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), 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

- 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.
- 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.



2023 WOMEN'S CWPA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday	, April 28, 2023			Game #	Score
4:00	3rd Seed — Harvard University	VS.	6th Seed— Bucknell University	1	
6:00	4th Seed — Brown University	VS.	5th Seed— Saint Francis University	2	
Saturd	ay, April 29, 2023			Game #	Score
Noon	1st Seed — Princeton University	VS.	Winner Game 2	3	
2:00	2nd Seed — University of Michigan	VS.	Winner Game 1	4	
4:00	Loser Game 1	VS.	Loser Game 2	Fifth Place	
Sunday, April 30, 2023 Ga				Game #	Score
10:00	Loser Game 4	VS.	Loser Game 3	Third Place	
Noon	Winner Game 3	VS.	Winner Game 4	First Place	

- Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps and is home on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position.
- The champion of the tournament earns a qualification bid to the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship. Due to the format for the NCAA Championship, it is possible the CWPA Champion will need to compete in a play-in game to earn a position in the NCAA Championship field at the University of the Pacific on Friday-Sunday, May 12-14.



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Dan Sharadin

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Collegiate Water Polo Association Hall of Fame



Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Commissioner **Dan Sharadin** joins the ranks of the league's most honored as the longtime leader of the organization will be inducted into the CWPA Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 29, in Princeton University during the 2023 CWPA Championship.

The 39th member of the CWPA Hall of Fame, Sharadin graduated from West Virginia University in 1979 with a Bachelor's in Commercial Recreation prior to completing a Masters in Business Administration in 1981.

Following graduation he founded the non-profit organization, Young Athletes of America (YAA) to give

the less athletically gifted an opportunity to play organized sports. One of the programs created through YAA was the Eastern Water Polo League (EWPL), a large multidivision structure that included teams from all over the eastern seaboard. Its success led coaches to question whether a similar structure would work within the collegiate ranks. Sharadin was asked if he would serve as part-time Commissioner of a small group of college teams known then as the Mid Atlantic Conference, for the purpose of providing basic services including scheduling and publishing a league program.

The head men's water polo coach at Villanova University since 1983, he became the first and only commissioner in league history in 1990.

He began his duties with the CWPA in an age when fax machines were the newest development in office efficiency. Since that time many changes have taken place, including the merger of the New England and Southern Conferences in the early 1990's, the addition of women's water polo in the mid 1990's and its presence as a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship sport in 2000 and the rise of collegiate club competition for both men and women over the past 30 years. During a portion of this period he worked with United States Water Polo for the purpose of collegiate development and was pivotal in the addition of programs for men and women throughout the country.

Since its inception, the CWPA has grown in size to become the largest water polo conference and the third largest collegiate athletics organization in the country. Today over 80% of all collegiate contests are played under the auspices of the CWPA. Sharadin now oversees a staff that has evolved from a part-time commissioner to full-time staff, a coordinator of officials, an organizational budget of nearly a million dollars and a place as the most pivotal collegiate organization in the sport.

The founder of American Water Polo (AWP) – an age-group association that organizes competitive play throughout the country for thousands of athletes ages 10-to-18 and beyond – Sharadin also made his mark on the pool deck with USA Water Polo as he helped lead the Annapolis team – which featured future Olympians Wolf Wigo and Brad Schumacher – to the 17U Junior Olympic National Championship. It marked the first non-California school to win a JO Championship – and the last as nobody has since equaled the mark.

TEAM INFORMATION



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The defending Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion Wolverines of the University of Michigan (22-9, 9-1 CWPA) hold the second most consecutive CWPA titles (six, 2016-2019, 2021-22) behind only Slippery Rock University's nine (1988-1996)...The Wolverines are 51-12 all-time at the championship, including

Head Coach: Cassie Churnside Assistant Coaches: Sami Hill, Seth Hughes

1	Alex Brown	Sr.	Clayton, Calif.
1A	Madie Ambrose	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
1B	Grace Walsh	Fr.	San Francisco, Calif.
2	Issy Jackson	Fr.	Auckland, N.Z.
3	Ashley O'Neill	So.	Calgary, Alberta
4	Grace Harbaugh	Sr.	Coronado, Calif.
5	Kata Utassy	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary
6	Sammi Monroe	Jr.	Pleasant Hill, Calif.
7	Erin Neustrom	Gr.	Moraga, Calif.
8	Jess Henningsen	Sr.	Moraga, Calif.
9	Lola Ciruli	Jr.	Lafayette, Calif.
10	Libby Alsemgeest	Jr.	Hamilton, N.Z.
11	Fiona Young	So.	Orinda, Calif.
12	Sophie Tovani	Sr.	Danville, Calif.
13	Ava Morrant	Gr.	Maple Ridge, B.C.
14	Kasey Umlauf	Jr.	Northfield, III.
15	Elise Walker	Jr.	Los Altos, Calif.
16	Brooke Ingram	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
18	Alison Lock	Jr.	Superior Township, Mich.
21	Lulu Hirschfield	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
22	Riley Chapple	Fr.	Denton, Texas

a 45-11 mark since 2001...In the history of the CWPA Championship, Michigan has finished fifth (2001), first (2002, 7-6 W OT SD vs. Hartwick College at Princeton University), third (2003), second (2004, 5-2 L vs. Hartwick at Bucknell University), first (2005, 8-7 W at Indiana University), second (2006, 11-8 L vs. Hartwick at Brown University), fourth (2007), first (2008, 10-7 W vs. Hartwick at home), first (2009, 12-6 W vs. Hartwick at Harvard University), first (2010, 7-5 W vs. Indiana at University of Maryland), second (2011, 5-3 L at Indiana), third (2012), second (2013, 7-5 L vs. Princeton at home), third (2014), fourth (2015), first (2016, 9-2 W vs. Indiana at Harvard), first (2017, 5-4 W vs. Princeton at Indiana), first (2018, 11-8 W vs. Princeton at Bucknell), first (2019, 10-6 W vs. Princeton at Brown), first (2021, 12-5 W vs. Bucknell at home) and first (2022, 10-4 W vs. Harvard at Bucknell)...No team has appeared in more CWPA title games than Michigan with 15, shattering the previous league record of 10 title berths held by Slippery Rock University (1988-to-1997)...Three coaches have combined to win Michigan's 11 CWPA Championships as Amber Drury (currently the NCAA Coordinator of Officials) won the 2002 title before Matt Anderson (currently the head coach at Connecticut College) claimed the 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 titles. Former coach Dr. Marcelo Leonardi accounts for the other half of the championships with six consecutive crowns in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022...Michigan's 11-9 defeat by Princeton on April 2 at Brown in Providence, R.I. snapped a conference winning streak by the Maize & Blue against fellow CWPA institutions dating back to an 8-7 sudden death overtime defeat by Princeton on April 8, 2018, at Harvard. That win by Princeton was the first regular season loss in conference play for the Maize & Blue since a 9-7 defeat by Princeton at home in DeNunzio Pool on April 11, 2015...2015 also marks the last time Michigan was defeated in CWPA Championship tournament play with overtime games versus Indiana (9-8 L OT) and Hartwick (11-10 L OT) to finish in fourth place at Princeton...This vear, the Wolverines faced Brown (13-7 W, 11-10 W), Bucknell (12-1 W, 16-3 W), Harvard (14-6 W, 15-8 W), Princeton (11-9 L, 7-6 W) and Saint Francis University (22-6 W, 19-5 W) and lost out on the No. 1 seed to the Tigers due to goal differential in the programs' two meetings.

PREVIOUS CWPA CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Runner-Up
1988	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1989	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1990	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1991	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1992	Slippery Rock University	University of Maryland
1993	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1994	Slippery Rock University	Bucknell University
1995	Slippery Rock University	Harvard University
1996	Slippery Rock University	University of Maryland
1997	University of Maryland	Slippery Rock University
1998	University of Massachusetts	University of Maryland
1999	University of Massachusetts	University of Maryland
2000	Princeton University	University of Massachusetts
2001	Brown University	Princeton University
2002	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2003	Indiana University	Brown University
2004	Hartwick College	University of Michigan
2005	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2006	Hartwick College	University of Michigan
2007	Hartwick College	Princeton University
2008	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2009	University of Michigan	Hartwick College
2010	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2011	Indiana University	University of Michigan
2012	Princeton University	University of Maryland
2013	Princeton University	University of Michigan
2014	Indiana University	Princeton University
2015	Princeton University	Indiana University
2016	University of Michigan	Indiana University
2017	University of Michigan	Princeton University
2018	University of Michigan	Princeton University
2019	University of Michigan	Princeton University
2020	COVID-19—Championship Ca	
2021	University of Michigan	Bucknell University
2022	University of Michigan	Harvard University

Future CWPA Championship Sites (tentative):

2024—Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.) 2025—Brown University (Providence, R.I.) 2026—University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.) 2027—Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.)

A special thanks to the Princeton University aquatics staff, head coach Derek Ellingson and the institution's athletics staff/administration for hosting the 2023 CWPA Championship. Thanks to the league's coaches & athletes for their efforts during the past several COVID-19 impacted seasons.



SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

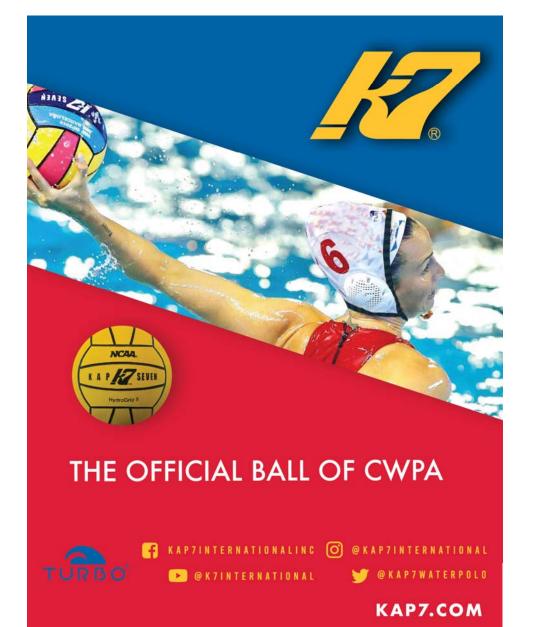
Saint Francis University (12-21-1, 2-8 CWPA) will compete at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship for the sixth time...In 2017 at Indiana University under then head coach Pat Beemer, the Red Flash burned George Washington University (11-10 W) before falling to the University of Michigan (22-2 L), Indiana University (16-6 L) and Brown UniHead Coach: Jay O'Neil Assistant Coach: Tim Sherwood

Grace Raquel Naperville, III. So. Isabel Lumley Brisbane, Australia Mackenzie Melcher Fr. Mohnton, Pa. St. Charles, III Emma Allamian Kayla Rhoads Oceanside, Calif. Maysen Seile El Caion, Calif. Kimberly Frostad So. Regina, Sask. Haiden Lang Placentia, Calif. Abbie Carter Abbotsford, B.C. Taylor Halbauer Sr. Edmonton, Alberta Addison Williams Clovis, Calif. Lexanny Gonzalez Fr. Sinking Spring, Pa. Emese Szucs Budapest, Hungary Aubrey Miller Mohnton, Pa. Novalee Roberto Fr. La Grange, III. Caylah Olay Redondo Beach, Calif. Ella Brophy Fr. East Aurora, N.Y. Julia Bradford Gr. Edinboro, Pa. 20 Alexis Stewart Villa Park, Calif. 21 Sarah Hartwell Fr. Grand Blanc, Mich.

versity (12-3 L) to earn an Eighth Place finish in the nine-team field...In 2018 at Bucknell University, Saint Francis fell to Harvard University (11-3 L), the host Bison (16-4 L) and George Washington (12-6 L) to take Ninth Place...In 2019 at Brown University, SFU fell to Princeton University (12-3 L), defeated George Washington (11-7 W) and dropped a 13-9 contest to the host Bears to earn sixth place in the seven-team field...Following a cancelled 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Red Flash returned to the championship in 2021 at Michigan to take Third Place in a fourteam field with a loss to Bucknell (8-5 L) and a defeat of Mount St. Mary's University (17-1 W)...Last year at Bucknell in a seven-team field, Saint Francis fell to Princeton University (12-4 L), defeated Mount St. Mary's (13-7 W) and knocked off the host Bison 8-6 in overtime to claim fifth place...This year, the Red Flash stand at 3-8 against Brown (16-3 L, 17-5 L), Bucknell (16-11 W, 10-9 W, 9-7 W), Harvard (20-3 L, 18-8 L), Michigan (22-6 L, 19-5 L) and Princeton (17-8 L, 12-4 L)...This weekend marks Saint Francis' first trip to the home institution of Albert Einstein in New Jersey during the 2023 campaign...SFU posted a unique 12-21-1 record this year as the Red Flash tied Macalester College on March 14 due to a scoresheet error...Watch for All-Conference selection Taylor Halbauer and fellow seniors Haiden Lang, Abigail Carter, Addison Williams to factor in SFU's hopes for a Top Four finish...The oldest Franciscan institution of higher learning in the United States, the institution was founded in 1847 by six Franciscan friars from Mountbellow, Ireland.

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> Email: officials@collegiatewaterpolo.org www.collegiatewaterpolo.org





TEAM INFORMATION



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton University (27-3, 9-1 CWPA) will aim to become the seventh host team since 2000 to win the CWPA Championship

Head Coach: Derek Ellingson Assistant Coaches: Dusty Litvak, Savanah Phillips

1	Lindsey Lucas	Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
1A	Alexa Kourepenos	Sr.	New York, N.Y.
2	Laura Larkin	Sr.	Solana Beach, Calif.
3	Delainey Whelan	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif.
4	Kate Mallery	So.	Stanford, Calif.
5	Rachael Carver	So.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
6	CiCi Stewart	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
7	Genevieve Fraipoint	Sr.	La Canada, Calif.
8	Jovana Sekulic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
9	Kaila Carroll	Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
10	Annie Robinson	Sr.	Riverside, Calif.
11	Meera Burghardt	Jr.	Manhattan Beach, Ca
12	Mindy Pang	Sr.	Greenwich, Conn.
13	Grace Houlahan	So.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
14	Ava Houlahan	Fr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
15	Bella Moscoe	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif.
16	Shanna Davidson	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
18	Celine Ho	So.	Toronto, Ontario
19	Sophie Johnson	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
20	Kayla Yelensky	So.	Stamford, Conn.
21	Alyssa Woolley	Fr.	Aldgate, South Aus.

joining Indiana University (2011), the University of Michigan (2008, 2021), Brown University (2001) and itself (2000, 2015)...The Tigers are making their 25th appearance at the CWPA Championship....The team had advanced to the tournament every year since becoming a varsity program in 1997—but missed 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic after the 2020 championship/season was cancelled...The 2000, 2012, 2013 and 2015 CWPA Champion Tigers will seek to make their ninth title game appearance as Princeton fell to Indiana University (11-10 L in 2014 at Bucknell University), Hartwick College (8-6 L in 2007 at Princeton), Brown (11-10 L OT SD in 2001 at Brown) and Michigan (5-4 L in 2017 at Indiana; 11-8 L in 2018 at Bucknell; 10-6 L in 2019 at Brown), while claiming the 2000 (6-4 W vs. University of Massachusetts at Princeton), 2012 (6-5 W vs. University of Maryland at Brown), 2013 (7-5 W at Michigan) and 2015 (7-6 W vs. Indiana at Princeton) crowns...However, Princeton has advanced to only three National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships as the tournament did not begin until the year following the Tigers' 2000 title run...The Princeton-Michigan title game in 2019 made history as it marked the third consecutive time the Tigers and Wolverines met for the title. No pair of teams had played each other three straight years as Slippery Rock University-vs.-Bucknell (1988, 1989), Slippery Rock-vs.-Maryland (1996, 1997), Massachusetts-vs.-Maryland (1998, 1999), Michigan-vs.-Hartwick (2008, 2009), Indiana-vs.-Michigan (2010, 2011), Princeton-vs.-Indiana (2014, 2015) and Princeton-vs.-Michigan (2017, 2018) were all tied for the previous record at two...Led by league Most Valuable Player Jovana Sekulic, Rookie of the Year Lindsey Lucas and Coach of the Year Derek Ellingson, the Tigers claimed the regular season championship with games against Brown (12-6 W, 8-5 W), Bucknell (5-0 W Forfeit, 20-4 W, 17-6 W), Harvard (11-4 W, 12-10 W), Michigan (11-9 W, 7-6 L) and Saint Francis University (17-8 W, 12-4 W)...Princeton's three defeats this year came at home against Wagner College (12-8 L, January 29), at the University of California-Los Angeles (9-3 L. March 18) and at Michigan (7-6 L. April 15)...Since last winning the league title in 2015, the Tigers are 0-3 in title games (2017, 2018, 2019) as Michigan has captured the last six (2016-2019, 2021-22) CWPA titles.

TEAM INFORMATION



BROWN UNIVERSITY

Brown University (25-9, 5-5 CWPA) enters the 2023 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship seeking to claim the program's second women's league title...In 2001, Brown topped Princeton University, 11-10, in sudden death overtime at home in Providence, R.I for the lone women's CWPA Championship in team history...The Bears last reached the CWPA Championship title game in 2003 when Indiana University managed Brown, 7-5, at Harvard University. During that run, the Bears defeated Gannon Univer-

Head Coach: Felix Mercado Assistant Coaches: Britt Connell, JJ Addison, Alex Matal

1	Shauna Franke	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
1A	Roxanne Hazuka	Fr.	La Jolla, Calif.
3	Lily Weiser	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.
4	Sophie Golub	Jr.	Woodside, Calif.
5	Claire Poissonnier	So.	Santa Ana, Calif.
6	Lucy Gramley	So.	Ashland, Ore.
8	Emily Suong	So.	Glendale, Calif.
9	Claire Pisani	Sr.	Redwood City, Calif.
10	Malia Honda	So.	Waimea, Hawaii
11	Zoe King	Sr.	Almaden, Calif.
12	Brenna Pangelinan	So.	Chula Vista, Calif.
13	Bryn Gioffredi	Sr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
14	Sierra Martin	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
15	Alessandra D'Arcy	So.	Mystic, Conn.
16	Tallulah Clancy	So.	Moraga, Calif.
17	Katherine Knowles	So.	Fullerton, Calif.
19	Claire Eusey	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
20	Siena Berry	So.	San Anselmo, Calif.
21	Alexandra Love	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
22	Ella Palmer	Fr.	Auckland, N.Z.
23	Ashley Penner	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
24	Madeline Poissonnie	r Fr.	Tustin, Calif.
25	Sabrina Shipley	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
26	Hana Homma	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
27	Marina Demas	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif.

sity (11-4 W), Hartwick College (5-3 W) and the University of Michigan (5-4 W) prior to falling to Indiana...Brown nearly reached the title tilt 11 years ago at home in Providence, R.I. before a last second goal by Princeton helped the Tigers best the Bears 7-6 in overtime in the 2012 semifinals...No team from New England has won a women's CWPA Championship since Brown in 2001...The Bears were the last team from New England to reach the title tilt (2003) until last year when Harvard University fell to Michigan. 1998 and 1999 champion the University of Massachusetts preceded the Bears 2001 and 2003 berths with back-to-back-to-back appearances in 1998, 1999 and 2000...Expect extra-long games if the Bears' pattern at the championship continues as Brown has appeared in seven overtime games at the CWPA title tournament since 2000 (2000—16-14 L vs. Villanova University; 2001—11-10 W OT SD vs. Princeton; 2005—6 -5 W OT SD vs. Bucknell University; 2006—10-8 L vs. Indiana; 2010 —8-7 L vs. Bucknell; 2012—7-6 L vs. Princeton; 2014—11-9 L vs. Michigan)...Overall, Brown has finished among the Top Four teams 12 times since 2000 with first (2001), second (2003), fourth (2004, 2009, 2012, 2022), fifth (2000, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019), sixth (2002, 2010, 2018), seventh (2005, 2016, 2017) and ninth (2011) place marks...Brown's last conference or postseason titles came in 2009 and 2010 when the team captured the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament, an event no longer contested...The Bears faced Bucknell (14-9 W, 14-10 W), Harvard (10-7 L, 12-11 W OT), Princeton (12-6 L, 8-5 L), Michigan (13-7 L, 11-10 L) and Saint Francis University (16-3 W, 17-5 W) this year during the league regular season...This marks Brown's second trip to the Garden State in 2023 as the team fell to Princeton (12-6 L) and topped Long Island University (7-6 W) on February 26...Brown head coach Felix Mercado has one prior CWPA Championship under his belt as he led the Bears to the 2014 Men's CWPA Championship at the United States Naval Academy.

TEAM INFORMATION



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Bucknell University (5-24, 0-10 CWPA) enters the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship seeking to take home the position that has eluded the Bison—first place...The team has a long history of

Head Coach: John McBride Assistant Coaches: Hannah Sunday, Arturo Villapando

5 Gwen Kallmeyer Fr.
6 Bella Schraa Fr.
7 Chloe Smith Sr.
8 Malli Challa Fr.
9 Bella Moynihan Sr.
10 Anna Plante Fr.
13 Sam Gove Sr.
14 Olivia Dey Jr.
15 Megan LaCroix Sr.
20 Isabelle Monaghan Jr.
22 Sidney Finkler Fr.

Annika Lampen

Aliyah Cohen

Boati Motau

- So. Grand Rapids, Mich.Fr. Coral Gables, Fla.So. Johannesburg, S.A.Fr. Mill Valley, Calif.
- Fr. Greenwich, Conn.
 Sr. Newport Beach, Calif.
 Fr. Durham, N.C.
 Sr. San Anselmo, Calif.
- Fr. Mill Valley, Calif.
 Sr. Rockport, Mass.
 Jr. Oshawa, Ontario
 Sr. Saratoga, Calif.
 an Jr. Lawrenceville, N.J.

Fr. Annapolis, Md.

success at the championship with prior second (2021), third (2019), fourth (2006), fifth (2010, 2016, 2018), sixth (2008, 2014, 2017, 2022), seventh (2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015), eighth (2003, 2012), ninth (2000) and 11th (2002) place marks since 2000 in the many versions of the CWPA/Eastern Championship...Bucknell did not appear in the 2001 CWPA Championship field...In 2021, the Bison appeared in the league title game for the first time since 1994 as Bucknell fell by a 12-5 score to then host the University of Michigan for the CWPA Championship. The event was a four-team affair as Michigan, Bucknell, Mount St. Mary's University and Saint Francis University elected to compete during the COVID-19 pandemic impacted season....In 1994, Bucknell faced former varsity program Slippery Rock University...Overall, Bucknell has played for the league title five times (1988, 1989, 1991, 1994, 2021) with losses to "The Rock" in the first four appearances...No team from the Keystone State of Pennsylvania has won the CWPA Championship since those Slippery Rock teams...In 2019 at Brown University, the Bison defeated former varsity program George Washington University (12-7 W), fell to Princeton University (11-5 L) in the semifinals and tripped Harvard University (11-9 W) in the Third Place game. It marked Bucknell's highest finish at the CWPA Championship since 2000 prior to the 2021 runner-up mark...Since Brown University captured the CWPA Championship in 2001, only Michigan (2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022), former league member Indiana University (2003, 2011, 2014), former varsity team Hartwick College (2004, 2006, 2007) and Princeton (2012, 2013, 2015) have claimed the league title, a trend the Bison wish to terminate in 2023...This year, the Bison are 0-12 versus the rest of the league championship field with prior contests against Brown University (14-9 L, 14-10 L), Harvard (19-7 L, 18-9 L), Michigan (12-1 L, 16-3 L), Princeton (5-0 L Forfeit, 20-4 L 17-6 L) and Saint Francis (16-11 L, 10-9 L OT, 9-7 L)...This weekend marks the Bison's third trip to Princeton in 2023 as the team faced the host Tigers (5-0 L Forfeit), Long Island University (5-0 L Forfeit), the University of California-Santa Barbara (16-7 L), the University of California-San Diego (18-5 L) and Wagner College (14-6 L) on January 28-29, prior to meeting Iona University (9-8 L), Siena College (7-3 L), Long Island (18-5 L) and Villanova University (13-7 L) on February 25-26...Last year at home during the 2022 CWPA Championship, the Bison fell to Brown (17-8 L) and managed Mount St. Mary's(27-9 W) prior to slipping against Saint Francis (8-6 OT) to take sixth place in a then seven-team field...Watch for South African Olympian Boati Motau to factor for the Bison during the course of the weekend...Further, keep an eye on Bella Moynihan who was named to the league's All-Conference Team earlier this week.

TEAM INFORMATION



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Harvard University (21-8, 5-5 CWPA) is making its 14th appearance at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) championship tournament since 2007...In the modern history of the championship since 2001, Harvard has finished eighth (2006, 2007, 2010), seventh (2001,

Head Coach: Ted Minnis
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2002, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2018), sixth (2003, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), fifth (2004, 2005), fourth (2017, 2019), third (2000) and second (2022)...The team did not compete in either the 2020 or 2021 CWPA Championship...Harvard will seek to remain among Top Four as the squad managed then host Brown University (11-9 W) before falling to the University of Michigan (14-7 L) and Bucknell University (11-9 L) in the semifinals and Third Place game in 2022...Last year, the Crimson notched their best all-time finish by shutting out Mount St. Mary's University (16-0 W), clipping Princeton University (11-9 W) and taking a 10-4 setback against Michigan in the title game at Bucknell...The team placed seventh in 2018 at Bucknell by downing Saint Francis University (11-3 W), falling to Princeton (12-4 L) and the host Bison (10-5 L) before upending George Washington University (10-2 W)...In 2017 at Indiana University, the Crimson managed the host Hoosiers 12-11, fell 11-5 to Michigan in the semifinals and took a 10-7 loss against Hartwick College in the Third Place game...In 2016 at home in Blodgett Pool, the Crimson fell to Princeton (12-8 L), topped Connecticut College (13-3 W) and George Washington (11-6 W) prior to falling against Bucknell (11-7 L) in the fifth place game...In 2015, at Princeton, the team placed sixth after stumbling versus Hartwick (12-10 L), striking down Bucknell (14-7 W) and tripping against Brown (8-7 L) in the Fifth Place game...In 2014 at Bucknell, the Crimson posted a Seventh Place mark after falling to Princeton (12-6 L) and the host Bison (12-11 L) before topping Connecticut (17-7 W)...The Crimson last qualified for the National Championship Tournament, the precursor of today's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship, in 2000 by placing third at the CWPA Championship with a 20-12 record. The team ultimately finished 15th at the National Championship Tournament. It marked Harvard's third appearance at the event as the team previously finished eighth in both 1995 and 1998...In the entire history of the program, Harvard has finished second (1988, 1990, 1995 2022), third (1989, 1992, 1998, 2000), fourth (1999, 2017, 2019), fifth (1993, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005), sixth (2003, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), seventh (2001, 2002, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2018) and eighth (1997, 2006, 2007, 2010) at the women's CWPA/Eastern Championship...The Crimson faced Brown (10-7 W, 12-11 L OT), Bucknell (19-7 W, 18-9 W), Michigan (14-6 L, 15-8 L), Princeton (11-4 L, 12-10 L OT) and Saint Francis (20-3 W, 18-8 W) this year.