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## 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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## 2021 NORTHEAST WATER POLO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, November 19, 2021				Game #	Score
1:00	4th Seed - <b>Brown University</b>	vs.	5th Seed - <b>Iona College</b>	1	
3:00	2nd Seed - <b>Harvard University</b>	vs.	7th Seed - <b>Connecticut College</b>	2	
5:00	3rd Seed - <b>St. Francis College Brooklyn</b>	vs.	6th Seed - <b>MIT</b>	3	
Saturday, November 20, 2021				Game #	Score
10:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 2	4	
Noon	1st Seed - <b>Princeton University</b>	vs.	Winner Game 1	5	
2:00	Winner Game 2	vs.	Winner Game 3	6	
4:00	Loser Game 2	vs.	Loser Game 3	7	
Sunday, November 21, 2021				Game #	Score
9:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 3	8	
11:00	Loser Game 6	vs.	Loser Game 5	3rd Place	
1:00	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 6	1st 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.*

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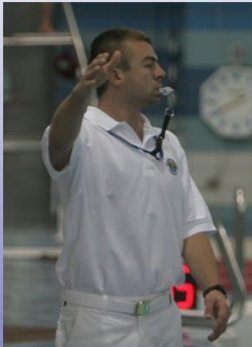
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Brown University (18-13, 5-4 NWPC) starts the Northeast Water Polo Conference Championship following a Fourth Place finish during the regular season...The Bears faced Harvard University (10-7 L, 8-4 L, 17-11 L), Princeton University (12-8 L, 13-7 L), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (16-8 W, 15-7 W, 17-10 W), Iona College (15-12 W, 15-7 W), Connecticut College (13-7 W) and St. Francis College Brooklyn (14-13 W OT) during the regular season. The Bears' first game versus St. Francis Brooklyn was not rescheduled, while the Connecticut College game was not factored in the team's regular season league record...A five-time Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)/ Eastern Champion (1981, 1983-85, 2014) and six-time runner-up (1978, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990)

prior to the formation of the NWPC, Brown will aim to bring home its first Northeast crown...The 2016 NWPC Championship runner-up as Brown fell by an 11-7 score to Harvard at Princeton, the team placed Third in 2017 at Harvard following an 11-9 overtime loss to Princeton in the semifinals and an 11-9 defeat of St. Francis College Brooklyn in the Third Place tilt...In 2018 at home in Rhode Island, the Bears finished in Fourth Place as the team topped MIT (8-7 W) prior to suffering setbacks against Harvard (11-10 L) and St. Francis Brooklyn (13-9 L)...In 2019 at MIT, Brown defeated Iona (13-11 W) and fell to Princeton (16-10 L) before upending St. Francis Brooklyn (19-18 W OT SD) in the Third Place game...Due to COVID-19, the Bears did not compete during the 2020/Winter 2021 season...If Brown wins the NWPC and competes in a potential National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) play-in game, the Bears have prior experience against Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) member institutions Wagner College (15-12 W, 10-9 L), Gannon University (17-10 W), the United States Naval Academy (11-7 L), George Washington University (13-10 W, 12-11 L OT) and Mount St. Mary's University (16-7 L)...This marks the team's second trip to the Garden State this year as Brown went 1-2 as the Bears faced to Navy (11-7 L), George Washington (13-10 W) and Stanford University (19-7 L) on September 11-12 during the Princeton Invitational.

## Brown University

### NWPC Regular Season: Fourth Place

Head Coach: Felix Mercado

Assistant Coaches: JJ Addison, Britt Connell

1	Ugo Piovan	Sr.	Vouliagmeni, Greece
1A	Joe Gallagher	So.	Los Altos Hills, Calif.
1B	Simeon Dong	Fr.	Solana Beach, Calif.
2	Leo Berkman	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
3	Stephen Salle	Sr.	Chadds Ford, Pa.
4	Nick Berry	Jr.	San Anselmo, Calif.
5	Filip Aleksic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
7	Thomas Hoffmeister	So.	Greenwich, Conn.
8	Niko Bhatia	Sr.	Los Altos, Calif.
9	Connor Enright	So.	Atherton, Calif.
10	Cole Atwell	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
11	Anderson Todd	Fr.	Costa Mesa, Fla.
12	Matt Simko	Sr.	Coral Gables, Fla.
13	Evan Moore	So.	Ventura, Calif.
14	Gabe Chang	Fr.	Seal Beach, Calif.
15	Ben Kirshon	Fr.	Ladera Ranch, Calif.
16	Max Boucher	So.	Coconut Grove, Fla.
17	Ben Resko	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
21	Andrew Penner	Sr.	Atherton, Calif.
22	Maxwell Patterson Jr.		Portola Valley, Calif.





Connecticut College (1-13, 0-0 NWPC) enters the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship without playing a league game...Connecticut agreed to accept the No. 7 seed for the NWPC Championship and did not compete in an official league game during the 2021 season. The Camels did face Iona College (19-7 L, 18-10 L), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (20-5 L), Brown University (13-7 L) and Harvard University (18-7 L) during the regular season....If Connecticut wins the NWPC Championship and faces the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship, the team has past results against several of the MAWPC teams with previous meetings versus Wagner College (21-7 L), Gannon University (14-5 L), Mount St. Mary's University (19-10 L) and Johns Hopkins University (19-13 L)...This marks Connecticut's first appearance at an NWPC Championship as the team previously competed in the MAWPC-West Region from 2016-to-2019...Connecticut defeated La Salle University (19-9 W) and Salem University (19-15 W) prior to falling to Mercyhurst University (11-8 L) in the inaugural MAWPC-West Championship title game at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie...At the 2016 MAWPC Championship hosted by Bucknell University, Connecticut fell to Bucknell University (24-4 L), Wagner College (18-6 L) and Mercyhurst (15-11 L) to place Eighth...At the 2018 MAWPC-West Championship hosted at Hallman, Connecticut fell to La Salle (13-11 L) and defeated Washington & Jefferson College (19-10 W) before suffering a 7-6 loss to McKendree University in the Fifth Place game...In 2018 at Hallman, Connecticut dropped a 13-7 game to Mercyhurst, topped Monmouth College (16-4 L) and edged Washington & Jefferson College (14-13 W OT) to claim Fifth Place...Connecticut finished in sixth place at the 2019 MAWPC-West Championship hosted at Hallman as the Camels fell to Mercyhurst (14-12 L), defeated Monmouth (17-8 W) and slipped versus Washington & Jefferson (9-8 L)...Connecticut College head coach Matt Anderson will aim for his seventh postseason championship in an East Coast league (Collegiate Water Polo Association, MAWPC, NWPC) as he previously won four CWPAA Women's Championships (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010) at the University of Michigan prior to leading the Camels' to the 2015 and 2016 CWPAA Women's Division III Championships...Anderson is one of four coaches in the championship with prior post-season championships as he joins Princeton University's Dustin Litvak, Harvard's Ted Minnis and Brown's Felix Mercado...Host Connecticut College placed sixth at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Eastern Championship in New London, Conn., earlier this year as the Camels fell to Johns Hopkins (19-13 L), defeated Penn State Behrend (16-11 W) and slipped versus Augustana College (14-8 L) at home in Lott Natatorium.

## Connecticut College

### NWPC Regular Season: Seventh Place

Head Coach: Matt Anderson

3	Grant Archer	So.	Miami, Fla.
5	Lucas Verrilli	Sr.	Evanston, Ill.
6	Sam Guy	Jr.	Portland, Ore.
7	George Gould	So.	San Francisco, Calif.
8	Jonathan Rojas	Fr.	Houston, Texas
10	Siaki Nelson	Fr.	Montgomery, Texas
11	Alex Turnquest	So.	Nassau, Bahamas
12	Mike Gertsik	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
21	Christian Jacobsen Jr.		North Palm Beach, Fla.



St. Francis College Brooklyn (14-6, 6-3 NWPC) comes into the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship aiming to claim the program's fourth league championship since 2010...The 2005 (vs. the United States Naval Academy), 2010 (vs. Navy), 2012 (vs. Bucknell University) and 2013 (vs. Princeton University) Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion, the Terriers also posted runner-up finishes in 1999 (vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2000 (vs. Navy), 2004 (vs. Princeton) and 2007 (vs. Navy)...If the Terriers make it to the championship title game, hold on tight as close games are the squad's modus operandi with previous nail-biting title berths in 1999 (11-10 L vs. Massachusetts), 2000 (13-12 L OT SD vs. Navy at Brown University), 2004 (3-2 OT SD L vs. Princeton at Bucknell), 2005 (10-9 W vs. Navy at Harvard University), 2007 (11-7 L vs. Navy at Harvard), 2010 (8-4 W vs. Navy at Bucknell) and 2013 (11-9 W vs. Princeton at Bucknell)...In the inaugural NWPC Championship at Princeton's DeNunzio Pool in 2016, St. Francis Brooklyn downed Iona College (13-2 W) prior to falling against both Brown (9-4 L) and Princeton (18-13 L) to finish in Fourth Place...In 2017, the Terriers fell to host/eventual champion Harvard (9-7 L) before dropping a game to Brown (11-9 L) to again place fourth...At Brown in 2018, the Terriers fell to Princeton (9-7 L) and stopped Brown (13-9 W) in the third place game...Most recently in 2019 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), St. Francis handled the host Engineers (18-8 W), fell to Harvard (15-9 L) and took a setback versus Brown (19-18 L OT SD) to finish in fourth place...St. Francis has a chance to achieve a feat never accomplished on the East Coast—have five head coaches win championships in the span of 14 years if Ilija Duretic can lead the team to this year's title...The 2005 title belongs to Carl Quigley, while the 2010 and 2012 crowns were claimed by Igor Samardzija...In 2013, Srdjan Mihaljevic took over for Samardzija and posted the Terriers' most recent title and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship tournament berth...New York City teams have combined to win six league championships in men's water polo since records were first kept in 1972...Queens College took home the 1997 and 2002 championships under Shelly Rothman (1997) and current Princeton assistant coach Derek Ellingson (2002) to accompany St. Francis Brooklyn's four championship crowns.

## St. Francis College Brooklyn

### NWPC Regular Season: Third Place

Head Coach: Ilija Duretic

Assistant Coach: Alana Burgess

1	Djordje Stoilkovic	Jr.	Nis, Serbia
1A	Manuel Diaz	So.	Madrid, Spain
1B	Luka Bogdanov	So.	Eugene, Ore.
1C	Branislav Petrovic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
1D	Kenshiro Matsuzawa	Fr.	Yachiyo, Chiba, Japan
2	Paul Armingol	So.	Aix en Provence, France
3	Adonis Vlassis	So.	Athens, Greece
4	William Simpson	Jr.	Wellington, N.Z.
6	Matteo Nardelli	So.	Fasano, Italy
7	Cody-Alexander Jones Sr.		Kingston, Jamaica
8	Dominik Hevesi	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary
9	Alexsa Sisakovic	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia
10	Baptiste Oliveri	Jr.	Marseille, France
11	Leonidas Athanasoulis So.		Hydra, Greece
12	Paul Morliere	So.	Marseille, France
13	Valentin Horvath	Sr.	Budapest, Hungary
14	Riyad Shehadeh	So.	Nicosia, Cyprus
15	Tom Simpson	Fr.	Manchester, England
16	Victor Barrera Chaves	Fr.	Valencia, Spain
17	Josep Jodra Munoz	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain



Princeton University (23-7, 8-2 NWPC) comes into the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship aiming to take down the three-time champion Harvard University Crimson from the top spot and earn a return to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship...The last Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion prior to the split of the league into the NWPC and Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference, the Tigers saw a three-year string of league title game appearances come to an end at home in DeNunzio Pool in 2016 as Princeton dropped a 14-13 semifinal game to the Crimson...Prior to the loss, Princeton fell to St. Francis College Brooklyn in 2013 at Brown University (11-9 L), dropped a meeting with Brown University at the United States Naval Academy (7-6 L) in 2014 and knocked off Johns Hopkins University by a 7-6 count at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2015...In 2017 at Harvard,

Princeton defeated Brown (11-9 W OT) but fell in the title game to the host Crimson (12-11 L OT SD)...Princeton returned to the top of the pile in 2018 as the team downed Iona College (16-7 W), St. Francis Brooklyn (9-7 W) and Harvard (12-10 W) to win the NWPC crown...At the most recent NWPC Championship in 2019 at MIT, Princeton topped Brown (16-10 W) but fell in the title tilt to Harvard (8-7 L)...Overall, Princeton has six previous league championships (1992 vs. Slippery Rock University; 2004 vs. St. Francis Brooklyn; 2009 vs. Navy; 2011 vs. Navy; 2015 vs. Johns Hopkins; 2018 vs. Harvard) with seven runner-up marks by placing second in 2003 (vs. Navy), 2006 (vs. Navy), 2008 (vs. Navy), 2013 (vs. St. Francis Brooklyn), 2014 (vs. Brown), 2017 (vs. Harvard) and 2019 (vs. Harvard)...Princeton posted the programs 12th 20-win season this year as the Tigers previously racked up 20 or more wins in 1999 (22-3), 2000 (24-10), 2002 (20-9), 2003 (23-4), 2004 (25-6), 2005 (21-10), 2011 (23-10), 2013 (22-6), 2014 (23-4), 2015 (22-5) and 2017 (22-6) since becoming a varsity sport in 1996...Among the Tigers' bevy of 20-victory seasons, only three have concluded with championship plaques (2004, 2011, 2015).



## Princeton University

### NWPC Regular Season: First Place

Head Coach: Dusty Litvak

Assistant Coaches: Derek Ellingson, Savannah Phillips

1	Billy Motherway	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
1A	Antonio Knez	Jr.	Dubrovnik, Croatia
1B	Miles Wilson	Sr.	Irvine, Calif.
2	Touma Mack	So.	Orlando, Fla.
3	Vladan Mitrovic	Fr.	Novi Sad, Serbia
4	Mason Killion	So.	Irvine, Calif.
5	Roko Pozaric	Fr.	Zagreb, Croatia
6	George Caras	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
7	Keller Maloney	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
8	Pierce Maloney	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
9	Matej Sekulic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
10	Mitchell Cooper	Sr.	Newport Coast, Calif.
11	Ryan Neapole	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
12	Nick Hovsmith	Jr.	Woodside, Calif.
13	Will Garlinghouse	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
14	Wyatt Benson	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
15	Isaac Rotenberg	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
16	Gavin Molloy	Fr.	Old Greenwich, Conn.
17	Yurian Quinones	Jr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.
18	Luke Hammarskjold	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
19	Harry Foster	Jr.	Princeton, N.J.
20	Alex Roose	Jr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
21	Chris Armstrong	So.	Ocala, Fla.
22	Ned Bless	Sr.	Evanston, Ill.
23	Joan Coloma	Jr.	Barcelona, Spain
24	Harry Moross	Jr.	London, England

The Crimson of Harvard University (25-4, 8-2 NWPC) enters the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship tournament seeking to return to the top of the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) in 2021...The three-time (2016, 2017, 2019) NWPC Champions and the only team to make all four prior NWPC title tilts, the Crimson will aim to get back to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship in 2021...In 2016, the Crimson downed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (14-8 W), upended host Princeton University (14-13 W) and bested Brown University (11-7 W) at DeNunzio Pool in Princeton, N.J. to claim the inaugural NWPC Championship on the way to a Fourth Place finish at the 2016 NCAA Championship...Harvard had never

won a league championship and previously advanced to a league title tilt just once since records were first kept in 1972...In 1972, the Crimson reached the Eastern Championship (which later became the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship), but fell to longtime Ivy League archrival Yale University...It marked the first of two consecutive league crowns for Yale...In 2017 at home in Blodgett Pool, Harvard downed Iona College (16-7 W), St. Francis College Brooklyn (9-7 W) and Princeton (12-11 SD OT W) to claim the program's second consecutive league title and NCAA berth...In 2018 at Brown, Harvard won the regular season title, but missed out on becoming the first Ivy League institution to claim three consecutive league titles in men's water polo since Brown achieved the feat from 1983-to-1985. The Crimson defeated the host Bears (11-10 W), but suffered a 12-10 setback in the title game against Princeton...In 2019, Harvard topped St. Francis Brooklyn (15-9 W) and Princeton (8-7 W) at MIT in Cambridge, Mass., to win the program's third NWPC crown... This year, Harvard has previously faced Brown (10-7 W, 8-4 W, 17-11 W), Princeton (10-8 W, 12-9 L), St. Francis Brooklyn (12-10 L, 20-5 W), Iona College (18-14 W, 20-8 W), MIT (16-10 W, 16-13 W) and Connecticut College (17-8 W)...If Harvard wins the NWPC crown and faces a Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) in the NCAA Championship, the Crimson have prior meetings in 2021 with Fordham University (10-8 L), Wagner College (16-12 W, 16-10 W, 15-9 W), Bucknell University (14-10 W), George Washington University (15-11 W, 14-5 W), Gannon University (16-5 W) and Mount St. Mary's University (20-9 W).

## Harvard University

### NWPC Regular Season: Second Place

Head Coach: Ted Minnis

Assistant Coaches: Cassie Churnside, Jackie Puccino, Cory Olcott

1	Noah Hodge	Jr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
1A	Nathan Wu	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
2	Tyler Zarcu	Fr.	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.
3	Owen Hale	So.	El Segundo, Calif.
4	Colin Le	So.	Redondo Beach, Calif.
5	Jackson Enright	Sr.	San Mateo, Calif.
6	Michael Del Mundo Sr.		Bakersfield, Calif.
7	Mot Stothart	So.	Barcelona, Spain
8	Gabe Putnam	Jr.	Clovis, Calif.
9	Michael Sonsini	Jr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
10	Max Keck	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
11	Cam Dougherty	So.	Naperville, Ill.
12	Alex Tsotadze	Sr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
13	Alex James	Fr.	Burlington, Ontario
14	Rishi Mohan	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
15	Alexandru Bucur	So.	Sierra Madre, Calif.
16	Roger Brockett	Jr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
17	Kaleb Archer	So.	Clovis, Calif.
18	Andrej Basica	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia



The Gaels of Iona College (7-18, 1-9 NWPC) will seek to do something the program has never previously accomplished—reach the title game of a league championship tournament...The Gaels are the only program at the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Championship to never play in a championship (Division II, Division III, Eastern Championship, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), etc.) title game...Iona faced Connecticut College (14-6 W, 19-7 W, 18-10 W), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (13-12 L, 15-14 W), Harvard University (18-14 L, 20-8 L), Brown University (15-12 L, 15-7 L), St. Francis College Brooklyn (25-10 L, 22-15 L) and Princeton University (12-6 L, 20-10 L) during the regular season...

In the history of the NWPC Championship, the Gaels have experienced a consistent trend...In 2016 at the inaugural NWPC Championship hosted by Princeton, the Gaels fell to St. Francis Brooklyn (13-2 L) and topped MIT in sudden death overtime (9-8 W) in the Fifth Place game...In 2017 at Harvard, Iona fell to the host Crimson (16-7 L) and again felled MIT (10-9 OT W) in overtime for Fifth Place...In 2018 at Brown, Iona fell to Princeton (16-7 L) and MIT (8-7 L) to garner a sixth place finish...In 2019 at MIT, Iona slipped versus Brown (13-11 L) and MIT (16-6 L) to claim another sixth place finish...Last year, Iona competed in the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) during the 2020/Winter 2021 season with three games versus the United States Naval Academy (19-6 L) and La Salle University (19-15 L, 15-11 L)...The New York metro area has a history of league championship titles as St. Francis College Brooklyn (2005, 2010, 2012, 2013) and former varsity program Queens College (1997, 2002) previously captured CWPA/Eastern Championships...If Iona wins the NWPC Championship and earns a play-in game date with the MAWPC Champion, the Gaels will have some past experience versus most of their potential opponents with prior clashes versus MAWPC institutions George Washington University (15-8 L), Bucknell University (16-11 L), Navy (16-4 L, 12-7 L), Mount St. Mary's University (12-11 W), Johns Hopkins University (15-14 W), Wagner College (20-13 L) and Fordham University (14-5 L).



## Iona College

### NWPC Regular Season: Fifth Place

Head Coach: Brian Kelly

Assistant Coaches: Hannah Schultz, Joe Przekota,

Greg Judge

1	Kyle Laufenberg Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
1A	Diego Gomez So.	San Juan, P.R.
2	Lester Machado Jr.	North Miami, Fla.
3	Mohamed Refaat Jr.	Maitland, Fla.
4	William Harrington Fr.	Costa Mesa, Calif.
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15	Jack Folan So.	Park Ridge, Ill.
18	Aidan Finkler Fr.	Crofton, Md.
19	James DiSalle So.	Toledo, Ohio
24	Timothy Bergamini Jr.	New Rochelle, N.Y.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (8-16, 1-9 NWPC) is unique among the Northeast Water Polo Conference teams—the Engineers already hold a post-season bid as the Engineers finished second at the 2021 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Eastern Championship. The win guarantees MIT one of four spots at the USA Water Polo Division III National Championship slated to be hosted by a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) institution...This year, MIT has previously faced Brown University (16-8 L, 15-7 L, 17-10 L), St. Francis College Brooklyn (25-7 L, 20-10 L), Iona College (13-12 W, 15-

14 L OT), Princeton University (15-5 L, 14-4 L), Harvard University (16-10 L, 16-13 L) and Connecticut College (20-5 W)...At the NWPC Championship, MIT has never finished higher than fifth place in part due to Iona...In 2016 at Princeton, the Engineers fell to Harvard (14-8 L) prior to taking a 9-8 sudden death overtime loss to Iona in the Fifth Place game...In 2017 at Harvard, MIT slipped versus Brown (9-4 L) and suffered a loss to Iona (10-9 L OT) to finish sixth...At the 2018 championship hosted by Brown, the host Bears engineered an 8-7 defeat of MIT before the Engineers felled Iona (16-11 W) to take fifth place...Most recently, host MIT dropped a 10-8 game to St. Francis Brooklyn before upending Iona by a 16-6 count to claim fifth place at the 2019 NWPC Championship hosted in Cambridge...An 11-time CWPA/Eastern Championship qualifier, MIT placed 10th (2014), Eighth (2004, 2012), Seventh (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015) and Sixth (2003, 2010) prior to the creation of the NWPC and Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)...If MIT wins the NWPC Championship and elects to attend the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship, the Engineers have some prior experience this year against a potential MAWPC opponent. The team has faced Fordham University (16-5 L), Wagner College (16-9 L, 15-8 L), Mount St. Mary's University (11-9 W), Gannon University (12-11 W OT) and Johns Hopkins University (11-10 L OT SD). The meeting versus JHU came in the 2021 Division III Eastern Championship title game at Connecticut College on October 24.

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### NWPC Regular Season: Sixth Place

Head Coach: Austin Ringheim

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1	Conrad Oakes Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.
1A	Colin Weaver So.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
2	Henry Asa So.	Chappaqua, N.Y.
4	Alexander Freedline So.	Miami, Fla.
5	Miller Geschke Sr.	Los Altos, Calif.
6	John Steele Sr.	Old Greenwich, Conn.
7	Richard Yun Fr.	Irvine, Calif.
8	Kyle Sandell Sr.	Mountain View, Calif.
10	Jack King Fr.	Los Altos, Calif.
11	Ewan Kowal So.	South Pasadena, Calif.
12	Samuel Tafoya Fr.	Ventura, Calif.
17	Kaden DiMarco Sr.	Eugene, Oregon



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