power-play goals in the closing minutes. **Riccardo De Simon** started the run with the equalizer at 3:06, **Reese Jenican** scored the go-ahead goal with 1:43 remaining, and De Simon added an insurance strike in the final seconds to lock in the victory.

- Santa Clara will honor three seniors before Friday's game for their contributions to the program: Center **Reese Jenican**, goalie **Owen Van Stralen** and center **Harrison Vilella**. The trio has combined to play in 188 total games in their careers, scoring 128 goals, drawing 196 exclusions, swiping 70 steals and Van Stralen making 128 saves.

- Riccardo De Simon** leads the WCC in steals (64) and sprint wins (46), and is tied for fourth in field blocks (14) through the first season's first 11 weeks. He's also fifth in the conference with 65 goals. **Henry Engs** is third in the conference with 52 assists, and his 2.5 per game are tied for first. **Harrison Labrosse** is fifth in the WCC with 157 saves.

- Senior center **Reese Jenican** earned Santa Clara's third consecutive KAP7 WCC Player of the Week award on Oct. 7 after helping lead Santa Clara past No. 15 Pacific on Oct. 5 in their conference opener. Jenican delivered in the clutch, scoring a game-high four goals, including the decisive strike in the final minute. With the score tied 11-11 and only 54 seconds on the clock, he took an entry pass from Imme van der Schaaf at two meters, fought for position, turned, and fired home the go-ahead goal to put the Broncos ahead for good.

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Season Notes

- Santa Clara's WCC-opening win over Pacific on Oct. 5 was its first conference-play-opening win since 2021, when it beat Biola, 19-7, to open Western Water Polo Association competition. The Broncos were 0-2 in their first two WCC openers (beginning in 2023), though both of those games were decided in sudden victory overtime.
- Santa Clara swept the KAP7 WCC weekly awards on Sept. 30, with **Riccardo De Simon** earning his second consecutive Player of the Week accolade, and freshman **Imme van der Schaaf** collecting his first Newcomer of the Week recognition.

The two underclassmen were key in the No. 16 Broncos' narrow defeat at the hands of then-No. 9 UC Davis Saturday. De Simon was the team's leading scorer with four goals, and van der Schaaf added three. De Simon also drew four exclusions, swiped three steals and dished two assists for six total points. Van der Schaaf dished an assist along with his three scores for four points, swiped a steal and drew an exclusion.

- De Simon's first WCC Player of the Week award came on Sept. 23 after scoring 13 goals in four games on Sept. 19-21 at the prestigious Overnigh MPSPF Invitational in Los Angeles. De Simon posted four multi-goal performances in four games, including a career-high six goals on Sept. 20 to beat Redlands. He scored three times on Sept. 19 in the tournament opener versus No. 5 Stanford, scored two against No. 17 UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 21 to help the Broncos beat the Gauchos for the first time in program history, and he scored two more on Sept. 20 versus No. 15 California Baptist.

The sophomore from Bologna, Italy, grabbed 11 steals and dished six assists over the three-day tournament. He was a perfect 10-for-10 in sprint victories during the weekend, and he also drew nine exclusions and recorded six field blocks.

- Senior center **Reese Jenican** was named to the 2025 Cutino Award Watch List on Sept. 25, the program's second selection in as many seasons following Zach Fales' inclusion in 2024. Jenican has appeared in 86 career games for the Broncos as a starting center, totaling 77 goals, 16 assists, 38 steals, and 127 drawn exclusions. This season, he's fourth on the team with 14 goals, and tied for the team lead with 22 drawn exclusions. He has also contributed four steals and three field blocks. He scored a season-high four goals in the Broncos' 23-13 win over Mount St. Mary's on Sept. 6 and has drawn a season-high four exclusions in three different games.

- Freshmen powered Santa Clara to its most goals in a game in at least 18 years on Opening Day at UC Merced on Aug. 29. Rookies **Imme van der Schaaf**, **Ashton Brown**, **Beck Early**, **Jamie De Zwart** and **Weston Bancroft** all shined in their collegiate debuts with multi-goal games, leading the Broncos to a dominating, 26-3, victory. Van der Schaaf led SCU with four goals, Brown scored three, while Early, De Zwart and redshirt freshman Weston Bancroft all scored two each.

- Santa Clara finished fifth in the West Coast Conference a year ago, posted its first over-.500 record in five years and nearly upset eventual WCC Tournament champion California Baptist in the first round of the tourney. The Broncos won 13 games last season and have won double-digit games in four consecutive years and six straight when not including the COVID-19-shortened 2020 season.

- Riccardo De Simon** was named to the WCC Preseason Team on Aug. 22. De Simon quickly established himself last year as one of the WCC's top all-around players. He earned All-American Honorable Mention from the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches, all-WCC Honorable Mention, and was named WCC Newcomer of the Week three times in his debut season. He also excelled in the classroom, earning AC-WPC All-Academic "Superior" honors and a spot on the WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll with "Bronze" accolades.

- Santa Clara returns two of its top-three point scorers from a year ago in De Simon (77 total points) and **Henry Engs** (61 total points). De Simon was the Broncos' second-leading scorer with 51 goals, while Engs was No. 2 in assists with 36.

- The Broncos also return starting goalkeeper **Harrison Labrosse**, who totaled 363 saves across his first two seasons. He also brought 22 career steals and 20 games of 10 or more saves into 2025. Labrosse has logged eight double-digit saves games this season and has earned six of the Broncos' nine wins in net.

2025 Men's Water Polo Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Tyler Swensen	GK	6-4	200	R-Fr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
1A	Owen Van Stralen	GK	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
1B	Harrison Labrosse	GK	6-5	170	Jr.	Lafayette, Calif.
1C	Ryland Pierce	GK	6-3	200	Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif.
2	Jason Alietti	CDef.	6-5	200	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.
3	Henry Engs	Util.	6-1	220	So.	Orinda, Calif.
4	Jensen Welton	Util.	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Austin, Texas
5	Ashton Brown	Cen.	6-4	216	Fr.	Sydney
6	Charlie Kosinski	Att.	6-0	180	R-So.	Greenwich, Conn.
8	Harrison Villella	Cen.	6-3	205	R-Jr.	Bainbridge Isl., Wash.
9	Reese Jenican	Cen.	6-4	215	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
10	Thomas Wisdom	Util.	6-1	190	R-So.	Saratoga, Calif.
11	Julien Chow	Util.	6-2	195	R-So.	Palo Alto, Calif.
12	Grant Roesch	Util.	6-3	185	Jr.	Moraga, Calif.
13	Beck Early	Att.	5-10	175	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
14	Imme van der Schaaf	Util.	6-1	185	Fr.	Veldhoven, Neth.
15	Dylan Hazen	Att.	6-0	190	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
16	Jamie De Zwart	Util.	6-7	180	Fr.	League City, Texas
20	Hank Woodman	Util.	6-2	180	Fr.	Winnetka, Ill.
21	Riccardo De Simon	Util.	6-3	187	So.	Bologna, Italy
22	Luke Baird	CDef.	6-5	240	R-So.	Springfield, Va.
23	Charlie Engs	Att.	6-2	175	R-So.	Orinda, Calif.
24	Weston Bancroft	Util.	6-3	195	R-Fr.	La Jolla, Calif.
26	Reece Hammond	Util.	6-5	190	R-So.	Long Beach, Calif.
28	Mikhail Popov	Utility	6-0	195	Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif.

AROUND THE WCC

WCC Men's Water Polo Standings

Pl.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
t-1.	Pacific	5-1	15-7	L2
t-1.	San Jose State	5-1	11-7	L1
t-3.	LMU	3-3	13-10	W1
t-3.	California Baptist	3-3	21-10	L3
t-5.	Santa Clara	2-3	9-12	W1
t-5.	Pepperdine	2-3	15-10	W4
7.	Air Force	0-6	17-14	L2

2025 WCC Men's Water Polo Preseason Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Pl.)	Pts
1.	San José State (4)	33
2.	Pepperdine (1)	29
3.	LMU (1)	24
3.	Pacific (1)	24
5.	California Baptist	16
6.	Santa Clara	15
7.	Air Force	6

2025 Men's Water Polo Preseason All-WCC Team

Name	School	Yr.
Tommaso Baldinetti	LMU	Gr.
Mateja Bosic	San José State	Sr.
Adam Csapo	Pepperdine	Sr.
Riccardo De Simon	Santa Clara	So.
Brendon Gyapjas	San José State	Jr.
Erik Ionescu	Pepperdine	So.
Tom Leggett	Air Force	Jr.
Andrea Nuzzo	California Baptist	Fr.



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ACWPC NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Nov. 12)

Rk.	School	Prev. Rank
1.	Southern California	1
2.	UCLA	2
3.	Stanford	3
4.	California	4
5.	Fordham	5
6.	Long Beach State	7
7.	San Jose State	6
8.	Pepperdine	t-11
9.	UC Davis	t-8
10.	UC San Diego	t-8
t-11.	LMU	12
t-11.	Pacific	10
13.	UC Santa Barbara	t-13
t-14.	Princeton	t-13
t-14.	UC Irvine	15
16.	California Baptist	16
17.	Santa Clara	17
18.	Harvard	18
19.	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	19
t-20.	Brown	t-20
t-20.	Navy	t-20

Dropped from poll: None

CWPA NATIONAL TOP-20 POLL

(Week of Nov. 12)

Rk.	School	Previous Rank	Pts.
1.	Southern California	1	98
2.	UCLA	2	97
3.	Stanford	3	90
4.	California	4	85
5.	Fordham	5	80
6.	Pacific	6	74
7.	Long Beach State	9	68
8.	UC Davis	8	65
9.	Pepperdine	12	55
10.	San Jose State	7	54
11.	UC Santa Barbara	t-10	48
12.	LMU	13	45
13.	UC San Diego	t-10	44
14.	Princeton	14	37
15.	UC Irvine	16	35
16.	California Baptist	15	26
17.	Santa Clara	t-17	21
18.	Harvard	t-17	15
19.	Brown	19	10
t-20.	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	20	4
t-20.	Navy	RV	4
RV	George Washington	RV	1

Dropped from poll: None

Season Notes

- Santa Clara head coach **Keith Wilbur** reached his 300th career men's water polo win last season thanks to a 14-12 win at No. 13 UC Davis on Sept. 27, 2024. He's earned all 300 of his wins at the helm of the Broncos' program. Wilbur is in his 24th season as head coach of the program and is the winningest coach in program history. He began his tenure at Santa Clara in the fall of 2002.

Keith Wilbur Career Milestone Wins

No.	Opponent	Score	Date
1.	Whittier College	7-5	Sept. 9, 2002
50.	Air Force	8-6 (OT)	Oct. 16, 2005
100.	University of Redlands	10-9	Nov. 21, 2008
150.	University of La Verne	18-5	Sept. 25, 2011
200.	St. Francis (NY)	8-4	Sept. 12, 2015
250.	Occidental College	18-10	Oct. 5, 2019
300.	UC Davis	14-12	Sept. 27, 2024

- The Broncos (13-10 in 2024) finished 2024 ranked 18th in the final ACWPC poll. Santa Clara has 13 matches scheduled in 2024 against teams ranked in the CWPA preseason top-20 poll, including showdowns against top-10 teams like its battle versus No. 4 Fordham on Sept. 7, two upcoming clashes versus Stanford (No. 5) on Friday and Nov. 5, and one against Long Beach State (No. 7) on Oct. 11. They'll also face San Jose State (No. 6) and Pacific (No. 10) in conference play.

- All seven members of the WCC received votes in the CWPA preseason national poll, with six of them earning placement in the poll. WCC Preseason Coaches' Poll favorite San Jose State was tabbed No. 10. Pepperdine was the highest-ranked WCC member at No. 7. Pacific landed at No. 9, California Baptist was No. 13, LMU was placed at No. 16, and the Broncos came in at No. 18. Air Force earned two votes in the CWPA poll.