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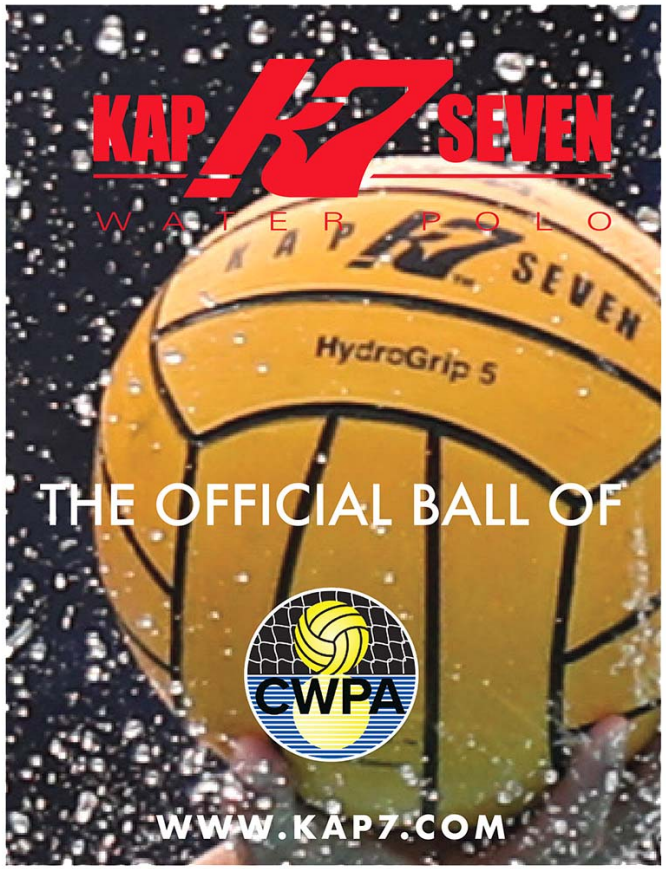

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History of the Collegiate Water Polo Association

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 Director of Membership Services (Calianne Timothy) in the league office, along with a Coordinator of Officials' Education (Ed Reed), a varsity officiating assignor (Michael Goldenberg) and a collegiate club officiating assignor (Michael Francis). 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.

2026 Women's CWPA Championship Schedule

Friday, April 10, 2026				Game #	Score
4:30	2nd Seed — **Princeton University**	vs.	7th Seed— **Saint Francis University**	1	
6:00	3rd Seed — **University of Michigan**	vs.	6th Seed— **Mercyhurst University**	2	
7:30	4th Seed— **Brown University**	vs.	5th Seed— **Bucknell University**	3	
Saturday, April 11, 2026				**Game #**	**Score**
11:00	Loser Game 3	vs.	Loser Game 1	4	
1:00	1st Seed — **Harvard University**	vs.	Winner Game 3	5	
3:00	Winner Game 1	vs.	Winner Game 2	6	
5:00	Loser Game 2	vs.	Loser Game 1	7	
Sunday, April 12, 2026				**Game #**	**Score**
9:00	Loser Game 3	vs.	Loser Game 2	8	
10:30	Loser Game 6	vs.	Loser Game 5	Third Place	
12:30	Winner Game 5	vs.	Winner Game 6	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.*
- *Teams are seeded based on their won/loss records during the regular season*
- *The results of games 4, 7 & 8 determine Fifth-to-Seventh Places.*
- *The champion of the tournament earns a qualification bid to the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship.*

Commissioner
Dan Sharadin

Championship Officials
Easton Honaker
Alex Stankevitch
Val Vasilchikov
Stephanie Villalobos

Team Information

Acting Head Coach: Sami Tai
Assistant Coach: Maddie O'Reilly

1	Sophia Bunnell	So.	Coto de Caza, Calif.
1A	Katie Delaney	Jr.	Winthrop Harbor, Ill.
1B	Tyler Jackson	Fr.	Whittier, Calif.
2	Issy Jackson	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand
3	Bailee Swindells	Fr.	Auckland, New Zealand
4	Kaia Levenfeld	Jr.	Moraga, Calif.
5	Emilia Mladjan	Jr.	Brookfield, Ill.
6	Jordan Schneider	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
7	Sydney Brandvold	Fr.	Lake Oswego, Ore.
8	Abby Schulz	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
9	Maddy Scarth	Jr.	Surrey, B.C.
10	Harriet Dickens	So.	Bolton, England
11	Ari Karampetsou	So.	Athens, Greece
12	Brooke Ingram	Sr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
13	Maya Mladjan	Fr.	Brookfield, Ill.
14	Emma Gustafsson	Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
15	Miriam Ndiaye	Fr.	Mason, Ohio
18	Ryland Smith	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
19	Sophia Panossian	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
21	Lulu Hirschfield	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
22	Riley Chapple	Gr.	Denton, Texas
23	Claire Eusey	Sr.	Newport Beach, Calif.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan (16-9, 5-1 CWPA) is 55-15 all-time at the CWPA Championship…In the history of the league, the Wolverines have placed 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), first (2022, 10-4 W vs. Harvard at Bucknell), third (2023), second (2024, 10-9 L vs. Princeton at Harvard) and third (2025) at the CWPA Championship...No team has appeared in more CWPA title games than Michigan with 16, 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 won the 2002 title before Matt Anderson (currently the head coach at Connecticut College) claimed the 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 titles. Dr. Marcelo Leonardi accounts for the other half of the championships with six consecutive crowns in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022…In 2023 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…At Harvard in a six-team field for the 2024 crown, the Wolverines took down the host Crimson (12-7 W) prior to suffering a 10-9 setback versus Princeton in the title game…Last year at Brown, the Maize & Blue struck down Saint Francis University (20-10 W) and Bucknell (14-8 W) to sandwich a 9-8 overtime loss to eventual champion Harvard in taking third place...Michigan stands at 5-1 against league competition in 2026 with prior games against Mercyhurst University (15-4 W, at Michigan), Brown (14-8 W, at Bucknell), Harvard (14-13 W, at Bucknell), Bucknell (20-7 W, at Bucknell), Princeton (9-8 L, at Princeton) and Saint Francis (18-6 W, at Princeton)...Home is where the wins are for Michigan as the team is 6-0 in Canham Natatorium this year and 14-1 over the past two seasons.

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach: Jay O'Neil

1	Victoria Tamarit	Fr.	Valencia, Spain
4	Olivia George	So.	Grand Blanc, Mich.
5	Bella Castaneda	So.	Brea, Calif.
6	Alondra Torres	So.	Chicago, Ill.
7	Laura Knight	Fr.	Auckland, N.Z.
8	Megan Marlin	Sr.	Flower Mound, Texas
9	Lucy Willis	Sr.	Fort Thomas, Ky.
12	Aubrey Miller	Sr.	Mohnton, Pa.
13	Lexanny Gonzalez	Sr.	Reading, Pa.
14	Caylah Olay	Sr.	Redondo Beach, Calif.
19	Sofia Majoriello Pankova	Fr.	Naples, Italy
21	Sarah Hartwell	Sr.	Grand Blanc, Mich.

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

Saint Francis University (8-9, 0-6 CWPA) will compete at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship for the ninth 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 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 a 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…At Princeton in 2023, 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…At Harvard in 2024, the team came up short versus the host Crimson (12-9 L) and stymied Bucknell (12-6 W) for fifth place…Last year at Brown, the Red Flash fell to Michigan (20-10 L), topped Mercyhurst University (16-11 W) and experienced a loss to the host Bears (12-7 L) to take sixth place...The Red Flash come into the weekend with prior meetings against Bucknell (14-10 L, at Bucknell), Harvard (17-3 L, at Bucknell), Mercyhurst (9-8 L at Bucknell; 18-3 W, in Bridgeport, W.Va.), Brown (16-7 L, at Bucknell), Michigan (18-6 L, at Princeton) and Princeton (18-10 L, at Princeton)...Saint Francis is 3-6 against all CWPA opponents as the team also faced CWPA Division III institutions Grove City College (18-7 W, in Erie, Pa.) and Washington & Jefferson College (20-7 W, at Saint Francis).

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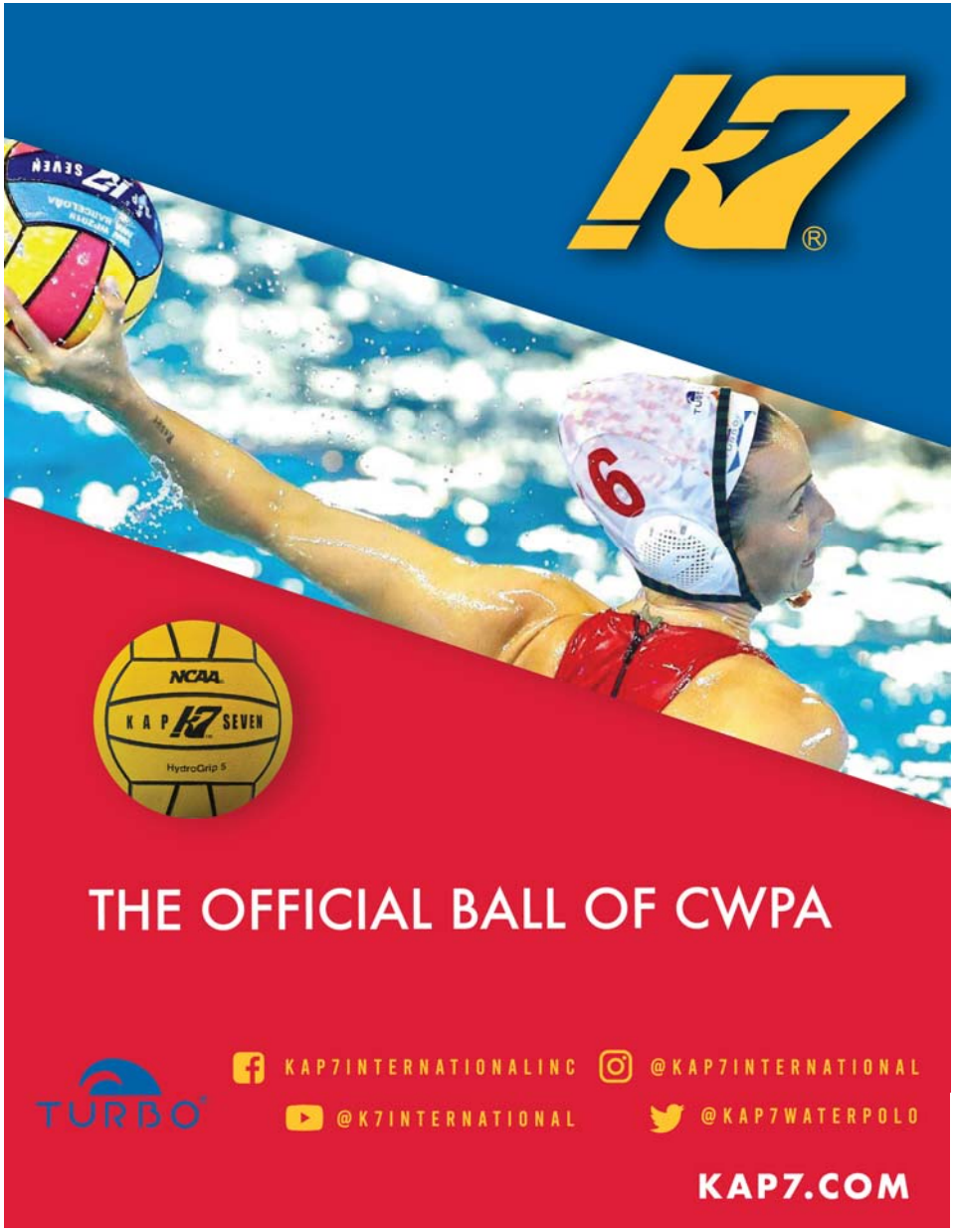
PREVIOUS CWPA CHAMPIONS

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 Canceled	
2021	University of Michigan	Bucknell University
2022	University of Michigan	Harvard University
2023	Princeton University	Harvard University
2024	Princeton University	University of Michigan
2025	Harvard University	Princeton University

Future CWPA Championship Sites (tentative):

2027—Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.)
2028—TBA
2029—Princeton University (Princeton, N.J.)
2030—Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)
2031—Brown University (Providence, R.I.)
2032—University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
2033—Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.)



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Team Information

Head Coach: Derek Ellingson
Assistant Coaches: Bella Baia, Huw Helman

1	Lindsey Lucas	Sr.	Orinda, Calif.
1A	CJ Weigel	Jr.	Riverside, Calif.
1B	Sophie Bollyky Purcell	Fr.	New York, N.Y.
2	Shanna Davidson	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
3	Margaret Brandin	So.	Menlo Park, Calif.
4	Charlotte Riches	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
5	Emese Batizi	So.	Budapest, Hungary
6	Olivia Krotts	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
7	Hadley Harbilas	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
8	Katie McCullough	Fr.	Wynnewood, Pa.
9	Ally Lurie	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
10	Didi Evans	Fr.	Corona del Mar, Calif.
11	Abby Folk	Fr.	Ashburn, Ontario
12	Vivian Golub	Fr.	Woodside, Calif.
13	Kendall Wyer	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
14	Ava Houlahan	Sr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

The Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion in both 2023 and 2024, Princeton University (22-5, 5-1 CWPA) will seek to get back to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship in 2026...Last year at Brown University, the top-seeded Tigers took down Bucknell University (17-4 W) prior to suffering a 10-8 loss in overtime to Harvard University for the league title...The loss prevented Princeton from joining Slippery Rock University (1988-to-1996) and the University of Michigan (2008-2010; 2016-2019) as the only programs to three-peat at the CWPA Championship...The Tigers are making their 28th 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, 2023 and 2024 CWPA Champion Tigers will seek to earn another title game appearance as Princeton fell to Indiana University (11-10 L in 2014 at Bucknell), Hartwick College (8-6 L in 2007 at Princeton), Brown (11-10 L OT SD in 2001 at Brown), Michigan (5-4 L in 2017 at Indiana; 11-8 L in 2018 at Bucknell; 10-6 L in 2019 at Brown) and Harvard (10-8 L OT 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), 2023 (12-8 W vs. Harvard at Princeton) and 2024 (10-9 W vs. Michigan at Harvard) crowns...However, Princeton has advanced to only five National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships as the tournament did not begin until the year following the Tigers' 2000 title run…This year, the Tigers tied with Harvard and Michigan for the regular season championship with 5-1 marks. Harvard earned the No. 1 seed due to goal differential as the Crimson defeated the Tigers (8-5 W) and fell to the Wolverines (14-13 L) for a +2 differential, compared to Princeton's -2 (8-5 L vs. Harvard, 9-8 W vs. Michigan) and Michigan's even total (14-13 W vs. Harvard, 9-8 L vs. Princeton). The tiebreaker for the No. 2 position between Princeton and Michigan reverted to their head-to-head competition with the Tigers coming out on top due to a 9-8 win…It marks the second time in as many years Princeton tied for the regular season title as the Tigers were the equals of Harvard in 2025...Princeton concluded the 2026 regular season 5-1 against the rest of the CWPA Championship field with prior games versus Bucknell (17-7 W, at Bucknell), Brown (16-9 W, at Bucknel), Harvard (8-5 L, at Harvard), Michigan (9-8 W, at Princeton) and Saint Francis (18-10 W, at Princeton).

Head Coach: Mike Doyle
Assistant Coach: Harper Ratliff

1	Gianna Boscacci	So.	Fresno, Calif.
2	Victoria Mastrangelo	So.	Orlando, Fla.
3	Molly Langridge	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand
4	Marley Hanlon	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.
5	Bailey Dunn	Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla.
6	Freya Green	Jr.	Sydney, Australia
8	Eva Henneman	Sr.	Bend, Ore.
10	Gina Adiutori	Sr.	Fairview, Pa.
11	Bri Allstun	Sr.	Hillsboro, Mo.
13	Krista Domaracki	Sr.	South Elgin, Ill.
14	Kate Martin	Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla.
15	McKenzie Diplacido	So.	Erie, Pa.
16	Adriana Boltes Moragues	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain
17	Joey Roedl	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill.
20	Alexa Corrao	5th	Mission Viejo, Calif.
22	Maryn King	So.	Rockwall, Texas

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Mercyhurst University (5-16, 1-5 CWPA) will compete in the program's second Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship since returning to the league last year...Following a tenure that stretched several years in the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) with former CWPA programs Gannon University, Salem University and McKendree University for an exclusively Division II conference affiliation in the WWPA starting in 2015-16, the Lakers moved to Division I and rejoined the CWPA prior to the 2025 season...At the 2025 CWPA Championship hosted by Brown University, Mercyhurst dropped games to Harvard University (20-5 L), the host Bears (17-3 L) and Saint Francis University (16-11 L) in claiming seventh place...Prior to 2025, the Lakers last appeared at the CWPA Championship in 2015 at Princeton University as the team fell to George Washington University (6-5 L) and Bucknell University (10-5 L) prior to upending Connecticut College (9-6 W) for ninth place under then head coach Curtis Robinette...It marked the Lakers' first appearance at the CWPA Championship since a 2013 berth at the University of Michigan...Mercyhurst first qualified for the then eight-team championship in 2008 at the University of Michigan to become the first Division II institution to make the championship since 2004...In six previous trips to the CWPA Championship, Mercyhurst has finished seventh (2025-seven teams), eighth (2008-eight teams), ninth (2015-10 teams), 10th (2011-11 teams; 2012-12 teams) and 12th (2013-12 teams)...Mercyhurst will aim to join Bucknell (2021) as the only Pennsylvania institutions to make the league's Division I championship game in women's competition since Slippery Rock University from 1988-to-1997...The team is 1-6 this year against the rest of the CWPA Championship field with prior games versus Michigan (15-4 L, at Michigan), Princeton (17-3 L, at Bucknel), Saint Francis (9-8 W, at Bucknell; 18-3 L, in Bridgeport, W.Va.), Harvard (16-6 L, at Bucknell), Brown (14-2 L, at Princeton) and Bucknell (11-6 L, at Princeton). The 18-3 loss to Saint Francis came on March 27 during the Salem University Invitational in non-conference action. The Lakers have also faced four other CWPA schools in Division III members Wheaton College (17-5 W, in Erie, Pa.), Grove City College (17-6 W, in Erie, Pa.), Washington & Jefferson College (12-8 W, in Erie, Pa.) and Penn State Behrend (16-4 W, in Erie, Pa.) for an overall record of 5-6 against all league opponents (Division I & III)...First-year varsity collegiate head coach Mike Doyle joins Brown's Jaclyn Puccino in competing for their inaugural CWPA crowns as head coaches. The former Director of Athletics at Erie Catholic Schools, he got his start in coaching at Cathedral Prep High School in 2008 and served as head coach for the Ramblers from 2008-to-2022.

Head Coach: Jaclyn Puccino
Director of Water Polo: Felix Mercado
Assistant Coaches: Jessica McDonagh, Petar Momcilovic

1	Sarah Decker	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
1A	Somto Okafo	So.	Southlake, Texas
2	Madeleine Poissonnier	Sr.	Tustin, Calif.
3	Emmy Hensley	So.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
4	Hana Homma	Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
5	Ellen Norell	Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
6	Sabrina Shipley	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
7	Cleo Washer	Jr.	Laguna Beach, Calif.
8	Aubrie Anderson	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
9	Gaby Montalvo	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
10	Ella Palmer	Sr.	Auckland, New Zealand
11	Sofia Flieri	Fr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
12	Ava Schoening	So.	Seattle, Wash.
14	Megan Newby	Fr.	Atherton, Calif.
15	Alexandra Love	Sr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
16	Audrey Long	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
20	Skye Andros	So.	Annapolis, Md.
21	Samantha Kim	So.	Orange, Calif.
22	Sofia Holman	So.	La Jolla, Calif.
23	Margot Gibbons	Sr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
	Hanna Tidrenczel	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Brown University (13-11, 3-3 CWPA) enters this weekend's 2026 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 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 in 2012 at home in Providence, R.I. before a last second goal by Princeton helped the Tigers best the Bears 7-6 in overtime during the semifinals...2025 champion Harvard University became the first team from New England to win 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 Harvard University achieved the feat and fell to the University of Michigan (2022) and Princeton University (2023) before downing Princeton last year...Overall, Brown has finished among the Top Four teams seven times since 2000 with prior first (2001), second (2003), third (2024), fourth (2004, 2009, 2012, 2022), fifth (2000, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2023, 2025), 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...Head coach Jaclyn Puccino — who is completing her first season leading the Bears — guided Brown to a 3-3 against the rest of the CWPA Championship field with prior games versus Bucknell University (18-3 W, at Princeton), Harvard (15-7 L, at Brown), Mercyhurst University (14-2 W, at Princeton), Michigan (14-8 L, at Bucknell), Princeton (16-9 L, at Brown) and Saint Francis University (16-7 W, at Bucknell)...Puccino is no stranger to the CWPA Championship as the former University of Southern California assistant coach (2025) spent six seasons with the Harvard men's and women's water polo programs as an assistant (2018-2022) and associate (2023-2024) head coach for the Crimson...Brown begins the championship in the midst of a five-game losing streak as the team dropped games on the West Coast versus Loyola Marymount University (12-7 L), San Diego State University (12-5 L), the University of California-Davis (17-13 L) and the University of California-San Diego (21-16 L) prior to returning home to Providence to face Harvard (15-7 L).

Head Coach: John McBride
Assistant Coach: Arturo Villalpando

1	Tamara Torkos	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary
2	Campbell Collins	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
3	Olivia Hopper	So.	Greenwich, Conn.
4	Addison Wedding	Fr.	Fountain Valley, Calif.
5	Gwen Kallmeyer	Sr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
6	Bella Schraa	Sr.	Greenwich, Conn.
7	Caitlin Stott	Jr.	Johannesburg, S.A.
8	Malli Challa	Sr.	Durham, N.C.
9	Rhys Beutler	So.	Redlands, Calif.
10	Anna Plante	Sr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
11	Regan Coon	Jr.	New York, N.Y.
12	Caroline Brown	Fr.	Stanford, Fla.
13	Lehua Bender	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
14	Ava Bayne	So.	San Diego, Calif.
15	Ashley Hopper	So.	Greenwich, Conn.
16	Britta Coultas	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
17	Rosemary Schmidt	Fr.	North Wales, Pa.
18	Hayden Hedstrom	So.	Bolton, Mass.
19	Olivia Garcia	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif.
20	Iris Hiskey	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif.
21	Damia Mogultay	Fr.	Uskudar, Turkey
22	Lin Naraoka	Fr.	Denver, Colo.
23	Brooke Temkin	Fr.	Alamo, Calif.
25	Kenzi Shaw	Fr.	Lewisville, Texas

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Bucknell University (12-10, 2-4 CWPA) enters the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship seeking to take home the position that has eluded the Bison in the 21st Century—first place...The team has a long history of success at the championship with prior second (2021), third (2019), fourth (2006, 2025), fifth (2010, 2016, 2018), sixth (2008, 2014, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024), 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…In 2024 at Harvard, Bucknell fell to Brown (13-7 L) and Saint Francis (12-6 L) to claim sixth place in a six team field. Last year at Brown, the Bison defeated the Bears (7-6 W) before falling to Princeton (17-4 L) and Michigan (14-8 L) to close out a fourth place mark...Since Brown University captured the CWPA Championship in 2001, only Harvard (2025), 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, 2024) have claimed the title, a trend the Bison wish to terminate in 2026…Bucknell is 2-4 against the rest of the championship field following prior meetings with Saint Francis (14-10 W, at Bucknell), Harvard (14-8 L, at Bucknel), Princeton (17-7 L, at Bucknell), Michigan (19-7 L, at Bucknell), Brown (18-3 L, at Princeton) and Mercyhurst University (11-6 W)

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3	Heidi Heffelfinger	Sr.	Lafaylette, Calif.
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5	Serafina Cortez	Jr.	Redwood City, Calif.
6	Sofia Wang	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
7	Ella Schneider	Sr.	San Clemente, Calif.
9	Maya O'Dea	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif.
10	Lily Britt	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
11	Petra Klemm	Fr.	Budapest, Hungary
12	Sofia Del Viillar	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
13	Emma Gilbert	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
15	Lucy Levenberg-Penklis	Fr.	Sydney, Australia
20	Niki Piovan	So.	Vouliagmeni, Greece

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Defending Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Champion Harvard University (24-3, 5-1 CWPA) tied with Princeton University and the University of Michigan for first place in the CWPA regular season standings and claimed the No. 1 seed due to goal differential in games between the three teams...It marks the second time in as many years Harvard tied for the regular season title as the Crimson equaled Princeton last year, but lost out on the No. 1 seed due to goal differential in the team's meetings with the Tigers…In the modern history of the championship since 2001, Harvard has finished first (2025), second (2022, 2023), third (2000), fourth (2017, 2019, 2024), 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 Championships due to the COVID-19 outbreak...Harvard will seek to remain among the Top Four as the squad managed then host Brown University (11-9 W) before falling to Michigan (14-7 L) and Bucknell University (11-9 L) in the semifinals and third place game in 2019…In 2022, the Crimson notched their then best all-time finish by shutting out Mount St. Mary's University (16-0 W), clipping Princeton (11-9 W) and taking a 10-4 setback against Michigan in the title game at Bucknell…At Princeton in 2023, 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…At home in Cambridge for the 2024 Championship, the Crimson overcame Saint Francis University (12-9 W) and stumbled against Michigan (12-7 L) prior to suffering a 13-12 loss in overtime to Brown to claim fourth place…Last year at Brown led by Most Valuable Player Orli Cooper, Harvard went the distance in knocking off Mercyhurst University (20-5 W), Michigan (9-8 W OT) and Princeton (10-8 W OT) to capture the program's inaugural women's championship and the first by a school from New England since Brown achieved the feat in 2001...In the entire history of the program, Harvard has finished first (2025), second (1988, 1990, 1995 2022, 2023), third (1989, 1992, 1998, 2000), fourth (1999, 2017, 2019, 2024), 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…In 2026, the team is 5-1 against the rest of the CWPA Championship field with prior games versus Bucknell (14-8 W, at Bucknel), Saint Francis (17-3 W, at Bucknel), Michigan (14-13 L, at Bucknell), Mercyhurst (16-6 W, at Bucknell), Princeton (8-5 W, at Harvard) and Brown (15-7 W, at Brown)...Overall, Harvard finished 9-0 at home during the regular season with 6-2 and 9-1 marks in away and neutral site games, respectively...Harvard has a total of four conference titles all-time in the sport of water polo as the men's team claimed the Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) crown in 2016, 2017 and 2019.