



As a student-athlete at the United States Naval Academy, Luis Nicolao was a three-time All-America (Third Team – 1990, 1991; Honorable Mention – 1989) and All-East (First Team – 1989, 1990, 1991) selection for the Midshipmen, graduating as the school's all-time leader in points (377) and goals scored (282) along with rating sixth in assists (95). During the course of his career, Navy won two Eastern Championships (1988, 1990) and reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship Tournament on three occasions (1988, 1990, 1991). He was named the CWPA Eastern MVP in both 1990 and 1991, while earning CWPA First-Team All-East accolades for three straight seasons (1989, 1990, 1991). In addition, Nicolao served as the team captain as a senior during a 1991 season capped off by claiming NCAA Championship All-Tournament Second Team laurels prior to graduating in the Spring of 1992.

His 95 goals in 1990 and 81 goals in 1991 are second and seventh, respectively, on Navy's single season list, while his 118 points in 1990 and 114 points in 1991 are fourth and fifth, respectively, all-time for a single year in Midshipmen history.

After earning the Naval Academy Athletic Association's Sword for Men as the top graduating male athlete in 1992, Nicolao assisted with the Navy water polo program as a temporary assigned duty (TAD). He was also a member of the U.S. National Team that won the gold medal at the World University Games in 1993 before serving in the Navy for five years.

Nicolao returned to his alma mater's pool in 1996 as an officer representative prior to accepting the head men's and women's coaching position at Princeton University in 1998. He also served as the U.S. men's national "B" team assistant coach (1998, 1999).

Nicolao returned to Navy in January 2018 after compiling a combined 868-316 (.733) record at Princeton. Under his tutelage, the men's team held a 402-163 (.712) overall mark, while the women amassed a 466-153 (.753) ledger.

Understanding the Game of Water Polo

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

General Information

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

Types of Fouls

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

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

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

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



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Friday, November 19, 2021				Game #	Score
3:00	1st Seed - Fordham University	vs.	8th Seed - Mount St. Mary's University	1	
4:30	4th Seed - Bucknell University	vs.	5th Seed - Wagner College	2	
6:00	2nd Seed - U.S. Naval Academy	vs.	7th Seed - Gannon University	3	
7:30	3rd Seed - George Washington University	vs.	6th Seed - Johns Hopkins University	4	
Saturday, November 20, 2021				Game #	Score
1:30	Loser Game 2	vs.	Loser Game 1	5	
3:00	Loser Game 4	vs.	Loser Game 3	6	
4:30	Winner Game 1	vs.	Winner Game 2	7	
6:00	Winner Game 3	vs.	Winner Game 4	8	
Sunday, November 21, 2021				Game #	Score
9:00	Loser Game 6	vs.	Loser Game 5	7th Place	
10:30	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 6	5th Place	
Noon	Loser Game 8	vs.	Loser Game 7	3rd Place	
1:30	Winner Game 7	vs.	Winner Game 8	1st Place	

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

The seven Eastern Region teams of the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) - Bucknell University, Fordham University, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's University, the United States Naval Academy & Wagner College - automatically earned spots at the MAWPC Championship. Western Region tournament champion Gannon University earned the final position in the field by capturing the MAWPC-West title and was seeded into the field by the league's Governance Council.

Conference Championships (Eastern/CWPA/MAWPC Championship: 1972-2021)	
Bucknell University	1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 2016, 2019, 2020/Winter 2021
United States Naval Academy	1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008
George Washington University	2017, 2018

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Wagner College (16-15, 6-6 MAWPC-East Region) has some unfinished business in Annapolis as the Seahawks fell to George Washington University by an 8-5 score in the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship title game at the United States Naval Academy...This year, the Seahawks will aim to take the league championship crown back to the Spiro Sports Center in Staten Island...Wagner has never finished outside the Top Five at the event with prior Second (2017), Third (2018) and Fifth (2016,2019) place marks...The team played .500 ball in the MAWPC-East this year with prior games versus Bucknell University (14-12 W, 9-5 L), Fordham University (15-11 L, 12-8 L), Navy (7-6 L, 17-13 L), Mount St. Mary's University (20-11 W, 19-14 W), George Washington University (12-11 L, 12-5 W) and Johns Hopkins University (20-10 W, 17-10 W)...Wagner and Gannon University last met on September 16, 2017, with the

Seahawks picking up a 9-6 victory at the Bison Invitational hosted by Bucknell...At the 2016 MAWPC Championship, Wagner fell to Fordham (9-7 L) prior to taking care of Connecticut College (18-6 W) and Navy (16-13 W) to earn a Fifth Place mark...In 2017, the Seahawks downed Navy (9-8 W) and Bucknell (10-8 W) before dropping an 8-5 game to George Washington to garner a runner-up finish...12 months later at Fordham, Wagner defeated Johns Hopkins (9-7 L) and slipped against George Washington (16-14 L) prior to taking out the host Rams (10-6 W) in the Third Place game...In 2019 at Bucknell, Wagner suffered a 16-12 setback versus Navy prior to topping La Salle

University (15-13 W) and Johns Hopkins (14-11 W) to claim Fifth Place...Historically, New York institutions Queens College (1995, 1996, 1998, 2001), St. Francis College Brooklyn (1999, 2000, 2004, 2007) and Wagner (2017) have combined for nine runner-up placements and six titles (Queens: 1997, 2002; St. Francis Brooklyn: 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013).



Wagner College

MAWPC-East Region Fifth Place

Head Coach: Ciaran Wolohan

Assistant Coach: Murat Ersoz

1	Ethan Zirh	Sr.	Sydney, Australia
1A	Kevin Roach	Jr.	Commerce, Calif.
1B	Vaughn Bui	Fr.	Lake Forest, Calif.
1C	Adam Wuthrich	Fr.	Houston, Texas
2	Vuk Bulajic	Sr.	Belgrade, Serbia
3	Gabriel Sastre	So.	Nassau, Bahamas
4	Jeremy Alamo	Jr.	Upland, Calif.
5	Luis Camino Sosa	Fr.	Canary Islands, Spain
5A	Sam Del Rio	R-Sr.	Erdenheim, Pa.
6	Oliver Fodor	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary
8	Shakeed Yacoby	Jr.	Hod HaSharon, Israel
9	Karl Lovett	Jr.	San Ramon, Calif.
10	Zsombor Gyemant	So.	Budapest, Hungary
11	Mattia Bognolo	Fr.	Canberra, Australia
13	Brochton Troutman	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
14	Andrew Cowie	Fr.	Maple Ridge, B.C.
15	Jack Wilson	Fr.	Monrovia, Calif.
16	Kyle Chambers	Fr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
17	Kristian Stanczewski	Fr.	Harleysville, Pa.
18	Ryan Lanier	So.	Seabrook, Texas
20	Ben Zovickian	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif.
21	Jack Leighton	R-Sr.	Lake Forest, Calif.
22	Angelo Zania	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
27	Bendart Jansen	Fr.	Amersfoort, Netherlands

Bucknell University

MAWPC-East Fourth Place

Head Coach: John McBride

Assistant Coaches: Hannah Sunday, Arturo Villalpando

1	Jack Otto	Sr.	Libertyville, Ill.
1A	Adrien Touzot	Jr.	Beirut, Lebanon
2	Ethan Jones	So.	North Andover, Mass.
3	Jack Lewis	Sr.	Wilton, Conn.
4	Bence Fazekas	Sr.	Budapest, Hungary
6	Josh Yardley	Sr.	Sellersville, Pa.
7	Walker Butler	So.	Blue Bell, Pa.
8	Matt Ryckman	Fr.	Caracas, Venezuela
9	Jack Bruce	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
10	Liam Stott	So.	Modderfontein, South Africa
11	Mitchell Bugalski	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.
12	Shay Gillearn	Fr.	Woodland Hills, Calif.
13	Zachary Yardley	Fr.	Sellersville, Pa.
14	Colby Paine	Jr.	Larkspur, Calif.
15	Will Gildea	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
21	Hasan Mogultay	Fr.	Istanbul, Turkey
22	Doruk Ozar	So.	Istanbul, Turkey
23	Andu Vlasceanu	Jr.	Bucharest, Romania
24	Jason Hackett	Fr.	Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

California-Davis (14-13 L) and Salem University (15-10 W). In league competition, the team dropped an 11-10 game to Navy on October 16...The Bison will seek to become the first team to win three consecutive men's varsity East Coast championships since Navy won the 2006-to-2008 crowns...Since 1972, Bucknell (1977-to-1980), Brown University (1983-to-1985), the University of Massachusetts (1993-to-1996) and Navy (1986-to-1988; 2006-to-2008) have claimed three or more consecutive men's league championships among East Coast institutions...Bucknell claimed the 2016 MAWPC title via an 11-5 final score at Kinney Natatorium on November 20...The title marked the program's first conference championship since taking home the 1980 Eastern Championship against Loyola University...Following a 12-11 overtime loss to George Washington in the 2018 title game at Fordham University, the Bison won another MAWPC crown in 2019 on November 18 by dispatching George Washington via a 9-4 score at home in Lewisburg...Earlier this year, Bucknell topped La Salle University by an 11-3 score on March 7 to claim the 2020/Winter 2021 MAWPC title in Lewisburg...Since the 1980 title tilt, Bucknell has appeared in five championship games as the Bison competed for a league crown in 1985 (vs. Brown University), 1993 (vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2012 (vs. St. Francis College Brooklyn), 2016 (vs. George Washington), 2018 (vs. George Washington), 2019 (vs. George Washington) and 2020/21 (vs. La Salle).



The three-time (2016, 2019, 2020/Winter 2021) Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion, 2017 Third Place finisher and 2018 runner-up, the Bison of Bucknell University (11-11, 6-6 MAWPC-East Region) will aim to win its second conference title in a calendar year...The Bison faced .500 in league play against Fordham University (13-9 L, 14-13 L), Wagner College (14-11 L, 9-5 W), George Washington University (8-5 L, 14-10 W), the United States Naval Academy (11-10 L, 8-7 L), Johns Hopkins University (18-9 W, 16-8 W) and Mount St. Mary's University (12-9 W, 11-5 W)...Bucknell is 2-3 in Annapolis this year as the Bison opened the season on September 4-5 at the Navy Open versus the University of California (20-8 L), Iona College (16-11 W), the University of

The Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference-East Region regular season champion and ranked No. 18 in the latest National Top 20 Poll, the Rams of Fordham University (23-6, 11-1 MAWPC-East Region) will aim to claim the first conference championship in the history of the program...The Rams previously faced Bucknell University (13-9 W, 14-13 W OT SD), Wagner College (15-10 W, 12-8 W), Mount St. Mary's University (21-8 W, 19-10 W, 17-9 W), the United States Naval Academy (17-10 W, 10-9 W), George Washington University (15-7 W, 13-11 W) and Johns Hopkins University (19-4 W, 13-12 L) during the season to compile a 12-1 mark against the other MAWPC-East institutions...This marks the ninth time since 1987 that the Rams have competed in a league championship tournament as the team placed Fifth (2009 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology),

Eighth (2010 at Bucknell), 11th (2013 at Brown University) and Ninth (2014 at Navy; 2015 at MIT) at the Eastern/Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship prior to Third (2016 at Bucknell) and Fourth (2017 at Navy; 2018 at home; 2019 at Bucknell) place marks at the MAWPC Championship...Fordham will aim to advance to a championship title game for the first-

time since back-to-back appearances in the 1973 and 1974 finales against Yale University and Bucknell, respectively...In the history of East Coast men's varsity water polo, only two New York schools have captured league titles as Queens College (1997, 2002) and St. Francis College Brooklyn (2005, 2010, 2012, 2013) previously achieved the feat prior to the formation of the MAWPC and the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC)...A Fordham victory in the MAWPC Championship title game will advance the Rams to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship for the first time in the history of the sport.



Fordham University

MAWPC-East Region First Place

Head Coach: Brian Bacharach

Associate Head Coach: Bill Harris

1	Bailey O'Mara	Sr.	Darien, Conn.
1A	Thomas Lercari	Fr.	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
1B	Aldo Ordonez	Jr.	Austin, Texas
2	Dimitris Koukias	Sr.	Athens, Greece
3	Hans Zdolsek	Gr.	Linkoping, Sweden
4	Christos Loupakis	So.	Athens, Greece
5	Jason Hiremath	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
6	Jacopo Parrella	Fr.	Naples, Italy
7	Curtis Vidinoff	Jr.	Clovis, Calif.
8	George Papanikolaou	Fr.	Athens, Greece
9	Lucas Nieto Jasny	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain
10	Nacho Ariste	So.	Madrid, Spain
11	Sebastian Zapatero	Jr.	Venice, Calif.
14	Victor Schultz	Fr.	Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.
15	Quinn Wagner	Jr.	Westport, Conn.
16	Michael Rahner	So.	Erie, Pa.
17	Daniel Lynch	Jr.	Indian Head Park, Ill.
18	Mark Katsey	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
19	Skyler Knoflick	Jr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
20	Jack Brodersen	So.	Shoreline, Wash.
21	Stephen Judge	Jr.	Scarsdale, N.Y.

United States Naval Academy

MAWPC-East Region Second Place

Head Coach: Luis Nicolao

Assistant Coaches: Tom Popp, Ken Vincent

1	Max Sandberg	Sr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
1A	Caden Capobianco	So.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
1B	Owen Gurich	So.	Long Beach, Calif.
1C	Jonas Greer	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
2	Kyle Yelensky	So.	Stamford, Conn.
3	Spencer Shelby	So.	Grapevine, Texas
4	Payton Comstock	Jr.	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
5	Jake Altmayer	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.
6	Isaac Salinas	Sr.	Spring City, Pa.
7	Graham Lindner	Jr.	Bel Air, Md.
8	Connor Simpson	Jr.	San Rafael, Calif.
9	Jack Weggeland	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
10	Jordan Corpuz	So.	Glendale, Calif.
11	Ivan Pang	So.	El Monte, Calif.
12	Michael Heller	Fr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
13	Nathan Duchez	So.	San Jose, Calif.
14	Colin McKechnie	Fr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
15	Will Clark	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
16	Peter Hillen	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
17	Tommy McKnew	Fr.	Tiburon, Calif.
18	Tiernan Brunner	Jr.	Timonium, Md.
19	Henry Williams	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
20	Travis Berzins	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
21	Chris Kim	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
22	Nick Grinnell	Sr.	Pikesville, Md.
23	John Nelligan	Jr.	Wayne, Pa.
24	Kenny McKinlay	Sr.	Aiea, Hawaii
25	Kyle Faison	Jr.	Goleta, Calif.
26	Erik Nordquist	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
27	Sean O'Boyle	Fr.	Steilacoom, Wash.
28	Jamie Cassidy	Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
29	Sullivan Lundy	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
30	Hayden Kahn	So.	San Clemente, Calif.
31	Liam McInerney	Fr.	Annapolis, Md.
32	Danny Taylor	Fr.	Riverside, Conn.
33	Merle Richman	Jr.	La Jolla, Calif.

Bucknell), Fifth (2017 at home) and Sixth (2016 at Bucknell, 2018 at Fordham) in four prior tries at the MAWPC title.

The No. 20-ranked U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen (14-12, 9-3 MAWPC-East Region) come into the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship with hopes of returning to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship for the first time since 2008...A nine-time league champion (1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008) and eight-time runner-up (1984, 1991, 1994, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011) under Mike Schofield, Navy last made a conference championship game in 2011...This year, the Mids faced Fordham University (17-10 L, 10-9 L), Johns Hopkins University (14-10 W, 18-5 W), Bucknell University (11-10 W, 8-7 W), George Washington University (12-9 W OT, 11-10 L), Bucknell University (11-10 W), Mount St. Mary's University (18-6 W, 13-10 W) and Wagner College (17-13 W) in league competition...The Midshipmen last played Gannon University on September 3, 2017 and picked up a 13-10 win at home in Annapolis, Md., during the Navy Open...Navy previously finished Third (2019 at



Mount St. Mary's University (7-21, 1-11 MAWPC-East) makes the program's inaugural appearance at the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship following a 2020/Winter 2021 season in which the Mountaineers finished 5-4, including a 3-2 mark in the MAWPC-West Division. The Mount competed against exclusively MAWPC-West opponents in the program's abbreviated inaugural season in which the team defeated Salem University (15-10 W), fell to Gannon University (16-9 L) and upended Mercyhurst University (11-10 W) on February 27-28 to claim Third Place...Following the 2020/Winter 2021 season, Mount St. Mary's made the transition to the MAWPC-

East. The only MAWPC-East team to face Gannon (13-11 L), the Mountaineers finished in Seventh Place in their region standings based on results against Fordham University (21-8 L, 19-10 L 17-9 L), George Washington University (20-13 L, 12-11 L), Johns Hopkins University (15-14 W, 13-12 L), Bucknell University (12-9 L, 11-5 L), Wagner College (20-12 L, 19-14 L) and the United States Naval Academy (18-6 L, 13-10 L). The 21-8 loss to Fordham occurred in non-league competition during the Bison Invitational at Bucknell on September 19...If Mount St. Mary's wins the MAWPC title, the Mountaineers have a number of previous meetings versus potential Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) opponents in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship. The team has previously faced Princeton University (21-10 L), Iona College (12-11 L), St. Francis College Brooklyn (21-6 L), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (11-9 L), Brown University (16-7 L), Connecticut College (19-10 W) and Harvard University (20-9 L) this year...Head coach Alyssa Diacono is believed to be the third woman to lead a men's team to a Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)/MAWPC/Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) championship tournament following CWPA Hall of Fame member/former Bucknell head coach Lynn Kachmarik and McKendree University head coach Colleen Lischwe.



Mount St. Mary's University MAWPC-East Region Seventh Place

Head Coach: Alyssa Diacono

Assistant Coach: Justin Vink

1	Marko Kruska	Sr.	Belgrade, Serbia
1A	Joseph Maxson	So.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
2	Nate Hopkins	Fr.	Rockford, Mich.
3	Nicholas Wallace-Whitfield	Fr.	Nassau, Bahamas
4	Alex Hoy	Fr.	King of Prussia, Pa.
5	Jason O'Donnell	So.	Beaconsfield, Quebec
6	Michael Lemishko	Fr.	Wayne, Pa.
7	Kiah Horan	So.	Papamoa, New Zealand
8	Eli Thalos	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
9	Carter Zwirz	Fr.	Beaconsfield, Quebec
10	Caden Rogers	Fr.	Del Norte, Calif.
11	Kacper Cieplik	So.	Beaconsfield, Quebec
12	Jaden McNeal-Villafana	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
13	Zach Fischer	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
14	Jason Fitch	So.	Middle River, Md.

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Gannon University MAWPC-West Region Champion

Head Coach: Shane Unger

Assistant Coach: Campbell Ruh

1	Jacob Hollo	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
1A	Alvaro Marco	Fr.	Madrid, Spain
2	Marty Kaverman	Jr.	Erie, Pa.
3	Dylan Schmitzerle	So.	Richmond, Va.
4	Ben Fribourg	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
5	Garrett Takei	So.	Fremont, Calif.
6	David Gallion	Sr.	Arlington, Va.
7	Seth Johnson	Jr.	Sugar Hill, Georgia
8	Robert Bolmanski	Sr.	Erie, Pa.
9	Anthony Squeglia	R-Sr.	Erie, Pa.
10	John Vieira	Sr.	Erie, Pa.
11	Tim Baer	R-Sr.	Oceanside, Calif.
12	Ethan Hamp	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
13	Vlad Mickic	Jr.	Subotica, Serbia
14	Jordan Kraus	Fr.	Erie, Pa.
15	Thomas Koelling	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
16	Grant Simeone	Fr.	Westerville, Ohio
17	Thomas Uht	Sr.	Erie, Pa.
18	Drago Marjanovic	Sr.	Belgrade, Serbia
19	Matthew Marks	Fr.	Milford, Ohio
20	Matt Harkrader	Fr.	Hatfield, Pa.

versity (10-7 L) and Johns Hopkins University (12-11 L) before topping then MAWPC-West runner-up Mercyhurst University (13-12 W OT SD)...No East Coast men's team west of Lewisburg has won an Eastern/Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)/MAWPC or Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) league championship title and/or automatic berth to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship since Slippery Rock University took home a title in 1991 against Navy...A Division II school has not appeared in either a Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), MAWPC or Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship title game since former varsity program Queens College (N.Y.) downed the United States Naval Academy in 2001...If Gannon wins the title and potentially compete in a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship play-in game versus the NWPC Champion, the Golden Knights have previous meetings versus St. Francis College Brooklyn (11-7 L), Brown University (17-10 L, 9-7 L), Harvard University (16-5 L), Connecticut College (14-5 W) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (12-11 L OT).



Gannon University (13-8, 3-1 MAWPC-West Region) returns to the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship after taking home the MAWPC-West Championship on November 7 at the Mylan Park Aquatics Center in Morgantown, W.Va...The Golden Knights have faced only one MAWPC-East team this year as Gannon topped Mount St. Mary's University by a 13-11 score at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie on September 11...The last time Gannon made the MAWPC Championship in 2019 at Bucknell University, the Golden Knights fell to Fordham University (16-11 W) and Johns Hopkins University (17-13 W) before downing La Salle University (15-9 W) to claim Seventh Place...In 2017 at the United States Naval Academy under then head coach Sean Morphy, the Golden Knights fell to George Washington Uni-

George Washington University (10-13, 7-5 MAWPC-East Region), the 2017 and 2018 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion will aim to make the program's fifth MAWPC Championship title game appearance...In 2016, the Colonials fell to host Bucknell University by an 11-5 final in the title game of the inaugural MAWPC Championship... At the United States Naval Academy in 2017, GW got over the hump and claimed the league crown by rolling through the field with victories over Gannon University (10-7 W) and Fordham University (16-15 W OT) before upending Wagner College (8-5 W) for the inaugural crown in school history and the first under then first-year head coach Barry King...In 2018 at Fordham University, the Colonials handled McKendree University (16-6 W), Wagner (16-14 W) and finally Bucknell (12-11 OT W) to put another banner in the team's natatorium...In 2019 at Bucknell, the Colonials lost the title game to the Bison by a 9-4 score...Earlier this year, GW dropped a 6-4 game to La Salle University in the opening game of the 2020/Winter 2021 MAWPC Championship...This marks GW's 11th appearance at a league championship tournament since 2007...The squad finished in Seventh Place at the 2013 CWPA Championship hosted by Brown University prior to earning Eighth Place at the 2014 CWPA Championship hosted Navy...The Colonials finished in 9th Place at the 2015 CWPA Championship hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)...Earlier in the century, George Washington claimed Third Place at the 2007 CWPA Championship hosted by Harvard after notching an Eighth Place mark at the 2003 CWPA Championship hosted by Navy...The Colonials faced Johns Hopkins University (21-11 W, 11-6 W), Mount St. Mary's University (20-13 W, 12-11 W), Bucknell (8-5 W, 14-10 L), Fordham (15-7 L, 13-11 L), Wagner College (12-11 W, 12-5 L) and Navy (12-9 L OT, 11-10 W) during the MAWPC

-East regular season this year...If GW wins the MAWPC Championship and must compete in a Natinal Collegiate Athletic Association (CWPA) Championship play-in game against the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Champion, the Colonials previously faced Iona College (15-8 W), Princeton University (12-5 L), St. Francis College Brooklyn (18-13 L), Brown University (13-10 L, 12-11 W OT) and Harvard University (15-11 L, 14-5 L).



George Washington University

MAWPC-East Region Third Place

Head Coach: Barry King

1	Luca Castorina	So.	Catania, Sicily
1A	Nolan Bannerton	Fr.	Darien, Conn.
2	DJ Davis	Sr.	Alamo, Calif.
3	Zachary Pendolino	Sr.	Burlingame, Calif.
5	Nik Schoening	So.	Danville, Calif.
6	Nick Schroeder	Sr.	Orinda, Calif.
7	Henry Maas	Jr.	San Anselmo, Calif.
8	Andras Levai	Gr.	Budapest, Hungary
9	Leo Lueddermann	Fr.	Danville, Calif.
10	Kalan Smith	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
11	Viktor Jovanovic	So.	Calgary, Canada
12	Ford Bruggen	So.	Kensington, Md.
15	Michael Fearon	So.	Millbrae, Calif.
16	Logan Kalish	Fr.	Bethesda, Md.
17	Antonin Kralj	Jr.	Cavtat, Croatia
18	Andrija Sekulic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
20	Bender Russo	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
21	Bruno Rebessi	Fr.	Miami, Fla.

Johns Hopkins University

MAWPC-East Region Sixth Place

Head Coach: Max Schlegel

1	Kyle Pearson	Fr.	Key Biscayne, Fla.
1A	Connor Mechelke	Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
2	Jayden Kunwar	Sr.	Woodside, Calif.
3	Emerson Sullivan	Sr.	San Anselmo, Calif.
4	Jake Pearson	Sr.	Key Biscayne, Fla.
5	Seth Berke	So.	Boca Raton, Fla.
6	Shayan Sadiq	So.	Irvine, Calif.
7	Cameron Burns	So.	Irvine, Calif.
8	Olin Shipstead	Gr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
9	Kamran Eslami	Jr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
10	Alastair Powers	So.	Annapolis, Md.
11	Ian Raley	Fr.	Baltimore, Md.
12	Paul Gensbigler	So.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
13	Chris Freese	Jr.	Bellevue, Wash.
14	Mark Poisler	Fr.	Spring, Texas
18	Isaac Thorman	Gr.	New York, N.Y.
20	Liam Housenbold	So.	Atherton, Calif.
21	Christopher Lo	Fr.	Newtown Square, Pa.

Division III No. 5-ranked Johns Hopkins University (6-19, 2-10 MAWPC-East Region) enters the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship with a postseason berth already locked up...The Division III Eastern Champion via an 11-10 sudden death overtime defeat of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on October 24 at Connecticut College, the Blue Jays punched their ticket to the four-team Division III Collegiate Water Polo National Championship sponsored by USA Water Polo on December 4-5 at an institutional site in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) ...The Blue Jays faced George Washington University (12-11 L, 11-6 L), Mount St. Mary's University (15-14 L, 13-12 W), the United States Naval Academy (14-10 L, 18-5 L), Bucknell University (18-9 L, 16-8 L), Fordham University (19-4 L, 13-12 W) and Wagner College (20-10 L, 17-10 L) during the regular season...The Blue Jays have made a Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)/MAWPC league championship title game only once—the 2015 CWPA Championship title tilt at MIT against Princeton University...With question the most successful Division III team on the East Coast with 19 Division III Eastern Championships (1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021) and nine runner-up (1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2010, 2014, 2018) finishes, the Blue Jays dropped their only league title game berth by a 7-6 count against the Tigers to miss out on the institution's first league title and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship berth in the sport of men's water polo...The runner-up finish was historic as the Blue Jays became the first and only Division III institution to make a league title game on the East Coast...Johns Hopkins will make the program's 17th try at a league championship after placing Second (2015), Fourth (2009), Sixth (2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014), Seventh (2002, 2007), Eighth (2000, 2001) and Ninth (2013) at Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championships before placing Fourth (2016), Fifth (2018) and Sixth (2017, 2019) at the MAWPC Championship...For the sake of clarity, the pre-2013 appearances occurred in eight-team fields, while the 2014 and 2015 tournaments were both 12-team events.

