



St. Francis College Brooklyn (13-11, 8-2 NWPC) comes into the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship aiming to claim the program's fourth league championship since 2010...The 2005 (vs. the United States Naval Academy), 2010 (vs. Navy), 2012 (vs. Bucknell University) and 2013 (vs. Princeton University) Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion, the Terriers have advanced to a league title game four times with runner-up finishes in 1999 (vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2000 (vs. Navy), 2004 (vs. Princeton) and 2007 (vs. Navy)...If the Terriers make it to the championship title game, hold on tight as close games and St. Francis Brooklyn are synonymous with previous title tilt berths in 1999 (11-10 L vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2000 (13-12 L OT SD vs. Navy at Brown), 2004 (3-2 OT SD L vs. Princeton at Bucknell), 2005 (10-9 W vs. Navy at Harvard University), 2007 (11-7 L vs. Navy at Harvard), 2010 (8-4 W vs. Navy at Bucknell) and 2013 (11-9 W vs. Princeton at Bucknell) tilts...In the inaugural NWPC Championship last year at Princeton's DeNunzio Pool, St. Francis Brooklyn downed Iona College (13-2 W) prior to falling against both Brown University (9-4 L) and Princeton (18-13 L) to finish in Fourth Place...St. Francis has a chance to achieve a feat never accomplished on the East Coast—have five head coaches win championships in the span of 13 years if Bora Dimistrov can lead the team to this year's title...The 2005 title belongs to legendary coach Carl Quigley, while the 2010 and 2012 crowns were claimed by Igor Samardzija...In 2013, Srdjan Mihaljevic took over for Samardzija and posted the Terriers' most recent title and NCAA Championship tournament berth...The squad could have had six coaches in 13 years as Igor Zagoruiko led the 2016 edition of the Terriers prior to stepping down due to work commitments to permit Dimitrov to take over the program...New York City teams have combined to win six league championships in men's water polo since records were first kept in 1972...Queens College took home the 1997 and 2002 championships under Shelly Rothman (1997) and current Princeton assistant coach Derek Ellingson (2002) to accompany St. Francis Brooklyn's four championship crowns...The Terriers would have been the No. 1 seed for the championship if the team played only 23 of their 24 regular season games...In the regular season finale on November 4, host Princeton topped St. Francis Brooklyn, 13-9, to set both teams' league records at 8-2 and claim the No. 1 seed on goal differential by a single goal (the Terriers on the first meeting by a 13-10 final score)...The Terriers' other NWPC loss came against Harvard (15-13 L) in Cambridge as the teams split the regular season series with St. Francis claiming a 13-10 win in Brooklyn...If Brown and St. Francis Brooklyn meet in the tournament, look for a close game as the Bears took a 5-4 loss at SFC on September 30 and eeked out a 9-7 victory on October 28 in Providence.

## St. Francis College Brooklyn

### NWPC Regular Season: Second Place

Head Coach: Bora Dimitrov

Assistant Coach: Igor Zagoruiko

1	Viktor Klauzer	So.	Szekesfehervar, Hun.
1A	Finn Doerries	Fr.	Berlin, Germany
2	Bogdan Kostic	Jr.	Nis, Serbia
3	William Lapkin	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
4	Ricardo Berenguer	Fr.	Madrid, Spain
5	Boris Posavec	So.	Zagreb, Croatia
6	Vukasin Petrovic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
7	Botond Kadar	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary
8	Tadeu Rodrigues	So.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
9	Jonas Veazey	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
10	Tucker Angelo	Sr.	Brentwood, Calif.
11	Levente Varga	Fr.	Budapest, Hungary
12	Nikita Prokhin	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario
13	Ognjen Antanaskovic	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia
14	Luka Budak	So.	Osijek, Croatia
15	Zachary Hahn	Fr.	Lake Forest, Calif.
16	Alexander Teplitsky	So.	Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Understanding the Game of Water Polo

Water Polo can be a confusing game for spectators. The whistle is constantly blowing and the play never stops, even when someone is ejected for a penalty. In addition, there are many misconceptions about the game, including how the players keep their horses swimming. Well hang in there, because the following information should help to make the picture much clearer.

### General Information

1. Each team has six field players and a goalie.
2. Field players can only use one hand to touch the ball, goalies two.
3. The game consists of four quarters and the clock stops on the whistle. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams play two three-minute overtime periods. If it is still tied, the game goes into sudden victory. A typical game lasts about an hour and ten minutes.
4. The object of the game is to score by placing the ball completely in the goal. Players may move the ball by swimming or passing.
5. Teams may substitute after a goal is scored, during a time-out, or during the play from the ejection area.
6. Each team receives three time-outs and one 30-second time-out per game.
7. Shots blocked out of bounds by defensive players result in the defensive team receiving possession. If a defender uses two hands to block a shot, the offensive team receives a penalty shot.

### Types of Fouls

When an infraction of the rules occurs, the referee will point in the direction of the team taking possession, while blowing his whistle. The ball is put back into play with an action called a free throw. This means the player gets three seconds of free time to throw the ball to another teammate or swim it up the pool. A player cannot shoot his free throw unless outside the five-meter line. If the ball is not put into play within three seconds, the other team takes possession.

Fouls can be ordinary or major. Ordinary fouls are best understood as minor fouls. For example, a defender may reach over an opponent's back to get at the ball while facing away from the goal. The penalty for an ordinary foul is a free throw for the opposing team.

Major fouls are more severe and are penalized accordingly. For example, when a defender fouls an opponent too aggressively, or from behind when the opponent is facing the goal, the defender is ejected for 20 seconds (players may reenter if their team recovers the ball before the ejection time is up, or if the opposing team scores). When the foul occurs within five meters of the goal and the referee believes the player had a high chance of scoring, the opposition shoots a penalty shot. Major fouls can also occur through disrespect to the referee or when a player interferes with an opponent's free throw. Players may only receive three major fouls before elimination.

If all of this has you totally confused, just sit back and enjoy the game. The easiest way to follow the play is by watching the scoreboard. If your team is ahead at the end, great! If not, well consider that you have expanded your horizons. When the game is over, you can at least explain to your friends that the horses never get wet.



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## 2017 NORTHEAST WATER POLO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, November 17, 2017				Game #	Score
6:00	3rd Seed - <b>Harvard University</b>	vs.	6th Seed - <b>Iona College</b>	1	
8:00	4th Seed - <b>Brown University</b>	vs.	5th Seed - <b>MIT</b>	2	
Saturday, November 18, 2017				Game #	Score
1:00	Loser Game 2	vs.	Loser Game 1	5th Place	
3:00	2nd Seed - <b>St. Francis College Brooklyn</b>	vs.	Winner Game 1	4	
5:00	1st Seed - <b>Princeton University</b>	vs.	Winner Game 2	5	
Sunday, November 19, 2017				Game #	Score
10:30	Loser Game 4	vs.	Loser Game 5	3rd Place	
12:30	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 4	1st Place	

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. If final division standing is identical, the higher seed wears dark caps. Host team always wears dark caps and is home on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position.

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Princeton University (21-5, 8-2 NWPC), which missed out on hosting the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship as the No. 1 seed on the basis of a tie-breaker a year ago, took the No. 1 spot this year on a tie-breaker...The Tigers claimed the top seed due to goal differential as both Princeton and St. Francis College Brooklyn finished with 8-2 league marks...The Terriers won the first meet-

ing between the two teams by a 13-10 count on October 11 in Brooklyn, but the Tigers edged out St. Francis Brooklyn on the final day of the regular season with a 13-9 win in the Garden State to take the top spot by a single goal...This marks Princeton's third trip to Blodgett Pool in 2017 as the team dropped a 10-9 contest on October 28 to Harvard after taking three victories over Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) contenders in George Washington University (13-7 W), Wagner College (14-11 W) and Bucknell University (12-7 W)...The last Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion prior to the split of the league into the Northeast Water Polo Conference and Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference, the Tigers saw a three-year string of league title game appearances come to an end at home in DeNunzio Pool last year as Princeton dropped a 14-13 semifinal game to Harvard...Prior to last year, Princeton fell to St. Francis Brooklyn in 2013 at Brown (11-9 L), dropped a meeting with Brown at the United States Naval Academy (7-6 L) in 2014 and knocked off Johns Hopkins University by a 7-6 count at MIT in 2015...Overall, Princeton has five previous league championships (1992 vs. Slippery Rock University; 2004 vs. St. Francis Brooklyn; 2009 vs. United States Naval Academy; 2011 vs. Navy; 2015 vs. Johns Hopkins) with five runner-up marks by placing second in 2003 (vs. Navy), 2006 (vs. Navy), 2008 (vs. Navy), 2013 (vs. St. Francis Brooklyn) and 2014 (vs. Brown)...Princeton could gain some revenge against the Crimson of Harvard for the home semifinal defeat a year ago by adding to a streak of championship host struggles as the last homestanding team to win a conference championship in men's water polo on the East Coast was Navy in 2008 via a 9-6 final score against Princeton...Princeton posted the 11th 20-win season in program history as the Tigers previously racked up 20 or more wins in 1999 (22-3), 2000 (24-10), 2002 (20-9), 2003 (23-4), 2004 (25-6), 2005 (21-10), 2011 (23-10), 2013 (22-6), 2014 (23-4) and 2015 (22-5) since becoming a varsity sport in 1996...Among the Tigers' bevy of 20-victory seasons, only three have concluded with championship plaques (2004, 2011, 2015)...Overall, Princeton stands at 421-186 all-time in men's water polo competition, while head coach Luis Nicolao captured his 400th all-time men's win earlier this season to become the fifth East Coast men's coach to achieve the milestone.

## Princeton University

### NWPC Regular Season: First Place

Head Coach: Luis Nicolao

Assistant Coach: Derek Ellingson

1	Vojislav Mitrovic	Sr.	Novi Sad, Serbia
1	Alex Essig	So.	Princeton, N.J.
1	Ryan Melosini	Jr.	Trabuco Canyon, Calif.
2	Sean Duncan	So.	Seal Beach, Calif.
3	Christopher Xi	So.	Atherton, Calif.
4	Davis Wachtell	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
5	Casey Conrad	Fr.	Lafayette, Calif.
6	Alec Mendelsohn	Fr.	Studio City, Calif.
7	Ryan Wilson	Jr.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
8	Jordan Colina	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
9	Logan MacDonell	So.	San Jose, Calif.
10	Michael Swart	Jr.	Atherton, Calif.
11	Miles Cole	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
12	Matt Payne	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
13	Kyle MacMillan	So.	Washington, D.C.
14	Eric Bowen	Sr.	Santee, Calif.
15	Ryan Hammarskjold	Sr.	Atherton, Calif.
16	Andrew Lin	Fr.	Richardson, Texas
17	William Ueberroth	Fr.	Corona del Mar, Calif.



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## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### NWPC Regular Season: Fifth Place

Head Coach: Dave Andriole

Assistant Coaches: Jack Clark, Bret Lathrope, Chris Morgan

1	Hayden Niederreiter	So.	Visalia, Calif.
1A	Miguel Lamar	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
2	Ward Weldon	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii
3	Lucas Novak	Jr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
4	Federico Bescotti	So.	Harare, Zimbabwe
5	Evan Kim	Fr.	Irvine, Calif.
6	Christian Schillinger	Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
7	Luka Knezevic	Jr.	Zagreb, Croatia
8	Ben Teitscheid	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
9	Daniel Tahalomi	Sr.	New York, N.Y.
10	Kevin Downey	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
11	Myles Stapelberg	Fr.	Monarch Beach, Calif.
15	Clyde Huibregtse	So.	New York, N.Y.
16	Chris Womack	Fr.	Redlands, Calif.
17	Kyle Archer	Sr.	Clovis, Calif.
21	Peter Calvaresi	Jr.	Malvern, Pa.
23	Pat Stefanou	So.	Old Greenwich, Conn.
24	Justin Xiang	So.	Hong Kong

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (9-17, 2-8 NWPC) will travel across town to take on the rest of the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) for the second year in a row...Last year at Princeton University's DeNunzio Pool, the Engineers fell to Harvard University (14-8 L) prior to taking a 9-8 sudden death overtime loss to Iona College in the Fifth Place game...An 11-time CWPA/Eastern Championship qualifier, MIT placed 10th (2014), Eighth (2004, 2012), Seventh (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015) and Sixth (2003, 2010) and holds an 8-26 all-time mark in championship play with wins over Iona (14-12 W, 2014; 9-8 W, 2009; 10-9 W, 2008), Fordham University (7-6 W, 2010; 11-8 W, 2015), Mercyhurst University (10-9 W, 2013), Bucknell University (9-6 W, 2003) and the United States Naval Academy (12-8 W, 2015) in CWPA/Eastern Championship play prior to the creation of the NWPC and Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)...The Engineers' two league wins this year came against Iona College as MIT claimed a 14-13 overtime victory in New Rochelle, N.Y., on September 30 prior to getting by the Gaels in Cambridge on October 28 (8-5 W)...This weekend marks the Engineers' third trip to Blodgett Pool in 2017 as the team fell to Pepperdine University (15-5 L), Stanford University (24-1 L), Wagner College (15-10 L) and managed McKendree University (17-9 W) on September 2-3 during a string of games contested at Harvard as part of Brown University's Bruno Invitational...Further, the team dropped an 11-7 decision to the host Crimson of Harvard on November 4...Overall, MIT is 6-10 in Cambridge as the squad fell to Brown (13-11 L, October 7), Harvard (10-8 L, October 7), George Washington University (11-9 L OT, October 12), Johns Hopkins University (11-10 L, October 15), Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (8-7 L, October 15), Princeton (14-8 L, October 28) and St. Francis Brooklyn College (14-6 L), with wins against Connecticut College (19-11 W, 20-5 W, September 9), Monmouth College (20-1 W, October 14), Penn State Behrend (12-3 W) and Iona (8-5 W, October 28) at home.

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## Brown University

### NWPC Regular Season: Fourth Place

Head Coach: Felix Mercado

Assistant Coaches: JJ Addison, Allison Kosich

1	Will Renken	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
1A	Riad Hallal	Fr.	Coronado, Calif.
1B	Charlie Pang	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
2	Spencer Carroll	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
3	Travis Bouscaren	Jr.	Cambridge, Mass.
4	Santiago Nunez	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
5	Austin Hwang	Sr.	Laguna Hills, Calif.
6	Will Collier	So.	Darien, Conn.
7	Tyler Kirchberg	Sr.	Orinda, Calif.
8	Tommy Bush	Sr.	Lafayette, Calif.
9	Armen Deirmenjian	So.	Beverly Hills, Calif.
10	Hudson Rawlings	So.	Murrieta, Calif.
11	Jack Wilson	So.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
13	Galen Hu	Fr.	Colleyville, Texas
14	Daniel Hu	Fr.	Colleyville, Texas
15	James Thygesen	So.	Menlo Park, Calif.
16	Aidan Reilly	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
17	Rico Burke	Sr.	San Mateo, Calif.
18	Adam Fuller	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
19	Christian Cooper	So.	Chicago, Ill.
20	Paul Kalandiak	Fr.	Miami, Fla.

Brown University (19-1, 5-5 NWPC) comes into Northeast Water Polo Conference Championship looking to avenge an 11-7 defeat by Harvard University in the 2016 NWPC Championship title game at Princeton University last season...The Bears, who owned the No. 1 seed last season, downed St. Francis College Brooklyn, 9-4, in the semifinals following a first round bye...A five-time past Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)/Eastern Champion (1981, 1983-85, 2014), and six-time runner-up (1978, 1982,

1986, 1987, 1989, and 1990), the Bears have posted a plethora of one-goal decisions. versus St. Francis Brooklyn (12-11 W OT, September 2; 5-4 L, September 30), Princeton (9-8 L, October 1; 14-13 L, October 29), Harvard (11-10 L OT, October 7; 13-11 L, November 4), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (11-10 W, October 7), Iona College (13-12 W OT, September 30), Fordham University (6-5 W, September 10), George Washington University (12-11 W, October 13), Johns Hopkins University (10-9 W, October 14), Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (7-6 L, October 15), California Baptist University (11-10 W, October 20), Santa Clara University (12-11 W, October 21) and Fresno Pacific University (9-8 W, October 22) as 15 of the Bears' 30 games during the regular season where decided by one marker...Further, Brown's games versus Pepperdine University (11-9 L OT, September 3), Bucknell University (6-4 L, October 14), Loyola Marymount University (11-9 W OT, October 21) and Harvard (13-11 W, November 4) were decided by two goals as 19 of the 30 contests, or nearly two-thirds, were decided by two scores or less...Overtime has been the right time for the Bears as the team has gone the distance and beyond seven times posting a 4-3 mark, including a 17-13 OT win against Iona College at home on October 29 as part of a back-to-back overtime day following an earlier 14-13 loss to Princeton...Overall, Brown has only lost/won by more than two goals 11 times with games against McKendree University (13-5 W, September 2), California Baptist (9-6 W, September 2), University of the Pacific (24-8 L, September 3), Stanford University (19-0 L, September 3), the University of California-Los Angeles (18-2 L, September 9), George Washington (10-6 W, September 9), Wagner College (15-9 W, September 10), Connecticut College (12-6 W, September 20; 11-5 W, November 8), Iona (17-13 W, October 29) and MIT (13-10 W, November 4)...Brown stands at 2-3 at Harvard's Blodgett Pool this year as the Bears fell to the host Crimson (11-10 L OT) on October 7 prior to going 2-2 at the Harvard Invitational on October 13-14 against George Washington (12-11 W), Johns Hopkins (10-9 W), Bucknell (6-4 L) and Pomona-Pitzer (7-6 L).



## Harvard University

### NWPC Regular Season: Third Place

Head Coach: Ted Minnis

Assistant Coaches: Cassie Churnside, Cory Olcott

1	Anthony Ridgley	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
1A	Nikhil Suri	So.	Moraga, Calif.
2	Ben Wagner	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
3	Colin Chiapello	Sr.	Danville, Calif.
4	Bennie Seybold	So.	Corona del Mar, Calif.
5	Austin Sechrest	So.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
6	Grayson Judge	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
7	Nathan Ondracek	Jr.	Plano, Texas
9	Bruno Snow	Fr.	Covina, Calif.
10	Nick Bunn	Jr.	Princeton, N.J.
11	Jackson Enright	Fr.	San Mateo, Calif.
13	Harry Tafur	Sr.	Coral Gables, Fla.
15	Dennis Blyashov	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
17	Grant Harvey	Jr.	Woodside, Calif.
18	Charlie Owens	So.	Wilton, Conn.

Harvard University (20-7, 7-3 NWPC) enters the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship tournament after finishing in Third Place during the regular season for the second year in a row...The defending NWPC Champion, the Crimson downed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (14-8 W), upended host Princeton University (14-13 W) and bested Brown University (11-7 W) last year at DeNunzio Pool in Princeton, N.J. to claim the inaugural NWPC Championship on the way to a Fourth Place finish at the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship...Harvard had never won a league championship and previously advanced to a league title tilt just once since records were first kept in 1972...In 1972, the Crimson reached the Eastern Championship (which later became the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship), but fell to longtime Ivy League archrival Yale University...It marked the first of two consecutive league crowns for Yale...This year, the Crimson have been a steady force with defeats by Stanford University (21-5 L, September 2), Pepperdine University (16-7 L, September 2), Princeton (11-9 L, September 30), St. Francis College Brooklyn (13-11 L, October 1), San Jose State University (16-14 L, October 21), the University of California-Davis (16-7 L, October 22) and Brown (13-11 L, November 7)...Do not rule out a first round loss by Harvard to Iona College at the championship as the Crimson have dropped back-to-back games three times already this year, and concluded the regular season with a 13-11 defeat at Brown...Notable league victories include defeats of Iona College (13-9 W, October 1; 12-6 W, October 29), Brown (11-10 W OT, October 7), MIT (10-8 W, October 7; 11-7 W, November 4), Princeton (10-9 W, October 28) and St. Francis Brooklyn (15-13 W, October 29)...If Harvard captures the NWPC title, the Crimson have a legitimate shot at claiming hosting duties for an NCAA Play-In game against the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion on the Saturday following Thanksgiving for the second consecutive year....The Crimson hold head-to-head wins over MAWPC Championship participants Wagner College (14-9 W, September 3), George Washington University (14-8 W, September 9; 16-11 W, September 16; 13-9 W, October 15), Bucknell University (10-9 W, September 10), Gannon University (18-3 W, September 17) and Johns Hopkins University (13-9 W, October 13) with no previous games against either Mercyhurst University, Fordham University or the United States Naval Academy...Last year, Harvard downed MAWPC Champion Bucknell University 13-12 in overtime on November 26 at Blodgett Pool...The win advanced the Crimson onto the NCAA Championship in California where the squad stopped the University of California-Davis (16-15 W OT) prior to suffering a 19-4 setback against then No. 1-ranked the University of Southern California in the tournament semifinals...An Ivy League institution has not won back-to-back league titles in men's water polo since Brown achieved the feat from 1983-to-1985.



## Iona College

### NWPC Regular Season: Sixth Place

Head Coach: Brian Kelly

Assistant Coaches: Joe Przekota, Greg Judge, Carter McFarland

1	Jorge Andres Torres	So.	Trujillo Alto, P.R.
1A	Michael Banks	So.	Orlando, Fla.
1B	Sebastian Van Reeken	So.	Port of Spain, T&T
2	Matthew Rothman	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.
3	Patrick Hudak	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
4	Quinn Lloyd	So.	Sinking Spring, Pa.
7	Patrick Judge	Sr.	Pelham, N.Y.
8	Jason Hill	Jr.	Shillington, Pa.
9	Daniel Savage	So.	Darien, Ill.
10	Spencer Anthony	Jr.	Denton, Texas
11	Marc Stauble	Sr.	Port of Spain, T&T
12	Cullen Seipp	So.	Baltimore, Md.
14	Andrew Judge	Sr.	Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.
17	Brett Hofer	Fr.	Tinley Park, Ill.
18	Zach Roper	Sr.	Orland Park, Fla.
19	Philip Wachowski	Jr.	Park Ridge, Ill.
20	Jay Pagano	Sr.	Towson, Md.
21	Andrew Brozovic	Fr.	North Hills, Pa.
23	Dalton Hansten	Fr.	Sonora, Calif.
25	Jonathan Hulbert	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.

The Gaels of Iona College (7-20, 0-10 NWPC) will seek to do something the program has never previously accomplished—reach the title game of a league championship tournament...The Gaels are the only program at the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship to never play in a championship (Division II, Division III, Eastern Championship, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), etc.) title game...Iona finished 0-10 in regular season league play as the Gaels fell to St. Francis College Brooklyn (14-12 L OT, September 27; 15-8 L, October 18), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (14-13 L OT, September 30; 8-5 L, October 28), Brown University (13-12 L OT, September 30; 17-13 L OT, October 29), Harvard University (13-9 L, October 1; 12-6 L, October 29), Princeton University (12-6 L, October 11; 17-9 L, November 1)...The Gaels have an affinity for overtime as four of the squad's league games have gone beyond 32 minutes of regulation...Iona head coach Brian Kelly is in his 23rd year at the helm of his alma mater...If Iona wins the NWPC title, the Gaels will have some knowledge of a potential National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament opponent from their former Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) brethren in the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)...Iona faced Gannon University (6-4 L, September 3), the United States Naval Academy (9-8 L, September 3), George Washington University (18-11 L, September 8), Johns Hopkins University (12-9 L, September 9), Wagner College (12-9 L, September 20), Mercyhurst University (13-6 W, October 21) and Fordham University (11-10 W, October 26) with no prior meetings against 2016 MAWPC Champion Bucknell University...The New York metro area has a history of league championship titles as St. Francis College Brooklyn (2005, 2010, 2012, 2013) and former varsity program Queens College (1997, 2002) previously captured CWPA/Eastern Championships...No New York area varsity men's team other than the Terriers and Knights has ever appeared in league title game as MAWPC members Fordham and Wagner, along with the Gaels, are currently seeking their first title tilt berth.

*The Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) staff and officials would like to thank the Harvard University staff for their hospitality, guidance and cooperation in hosting the 2017 Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship this weekend. It is a primary goal of the CWPA to enhance and enrich the experience for the student-athletes, and Harvard's assistance in conducting the tournament is vital to the success of water polo on the East Coast and beyond.*