

History of the Collegiate Water Polo Association

The Collegiate Water Polo Association originally began as the Mid Atlantic Conference, founded by Dick Russell (Bucknell University swimming & water polo coach) in the 1970's. Its founding membership included teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The leadership and management of the organization relied on volunteer coaches until 1990, when it hired a commissioner to perform basic scheduling for the 15 member teams. Officiating assignments at the time were performed by an independent organization called the Eastern Water Polo Referees Association (EWPCA).

The next major milestone occurred in 1993, when the Southern and New England Conferences merged into the Mid Atlantic. The new structure combined all of the varsity teams in the East, along with the few sport clubs in existence at that time.

During the 1995 season, the conference received its first major challenge, as the organization experienced a strike by its officiating core. This strike ultimately resulted in the organization establishing its own officiating bureau, assuming responsibility for all of its officiating assignments.

The CWPA's office is located in Bridgeport, Pa., and is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), an Assistant Commissioner (Tom Tracey), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas), a Director of Multimedia (Jon Weaver) and a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed). The staff oversees 280+ teams on the varsity and club level for both men and women to place the Collegiate Water Polo Association among the largest sports organizations in North America.



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.



2018 WOMEN'S CWPA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, April 27, 2018				Game #	Score
Noon	8th Seed — Harvard University	vs.	9th Seed— Saint Francis University	1	
1:30	2nd Seed — University of Michigan	vs.	7th Seed— Brown University	2	
3:00	3rd Seed — Hartwick College	vs.	6th Seed — George Washington University	3	
4:30	5th Seed — Bucknell University	vs.	4th Seed — Indiana University	4	
6:00	1st Seed — Princeton University		Winner Game 1	5	
Saturday, April 28, 2018				Game #	Score
Noon	Loser Game 3	vs.	Loser Game 2	6	
1:30	Loser Game 4	vs.	Loser Game 1	7	
3:00	Winner Game 2	vs.	Winner Game 3	8	
4:30	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 4	9	
6:00	Loser Game 6	vs.	Loser Game 7	10*	
7:30	Winner Game 7	vs.	Loser Game 5	11	
Sunday, April 29, 2018				Game #	Score
9:00	Winner Game 10	vs.	Loser Game 11	7th Place	
10:30	Winner Game 11	vs.	Winner Game 6	5th Place	
Noon	Loser Game 8	vs.	Loser Game 9	3rd Place	
1:30	Winner Game 9	vs.	Winner Game 8	1st Place	

*Loser of Game 10 is Ninth Place

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps and is home on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position. The champion of tournament earns a qualification bid to the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship. Due to the format for the NCAA Championship, it is possible the CWPA Champion will need to compete in a play-in game to earn a position in the NCAA Championship field.



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TEAM INFORMATION



SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

Saint Francis University (12-16, 0-8 CWPA) will compete at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship for the second time as the Red Flash are finishing up their sophomore season...Last year at Indiana University under then head coach Pat Beemer, the Red Flash burned George Washington University 11-10 before falling to the University of Michigan (22-2 L), Indiana University (16-6 L) and Brown University (12-3 L) to earn an Eighth Place finish in the nine-team field...Breakout star

Marielena Seletopoulou has the potential to be a superstar in the league over the next several seasons following a Rookie of the Year caliber freshman campaign...This weekend marks a homecoming to familiar water for first-year Saint Francis head coach Jay O'Neil...A 1997 graduate of Bucknell University, he coached the Bison women's team for one-year as an assistant coach. He then took over as Salem International University's head coach for men's and women's water polo from 1999-2001 earning notice as the 2000 CWPA Women's Southern Division-West Region Coach of the Year. Following 10 years as the aquatics director and head swimming coach at Somerset High School, he returned to the intercollegiate ranks by assuming duties as head men's and women's coach at Washington & Jefferson College from February 2012 until November 2015. He led the Presidents of W&J to a combined record of 104-100, including an impressive 56-38 mark on the women's side, and earned the 2012 CWPA Division III Women's Water Polo Coach of the Year honor...Neutral site games have been the strength of Saint Francis in 2018 as the team is 0-4 at home and 1-6 on the road, but 11-6 when neither team has a facility advantage...Against the rest of the field, the Red Flash stands at 0-14 in 2018 with previous contests against Bucknell (13-8 L, 15-9 L, 10-3 L), George Washington (21-13 L, 15-11 L, 10-1 L), Hartwick College (24-18 L, 18-7 L), Harvard University (13-7 L, 14-4 L), Indiana (15-5 L), Brown University (12-4 L), Princeton University (15-7 L) and Michigan (19-2 L)...Factoring in last year's CWPA Championship at Indiana and regular season results, the team stands at 1-26 against the rest of the CWPA's Division I programs with an 0-9 mark in mark regular season action last year prior to going 1-3 at the CWPA Championship...Saint Francis is one of three teams in this year's field to compete at Kinney Natatorium in 2018 joining George Washington and the host Bison. At the Bison Invitational on February 10-11, the Red Flash split their games falling to Bucknell (13-8 L) and George Washington (21-13 L), but knocking off Siena College (12-10 W) and Gannon University (9-7 W).

Head Coach: Jay O'Neil

1	Kate Wilke	So.	Burbank, Calif.
2	Argentina Bonilla	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
3	Ani Aghakhanian	Fr.	La Crescenta, Calif.
4	Aimee Baur	So.	North Wales, Pa.
5	Kelly Fehr	So.	Erie, Pa.
6	Melani Aghazarian	Sr.	Glendale, Calif.
7	Shelby Sanko	Jr.	McAdoo, Pa.
8	Lani Merrill	Sr.	San Clemente, Calif.
9	Kelsey Gring	So.	Sinking Spring, Pa.
10	Kaitlyn Nguyen	Jr.	Annandale, Va.
11	Krysta Ponck	Sr.	Panama City Beach, Fla.
13	Metzli Enriquez	Fr.	Atwater, Calif.
14	Missy McCreary	Sr.	Altadena, Calif.
15	Gabrielle Garritson	Fr.	Houston, Texas
16	Julia Kreidinger	Fr.	Erie, Pa.
17	Amber Rogers	So.	Souderton, Pa.
18	Erin O'Neill	So.	Lansdale, Pa.
19	Marielena Seletopoulou	Fr.	Glyfada, Athens, Greece
20	Camille Nguyen	Fr.	Mason, Ohio

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PREVIOUS CWPA CHAMPIONS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Champion</i>	<i>Runner-Up</i>
1988	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1989	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1990	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1991	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1992	Slippery Rock University	University of Maryland
1993	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1994	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1995	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1996	Slippery Rock University	University of Maryland
1997	University of Maryland	Slippery Rock University
1998	University of Massachusetts	University of Maryland
1999	University of Massachusetts	University of Maryland
2000	Princeton University	University of Massachusetts
2001	Brown University	Princeton University
2002	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2003	Indiana University	Brown University
2004	Hartwick College	University of Michigan
2005	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2006	Hartwick College	University of Michigan
2007	Hartwick College	Princeton University
2008	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2009	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2010	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2011	Indiana University	University of Michigan
2012	Princeton University	University of Maryland
2013	Princeton University	University of Michigan
2014	Indiana University	Princeton University
2015	Princeton University	Indiana University
2016	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2017	University of Michigan	Princeton University

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TEAM INFORMATION



Interim Head Coach: Becca Dorst
Assistant Coach: Derek Ellingson

1	Marissa Webb	Fr.	Danville, Calif.
1A	Kasey Bersh	So.	Marco Island, Fla.
2	Chelsea Johnson	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
3	Haley Wan	Sr.	Irvine, Calif.
4	Sydney Cheong	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
5	Tatum Turetzky	So.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
6	Sarah Lawson	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
7	Paige Thompson	Fr.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
8	Natalie Grayson	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
9	Kailie McGeoy	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
10	Eliza Britt	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
12	Amy Castellano	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
13	Abbey Blake	So.	Seal Beach, Calif.
15	Maddie Pendolino	Fr.	Burlingame, Calif.
18	Lindsey Kelleher	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

The Collegiate Water Polo Association

(CWPA) regular season champion/No. 1 seed Princeton University (21-7, 8-0 CWPA) will aim to prevent Bucknell University from becoming the sixth host team since 2000 to win the CWPA Championship last season in joining the Hoosiers (2011), the University of Michigan (2008), Brown University (2001) and itself (2000, 2015)...A nine-time Southern Division Champion and now three-time CWPA regular season winner, the Tigers of Princeton University are making their 22nd consecutive appearance at the CWPA Championship....The team has advanced to the championship field every year since becoming a varsity program in 1997...The 2000, 2012, 2013 and 2015 CWPA Champion Tigers will seek to make their eighth title game appearance as Princeton fell to Indiana (11-10 L in 2014 at Bucknell University), Hartwick College (8-6 L in 2007 at Princeton), Brown University (11-10 L OT SD in 2001 at Brown) and the University of Michigan (5-4 L in 2017 at Indiana), while claiming the 2000 (6-4 W vs. University of Massachusetts at Princeton), 2012 (6-5 W vs. University of Maryland at Brown), 2013 (7-5 W at Michigan) and 2015 (7-6 W vs. Indiana at Princeton) crowns...However, Princeton has advanced to only three National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships as the tournament did not begin until the year following the Tigers' 2000 title run...Becca Dorst will aim to try for another CWPA Championship title game. Last year, she was the coach for the final 8:39 of the game against Michigan following a red card to then Tigers' head coach—and current United States Naval Academy leader—Luis Nicolao. Dorst was named the interim head coach for the Tigers following Nicolao's departure to his alma mater prior to the start of the 2018 campaign. She can equal Hartwick head coach Alan Huckins in leading a team to a league title and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) berth in her first season as head coach. Huckins achieved the feat in 2004 with the Hawks. Previously, he barely missed out on the achievement as he helped the 1994 Bucknell women to a title game appearance against champion Slippery Rock University. He returned to Slippery Rock in January 1997 to serve as co-head coach of the women's team and led SRU back to the title game in finishing second to the University of Maryland...Road and neutral site games have been the bane of Princeton's campaign as the team went 7-0 at home in the Garden State, but notched marks of 4-3 in away contests and 10-4 in neutral site games...Overall, Princeton is 11-2 against the rest of the championship field with previous games against George Washington University (14-6 W, 15-11 W, 15-10 W), Hartwick (13-12 L, 14-12 W), Michigan (13-4 L, 8-7 W OT SD), Brown (13-7 W, 12-7 W), Indiana (10-8 W), Saint Francis University (15-7 W), Harvard University (13-7 W) and Bucknell (12-5 W)...This weekend marks the Tigers' first games in Pennsylvania since taking on Saint Francis (10-5 W), Bucknell (9-3 W) and Michigan (14-6 W) in Lewisburg on April 1-2, 2017...Since 2001, Princeton has finished in Sixth (2004) and Second (2014) Place when Bucknell has hosted the tournament.

TEAM INFORMATION



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The two-time defending Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion Wolverines of No. 2 seed the University of Michigan (29-8, 7-1 CWPA) joined Princeton University (2012-13), a past version of the Maize & Blue (2008-10), Hartwick College (2006-07), the University of Massachusetts (1998-99) and Slippery Rock University (1988-1996) last year in the ranks of teams that repeated as league champion...

The Wolverines are 41-12 all-time at the championship, including a 35-11 mark since 2001...A nine-time Western Division (2004-to-2012) and two-time Southern Division (2002, 2003) Champion, Michigan missed out on winning the regular season title and No. 1 seed by a goal taking an 8-7 loss to the Tigers in sudden death overtime at Harvard University on April 8...Overall, the Wolverines went 11-1 against the rest of the championship field in facing Bucknell University (14-5 W, 14-5 W), Brown University (16-5 W, 16-5 W), Princeton (13-4 W, 8-7 L OT SD), Hartwick (14-7 W, 10-9 W), Indiana University (9-7 W), George Washington University (20-9 W), Harvard University (12-7 W) and Saint Francis University (19-2 W)...In the history of the championship, the team has finished Fifth (2001), First (2002, 7-6 W OT SD vs. Hartwick at Princeton), third (2003), second (2004, 5-2 L vs. Hartwick at Bucknell), first (2005, 8-7 W at Indiana), second (2006, 11-8 L vs. Hartwick at Brown), fourth (2007), first (2008, 10-7 W vs. Hartwick at home), first (2009, 12-6 W vs. Hartwick at Harvard), first (2010, 7-5 W vs. Indiana at University of Maryland), second (2011, 5-3 L at Indiana), third (2012), second (2013, 7-5 L vs. Princeton at home), third (2014), fourth (2015), first (2016, 9-2 W vs. Indiana at Harvard) and first (2017, 5-4 W vs. Princeton at Indiana) since 2001...History appears to hint at a three-peat as the Wolverines finished fourth in 2015 and won the league crown in 2016. The previous time the Maize & Blue finished fourth the team went on to win back-to-back-to-back crowns in 2008, 2009 and 2010...No active team has appeared in more CWPA title games than Michigan with 11, shattering the previous league record of 10 title berths held by Slippery Rock University (1988-to-1997)...This weekend marks Michigan's first games in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since downing George Washington (21-0 W), Saint Francis (21-4 W), Princeton (14-6 W) and the host Bison (14-5 W) on April 1-2, 2017...A win this weekend will give the Maize & Blue the program's seventh 30-win season following previous marks in 2004 (30-9), 2008 (34-11), 2009 (35-9), 2010 (33-8), 2011 (32-5) and 2016 (30-8)...Michigan has made the CWPA Championship each year the program has recorded 30-wins with second place finishes in both 2004 and 2011...The Wolverines' luck at CWPA Championships hosted by Bucknell has been erratic as the squad entered the 2003 tournament seeded first and finished second (Michigan 15, Bucknell 3; Michigan 4, Brown 3; Hartwick 5, Michigan 2). In 2014, Michigan was the Fourth Seed and placed third (Michigan 11, Brown 9 OT; Indiana 14, Michigan 7; Michigan 12, Hartwick 10). In both tournaments, the Wolverines had two constants—Brown and a placement game versus Hartwick.

Head Coach: Dr. Marcelo Leonardi
Assistant Coaches: Sydney Sonoda, Josh Hower

1	Heidi Ritner	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
1A	Cameron Cordial	So.	Long Beach, Calif.
1B	Sara Campbell	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
2	Christina O'Beck	Sr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
3	Maddy Steere	So.	Pascoe Vale, Australia
4	Maddy Johnston	Fr.	Hillsborough, Calif.
5	Brittany Prentice	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
6	Caroline Anderson	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
7	Delaney Cleveland	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
8	Kathy Rogers	Fr.	New Forest, England
9	Emily Ritner	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
10	Kim Johnson	Jr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
11	Sofie Pontre	Fr.	Perth, Western Australia
12	Julia Sellers	Jr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
13	Laura Jimenez	Sr.	Commerce, Calif.
14	Rachel Sodokoff	So.	Greenwich, Conn.
15	Skyler Pyle	So.	Long Beach, Calif.
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TEAM INFORMATION



BROWN UNIVERSITY

No. 7 seed Brown University (15-16, 3-5 CWPA) enters the 2018 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship looking to claim the program's second women's league title...In 2001, Brown topped Princeton University, 11-10, in sudden death overtime at home in Providence, R.I for the lone women's CWPA Championship in team history...Brown's opening game of the tournament against the University of Michigan will mark the third time the two programs have met in the first round of the CWPA Championship. In 2001, the Bears downed the Wolverines 7-4 on their way to Brown's last championship. In 2014, Brown took an 11-9 loss in overtime against the Wolverines at Bucknell University...The Bears last reached the CWPA Championship title game in 2003 when Indiana University managed Brown, 7-5, at Harvard University. During that run, the Bears defeated Gannon University (11-4 W), Hartwick College (5-3 W) and the University of Michigan (5-4 W) prior to falling to Indiana...Brown nearly reached the title tilt six years ago at home in Providence, R.I. before a last second goal by Princeton helped the Tigers best the Bears 7-6 in overtime in the 2012 semifinals...No team from New England has won a women's CWPA Championship since Brown in 2001...The Bears are the last team from New England to reach the title tilt (2003) as 1998 and 1999 champion the University of Massachusetts preceded the Bears 2001 and 2003 berths with back-to-back-to-back appearances in 1998, 1999 and 2000...Expect extra-long games if the Bears' pattern at the championship continues in 2017 as Brown has appeared in seven overtime games at the CWPA title tournament since 2000 (2000—16-14 L vs. Villanova University; 2001—11-10 W OT SD vs. Princeton; 2005—6-5 W OT SD vs. Bucknell; 2006—10-8 L vs. Indiana; 2010 —8-7 L vs. Bucknell; 2012—7-6 L vs. Princeton; 2014—11-9 L vs. Michigan)...Overall, Brown has finished among the Top Four teams 11 times since 2000 with first (2001), second (2003), fourth (2004, 2009, 2012), fifth (2000, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015), sixth (2002, 2010), seventh (2005, 2016, 2017) and ninth (2011) place marks...Brown's last conference or postseason titles came in 2009 and 2010 when the team captured the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament, an event no longer contested...The Bears have prior meetings this year against Michigan (16-5 L, 16-5 L), Hartwick (15-9 L, 13-8 L), Princeton (13-7 L, 12-7 L), Indiana (9-4 L), Saint Francis University (12-4 W), Harvard (10-8 W OT), Bucknell (9-7 W) and George Washington University (8-7 L) for a 3-8 mark...Head coach Felix Mercado has one championship and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship tournament bid on his resume as he led the institution's men's team to the 2014 CWPA Championship.

Head Coach: Felix Mercado
Assistant Coaches: Allison Kosich, JJ Addison

1	Marisol Dakan	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif.
1A	Lauren Burns	So.	Long Grove, Calif.
1B	Imani Herring	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2	Kaitlyn Cook	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif.
3	Hannah Eliot	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
4	Riley Hughes	Fr.	Evanston, Ill.
5	Carmen Rosas	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
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9	Maigrie McDougal	Jr.	Sacramento, Calif.
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11	Ally Donahue	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
12	Jamie Smith	So.	Lexington, Ky.
13	Lexi Atwell	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
14	Carissa Perez	Fr.	Pico Rivera, Calif.
15	Audrey Flower	Jr.	Portola Valley, Calif.
16	Sarah Welch	So.	Beverly, Mass.
17	McKenna Miller	Jr.	Danville, Calif.
18	Allison Woo	Jr.	Arcadia, Calif.
19	Julia Armitage	So.	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
20	Han Nguyen	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif.
21	Tiffany Zhao	Jr.	Beaverton, Ore.
22	Olivia Katcher	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla.
23	Ingrid Hernandez	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
24	Hailey Jacobson	Sr.	Missoula, Mont.
25	Korbyn Simpson	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.

TEAM INFORMATION



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

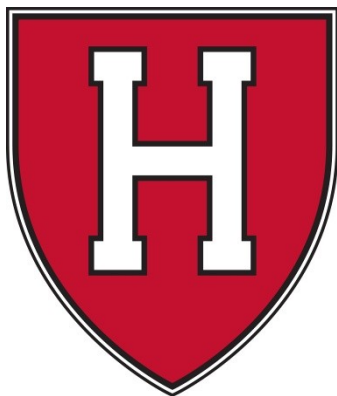
No. 4 seed Indiana University (24-7, 5-3 CWPA) last claimed the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship in 2014 at Bucknell University...The Hoosiers have appeared in three of the past four

title games in downing Princeton University (11-10 W) in 2014 at Bucknell University, slipping versus host Princeton (7-6 L) in 2015 and falling versus the University of Michigan (9-2 L) in 2016 at Harvard University...Indiana is seeking the program's fourth CWPA Championship as the squad downed Brown University (7-3 W) at Harvard in 2003...The program's other CWPA Championship appearances came in 2010 and 2005 as the team fell 7-5 to Michigan at the University of Maryland in 2010 after dropping an 8-7 game to Michigan at home in Bloomington for the 2005 title...Since 2000, Indiana (2003, 2011, 2014) has claimed three league titles. Princeton (2000, 2012, 2013, 2015), Brown (2001), Michigan (2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017) and Hartwick College (2004, 2006, 2007) account for the other 15 crowns...This year, the Hoosiers are 7-3 against the rest of the championship field with previous contests against Hartwick (13-11 L), Harvard (11-10 W, 7-6 W), Bucknell (11-8 W, 11-5 W), Saint Francis University (15-5 W), Michigan (9-7 L), Brown (9-4 W), Princeton (10-8 L), George Washington University (9-5 W)...The loss against Hartwick could prove costly as Indiana and the Hawks both finished 5-3 in league play, but the head-to-head defeat was the tiebreaker to force the Hoosiers into the No. 4 seed...Do not be surprised if Indiana and Princeton clash this weekend as the two programs have played twice for the title (2014, 2015), met in the 2009 Fifth Place game at Harvard (Indiana 11, Princeton 6) and clashed in the 2002 Third Place game at Princeton (Indiana 11, Princeton 10)...In net, Jessica Gaudreault returned last year after two years away with the Canadian National Team in a quest to make the Olympics. The last time she appeared at Bucknell in 2014, the Hoosiers won the league crown under then head coach Barry King and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship...On the deck, Ryan Castle took over as the Hoosiers' head coach during the Summer of 2016 and led Indiana to a Fifth Place finish at the 2017 CWPA Championship at home in Bloomington. Castle had nine years of NCAA Division I coaching experience at the University of Hawaii (associate coach, 2015-16), Michigan (assistant coach, 2014), Hartwick (assistant coach, 2011-13) and Arizona State University (assistant coach, 2008-10) - but never won a CWPA league championship in four tries as an assistant coach—a mark he hopes to erase in his second season as a head coach...Among the 18 student-athletes on the Indiana roster, experience is abundant as seven players (five seniors, one red-shirt junior and one junior) have at least three years of intercollegiate time. Further, the future looks bright with seven sophomores and four freshmen primed to lead the Hoosiers' efforts over the next several seasons.

Head Coach: Ryan Castle
Assistant Coaches: Emily Carr, Taylor Dodson, Will Skowron

1	Jessica Gaudreault	Sr.	Ottawa, Ontario
1A	Davis Simmons	So.	Mercer Island, Wash.
2	Juli Hilovsky	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
4	Mollie Williams	So.	Sutherland Shire, Australia
5	Carlie Crumbaugh	Fr.	Moraga, Calif.
6	Jennifer Beadle	Sr.	Pleasanton, Calif.
7	Emily Powell	So.	Brisbane, Australia
8	Mackenzie Rosenthal	Jr.	Saratoga, Calif.
9	Sarah Myers	Sr.	Toronto, Ontario
10	Kelly Matthews	Sr.	Roxboro, Quebec
11	Joelle Nacouzi	So.	Montreal, Quebec
12	Jessica Rodriguez	Fr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
13	Jennifer Hanling	Fr.	Coronado, Calif.
14	Megan Abarta	So.	Simi Valley, Calif.
17	Riley Beemer	So.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
18	Karrie Kozokar	R-Jr.	Mundelein, Ill.
19	Gillian Gatecliff	So.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
22	Sarah Young	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

No. 8 seed Harvard University (15-17, 2-6 CWPA) is making its 11th appearance at Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) championship tournament since 2007...In an up-and-down season that saw the Crimson suffer a late season slump after an early run of success, Harvard went 4-7 against the rest of the championship field with previous games against Indiana University (11-10 L, 7-6 L), Saint Francis University (13-7 W, 14-4 W), George Washington University (14-8 W, 14-12 L), the University of Michigan (12-7 L), Hartwick College (12-10 W), Brown University (10-8 L OT), Bucknell University (9-8 L) and Princeton University (13-7 L)...In the modern history of the championship since 2001, Harvard has finished eighth (2006, 2007, 2010), seventh (2001, 2002, 2009, 2012, 2014), sixth (2003, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), fifth (2004, 2005), fourth (2017) and third (2000)...Last year at Indiana, the Crimson managed the host Hoosiers 12-11, fell 11-5 to eventual champion Michigan in the semifinals and took a 10-7 loss against Hartwick in the Third Place game...In 2016 at home in Blodgett Pool, the Crimson fell to Princeton (12-8 L), topped Connecticut College (13-3 W) and George Washington (11-6 W) prior to falling against Bucknell (11-7 L) in the Fifth Place game...Three years ago at Princeton, the team placed sixth after stumbling versus Hartwick (12-10 L), striking down Bucknell (14-7 W) and tripping against Brown (8-7 L) in the Fifth Place game...In 2014 at Bucknell, the Crimson posted a Seventh Place mark after falling to Princeton (12-6 L) and the host Bison (12-11 L) before topping Connecticut (17-7 W)...The Crimson last qualified for the National Championship Tournament, the precursor of today's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship, in 2000 by placing third at the CWPA Championship with a 20-12 record. The team ultimately finished 15th at the National Championship Tournament. It marked Harvard's third appearance at the event as the team previously finished eighth in both 1995 and 1998...The Crimson stand as the lone varsity Ivy League institution to never win a women's water polo title as Brown (2001) and Princeton (2000, 2012, 2013, 2015) have both claimed at least one crown...In the entire history of the program, Harvard has finished second (1988, 1990, 1995), third (1989, 1992, 1998, 2000), fourth (1999, 2017), fifth (1993, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005), sixth (2003, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), seventh (2001, 2002, 2009, 2012, 2014) and eighth (1997, 2006, 2007, 2010) at the women's CWPA/ Eastern Championship...The trip to the CWPA Championship marks the second time Harvard will compete in Pennsylvania as the squad previously fell to Indiana (11-10 L) with victories over host Saint Francis (13-7 W) and George Washington (14-8 W) during the Red Flash Tournament in Loretto, Pa. on March 24-25.

Head Coach: Ted Minnis
Assistant Coaches: Cassie Churnside, Cory Olcott

1	Cleo Harrington	Sr.	Costa Mesa, Calif.
1A	Sam Acker	Jr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
2	Lana Gorlinski	So.	Santa Ana, Calif.
3	Sofia Carrera-Justiz	So.	Coral Gables, Fla.
4	Angie Varona	So.	Miami, Fla.
6	Mathilde Ribordy	So.	Quebec City, Quebec
7	Quinne Pursell	Fr.	Oceanside, Calif.
9	Julie Harrison	So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
10	Jilly Cronin	Fr.	River Forest, Ill.
11	Sami Strutner	Sr.	Redwood City, Calif.
12	Olivia Price	Fr.	Lafayette, Calif.
13	Kristen Hong	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
14	Remedy Ryan	Fr.	Riviera Beach, Calif.
15	Haley Bowe	Jr.	Irvine, Calif.

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BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

No. 5 seed Bucknell University (13-17, 3-5 CWPA) enters the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship with a perfect 4-0 mark at home as the Bison previously knocked off Gannon University (17-9 W), Saint Francis University (13-8 W), George Washington University (11-8 W) and Siena College (11-4 W) in Kinney Natatorium during the Bison Invitational on February 10-11...The 2018 championship marks the third time the Bison have hosted the CWPA Championship since the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recognized the sport in 2001...In the history of the tournament, the University of Michigan (2008, 2013), Brown University (1992, 1993, 1995, 2001, 2006, 2012), Indiana University (2005, 2011, 2017), the University of Maryland (1998, 2010), Harvard University (1988, 1990, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2016), Princeton University (1996, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015), Wesleyan University (1994) and Bucknell (1987, 1989, 1991, 2004, 2014) previously served as host sites...Since 1999, Bucknell has placed fourth (2006), fifth (2010, 2016), sixth (2008, 2014, 2017), seventh (2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015), eighth (2003, 2012), ninth (2000) and 11th (2002) in the many versions of the CWPA/Eastern Championship...The Bison last appeared in the league title game during the 1994 season against former varsity program Slippery Rock University...Overall, Bucknell has played for the league title four times (1988, 1989, 1991, 1994), falling to "The Rock" each time...No team from the Keystone State of Pennsylvania has won the CWPA Championship since those Slippery Rock teams...Since Brown captured the CWPA Championship in 2001, only Michigan (2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017), Indiana (2003, 2011, 2014), Hartwick (2004, 2006, 2007) and Princeton (2012, 2013, 2015) have claimed the league title, a trend the Bison wish to terminate in 2018... Further, the quintet of the Wolverines, Hoosiers, Hawks, Tigers and Brown Bears have combined for every title game appearance since the University of Massachusetts fell to Princeton in 2000...In 2018, Bucknell is batting .500 at 7-7 against the rest of the championship field with previous meetings against Saint Francis (13-8 W, 15-9 W, 10-3 W), George Washington (11-8 W, 8-7 W OT, 13-5 W), Michigan (14-5 L, 14-5 L), Indiana (11-8 L, 11-5 L), Hartwick (12-5 L), Harvard (9-8 W), Brown (9-7 L) and Princeton (12-5 L)...A Brown-Bucknell clash will be a face-off between old coaching brethren as Bucknell head coach John McBride served as an assistant with the Bears under Felix Mercado and his predecessor Jason Gall prior to coming to Lewisburg following the 2011 season.

Head Coach: John McBride
Assistant Coach: Hannah Sunday

1	Manuela Herrera	Sr.	Windermere, Fla.
1A	Hayley Pogue	So.	San Diego, Calif.
2	Marcela Herrera	Fr.	Windermere, Fla.
3	Molly Teresi	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif.
4	Shyla Lintz	Sr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
5	Sarah Mooney	Jr.	Piedmont, Calif.
6	Ally Furano	Fr.	Stamford, Conn.
7	Tatym Racz	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
8	Eliza Romeyn	Jr.	Durham, Conn.
9	Chelsea Scuderi	Jr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
10	Emily Konishi	Jr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
11	Colleen Barron	Sr.	Darien, Ill.
12	Katie Jo Nedrow	So.	Southlake, Texas
13	Regina Younger	Jr.	Simi Valley, Calif.
15	Marylda Zaklicki	So.	Shillington, Pa.
16	Nina Benson	So.	Henderson, Nev.
17	Marta Considine	Sr.	Wilmette, Ill.
21	Gigi Rojahn	So.	Palo Alto, Calif.
22	Kali Hyham	Fr.	Garden Grove, Calif.



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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

No. 6 seed George Washington University (13-13, 3-5 CWPA) is making its 13th appearance at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship since 2000, and the program's seventh since 2005 after making the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 fields at Indiana University, Brown University, the University of Michigan, Princeton University, Harvard University and Indiana, respectively...The Colonials will aim to notch their highest CWPA Championship finish in history as George Washington placed 10th (2000), ninth (2012, 2017), eighth (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016) and seventh (2003) in its previous tries for the league title and automatic berth to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Water Polo Championship...Last year at Indiana, GW fell to first-year program Saint Francis University (11-10 L), the host Hoosiers (9-7 L) and Brown University (11-7 L) to not advance into a placement game on the third day of play...In 2016 at Harvard, the Colonials downed Connecticut College (9-8 W) prior to falling against eventual league champion Michigan (20-5 L), the host Crimson (11-6 L) and Brown (6-4 L)...In 2015 at Princeton, GW defeated Mercyhurst University (6-5 W), fell to the host Tigers (15-2 L), edged Connecticut (13-12 W), slipped versus Brown (10-3 L) and suffered a loss to Bucknell University (9-6 L) in the Seventh Place game...In 2013 at Michigan, the Colonials stopped Gannon University (13-7 W), fell to Princeton (16-3 L) and Harvard (11-9 L) and took a defeat at the hands of Bucknell (7-6 L) in the Seventh Place game...In 2012 at Brown, George Washington fell to Bucknell (9-7 L) before defeating Notre Dame College (20-9 W) and Mercyhurst (13-6 W) to finish in Ninth Place...In 2011 at Indiana, GW downed Mercyhurst (8-7 W), fell to Michigan (18-4 L) and Princeton (14-5 L) before dropping an 11-8 contest against Bucknell in the Seventh Place game...The Colonials currently stand at 5-10 against the rest of the championship field with previous games against Saint Francis (21-13 W, 15-11 W, 10-1 W), Princeton (14-6 L, 15-11 L, 15-10 L), Bucknell (11-8 L, 8-7 L OT, 13-5 L), Harvard (14-7 L, 14-12 W), Hartwick College (20-10 L), Michigan (20-9 L), Indiana (9-5 L) and Brown (8-7 W)...No team from South of the Mason-Dixon line has ever won a CWPA Championship in women's competition...The last team from the South to make the title game was the University of Maryland which achieved the feat twice (1996, 2012) falling to Slippery Rock University and Princeton, respectively...Head coach Barry King has a chance to become the first head coach in the CWPA to win both men's and women's varsity titles in the same academic year (201-18) since former Princeton and current United States Naval Academy head coach Luis Nicolao achieved the feat in 2011-12. King claimed the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) crown at Navy with a defeat of Wagner College during the Fall...Success in women's water polo would be nothing new for King who guided Indiana to the 2003 (at Harvard versus Brown), 2011 (at Indiana versus Michigan) and 2014 (at Bucknell versus Princeton) CWPA Championships.

Head Coach: Barry King
Assistant Coach: David Carson

1	Katherine Moeller	Jr.	Northford, Conn.
1A	Samanthan Runyon	So.	San Diego, Calif.
2	Alana Ponce	Fr.	Gig Harbor, Wash.
3	Maddy Johnson	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
4	Katherine Atherton	Fr.	Los Altos, Calif.
5	Megan Belliveau	Sr.	Madison, Conn.
6	Grace Heck	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
7	Maddie Goodell	Sr.	Costa Mesa, Calif.
8	Erin McGeoy	Sr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
9	Jacqueline Bywater	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
10	Ally Jochim	So.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
11	Dara Bleiberg	Fr.	Simi Valley, Calif.
12	Scarlett Hallahan	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
14	Emma Shaffer	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
15	Maggie Ball	Sr.	Saratoga, Calif.
16	Allison DeCicco	So.	Windermere, Calif.
18	Hannah Hathaway	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
19	Kira Bruno	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
21	Jaleh Moaddeli	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.

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HARTWICK COLLEGE

The No. 3 seed Hawks of Hartwick College (28-10, 5-3 CWPA) have captured the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship and the league's automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship in three of the past 14 seasons (2004, 2006, 2007), while appearing in four of the past 12 title games (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)...Since 1988, no two teams have clashed for the league title more times than Hartwick and the University of Michigan as the two have battled for the crown five times (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009), one better than the previous record of four held by Slippery Rock University and Bucknell University (1988, 1989, 1991, 1994)...In the Hawks prior title game appearances, the team fell in 2002 (7-6 L OT SD vs. Michigan at Princeton University), 2008 (10-7 L at Michigan) and 2009 (12-6 L vs. Michigan at Harvard University), while winning in 2004 (5-2 W vs. Michigan at Bucknell), 2006 (11-8 W vs. Michigan at Brown University) and 2007 (8-6 W at Princeton)...The Hawks stand at 8-4 against the rest of the championship field in 2018 with previous meetings against Indiana University (13-11 W), Princeton (13-12 W, 14-12 L), Brown (15-9 W, 13-8 W), Michigan (14-7 L, 10-9 L), Saint Francis University (24-18 W, 18-7 W), Bucknell (12-5 W), George Washington University (20-10 W) and Harvard (12-10 L)...Head coach Alan Huckins has a unique place in the history of the Collegiate Water Polo Association as he is the only individual (male/female) in either men's or women's water polo to coach (head/assistant) three different teams to the league title game. A graduate assistant at his alma mater, Slippery Rock University, he aided the 1993 SRU team to a title game win over Harvard. He left "The Rock" after 18 months to take over as head coach at Bucknell where he guided the 1994 Bison women to a title game appearance against champion Slippery Rock. He returned to Slippery Rock in January 1997 to serve as co-head coach of the women's team and led SRU back to the title game in finishing second to the University of Maryland...For his career, he now stands at 3-5 in CWPA Championship title games as a head coach and 4-5 as either an assistant or head coach at Slippery Rock, Bucknell and Hartwick...Assistant coach Ashleigh Huckins has led one team (Hartwick) to a CWPA Championship/NCAA Championship berth as a player (2004) and guided Marist College to three Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championships/NCAA berths (2008, 2009, 2010) as a coach prior to joining the Hawks' staff before the 2014 season...Hartwick has a chance to record the program's third 30-win season since 2001 as the 2004 (33-10, NCAA Fourth Place) and 2007 (32-10, NCAA Fifth Place) teams previously achieved the mark...Nine different nations (Serbia, United States, Greece, Australia, Canada, Russia, New Zealand, Spain, Hungary) are represented on the Hawks' roster.

Head Coach: Alan Huckins
Assistant Coaches: Ashleigh Huckins

1	Emma Aleksandrovic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
1A	Josette Santos	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
1B	Sabrina Hartwell	Jr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1C	Hannah Edwards	Fr.	Encinitas, Calif.
2	Maryanna Antoniou	So.	Glyfada, Greece
3	Lauren Brennan	Sr.	Canberra, Australia
4	Tori Wilson	So.	Kitchener, Ontario
5	Sarah Lewis	Jr.	La Jolla, Calif.
6	Natalie May	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
7	Lena Kotanchyan	So.	Moscow, Russia
8	Katie McKenty	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand
9	Nikolina Mihaljovic	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario
10	Charlotte Cottle	Sr.	Blakehurst, Australia
11	Maria Moya	Jr.	Madrid, Spain
12	L.J. Edwards	Jr.	Encinitas, Calif.
13	Zsafia Polak	Sr.	Dunaujvaros, Hungary
14	Becca Lelles	So.	Boulder City, Nev.
15	Madison Germuska	So.	Encinitas, Calif.
16	Edra Colbeck	So.	Seattle, Wash.
17	Gina Grauer	So.	West Lawn, Pa.
18	Hayley Hill	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
19	Hannah Erbe Smith	So.	San Diego, Calif.
20	Ashley Madrigal-Geary	So.	Sacramento, Calif.
21	Lissa Westerman	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.