### 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.

Located in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, the CWPA office is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), an Assistant Commissioner (Thomas Tracey), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas), a Director of Multimedia (Justin Cypert), a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed) and several interns. 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 collegiate 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 inside five-meters, 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 approximately three seconds of free time to throw the ball to another teammate or swim it up the pool. A player cannot shoot a free throw unless outside the five-meter line and without hesitation. If the ball is not put into play within this time, 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.



Official Ball of the Collegiate Water Polo-Association

#### 2019 Division III Championship Bracketing

1st Position: Macalester College 6th Position: Penn State Behrend

2nd Position: Grove City College 7th Position: Carthage College

8th Position: Washington & Jefferson College 3rd Position: Austin College

4th Position: Connecticut College 9th Position: Wittenberg University

5th Position: Monmouth College 10th Position: Utica College

#### 2019 Division III Championship Schedule Friday, April 12, 2019 Game 1:00 Wash. & Jeff. College Wittenberg University 2 2:15 Carthage College Utica College VS. 3:30 Austin College Penn State Behrend 3 VS. 4:45 Connecticut College Monmouth College 4 VS. Macalester College Winner Game 1 5 6:00 VS. 7:15 Grove City College Winner Game 2 6 VS. Saturday, April 13, 2019 Game 10:00 Loser Game 3 Loser Game 1 7 VS. 11:15 Loser Game 4 Loser Game 2 8 VS. 12:45 Winner Game 5 Winner Game 4 9 VS. 10 2:15 Winner Game 6 VS. Winner Game 3 3:30 Winner Game 7 11 Loser Game 6 VS. 4:45 Winner Game 8 12 Loser Game 5 VS. 6:00 Loser Game 7 9th Place VS. Loser Game 8 Sunday, April 14, 2019 Game 9:00 Loser Game 11 Loser Game 12 7th Place VS. 10:30 Winner Game 12 VS. Winner Game 11 5th Place Noon Loser Game 10 VS. Loser Game 9 3rd Place 1:30 Winner Game 9 Winner Game 10 1st Place

Award Ceremony immediately following Championship Game

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

#### **Previous CWPA Division III Champions**

|      |                     | •                              |
|------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Year | Champion            | Runner-Up                      |
| 2018 | Macalester College  | Connecticut College            |
| 2017 | Macalester College  | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2016 | Connecticut College | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2015 | Connecticut College | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2014 | Connecticut College | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2013 | Connecticut College | Grove City College             |
| 2012 | Grove City College  | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2011 | Grove City College  | Washington & Jefferson College |
| 2010 | Grove City College  | Carthage College               |







## **USA WATER POLO DIVISION III COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SET TO BEGIN IN 2019-20**

In the Fall of 2019, USA Water Polo will sponsor the first-ever Division III national championship in the sport of water polo.

The Division III water polo championship is a joint effort by the Division III water polo institutions and USA Water Polo to provide Division III student-athletes the opportunity for a meaningful postseason competition in addition to offering an incentive for other Division III institutions to add the sport on a varsity level.

Beginning with men's water polo in December of 2019, and followed by women's water polo in May of 2020, two teams from both the SCIAC and the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), will square off in a four-team Division III national championship tournament. The SCIAC will assume hosting responsibilities for both genders in the first year of the championship (2019-20). Hosting responsibilities will then rotate every other year.

Previously, teams competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship Tournament which includes Division I programs. This new championship will provide all Division III programs a competitive experience and the chance to vie for a national championship. In recognition that more Division III programs are beginning to take shape across the nation, the two goals of the Division III championship are to provide exposure for the sport so more institutions continue to add water polo and increase membership allowing water polo to be sponsored at the NCAA Division III level.

"In my discussions with athletic directors considering the addition of water polo as a varsity sport, the opportunity for a meaningful postseason championship is often a major part of their decision," explained Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Commissioner Daniel Sharadin, "The establishment of this championship removes a key stumbling block for these schools. In addition, it goes without saying that our Division III members are excited about the chance to compete against "like" institutions for a national championship."



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#### **Team Information**

Austin, Texas

Lantana, Texas

Lantana, Texas

Bend, Ore.

So. Allen, Texas

Round Rock, Texas

Flower Mound, Texas

Lake Jackson, Texas

Cooper Canvon, Texas

#### Head Coach: Mark Lawrence Assistant Coach: Austin Ringheim

- Valery Piachonkina Fr. Castro Valley Calif. Shannon Berry Kendall Katusak
- Brooke Le
- Presley Woods 10 Madison Taylor
- 12 Meghan Barrett Lexi Wong 14
- 18 Alvssa Albers 21 Matea Stanisic



#### AUSTIN COLLEGE

Location: Sherman. Texas Mascot: Kanaaroos

Austin College (6-8, 5-3 CWPA Division III-West Region) stunned the world of collegiate water polo as the first-year varsity program rolled to a 5-3 record in Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)-West Region competition to garner a runner-up finish in the group behind two-time defending CWPA

Division III Champion Macalester College and earn the No. 10 ranking in the April 3 Women's Division III National Top 10 Poll...Led by former Brown University, United States Naval Academy and Arizona State University assistant coach and prior Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) head coach Mark Lawrence, Austin held its own in the CWPA with victories over Wittenberg University (9-6 W, 8-4 W), Carthage College (15-3 W, 8-7 W) and Monmouth College (14-9 W) to accompany defeats by Macalester (11-7 L, 8-6 L) and Monmouth (14-12 L)...A Connecticut College-Austin matchup this weekend will mark the second meeting of the year between the uniquely named Camels and Kangaroos as Austin claimed a 14-6 victory on March 12 at California State University-Northridge...The youngest team in this year's championship field with nine freshmen and a sophomore, the 'Roos possess a potent scoring threat from a litany of athletes including Brooke Le, Presley Woods, Lexi Wong and Shannon Berry—along with rocksteady goalie Valery Piachonkina.

#### Head Coach: Laura Coffman Assistant Coaches: Sam Craig, Carly Strass

Emma Jeronimus Hoffman Estates III Fr. Alyssa Schwarz Riverside, III. Izzy Bertaud Fr. Denver, Colo. Maddi Marsh So. Irvine, Calif. Heather Walker Chicago, III. Autumn Raievich-Schwer Fr. Riverside, III. Sophie Flott Fr. Ann Arbor, Mich. Arianna Dakuras So. Chicago, III. Grace Sakry Ramsey, Minn. 12 Kavli Savatovic Berwyn, III.

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Meahan Fisher

Morgan Fingerson

Tinley Park, III.

San Diego, Calif.

**CARTHAGE COLLEGE** Location: Kenosha, Wisc. Mascot: Lady Reds Carthage College (2-

13, 2-6 CWPA Division III-West Region) will gim to continue an upward swing in the final standings following a string of Third Place marks over the past several seasons...The runner-up at the inaugural Division III Championship in 2010 (8-7 L vs. Grove City College at Utica College), the team snapped a two-year cycle of fifth place finishes in 2011 and 2012 at

Macalester College and Grove City, respectively, by placing fourth in 2013 via a 6-5 loss to Washington & Jefferson College in the Third Place game at Connecticut...In 2014, the Lady Reds finished third as Carthage outlasted host Macalester, 8-7 OT SD, in a game that lasted one hour and 45 minutes and a then NCAA record four sudden-death periods...In 2015, the Lady Reds were gagin involved in a sudden death overtime game as the squad wrapped up the season with an 11-10 defeat of host Grove City in the Third Place game...In 2016, the squad finished in Third Place via a 14-11 defeat of Penn State Behrend at Connecticut...At Macalester in 2017, the Lady Reds stopped Connecticut College by a 9-5 final score to place third...Last year in Erie, Carthage topped Washington & Jefferson College by an 11-6 count to again notch a Third Place finish...Carthage stands at 2-0 against Wittenberg University in 2019 as the Lady Reds downed the Tigers by scores of 7-4 and 9-8 to lock-up the No. 4 spot in the final CWPA Division-West standings.

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#### **Team Information**

#### Head Coach: Nikola Malezanov

12 Kiera MacWhinnie

| 1  | Megan Arseneau    | So. | Bourbonnais, III.    |
|----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|
|    | •                 |     |                      |
| 2  | Paige Adams       | Jr. | Mohnton, Pa.         |
| 3  | Jazmin Uhler      | Fr. | Murrieta, Calif.     |
| 4  | Marissa Whitby    | So. | Los Angeles, Calif.  |
| 5  | Chloe Magyari     | Jr. | Columbus, Ohio       |
| 6  | Cecelia Weiss     | Fr. | Mohnton, Pa.         |
| 7  | Amanda Borwegen   | Sr. | Mechanicsburg, Pa.   |
| 8  | Kirsten Yatsko    | Sr. | King of Prussia, Pa. |
| 9  | Samantha Worobetz | Fr. | Mason, Ohio          |
| 10 | Emma Rearson      | Fr. | Dresher, Pa.         |



#### **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE**

Location: Washington, Pa. Mascot: Presidents

Washington & Jefferson College (4-11, 3-5 CWPA Division III-East Region) with eyes on returning to the league championship game for the seventh time after six (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) previous runner-up marks...The 2011 (7-2 L at Macalester College) and 2012 (10-3 L at Grove City Col-

lege) runner-up to the Wolverines of Grove City College, W&J placed fourth at the first Division III Championship in 2010 at Utica College with a 12-7 loss versus former varsity team Wheaton College in the third place game...In 2013, the Presidents took eventual league champion Connecticut College the distance in an 8-7 semifinal loss before topping Carthage College, 6-5, in the third place game...In 2014, Connecticut overcame W&J, 7-3, in the Division III title game at Macalester...2015 saw W&J drop a 13-10 title game to Connecticut at Grove City...In 2016, the Camels of host Connecticut nipped the Presidents again to take the title tilt, 13-9...W&J's luck continued to not be in the team's favor against host teams as Macalester claimed a 10-9 overtime win in St. Paul, Minn...In 2017...Nikola Malezanov, who led the W&J women's program to the title game as interim head coach in 2016 at Connecticut, continues to rebuild the Presidents as the program finished in Fourth Place last year with an 11-6 loss to Carthage at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie, Pa...W&J. which finished in Fourth Place in the CWPA Division III-East this year, holds prior wins against Utica College (12-10 W, 14-4 W) and Penn State Behrend (17 -13 W) with a non-conference defeat of Wittenberg University (13-11 W).

So. South Portland, Maine

#### Head Coach: Sivan Pardon

| 1  | Anya Bennett     | Fr. | Portland, Ore.    |
|----|------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 4  | Savanah Phillips | Jr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 5  | Emma Menjivar    | Fr. | Moreno Valley, C  |
| 11 | Calista Spring   | Fr. | Napoleon, Ohio    |
| 12 | Kiersten Heverly | Fr. | Pottstown, Pa.    |
| 15 | Tatum Bruno      | Fr. | Riverside, III.   |
| 17 | Caroline Coleman | Fr. | Oviedo, Fla.      |
| 18 | Abigail Dunasky  | Fr. | Columbus, Ohio    |
| 21 | Emily Sarver     | Sr. | Plain City, Ohio  |
| 22 | Kelly Corbin     | Jr. | Fallbrook, Calif. |



#### WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

Location: Springfield, Ohio Mascot: Tigers

One of two first-year programs making its

inaugural appearance at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship, the Tigers of Wittenberg University (6-11, 1-7 CWPA Division III-West Region) will seek to

make its mark with championship achievements on the near horizon...Led by former University of Hawaii standout athlete and assistant coach Sivan Pardon, Wittenberg stayed in the fight against its potential championship tournament foes with previous games versus CWPA Division III-East Region champion Grove City College (11-9 W, 11-8 W), Penn State Behrend (14-10 W, 15-14 W), Washington & Jefferson College (13-11 L, 13-8 W), Carthage College (7-4 L, 9-8 L), Austin College (9-6 L, 8-4 L), Macalester College (15-4 L, 19-7 L) and Monmouth College (16-13 L, 15-14 W) during the regular season...Watch for junior Savanah Phillips and freshman Tatum Bruno to be potential breakout stars for Wittenberg at the championship, while goalie Anya Bennett has the potential to put the Tigers into championship contention this season.

Thanks to the Connecticut College administration and staff, especially Fran Shields, Kelsey Lenayel-Jacovich, Matt Anderson & Matt Chmura, for hosting the 2019 CWPA Division III Championship.

#### **Team Information**

#### Head Coach: Matt Anderson Assistant Coach: Nila Ward

| 2  | Ashley Ignatowski | Jr. | Guilford, Conn.   |
|----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 3  | Ali Keenan        | Fr. | Brookline, Mass.  |
| 4  | Marissa Moreno    | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 5  | Stephania Lopez   | So. | Chicago, III.     |
| 6  | Ginny McCool      | Jr. | Delray Beach, Ca  |
| 7  | Kaitlin Reagan    | Jr. | Saratoga, Calif.  |
| 8  | Kyla Drewry       | Fr. | Prospect, Conn.   |
| 9  | Hannah Rogers     | Jr. | Kingston, Pa.     |
| 10 | Brooklynn Hayes   | So. | Granville, Mass.  |

#### **CONNECTICUT COLLEGE**

Location: New London, Conn. Mascot: Camels

The four-time (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Champion Camels of Connecticut College (7-8, 6-2 CWPA Division III-East Region) will aim to reagin its previous crown after taking second place in the CWPA-East...No

team seeded lower than second has ever won the championship...The lowest seeded team to make the final was No. 4 seed Washington & Jefferson College which faced No. 2 seed Grove City College in 2011 at Macalester College for the title with the Wolverines coming out with a 7-2 victory...Last year, then No. 3 seed Connecticut took Macalester the distance to fall by a 13-12 final in sudden death overtime at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie, Pa...Head coach Matt Anderson, who took over the Camels prior to the 2015 season, coached the University of Michigan to four National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship berths and CWPA Championships (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010) during a 12-year tenure in Ann Arbor...In the history of the CWPA Division III Championship, the Camels have finished first (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016), second (2018), third (2012), fourth (2017), fifth (2010) and sixth (2011)...Overall, the Camels have never lost a Division III Championship at home as the team claimed the 2013 (6-3 W vs. Grove City) and 2016 (13 -9 W vs. Washington & Jefferson) tournaments to bookend the program's four consecutive league crowns.

#### Head Coach: Alvesa Hunt

Jillian Breckenridge Sr.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1                         | Alexa Dunn        | So. | Girard, Pa.       |  |
| 2                         | Alliefair Scalise | So. | Clarence, N.Y.    |  |
| 4                         | Abby Spicher      | Sr. | Erie, Pa.         |  |
| 5                         | Elizabeth Andrews | Jr. | Newberg, Ore.     |  |
| 6                         | Heidi Schmidt     | Sr. | Pittsburgh, Pa.   |  |
| 7                         | Tessa Leatherwood | So. | Hurst, Texas      |  |
| 9                         | Kyra Johnson      | Fr. | Hamilton, Va.     |  |
| 13                        | Sophia Melanson   | Fr. | Wexford, Pa.      |  |
| 14                        | Heather Russell   | So. | Frewsburg, N.Y.   |  |
| 17                        | Elaine Miller     | Fr. | Worthington, Ohio |  |



#### **GROVE CITY COLLEGE** Location: Grove City, Pa.

Mascot: Wolverines

Grove City College (9-7, 8 -0 CWPA Division III-East Region) will gim to reclaim the Collegiate Wa-

ter Polo Association Division III Championship following a CWPA Division III-East regular season title...The 2010, 2011 and 2012 CWPA Division III Champion, the Wolverines have finished first (2010,

2011, 2012), second (2013), fourth (2015), fifth (2014, 2016) and sixth (2017, 2018) in the history of the championship tournament...The Wolverines will aim to follow the example of defending CWPA Division III Champion Macalester College which finished sixth in 2016 and captured the 2017 crown...Prior to the Scots two years ago, no team had finished lower than third the previous season and gone on to win the championship the following year since Connecticut College placed third in 2012 at Grove City and captured the crown in 2013 at home...This year, the Wolverines rolled through the CWPA Division III-East Region by downing Washington & Jefferson College (18-9 W, 18-10 W), Utica College (20-6 W, 21-7 W), Connecticut College (17-11 W, 16-10 W) and Penn State Behrend (16-9 W, 14-12 W)...Connecticut was the site at which Grove City saw its three-year run at the top of the league standings come to an end as the host Camels notched a 6-3 defeat of the Wolverines in the title game...The last time the Camels hosted the event in 2016, Grove City finished in Fifth Place with a loss to Penn State Behrend (14-6 L) and victories over Utica College (12-7 W) and Monmouth College (10-9 W).

Dunellen, N.J.

#### **Team Information**

**Head Coach:** Scott Reed

**Assistant Coaches:** Sofia Shaw, Bret Jackson, Anya Phillips

| 1  | Courtney Overland | Sr. | Honolulu, Hawaii     |
|----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1A | Honor Kalala      | Fr. | Silver Spring, Md.   |
| 2  | Annika Krueger    | Fr. | Emerald Hills, Calif |
| 5  | Zoe Schopick      | So. | Winchester, Va.      |
| 6  | Lucille Moran     | Sr. | Ann Arbor, Mich.     |
| 7  | Oriana Galasso    | Jr. | Gresham, Ore.        |
| 8  | Cara Mullery      | Jr. | Palmetto Bay, Fla.   |
| 9  | Naomi Strait      | Jr. | Beaverton, Ore.      |
| 11 | Natalie Hoffman   | Sr. | Seattle, Wash.       |
| 12 | Riley Waters      | Fr. | Portland, Ore.       |
| 14 | Abby Hinds        | So. | Apopka, Fla.         |
|    |                   |     |                      |

Adeline Steward-Nolan So. Oak Park, III.



# MACALESTER COLLEGE

Location: St. Paul Minn. Mascot: Scots

The two-time defending Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Champion courtesy a 10-9 overtime defeat of Washington & Jefferson College in 2017 at home in St. Paul, Minn., and a 13-12 sudden death OT defeat of Connecticut College last year in Erie, Macalester College (9-5, 8-0 CWPA Division III-West Region) will seek to join Grove City College and Connecticut as the only teams to win three CWPA Division

sion III crowns...Ranked at No. 8 in the latest Division III National Top 10 Poll, Macalester, which previously finished fourth (2011, 2013, 2014), fifth (2012, 2015), sixth (2010) and seventh (2016) at the championship, rolled to a perfect mark in league regular season play...Long games and overtime are not unusual for the Scots as the team took down then No. 1 seed Carthage College, 11-10, in the opening round of the 2011 CWPA Division III Championship at home...In 2014, Macalester fell in the Third Place game against Carthage by an 8-7 final in sudden death overtime also at Riley Pool...The game lasted an NCAA record four sudden-death periods...A potential title game showdown with East Region Champion Grove City could be in the cards for the Scots as the No. 1 and 2 seeds have met seven times (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) for the crown...The only two times No. 1 and 2 did not meet—2012 when No. 2 seed/host Grove City downed No. 4 Washington & Jefferson and last year as No. 1 seed Macalester escaped No. 3 seed Connecticut in sudden death overtime...A regular season champion has missed out on the championship title four times (2011-Carthage; 2013-Grove City; 2016-Washington & Jefferson; 2017-Washington & Jefferson) with two of the occurrences (2013, 2016) coming in the "Constitution State".

# **Head Coach:** Peter Ollis **Director of Aquatics:** Tom Burek

Nikki Resley Fr. Temple City, Calif. 1 A Natalie Garcia Fr. Berwyn, III. **Emily Matthews** Flossmoor, III. Jr. Miranda Pasky So. Paso Robles, Calif. Cece Rodriguez Fr. Chicago, III. Lindsey Turnquist Ventura, Calif. Fr. Harper Appel Palatine, III. Fr. Charlee Hart Beaverton, Ore. Fr. Becca Dabrowski Sr. McHenry, III. Marissa Logan Fr. Elmhurst, III. Cynthia Johnson Conroe, Texas 11 Fr. 12 Skylar Rapp Fr. Oxnard, Calif. Brittany Lira Midlothian, III. 14



# MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Location: Monmouth, III. Mascot: Fighting Scots

The Fighting Scots of Monmouth College (5-10, 4-4 CWPA Division III-West Region) enter the 2019 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship following sixth (2016, 2017), seventh (2014, 2018) and eighth (2015) place finishes in eight-team fields since becoming a varsity program...The third place finisher in the CWPA Division III-West Region, the Fighting Scots stand at 5-5 against the

rest of the championship field with prior meetings versus Carthage College (13-10 W, 15-6 W, 13-5 W), Macalester College (16-10 L, 13-10 L, 12-11 L), Austin College (14-12 W, 14-9 L), Wittenberg University (16-13 W, 15-14 L)...Watch for Becca Dabrowski to lead the Monmouth attack, while rookie netminders Nikki Resley and Natalie Garcia will be tasked with shutting down the best-of the-best in the CWPA Division III ranks.

#### **Team Information**

# **Head Coach:** Joe Tristan **Assistant Coach:** Brittany Pinter

Remy De Guzman

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| 1  | Mackensie Robie | Fr. | Girard, Pa.            |
|----|-----------------|-----|------------------------|
| 2  | Terea Robinson  | Fr. | Riverside, Calif.      |
| 3  | Daniella Rios   | So. | Guaynabo, P.R.         |
| 4  | Clare Jefferys  | Sr. | Erie, Pa.              |
| 5  | Alison McClure  | Jr. | Loveland, Ohio         |
| 6  | Angela Laier    | So. | Lansing, Mich.         |
| 7  | Barbie Cessar   | Fr. | Slippery Rock, Pa.     |
| 9  | Lauren Wood     | Sr. | Vernon Hills, III.     |
| 10 | Marcella Puglia | Fr. | Beaver Falls, Pa.      |
| 12 | Carson Hagood   | So. | Orlando, Fla.          |
| 13 | Madi Buckley    | Fr. | Huntingdon County, Pa. |

So. Mission Vieio, Calif.

So. Holland, Mich.



#### PENN STATE BEHREND

Location: Erie, Pa. Mascot: Lions

The Lions of Penn State Behrend (3-18, 3 -5 CWPA Division III-

East Region) will seek to improve upon fourth (2016), fifth (2018), seventh (2013, 2015, 2017), eighth (2010, 2014) and ninth (2011, 2012) place finishes at the past Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championships...Penn State Behrend will look to make history as the Lions have never won a league championship in

either men's or women's water polo...The Lions have previously finished in Seventh (2013) and Fourth (2016) Place when the tournament has come to Connecticut College's Lott Natorium...In 2016, the Lions roared past Grove City College (14-6 W), but fell to Washington & Jefferson College (10-5 L) in the semifinals prior to dropping a 14-11 game to Carthage College in the Third Place tilt...Penn State Behrend stands at 3-7 against the rest of the championship field in 2019 as the squad has faced Wittenberg University (14-10 L, 15-14 L), Connecticut (16-15 L, 14-13 OT L), Utica College (14-8 W, 12-6 W), Grove City (16-9 L, 14-12 L) and Washington & Jefferson (17-13 L, 14-10 W).

#### Head Coach: Erin Knight

| ı | Assistant Coach: Rachel Clauss |                  |     |                  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|--|
|   | 1                              | Michalyn Winkler | Sr. | Barto, Pa.       |  |
|   | 2                              | Rebecca Merrill  | Jr. | Chelmsford, Mass |  |
| l | 3                              | Daniella Hannah  | Jr. | Dalton, Ga.      |  |
|   | 4                              | Coralynn Maxwell | Jr. | Newport, N.Y.    |  |
|   | 5                              | Alisha Kelly     | Sr. | Ambler, Pa.      |  |
|   | 6                              | Ashley Flint     | Sr. | Whitesboro, N.Y. |  |
|   | 7                              | Lara McNamara    | Sr. | Yonkers, N.Y.    |  |
|   | 8                              | Emma Blenis      | Fr. | Norwich, N.Y.    |  |
|   | 9                              | Emma Ormsby      | Fr. | Potsdam, N.Y.    |  |
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7 Lara McNamara Sr. Yonkers, N.Y.
8 Emma Blenis Fr. Norwich, N.Y.
9 Emma Ormsby Fr. Potsdam, N.Y.
11 Courtney Kennedy Jr. Smithtown, N.Y.
14 Kira Seaman Fr. Fort Edward, N.Y.
15 Hnyla Sloan Sr. Perkasie, Pa.
19 Emily Czerwonka Jr. Souderton, Pa.

Time:

#### UTICA COLLEGE Location: Utica, N.Y. Mascot: Pioneers

Utica College (0-10, 0-8 CWPA Division III-East Region) comes

into the Division III Championship seeking to improve on sixth (2014, 2015), seventh (2013, 2012) and eighth (2016, 2017, 2018) place finishes at the past six Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championships...The Pioneers will aim to move up to fifth or higher this year as the team previously placed ninth in

2010 and eighth in 2011...Although winless to date in 2019, the Pioneers have held their own in nearly topping Washington & Jefferson College (12-10 L) and Connecticut College (11-8 L, 10-6 L)...Utica assistant coach Rachel Clauss is no stranger to the CWPA Division III Championship tournament as the 2016 Washington & Jefferson College graduate helped the Presidents to third (2013) and runner-up (2014, 2015, 2016) finishes during her four-year career...Seniors Michalyn Winkler, Alisha Kelly, Ashley Flint, Lara McNamara and Hnyla Sloan will play their final games for the Pioneers this weekend as the quintet will aim to post Utica's inaugural Top Five finish at the CWPA Division III Championship.

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