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 staff is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas) and a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed). The staff oversees 280+ teams on the varsity and club level for both men and women to place the Collegiate Water Polo Association among the largest 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.

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Previous CWPA Division III Champions

Year	Champion
2022	Austin College
2021	Austin College
2020	COVID-19 / Championship Canceled
2019	Macalester College
2018	Macalester College
2017	Macalester College
2016	Connecticut College
2015	Connecticut College
2014	Connecticut College
2013	Connecticut College
2012	Grove City College
2011	Grove City College
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Runner-Up Augustana College Wittenberg University

Austin College Connecticut College Washington & Jefferson College Washington & Jefferson College Washington & Jefferson College Grove City College Washington & Jefferson College Washington & Jefferson College Carthage College

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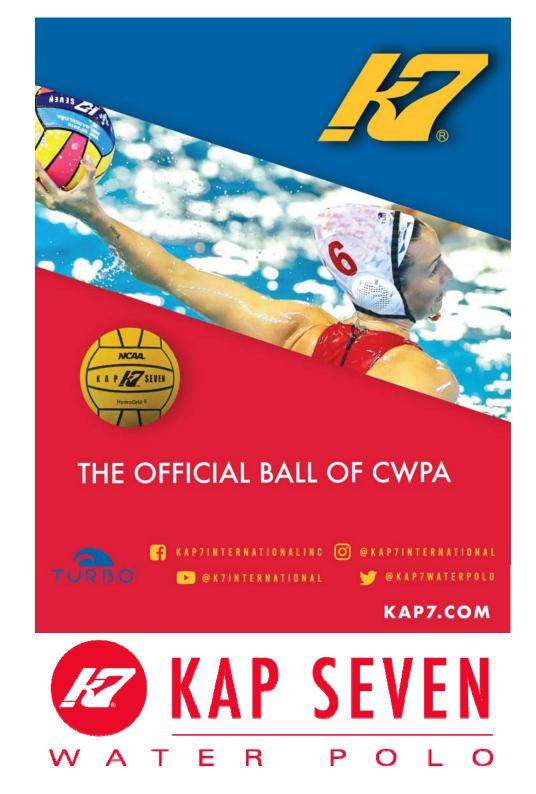
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Team Information

Head Coach: Ryan Pryor Assistant Coach: Peter Ollin

Assi	stant Coach: Peter	Ollis	
1	Lanie DaSilva	So.	Glenview, III.
1A	Lizzie Pelzman	So.	Roseville, Calif.
3	Sophie Arceneaux	So.	Wildwood, Mo.
4	Charlotte Newport	So.	Baytown, Texas
5	Ocean Akau	So.	Pana'ewa, Hawaii
6	Jillian Hagmann	So.	San Jose, Calif.
7	Abbey Ellis	So.	Fresno, Calif.
8	Maggie Caliendo	So.	Orland Park, III.
9	Annie Opal Dickson	So.	Imperial Beach, Calif.
10	Summer Chalmers	Jr.	Imperial Beach, Calif.
11	Jasmin Aponte	So.	Houston, Texas
12	Lauren Dickinson	So.	La Habra, Calif.
13	Jersey Merrick	Fr.	Chicago, III.
14	Victoria Guest	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
16	Casey Barragan	So.	Commerce, Calif.
17	Caitlin Morse	Fr.	Dixon, Calif.
18	Olivia Parry	Fr.	Wilsonville, Ore.
24	Carli Udovich	Fr.	Mokena, III.



AUGUSTANA COLLEGE Location: Rock Island, III. Mascot: Vikings

Augustana College (13-5, 7-1 CWPA Division III-

West) equaled the highest mark for a team in its inaugural Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship by placing second behind Austin College last year at Grove City College...The mark equaled the one established by Austin in 2019...The Vikings have arguably the most experienced Division III Championship coaching staff at the 2022 event as head coach Ryan Pryor served as assistant (2013) and head (2014) coach at Connecticut College during the first two of the

Camels' four consecutive CWPA Division III titles...Assistant coach Peter Ollis previously served as head coach at Monmouth College and led the Fighting Scots to Sixth (2016), Fifth (2017), Seventh (2018) and Third (2019) place marks during his tenure...Watch for first-year Casey Barragan to be an offensive presence for Augustana as the team seeks to avenge last year's 18-7 loss to Austin in the CWPA Division III title game.

Hea	d Coach: Mark Lay	wrer	ice	
1	Erin McCormack	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	
1A	Emily Engberson	Jr.	Copper Canyon, Texas	V
1B	Michaela Hautzinger	Fr.	Aubrey, Texas	L
3	Alyssa Ross	Jr.	San Jose, Calif.	L
4	Maddie Jacks	Sr.	Richmond, Texas	L
5	Ashley Chand	So.	Southlake, Texas	L
7	McKenna Malone	Fr.	Flower Mound, Texas	L
10	Kalissa Niles	So.	Richmond, Texas	L
11	Kate Askew	Sr.	Highland Village, Texas	L
12	Kylee Noble	Jr.	Argyle, Texas	L
13	Aubrey Pasky	Sr.	Paso Robles, Calif.	L
16	Katherine Cox	Sr.	Flower Mound, Texas	L
18	Emma Boyce	So.	Simi Valley, Calif.	L
19	Cory McGrath	Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas	L
21	Sammi Thiele	Jr.	Keller, Texas	L
23	Lauren Olivier	Sr.	Indio, Calif.	





The two-defending Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Champion Kangaroos of Austin College (7-9, 7-1 CWPA Division III-West) continued a pattern of multi-season runs by victors in claiming back-toback crowns as Grove City College (2010, 2011, 2012), Connecticut College (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) and Macalester College (2017, 2018, 2019) previously achieved the feat...Led by Mark Lawrence, the 'Roos have never missed a CWPA Division III Champion-

ship game in program history. In 2019, the squad downed Penn State Behrend (19-7 W) and Carthage College (7-2 W) before falling to Macalester (8-5 L) in the title game at Connecticut. Following the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season, the 'Roos rolled past host Carthage (17-7 W) before upending Wittenberg University (20-6 W) for the 2021 crown. Last year at Grove City, the team topped Carthage (20-1 W) and Macalester (13-4 W) prior to turning back Augustana College (18-7 W) to repeat as champions...Austin has previously faced Augustana (8-5 W, 13-8 L), Carthage (16-1 W, 16-2), Macalester (7-6 W, 8-4 W) and Wittenberg (10-2 W, 9-8 W) this year. The team missed out on the No. 1 seed for the CWPA Division III Championship based on goal differential as Augustana recorded at +2 (five goal win, three goal loss) to claim the West Region title and a first round bye.







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2023 Championship Officials

Collegiate Water Polo Association Commisioner: Dan Sharadin Collegiate Water Polo Association Technical Committee: Ed Reed (Coordinator of Officials) Officials: Alex Stankevitch; Joe Peila; Victor Rarau; Tiffany Urbanski; Aleks Mitrevski

Thanks to the Macalester College administration and staff, for hosting the 2023 Collegiate Water Polo Association Division III Championship.

Team Information

Head Coach: Nikola Malezanov Alliey Cunningham So. Evanston, III. 1A/13 Sky Wald Fr. Granada Hills, Calif. Laura Anthony So. Erie, Pa. Mekkive Eraun So. Chicago, III. Kate McKiernan Columbus, N.J. Sr. Megan DePrez Claremont, Calif. Sr. Vanessa Gonzalez So. La Verne, Calif. 10 Anastacia Didovich So. Venice, Fla. 11 Ryley McClellan Sr. Wexford, Pa. Long Beach, Calif. 15 Sydney Neumann So. 18 Jillian Curtis Sr. Woodland Hills, Calif.

Location: Washington, Pa. Mascot: Presidents The Presidents of Washington & Jefferson College (9-8, 7-1 CWPA Division III-East) enter the 2023 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship as the East Region

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runner-up due to a tiebreaker versus Connecticut College. The Camels fell to W&J by a 13-11 score on March 18

at Penn State Behrend, but returned the favor with a 17-9 victory on April 1 at Utica University to claim the top spot based on goal differential...W&J faced Connecticut (13-11 W. 17-9 L), Grove City College (13-7 W, 19-13 W), Penn State Behrend (14-13 W OT, 14-5 W), Utica (11-3 W, 16-6 W) and Wittenberg University (15-10 L, 12-8 L, 11-10 W) during the course of the 2023 regular season...The team will aim to make the 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) runner-up to the Wolverines of Grove City, W&J placed fourth at the first Division III Championship in 2010 at Utica with a 12-7 loss versus former varsity team Wheaton College in the Third Place game...In 2013, the Presidents topped Carthage College, 6-5, in the Third Place game...In 2014, Connecticut overcame W&J, 7-3, in the title game at Macalester...2015 saw W&J drop a 13-10 title game to Connecticut at Grove City...In 2016, host Connecticut nipped the Presidents for the title, 13-9...Host Macalester claimed a 10-9 overtime win in 2017 during the Presidents most recent title game appearance...Nikola Malezanov, who led the W&J women's program to the title game in 2016 at Connecticut, continues to rebuild a program which finished in Fourth Place at the 2018 championship before placing 10th in 2019. After not competing in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team returned to the championship field in 2022 at Grove City and claimed Sixth Place with a 10-9 loss to the host Wolverines in the Fifth Place game.

Head Coach: Zacharv Puhala

1A Jordan Brough North Palm Beach, Fla. Jr. 1A Olivia Pena Ontario, Calif. So. 2 Leah Green Fr. Grandville, Mich. Savannah Cross Sr. Cincinnati, Ohio Shania Stone Fr. Cincinnati, Ohio Grace McLaughlin Jr. Hatfield, Pa. 6 Bianca Gallegos Fr. Elizabeth Schexnaider Jr. Friendswood, Texas 10 Meahan Lythaoe Sr. Mason, Ohio

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- Evelyn Heil 11
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WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY Location: Springfield, Ohio Mascot: Tigers

TIGERS The Tigers of Wittenberg University (6-12, 1-7 CWPA Division III-West) will make their fourth and final appearance at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship with eyes on improving on a runner-up mark from the 2021 championship at Carthage College...In a four team

CWPA Division III Championship in Kenosha, Wisc., Wittenberg defeated Grove City College (13-9 W) prior to falling in the title tilt against Austin College (20-6 L)...In 2019 at Connecticut College during the program's first appearance at the CWPA Division III Championship, the Tigers claimed Sixth Place by taking an 11-9 setback against Grove City in the Fifth Place game...Last year, the squad garnered Third Place via an 11-4 defeat of Macalester College at Grove City...If the team does not qualify for the USA Water Polo Division III Championship, this weekend marks the final varsity games for the Tigers as the program is slated to be eliminated at the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic year.

Forth Worth, Texas

Schaumburg, III.

Team Information

Interim Head Coach: Mack Ryan

1	Gabrielle Pavesich	Jr.	Chicago, III.
1	Ella Selman	Fr.	Naperville, III.
1A	Faith Harris	Fr.	Gurnee, III.
2	Alyssa Sayatovic	Jr.	Berwyn, III.
3	Sydney Logan	So.	Buffalo Grove, III.
4	Taylor Woitesek	Jr.	Glenview, III
5	Kaitlynn LaGrone	Sr.	Chicago, III.
6	Yamila Areizaga	Fr.	Chicago, III.
7	Victoria Hodges	Jr.	Oxford, Mich.
8	Ella Ethen	Fr.	Northbrook, III.
9	Brenna Carstens	Fr.	Coronado, Calif.
10	Abigail Elliott	Fr.	Bradley, III.
11	Morrigan Bushroe-Stu	umpf	Fr. Evanston, III.
12	Grace Steinberg	Fr.	Arlington Heights, III.
13	Kyle Hemming	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif
14	Piper Dooley	Fr.	Wilmette, III.
15	Kaylin Machuca	Fr.	Corona, Calif.
16	Sarah Lowery	So.	Chicago, III.
18	Morgan Donovan	Fr.	McHenry, III.
20	Emma Urbon-Neumo	on Fr.	Chicago, III.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE Location: Kenosha, Wis. Mascot: Firebirds

The Firebirds of Carthage College (4-14, 1-7 CWPA -West) will seek their sec-

ond title game appearance...The runner-up at the inaugural Division III Championship in 2010 (8-7 L vs. Grove City College at Utica University), 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 College...In 2014, the team finished third as Carthage outlasted host Macalester, 8-7 OT SD...In 2015. Carthage was again 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 squad stopped Connecticut by a 9-5 final score to place third...Carthage topped Washington & Jefferson by an 11-6 count to again take third in 2018...In 2019, the squad fell to Monmouth College at Connecticut in the Third Place game...In 2021 at home in Kenosha, the team fell to Austin College (17-2 L) and Grove City (17-9 L) to finish in Fourth Place...Last vear at Grove City, the Firebirds topped Penn State Behrend (13-12 W) to take Seventh Place

Head Coach: Matt Anderson Assistant Coach: Hannah Ellett

Assistant Coach. Harman Lifett					
1	Yiota Tsiali	So.	Varvara, Greece		
2	Ainsley Cornwall	Fr.	San Mateo, Calif.		
3/1A	Sarah Franco	Jr.	Weston, Conn.		
4	Gigi Sandull	Fr.	Kenilworth, N.J.		
5	Rina Okuda	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif.		
6	Brooke Brandenburg	jer Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.		
7	Lien Har	Sr.	Orange, Conn.		
9	Emma Luna	Fr.	Wahiawa, Hawaii		
10	Meiling Bottan	So.	Lexington, Mass.		
11	Kendall Foley	Jr.	Sammamish, Wash.		
12	Maria Sell	Sr.	San Mateo, Calif.		
13	Anna Taylor	Fr.	Pleasanton, Calif.		
14	Mia Januario	Fr.	Amherst, N.H.		
16	Gicel Zuniga	Jr.	Norwalk, Conn.		
19	Melia Lorch	Fr.	Encinitas, Calif.		
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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE Location: New London, Conn. Mascot: Camels

Connecticut College (9-7, 7-1 CWPA-East) enters the 2023 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA)-Division III Championship seeking the team's fifth title and sixth title game berth...The 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 champions and 2018 runner-up, the Camels have faced Carthage College (10-9 L), Grove City College (17-13 W, 22 -12 W), Penn State Behrend (17-16 W, 20 -9 W), Utica University (15-9 W, 12-9 W, 10-5 W) and Washington & Jefferson College (13-11 L, 16-9 W) this

year...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) tournament berths and CWPA Championships (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010)...In the history of the CWPA Division Championship, the Camels have finished first (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016), second (2018), third (2012), fourth (2017, 2019), fifth (2010), sixth (2011) and ninth (2022).

Team Information

Head Coach: Jocelyn Bernhardt					
1	Tia Kannel	Sr.	York, Pa.		
1A	Lea Steen	Fr.	Schaumburg, III.		
2	Kamryn Kerr	So.	E. Grand Rapids, Mich.		
5	Riley McCullough	So.	Spring, Texas		
6	Kiley Sill	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	l	
7	Emory Shepson	Sr.	Grove City, Pa.		
8	Katie Goodwill	Jr.	Mogadore, Ohio		
9	Mikayla Zablocki	So.	Kittanning, Pa.	Ci	
11	Sam Logue	So.	Hollister, Calif.	Ea	
12	Reese Trauger	Sr.	Perkasie, Pa.	se	
15	Clarie Lochstet	Jr.	Ambler, Pa.	fift	
16	Candace Scalise	Fr.	Clarence, N.Y.		
18	Kassidy Schlemmer	Fr.	Beaver Falls, Pa.	(2	
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GROVE CITY COLLEGE Location: Grove City, Pa. Mascot: Wolverines

The 2010, 2011 and 2012 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Champion, Grove

ty College (4-14, 4-4 CWPA Division IIIast) has finished first (2010, 2011, 2012), econd (2013), third (2021), fourth (2015), th (2014, 2016, 2019, 2022) and sixth 017, 2018) in the history of the tournaent...The host of the 2012, 2015 and 2022 CWPA Division III Championships,

the Wolverines have faced Connecticut College (17-13 L, 22-12 L), Penn State Behrend (19-11 W, 17-14 W), Utica University (10-2 W, 13-2 W), Washington & Jefferson College (13-7 L, 19-13 L) and Wittenberg University (16-7 L, 11-6) previously this season...Head coach Jocelyn Bernhardt is unique among the head coaches this weekend as the 2015 Grove City graduate competed as an athlete in the CWPA Division III Championship, served as an assistant on the 2018 Wolverines' team prior to taking over the program as head coach in November 2019...Grove City has appeared in four CWPA Division III Championship title games by winning in 2010 at Utica (8-7 W vs. Carthage College), 2011 at Macalester College (7-2 W vs. Washington & Jefferson) and 2012 at home (10-3 W vs. Washington & Jefferson) prior to falling at Connecticut in 2013 (6-3 L vs. Connecticut).

Jackson, Sofia Shaw, Anya Phillips	Location: St. Paul Minn.
2Lorelei BellFr.Encinitas, Calif4CN3Eleanor MichaudSr.Long Grove, III.defer4Kendall ConeySo.League City, Texasanoth5Gabriela WeinerJr.Chicago, III.previa6Elizabeth MatlinSo.Buffalo Grove, III.20197Sydney Hollingsworth Sr.Evanston, III.20198Sian LewandowskiSo.Denton, Texasteam12Jess Palmer-Sammons Fr.Half Moon Bay, Calif.Colle13Malia BorgSr.Charleston, S.C.Riley14Celia D'AgostinoFr.South Eigin, III.15Brooke LaneSo.Meriden, Conn.the 218Kendall StraussFr.Round Rock, Texascent19Kendall StraussFr.Round Rock, Texascent	Mascot: Scots cots of Macalester College (6-10, 4 WPA Division III-West) will aim to nd their home water and tack her title onto their legacy after ously capturing the 2017, 2018 and Collegiate Water Polo Association PA) Division III crownsIn 2017, the took out Washington & Jefferson ge 10-9 in overtime, at home in Pool for the Scots first champion- A year later, Macalester claimed 2018 title at the Hallman Aquatics er in Erie, Pa., by outlasting Con- cut College 13-12 in sudden death imeThe Scots captured the 2019

title at Connecticut College by topping Austin College (8-5 W)...Following the 2020 COVID-19 terminated season and the Scots election to not compete in 2021, Macalester returned to the CWPA Division III Championship last year and finished in Fourth Place with an 11-4 loss to Washington & Jefferson in the Third Place game...Macalester has previously placed first (2017, 2018, 2019), fourth (2011, 2013, 2014, 2022), fifth (2012, 2015), sixth (2010) and seventh (2016) at the CWPA Division III Championship with seven semifinal appearances.

Team Information

Head Coach: Joe Tristan							
Assistant Coach: Gina-Bella Mata'afa							
1	Julie de Deus	So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla.				
1A	Kieffer Beckman	Fr.	Wildwood, Mo.				
2	Nic Darrell	So.	Perkasie, Pa.				
6	Olivia Thomas	Fr.	Winter Springs, Fla.				
7	Shannon Young	Sr.	Roseville, Calif.				
8	Kayla Scarpaci	Sr.	Cypress, Texas				
10	Olivia Wright	Jr.	Fairview, Pa.				
11	Emily McNaughton	Sr.	Wexford, Pa.				
14	Sarah Mancebo	Jr.	Tulare, Calif.				
16	Susie Carrillo	Fr.	Fresno, Calif.				
19	Marley Persch	So.	Hudsonville, Mich.				
20	Darragh Martin	Fr.	Green Lane, Pa.				



PENN STATE BEHREND Location: Frie. Pa Mascot: Lions

The Lions of Penn State Behrend (2-17, 2 -6 CWPA Division III-

East) will seek to improve upon fourth (2016), fifth (2018), seventh (2013, 2015, 2017), eighth (2010, 2014, 2019, 2022) and ninth (2011, 2012) place marks at prior Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championships. Penn State Behrend did not compete at the 2021 championship

and the 2020 season was terminated due to the COVID-19 pandemic...Penn State Behrend will aim to make history in 2022 as the institution has never won a conference championship in either men's or women's water polo...The Lions have previously competed against Connecticut College (17-16 L, 20-9 L), Grove City College (19-11 L, 17-14 L), Utica University (14-7 W, 16-4 W), Washington & Jefferson College (14-13 L OT, 14-6 L) and Wittenberg University (11-9 L, 15-11 L) this year with no prior games versus the Division III-West Region's squads.

Head Coach: Erin Knight Assistant Coach: Courtney Kennedy Kim Serio So. Lakeville, N.Y. Fr. Holtsville, N.Y. Paige Levine 5 Ainsley Vyse Fr. Glastonbury, Conn. Kelly Waryncia Gr. Clifton Park, N.Y. 10 Kira Seaman 14 Gr. Fort Edward, N.Y. 15 Sara Kuiken Sr. Valley Falls, N.Y. Bailey Simmons Vernon Center, N.Y. 16 Jr. 17 Aimee Oswald Fr. Reading, Pa. 18 Amelia Laible Fr. Oakdale, N.Y.

UTICA UNIVERSITY Location: Utica, N.Y. Mascot: Pioneers

Utica University (0-10, 0-8 CWPA Division III-East) will work to

make history and become the first program to claim the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship from the No. 10 position...The Pioneers contested exclu-

sively league competition this year for the second time in as many years. The Pioneers faced Carthage College (16-1 L), Connecticut College (15-9 L, 13-9 L, 10-5 L), Grove City College (10-2 L, 13-2 L), Penn State Behrend (14-7 L, 16-4 L) and Washington & Jefferson College (11-3 L, 16-6 L)...The team will aim to garner its first Top Five finish and improve on prior sixth (2014, 2015), seventh (2012, 2013), eighth (2011, 2016, 2017, 2018), ninth (2010, 2019) and 10th (2022) place marks at the championship...Last year, Utica fell to Wittenberg University (21-0 L), host Grove City (14-3 L) and Connecticut (20-15 L) to finish in 10th...In 2019 at Connecticut College, Utica fell to Carthage (9-3 L) and the host Camels (12-4 L) prior to picking up a 5-0 forfeit win versus Washington & Jefferson...The teams' alltime best finishes came in 2014 and 2015...At the 2014 Championship hosted by Macalester College, the Pioneers fell to Carthage (8-6 L) in the opening round prior to topping Penn State Behrend (7-5 W) and dropping the Fifth Place game to Grove City (13-4 L). A vear later in 2015 at Grove City. Utica dropped a 15-2 contest to Washington & Jefferson. knocked off Penn State Behrend by a 5-4 count and slipped 9-5 versus Macalester in the Fifth Place contest... Utica will seek to join three-time (2004, 2006, 2007) CWPA Champion Hartwick College as the only programs from the Empire State to win a CWPA women's varsity championship.

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