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 (EWPRA).

The next major milepost 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, Pennsylvania and is comprised of Commissioner Dan Sharadin, Assistant Commissioner Tom Tracey, Director of Multimedia Jon Weaver, Director of Communications Ed Haas and 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. The following information is here to make your game-viewing experience a little bit 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.

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 MEN'S MID-ATLANTIC WATER POLO CONFERENCE West Region Championship Schedule

Saturda	y, November 3, 2018	Game #	Score		
9:30	4th Seed — McKendree University	vs.	5th Seed — Washington & Jefferson College	1	
11:00	2nd Seed — Salem University	vs.	7th Seed — Monmouth College	2	
12:30	3rd Seed — Mercyhurst University	vs.	6th Seed — Connecticut College	3	
2:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 2	4	
3:30	1st Seed — Gannon University	vs.	Winner Game 1	5	
5:00	Winner Game 2	vs.	Winner Game 3	6	
Sunday	, November 4, 2018	-		Game #	Score
9:00	Loser Game 2	vs.	Loser Game 3	7	
10:30	Loser Game 6	vs.	Loser Game 5	3rd Place	
Noon	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 3	9	
1:30	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 6	1st Place	

The win-loss records from Games 4, 7 and 9 determine Fifth through Seventh Place

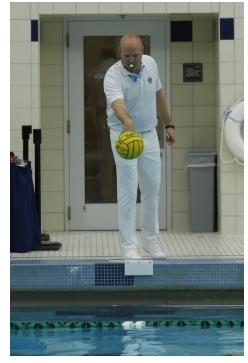
Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps and is home on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position.

The champion of the MAWPC-West Region Championship qualifies for the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Championship on Friday-Sunday, November 16-18, at Fordham University in the Bronx, N.Y. against Bucknell University, Fordham, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, La Salle University, the United States Naval Academy and Wagner College. The victor of the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Championship earns a bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Water Polo Championship.



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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

2016 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Championship runner-up

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	Location: New London, Conn. Mascot: Camels Head Coach: Matt Anderson Assistant Coach: Alice Denny 2018 Record: 4-18 (2-4 MAWPC-West)				
	1				
	_	Tanner Michaelis		,	
	1A	Danny Meisel	Fr.	Santa Cruz, Calif.	
	2	Rahul Gill	Jr.	Bethesda, Md.	
	3	John Krill	Fr.	Stamford, Conn.	
	4	Jake Florio	Fr.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Lucas Verrilli	Fr.	Evanston, Ill.	
	7	Jake Smith	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	
	9	Timofey Beloborodov	Jr.	Moscow, Russia	
	10	Arturo Freitas	Jr.	Weston, Fla.	
	12	Mike Gertsik	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	
	17	Sean King	Jr.	La Canada, Calif.	
	22	Ulas Cini	So.	Powell, Ohio	

Connecticut College will aim to improve on last season's Sixth Place finish at the 2017 MAWPC-West tournament...The No. 6 seed for the 2018 championship, Connecticut would have been the No. 5 seed but Washington & Jefferson College, which also finished 2-4 in MAWPC-West play, holds a 16-9 head-to-head victory over the Camels and won the tiebreaker...Connecticut's four wins on the year have come against Monmouth College (15-11 W at Salem University on September 22), McKendree University (10-8 W at Salem University on September 23), Austin College (12-11 W at Johns Hopkins University/Division III Eastern Championship on October 14) and Monmouth (15-14 W OT at Johns Hopkins /Division III Eastern Championship on October 14) as the team stands 0-8 in home games, 0-5 in away games and 4-5 in neutral site contests...Players to watch include the freshmen quintet of John Krill, Jake Florio, Lucas Verrilli and Mike Gertsik who will be the foundation of Connecticut's future success in the MAWPC-West...Last year, the Camels fell to then West Region member La Salle University (13-11 L), stopped Washington & Jefferson College (19-10 W) and dropped the Fifth Place game to McKendree University (7-6 L) to finish in Sixth Place...In 2016, Connecticut downed La Salle (19-9 W) and Salem University (19 -15 W) in the opening two rounds prior to falling to the host Lakers of Mercyhurst University by an 11-8 count in the title game...If Connecticut wins the championship this weekend and earns a berth to the 2018 MAWPC tournament at Fordham University on November 16-18, it will mark the teams's second appearance at the event. In 2016, the Camels' runner-up finish qualified Connecticut for the MAWPC Championship where the team fell to eventual champion/host Bucknell University (24-4 L), Wagner College (18-6 L) and Mercyhurst (15-11 L)...Connecticut head coach Matt Anderson will aim for his seventh postseason championship in an East Coast league (CWPA, MAWPC, Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC)) as he previously won four Women's CWPA Championships (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010) at the University of Michigan prior to leading the Camels' to the 2015 and 2016 CWPA Women's Division III crowns....Anderson is one of three coaches in the field with a past post-season championship as Mercyburst's Curtis Robinette led the Lakers to the 2016 MAWPC-West title prior to Gannon University's Sean Morphy taking the Golden Knights to the MAWPC-West championship in 2017.

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GANNON UNIVERSITY

The defending Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Champion, Gannon University will aim to repeat in 2018 following a perfect regular season in which the team finished 19-0, including a 6-0 mark in league competition...13 of Gannon's victories have come against Washington & Jeffer-

Location: Erie. Pa. Mascot: Golden Knights Head Coach: Sean Morphy Assistant Coaches: Brian Morphy, Marko Sadikovic 2018 Record: 19-0 (6-0 MAWPC-West) Brett Rehrer Sr. Chino Hills, Calif. 1A Nate Winkler Jr. Southlake, Texas 1BBrenden Anderson Fr. Svlvania, Ohio 2 Jake Rehrer Sr. Chino Hills, Calif. 3 Jack Donnelly Jr. Temecula, Calif. 4 Lucas Petzold So. Hudsonville, Mich. Zarko Sadikovic Sr. Nis. Serbia David Gallion Fr. Arlington, Va. 6 Thomas Uht Fr. Erie, Pa. 8 Robert Bolmanski Fr. Erie, Pa. 9 Anthony Squeglia So. Erie, Pa. 10 Tim Baer So. San Diego, Calif. 11 John Vieira Fr. Erie, Pa. 12 Ethan Hamp So. Chicago, Ill. 13 Thomas Squeglia Jr. Erie, Pa. 16 Riley Hinkley Jr. Messhoppen, Pa. 18 Drago Marjanovic Fr. Belgrade, Serbia 19 Alex Headley So. Irving, N.Y. 20 Kaden Conley So. Fenton, Mo.

son College (12-5 W, 19-6 W), Salem University (14-12 W, 18-12 W, 17-6 W, 13-11 W), Connecticut College (20-8 W, 17-10 W), Monmouth College (20-7 W), McKendree University (19-9 W, 10-6 W) and Mercyhurst University (11-6 W, 20-6 W)...The Division II Eastern Champion, Gannon took down Salem (17-6 W), host McKendree (10-6 W) and Mercyhurst (11-6 W)...Unlike last year in which the Golden Knights served as host and won the crown—continuing the tradition as 2018 host Mercyhurst captured the 2016 championship as the host institution-Gannon will need to make history and do it as a road team...Last year, Gannon held the No. 1 seed following a 7-0 MAWPC-West slate and mowed through the championship field with victories over W&J (17-2 W) and La Salle University (12-9 W) prior to dropping Mercyhurst (15-10 W) for the program's first conference title. Courtesy the win, Gannon advanced to the MAWPC Championship at the United States Naval Academy where the team fell to George Washington University (10-7 L) and Johns Hopkins University (12-11 L) prior to holding off Merchurst (13-12 OT SD W) to finish in Seventh Place...This marks the third consecutive year Gannon is the No. 1 seed. However, in 2016 Mercyhurst clipped the Golden Knights 12-10 in the semifinals before Gannon managed Salem by a 14-7 score in the Third Place game...The Gannon coaching staff is all about family as head coach and former Gannon goalie Sean Morphy is the brother of assistant coach/fellow former Golden Knight Bryan Morphy. Further, volunteer assistant coach/former Golden Knight Marko Sadikovic is the brother of current Gannon standout Zarko Sadikovic...The roster has a similar situation as two pairs of brothers dot the line-up with Thomas Squeglia and Anthony Squeglia joining Brett Rehrer and Jake Rehrer...The team is playing to continue the collegiate coaching career of 2016 and 2017 MAWPC-West Coach of the Year Sean Morphy who announced his resignation for the following the season to take a position on the institution's faculty.



WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEG

The Presidents of No. 5 seed Washington & Jefferson College will seek to capture the first championship in the history of the institution's men's water polo team...A three-time Collegiate Water Polo Association

	Location: Washington, Pa. Mascot: Presidents Head Coach: Nikola Malezanov 2018 Record: 7-15 (2-4 MAWPC-West)			
	1	Nick Spehar Will Kitsch		Perkasie, Pa.
	2 3			Mohnton, Pa.
		Troy Smith		San Marcos, Calif.
	4	Kyle Rubenstein		0,
	5	Ethan Moy		New York, N.Y.
	6	Jason Wright		St. Louis, Mo.
AD	7	David Boyer	So.	York, Pa.
GE	8	Dustin Reinke	Fr.	Fresno, Calif.
seed	9	Tyler Francis	So.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
lege	11	Cam Spicer	Fr.	Lansing, Mich.
first	12	Ian Geister	Jr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
y of	14	Robert Koch	Fr.	Worcester, Pa.
· .	17	Dylan Gwinn	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
ater	21	Jeremy Glasner		
olle-		5		<i>,</i>

(CWPA) Division III Championship runner-up (2007, 2009, 2011), Washington & Jefferson claimed the No. 5 seed due to a 16-9 head-to-head win over Connecticut College as both the Presidents and Camels finished 2-4 during the MAWPC-West regular season...This year, W&J stands at 4-6 against the rest of the field with previous meetings against Mercyhurst University (20-7 L, 12-11 L), Gannon University (10-5 L, 19-6 L), Salem University (14-11 W, 18-9 L), Connecticut (16-9 W), Monmouth College (16-10 W, 12-9 W) and McKendree (20-11 L)...The Presidents will strive to improve on an Eighth Place finish in an eight-team field at the 2017 MAWPC-West Championship as the Presidents fell to Gannon (17-2 L), Connecticut (19-10 L) and Monmouth (14-12 L)...In 2016, W&J finished in Fifth Place by falling to Mercyhurst (12-9 L) prior to defeating Monmouth (19-7 W) and La Salle University (23-6 W) in a seven-team field...This marks Washington & Jefferson's third trip to Erie in 2018 as the team went 1-1 at the Mercyhurst Invitational (14-11 L vs. La Salle, 13-10 W vs. California Institute of Technology) at the Hallman Aquatics Center on September 9 prior to taking out Penn State Behrend (11-9 W) on the road two weeks ago (October 18)...The team's seven varsity wins this year have come against Penn State Behrend (8-7 W, 11-9 W), Cal Tech (13-10 W), Salem (14-11 W), Connecticut (16-9 W) and Monmouth (16-10 W, 12-9 W). The Presidents also defeated men's collegiate club team Lindenwood University (13-9 W) on October 28, but the game does not count towards W&J's season record.

PHOTOS from this weekend's games are available online at collegiatewaterpolo.org or at the information desk

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SALEM UNIVERSITY

Salem University comes into the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Championship as the No. 2 seed thanks to a 15-14 victory over Mercyhurst University...The Tigers and Lakers both finished 4-2 in league competition, but Salem's 15-14 defeat of Mercyhurst in the

Location: Salem, W.Va. Mascot: Tigers Head Coach: Rob Bullion Assistant Coaches: Justin Kassab Andrew Too-a-foo 2018 Record: 9-13 (4-2 MAWPC-West)				
	5	Sr. Fr.	San Bernardino, Calif. Para de Minas, Brazil	
3 4 7	Saequan Miller Milos Popovic Austin Kephart	Fr. Jr. Fr.	Nassau, Bahamas Nis, Serbia Sanford, Fla.	
	Michael Rojas	Jr. So. d Fr.	Madrid, Spain Pancevo, Serbia Valle del Cauca, Colombia San Antonio, Texas Commerce, Calif.	
	Mike Diaz Petar Leontijevic Uros Jevtic	So.	Visalia, Calif. Belgrade, Serbia Kragujevac, Serbia	

regular season finale served as the tiebreaker...A No. 2 seed has never won the championship, a fact Salem will aim to erase from the books this weekend as Mercyhurst University (No. 4 seed) and Gannon University (No. 1) captured the 2016 and 2017 titles, respectively...Last year, the Tigers defeated McKendree University (14-10 W) to make the tournament semifinals. However, Mercyhurst edged Salem by a 17-16 score in sudden death overtime prior to the Tigers taking a 16-13 victory against former MAWPC-West/current MAWPC-East member La Salle University in the Third Place game...Salem placed Fourth at the 2016 MAWPC-West Championship as the team defeated Monmouth College (18-15 W) prior to falling to Connecticut College (19-15 L) and Gannon (14-7 L)...This year, Salem enters the tournament with previous showdowns against Gannon (14-12 L, 18-12 L, 17-6 L, 13-11 L), Washington & Jefferson College (14-11 L, 18-9 W), McKendree (15-14 L, 13-9 W, 15-13 W), Monmouth College (27-9 W), Mercyhurst (17-15 W, 15-14 W) and Connecticut (16-12 W)...Salem's first and only championship came in 2004 as the Tigers topped Mercyhurst in the Division II Eastern Championship...The 2005, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Division II Eastern Championship runner-up, the Tigers will strive to give head coach Rob Bullion his first title...Bullion is a second-generation water polo coach as his father Dr. Keith Bullion served as the water polo and swimming head coach at SIU, in addition to also serving as Director of Athletics, a biology and chemistry professor and head of the biology department at the institution.

The Collegiate Water Polo Association and the membership of the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) extend a special thank you to the institutional staff of Mercyhurst University, Cathedral Preparatory School, Villa Maria Academy and the David Hallman Aquatics Center. Thank you for your continued support of water polo and collaborative efforts.



MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY

Second-year varsity program McKendree University will look to make history and become the third Division II team to capture the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region title after previous winners Mercyhurst University (2016) and Gannon University (2017)...The Bearcats will play out of the No. 4 seed and will aim to improve on a 2017 MAWPC-West Championship performance in which the squad fell to Salem University (14-10 L), defeated Monmouth College (18-10 W) and slipped past Connecticut College (7-6 W) to take Fifth

	Location: Lebanon, Ill. Mascot: Bearcats Head Coach: Colleen Lischwe Assistant Coaches: Jeff Passwater, Jen Liu 2018 Record: 8-10 (3-3 MAWPC-West)				
	1	Ori Scanlon	So.	Orlando, Fla.	
	1A	Marko Vucetic	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia	
	1B	Bryce Tully	Fr.	Yucapia, Calif.	
		Nico Rodriguez	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.	
1	2 3	Izaya Owotor	Jr.	Portland, Ore.	
c I	4	Michael Krause	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	
	5	Ben Brauer	Fr.	Duisburg, Germany	
9	6	Abraham Allen	So.	Webster Groves, Mo.	
>	7	Joseph Mahan	Jr.	Corinth, Texas	
-	8	Peter Germuska	Fr.	Encinitas, Calif.	
-	9	Adrian Maher	So.		
-	10	Daniel Peralta	Jr.	Lakewood, Calif.	
-	11	Owen Martin	Fr.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.	
ı	12	Robert Esson	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.	
-	13	Jackson Spencer		O'Fallon, Mo.	
L I	14	Tony Sunagawa	Fr.	Chino Hills, Calif.	
	15	Brad Nelms	Fr.	Lake Forest, Calif.	
ť	16	Aaron Jacobs	Fr.	Houston, Texas	
	17	Kyle Moore	Fr.	Whittier, Calif.	
1	21	Matthew Haygood		Chino Hills, Calif.	
1		Jesse Mondragon			
1		Jesus Osorio Pedro Osorio	So. So.	San Bernardino, Calif.	
)		Andrew Ruelas	So. So.	San Bernardino, Calif.	
t	AII.	Andrew Ruelas	50.	Riverside, Calif.	

Place...The team enters the 2018 edition of the tournament with a 8-10 mark against varsity competition, 11-11 overall including wins over collegiate club team Lindenwood University (18-10 W, 24-5 W, 12-5 W) and a loss to Mt. San Antonio College (15-14 L). The Bearcats have previously faced Monmouth (22-7 W, 18-3 W), Salem University (15-14 W, 13-9 L, 15-13 L), Mercyhurst (15-6 L, 12-9 W), Connecticut (10-8 L), Gannon (18-10 L, 10-6 L) and Washington & Jefferson College (20-11 W)...This marks the third postseason berth in as many seasons for the Bearcats who debuted as a collegiate club team in 2016 and advanced to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship at the University of Notre Dame ... McKenedree is unique among men's collegiate programs as first -year head coach Colleen Lischwe, who replaced previous coach Ryan Hall, is the only woman coaching a men's team in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) water polo. The former assistant coach for the Bearcats, she was elevated to head men's coach in June of 2018. A native of St. Louis, Mo., she graduated from Marist College and served as the head coach of the McKendree women's collegiate club team in 2017. She earned 2017 Midwest Division Coach of the Year honors for leading the women's team to a second place finish in the grouping.



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Location: Erie, Pa.

Mascot: Lakers

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MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Champion Lakers of Mercyhurst University will serve as host of the MAWPC-West Championship for the second time and will aim to make its third straight title game The team is 5-5 against the rest of this year's field with previous clashes against Washington & Jefferson College (20-7 W, 12-11 W), Monmouth College (17-6 W), McKendree University (15-6 W, 12-9 L). Salem University (17-15 L, 15-14 L), Gannon University (11-6 L, 20-6 L) and Connecticut College (14-5 W)...In 2017, the

Mascot. Dakers				
Head Coach: Curtis Robinette				
Assistant Coaches: Petar I				
Alyssa	Diacono			
2018 Record: 12-9 (4-2 M	AWPC-West)			
1 Nash Greeven Fr.	Vista, Calif.			
2 Connor Schmitz Sr.	Schaumburg, Ill.			
3 Matthew Virzi Jr.	San Marcos, Calif.			
4 Alex Cappuccio Jr.	Havre de Grace, Md.			
5 Daniel Alvarez Jr.	Port of Spain, T&T			
6 Ryan Mercando Sr.	Pennsburg, Pa.			
7 Shaquille Mitchell Sr.	Maraval, T&T			
8 Alec Diaz Sr.	Orlando, Fla.			
9 Ryan Witoslawski Jr.	Harleysville, Pa.			
10 Philip Jenny Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.			
11 Matt Bachler Sr.	Chicago, Ill.			
12 Noah Ratliff Sr.	Gresham, Ore.			
13 Jonathan MerkleySo.	Portland, Ore.			
14 Otis Tyson Sr.	Newark, N.J.			
15 Mathieu Davis Fr.	Montego Bay, Jamaica			
16 Jackson Rehmet Sr.	Maitland, Fla.			
17 Andrew Howe So.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.			
18 Neybat Mamo Jr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio			
19 Spencer Saban So.	Albuquerque, N.M.			
20 Brennan Russell Sr.	Chicago, Ill.			
21 Michael Gutman Fr.	Columbus, Ohio			
22 Charlie Freedman Fr.	Chicago, Ill.			
23 Joel Parnell Fr.	St. Andrew, Jamaica			

Lakers topped Monmouth (19-5 W) and Salem (17-16 W OT SD) before falling to top-seed Gannon (15-10 W) in the tournament title game...The last time the Lakers hosted the event, the team downed Washington & Jefferson (12-9 W), Gannon (12-10 W) and Connecticut (11-8 W) as the No. 4 seed to capture the inaugural MAWPC-West crown in 2016...An eight-time Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division II Champion with titles in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016, the Lakers will aim to advance to a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Water Polo Championship qualifying tournament for only the third time in program history...The 2012 CWPA Southern Division Championship runner-up, Mercyhurst made the CWPA Eastern Championship at Princeton University and finished in Fourth Place among the eight teams in the field with a victory over the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-5 W) and losses to St. Francis College Brooklyn (12-11 L) and Princeton University (13-9 L)...In 2016, the Lakers finished Seventh at the MAWPC Championship hosted by Bucknell University as the team fell to George Washington University (17-6 L) and the United States Naval Academy (12-8 L) prior to topping Connecticut (15-11 W) in the Seventh Place game...This year, Mercyhurst finished 4-2 in MAWPC-West action to tie with Salem University for the runner-up spot. However, in the final regular season game of the season, the Tigers pulled out a 15-14 victory to earn the tiebreaker (head-to-head win) over the Lakers...A No. 3 seed has never won the MAWPC-West Championship as Mercyhurst was the No. 4 seed in 2016 and Gannon held the No. 1 seed in 2017.



MONMOUTH COLLEGE

The No. 7 seed Fighting Scots of Monmouth College are making their first trip of the 2018 season to the Keystone State of Pennsylvania this weekend... Youth and experience blend on the roster as five freshmen, five juniors and two seniors dot the Monmouth roster...The Scots will aim to capture their first title since taking the 2012 Men's

Location: Monmouth, Ill. Mascot: Fighting Scots Head Coach: Peter Ollis Assistant Coach: Tom Burek 2018 Record: 0-10 (0-6 MAWPC-West)				
1 4 6 7 10 11 15 16 17 18	Kyle Jones Alex Altamirano Rodrigo Gonzalez Quentin Bartram Daniel Kadlec Jared Hankinson	Fr. Sr. Fr. Fr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Jr.	Parkland, Fla. Chicago, Ill. Chicago, Ill. Dublin, Ohio Justic, Ill. St. Louis, Mo. Elk Grove Village, Ill. Prospect Heights, Ill. Perkasie, Pa. Deerfield, Ill. Cicero, Ill.	

Division III National Collegiate Club Championship prior to making the move up to the varsity ranks for the 2013 season...In 2016 at the Hallman Aquatics Center in the first-ever MAWPC-West Championship, the Scots fell to Salem University (18-15 L) and Washington & Jefferson College (19-7 L) prior to topping La Salle University (13-11 W) to take Sixth Place in a seven-team field...Last year back at Hallman, the team dropped games to Mercyhurst University (19-5 L) and McKendree University (18-10 L) before defeating Washington & Jefferson (14-12 W) in the Seventh Place game...The Fighting Scots have lived up to their name against Connecticut College falling to the Camels by 15-11 and 15-14 OT scores...Monmouth has been on the cusp of victory twice in 2018 as the team dropped back-to-back one goal games to Connecticut (15-14 L OT) and Austin College (16-15 L) on October 14 at the Division III Championship hosted by Johns Hopkins University ... Fourth-year head coach Peter Ollis is seeking to place the Fighting Scots in their first varsity championship game in program history...The 2012 Division III Collegiate Club Champion, Monmouth rose to the varsity ranks in 2013 after capturing the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Heartland Division Championships.

