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.



2024 WOMEN'S CWPA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

| Friday, April 26, 2024 | | | | Game # | Score |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----|---|----------------|-------|
| 4:00 | 3rd Seed — Harvard University | VS. | 6th Seed— Saint Francis University | 1 | |
| 6:00 | 4th Seed — Brown University | VS. | 5th Seed— Bucknell University | 2 | |
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| Saturday, April 27, 2024 | | | | 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 | |
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| Sunday, April 28, 2024 Game # Sco | | | | 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.



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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Wolverines of the University of Michigan (20-10, 8-2 CWPA) hold the second most consecutive Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) titles (six, 2016-2019, 2021-22) behind only Slippery Rock University's nine (1988-1996)...The Wolverines are 52-13 all-time at the CWPA Championship, including a 46-12 mark since 2001...In the history of the league, Michigan has finished fifth (2001), first (2002, 7-6 W OT SD

Head Coach: Cassie Churnside Assistant Coaches: Sami Hill, Catie Wallace

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| 1 | Alex Brown | Gr. | Clayton, Calif. |
| 1A | Madie Ambrose | So. | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 1B | Grace Walsh | Fr. | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 1C | Katie Delaney | Fr. | Withrop Harbor, III. |
| 2 | Issy Jackson | So. | Auckland, New Zealand |
| 3 | Ashley O'Neill | Jr. | Calgary, Alberta |
| 4 | Kaia Levenfeld | Fr. | Moraga, Calif. |
| 5 | Kata Utassy | Sr. | Budapest, Hungary |
| 6 | Sammi Monroe | Sr. | Pleasant Hill, Calif. |
| 7 | Jillian Schlom | Fr. | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 9 | Lola Ciruli | Sr. | Lafayette, Calif. |
| 10 | Libby Alsemgeest | Sr. | Hamilton, New Zealand |
| 11 | Fiona Young | Jr. | Orinda, Calif. |
| 12 | Brooke Ingram | So. | Santa Barbara, Calif. |
| 13 | Kasey Umlauf | Sr. | Northfield, III. |
| 14 | Emma Gustafsson | Fr. | Greenwich, Conn. |
| 15 | Elise Walker | Sr. | Los Altos, Calif. |
| 16 | Maddy Scarth | Fr. | Surrey, B.C. |
| 17 | Emilia Mladjan | Fr. | Brookfield, III. |
| 18 | Alison Lock | Sr. | Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| 19 | Sophia Panossian | Fr. | Santa Barbara, Calif. |
| 21 | Lulu Hirschfield | So. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 22 | Riley Chapple | So. | Denton, Texas |
| 23 | Claire Eusey | So. | Newport Beach, Calif. |
| 24 | Jordan Schneider | Fr. | Laguna Beach, Calif. |
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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), first (2022, 10-4 W vs. Harvard at Bucknell) and third (2023) at the CWPA Championship...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...Last year at Princeton, the Wolverines fell to Harvard (9-8 L) and topped Saint Francis University (16-6 W) to take Third Place. The defeat by Harvard marked the first time Michigan was defeated in CWPA Championship tournament play since 2015 when the team dropped overtime games versus Indiana (9-8 L OT) and Hartwick (11-10 L OT) to finish in fourth place at Princeton...The last time the Maize & Blue lost a CWPA Championship tournament game in regulation was April 26, 2014, via a 14-7 setback against Indiana at Bucknell. The Wolverines previously faced Saint Francis (18-2 W, 5-0 W Forfeit), Brown (12-7 W, 17-9 W), Princeton (10-8 L, 12-9 L), Harvard (12-8 W, 9-6 W) and Bucknell (9-5 W, 13-7 W) in league competition this year.

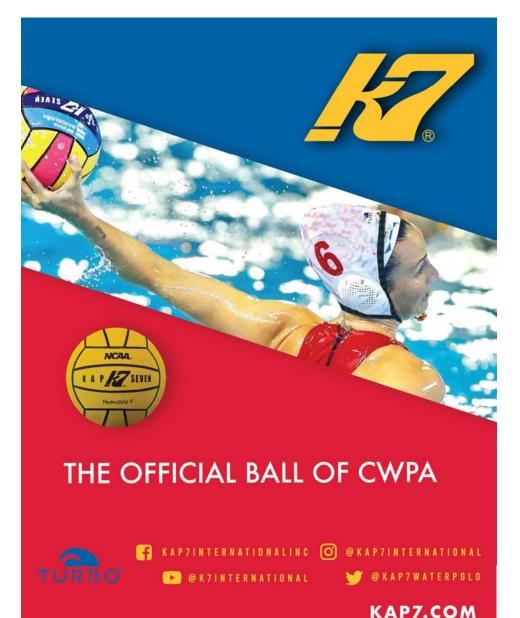
PREVIOUS CWPA CHAMPIONS

| 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 |
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| 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 Can | |
| 2021 | University of Michigan | Bucknell University |
| 2022 | University of Michigan | Harvard University |
| 2023 | Princeton University | Harvard University |

Future CWPA Championship Sites (tentative):

2025—Brown University (Providence, R.I.) 2026—University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.) 2027—Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.) 2028—Saint Francis University (Loretto, Pa.)

A special thanks to the Harvard University aquatics staff, head coach Ted Minnis and the institution's athletics staff/administration for hosting the 2024 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 (8-24, 1-9 CWPA) will compete at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship for the seventh 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 UniverHead Coach: Jay O'Neil Assistant Coach: Tim Sherwood

- Grace Raquel
- Isabel Lumley Emma Allamian
- Kayla Rhoads
- Maysen Seile
- Kimberly Frostad Adi Garges
- Megan Marlin
- Lucy Willis
- Georgia Ellison
- Emese Szucs
- Aubrey Miller
- Lexanny Gonzalez
- Caylah Olay
- Sam Eschleman
- Alexis Stewart 21 Sarah Hartwell

- Naperville, III.
- Brisbane, Australia
- St. Charles, III.
- Oceanside, Calif.
- El Cajon, Calif.
- Regina, Sask.
- Perkasie, Pa.
- Flower Mound, Texas
- Ft. Thomas, Ky.
- Canberra, Australia
- Budapest, Hungary Mohnton, Pa.
- Sinking Spring, Pa.
- Redondo Beach, Calif.
- Reading, Pa.
- So. Villa Park, Calif.
- So. Grand Blanc, Mich.

sity of Michigan (22-2 L), Indiana University (16-6 L) and Brown University (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 four-team field with a loss to Bucknell (8-5 L) and a defeat of Mount St. Mary's University (17-1 W)...In 2022 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...One year back at Princeton, SFU flustered Brown (7-3 W), came up short against the host Tigers (8-3 L) and took a 16-6 setback against Michigan for Fourth Place...This year, the Red Flash stand at 1-9 against Brown (13-6 L, 9-8 L), Bucknell (8-7 W, 7-6 L), Harvard (16-5 L, 19-5 L), Michigan (18-2 L, 5-0 L Forfeit,) and Princeton (14-7 L, 18-9 L)...This marks the Red Flash's first trip to Cambridge in 2024 and second trip to New England as Saint Francis faced Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Collges (15-13 L), Siena College (15-7 L), La Salle University (9-7 L) and Long Island University (18-10 L) at Brown in Providence, R.I., on February 2-4.

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Greenwich, Conn.



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

2023 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion Prince-

ton University (21-6, 10-0 CWPA) became the seventh host team since 2000 to win the CWPA Championship joining Indiana University (2011), the University of Michigan (2008, 2021), Brown University (2001) and itself (2000, 2015, 2023)...Prior to last year, the Tigers are 0-3 in title games (2017, 2018, 2019) since 2-15 as Michigan captured the the six (2016-2019, 2021-22) previous CWPA titles...The Tigers are making their 26th 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, 2015 and 2023 CWPA Champion Tigers will seek to make their 10th 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), 2015 (7-6 W vs. Indiana at Princeton) and 2023 (12-8 W vs. Harvard University at Princeton) crowns...However, Princeton has advanced to only four 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...The Tigers claimed the regular season championship this year by topping Brown (9-6 W, 10-6 W), Bucknell (15-4 W, 12-5 W), Harvard (11-6 W, 12-10 W), Michigan (10-8 W, 12-9 W) and Saint Francis University (14-7 W, 18-9 W)...The Tigers six defeats have come on the West Coast and in Hawaii versus nationally-ranked the University of Hawaii (10-6 L), Fresno State University (8-7 L), Indiana University (10-9 L, March 10 at UC-San Diego), the University of California-San Diego (13-8 L), Loyola Marymount University (10-8 L) and the University of California-Los Angeles (10-6 L).

TEAM INFORMATION



BROWN UNIVERSITY

Brown University (15-15, 4-6 CWPA) enters the 2024 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

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

| 1 | Roxanne Hazuka | So. | La Jolla, Calif. |
|----|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 1A | Sarah Decker | Fr. | Newport Beach, Calif |
| 2 | Madeline Poissonnie | er So. | Tustin, Calif. |
| 4 | Sophie Golub | Sr. | Woodside, Calif. |
| 5 | Claire Poissonnier | Jr. | Santa Ana, Calif. |
| 6 | Sabrina Shipley | So. | Miami, Fla. |
| 7 | Katherine Knowles | Jr. | Fullerton, Calif. |
| 8 | Emily Suong | Jr. | Glendale, Calif. |
| 9 | Tallulah Clancy | Jr. | Moraga, Calif. |
| 10 | Ella Palmer | So. | Auckland, New Zealand |
| 11 | Hanna Homma | So. | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 12 | Alessandra D'Arcy | Jr. | Mystic, Conn. |
| 13 | Hanna Tidrenczel | Fr. | Budapest, Hungary |
| 14 | Sierra Martin | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 16 | Cleo Washer | Fr. | Laguna Beach, Calif. |
| 17 | Aubrie Anderson | Fr. | Newport Beach, Calif. |
| 19 | Gaby Montalvo | Fr. | Miami, Fla. |
| 20 | Siena Berry | Jr. | San Anselmo, Calif. |
| 22 | Ellen Norell | Fr. | Greenwich, Conn. |
| 23 | Margaret Gibbons | So. | Menlo Park, Calif. |
| 24 | Malia Chavinson | Fr. | Burlingame, Calif. |
| 27 | Marina Demas | So. | Sacramento, Calif. |

Harvard University. During that run, the Bears defeated Gannon University (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 12 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 achieved the feat the past two years and fell to the University of Michigan (2022) and Princeton University. 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, 2023), 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 are 4-6 against the rest of the field as the Brown met Harvard (10-7 L, 10-8 L), Michigan (12-7 L, 17-9 L), Saint Francis University (13-6 W, 9-8 W), Bucknell (8-5 W, 10-4 W) and Princeton (9-6 L, 12-10 L) during the regular season...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. Associate head coach has two league titles under his belt as head coach at Connecticut College during the Camels' 2013 and 2014 CWPA Women's Division III Championships.



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Bucknell University (6-19, 2-8 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 success at the championship with

Assistant Coaches: Jillian Schultz, Arturo Villapando

1 Tamara Torkos Fr. Budapest, Hung 2 Campbell Collins Fr. Baltimore, Md.

Head Coach: John McBride

| 1 | Tamara Torkos | Fr. | Budapest, Hungary |
|----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 2 | Campbell Collins | Fr. | Baltimore, Md. |
| 4 | Boati Motau | Jr. | Johannesburg, S.A |
| 5 | Gwen Kallmeyer | So. | Mill Valley, Calif. |
| 6 | Bella Schraa | So. | Greenwich, Conn. |
| 7 | Caitlin Stott | Fr. | Johannesburg, S.A |
| 8 | Malli Challa | So. | Durham, N.C. |
| 10 | Anna Plante | So. | Mill Valley, Calif. |
| 11 | Regan Coon | Fr. | New York, N.Y. |
| 13 | Lehua Bender | Fr. | Honolulu, Hawaii |
| 14 | Olivia Dey | Sr. | Oshawa, Ontario |
| 17 | Izzy Lippolis | Jr. | Greenwich, Conn. |
| 19 | Amy Pischke | Fr. | Wyndmoor, Pa. |
| 20 | Isabelle Monaghan | Sr. | Lawrenceville, N.J. |
| 22 | Sidney Finkler | Jr. | Annapolis, Md. |
| | | | |

prior second (2021), third (2019), fourth (2006), fifth (2010, 2016, 2018), sixth (2008, 2014, 2017, 2022, 2023), 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, 2023) have claimed the league title, a trend the Bison wish to terminate in 2024...This year, the Bison are 2-8 against the rest of the championship field with prior meetings versus Saint Francis (8-7 L, 7-6 W), Princeton (15-4 L, 12-5 L), Harvard (15-6 L, 11-10 W), Brown (8-5 L, 10-4 L) and Michigan (9-5 L, 13-7 L)...In 2022 at home during that year's CWPA Championship, the Bison fell to Brown (17-8 L) and managed the league member Mount St. Mary's University (27-9 W) prior to slipping against Saint Francis (8-6 OT) to take sixth place in a then seven-team field...Last year, Bucknell dropped a 23-10 game to Harvard and took a 17-6 setback against Brown at Princeton to claim sixth place in a six-team field...This weekend marks the second time the Bison will compete in Cambridge, Mass., as the team opened the season at the Bruno Classic, which was co-hosted by Brown and Harvard, and faced Wagner College (18-8 L), Long Island University (18-4 L), Marist College (16-11 L) and Siena College (13-9 W)...Watch for South African Olympian Boati Motau to be a potential impact player this weekend as the Bison seek to break into the Top Five for the first time since 2021.

TEAM INFORMATION



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Harvard University (12-12, 5-5 CWPA) is making its 15th appearance at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) championship tournament since 2007...In the modern history of the championship since 2001, Harvard has finished second

Head Coach: Ted Minnis
Assistant Coaches: Jackie Puccino, Cory Olcott,
Jacob Castro

| 1 | Alexis Kieckhafer | Sr. | Coto De Caza, Calif. |
|----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1A | Sutchie Ofori-Nyako | So. | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| 2 | Annabel Facey | Sr. | Menlo Park, Calif. |
| 3 | Josie Mobley | Sr. | Honolulu, Hawaii |
| 4 | Ella Prentice | Sr. | Santa Barbara, Calif. |
| 5 | Annabelle Bisconti | Sr. | Atherton, Calif. |
| 6 | Erin Kim | Jr. | Irvine, Calif. |
| 7 | Ella Schneider | So. | San Clemente, Calif. |
| 8 | Ruby Hodge | So. | San Juan Capistrano, Calif. |
| 9 | Maya O'Dea | Fr. | Long Beach, Calif. |
| 10 | Dany Zapata | Jr. | Cali, Colombia |
| 11 | Lucy Berkman | Fr. | Orinda, Calif. |
| 12 | Kaity Greenwald | Jr. | Newport Beach, Calif. |
| 13 | Heidi Heffelfinger | So. | Lafayette, Calif. |
| 14 | Emma Gilbert | Fr. | Santa Barbara, Calif. |
| 16 | Lucy Britt | Fr. | Newport Beach, Calif. |
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(2022, 2023), third (2000), fourth (2017, 2019), fifth (2004, 2005), sixth (2003, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016), seventh (2001, 2002, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2018) and eighth (2006, 2007, 2010) ...The team did not compete in either the 2020 or 2021 CWPA Championship due to the COVID-19 outbreak...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 2019...ln 2022, 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...Last year at Princeton University, Harvard took care of business versus Bucknell (23-10 W) and stunned Michigan (9-8 W) before falling to the host Tigers (12-8 L) in the title tilt...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 getting by George Washington University (10-2 W)...In 2017 at Indiana University, the Crimson managed the host Hoosiers (12-11 W), fell Michigan (11-5 L) 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, 2023), 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.