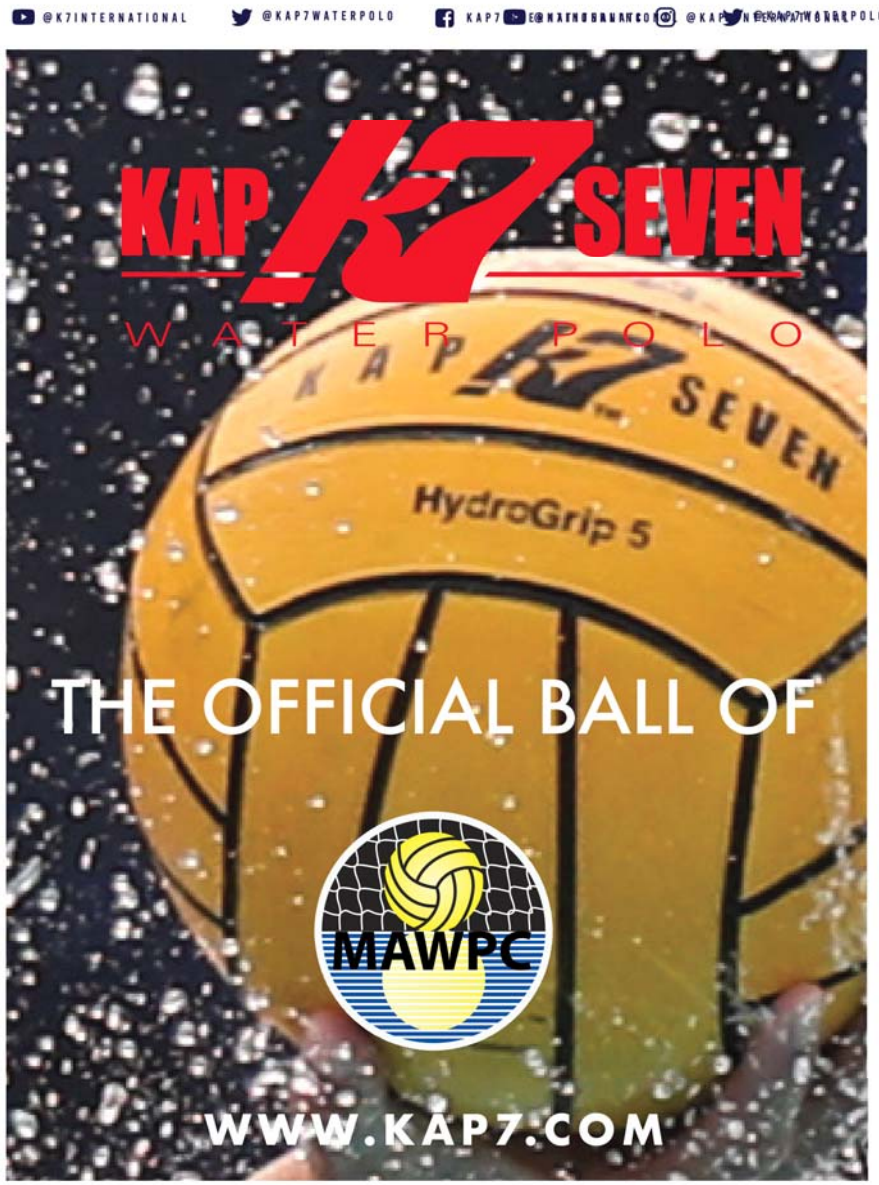
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Understanding the Game of Water Polo

Water Polo can be a confusing game for spectators. The whistle is constantly blowing and the play never stops, even when someone is ejected for a penalty. In addition, there are many misconceptions about the game, including how the players keep their horses swimming. Well hang in there, because the following information should help to make the picture much clearer.

General Information

1. Each team has six field players and a goalie.
2. Field players can only use one hand to touch the ball, goalies two.
3. The game consists of four quarters and the clock stops on the whistle. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams play two three-minute overtime periods. If it is still tied, the game goes into sudden victory. A typical game lasts about an hour and ten minutes.
4. The object of the game is to score by placing the ball completely in the goal. Players may move the ball by swimming or passing.
5. Teams may substitute after a goal is scored, during a time-out, or during the play from the ejection area.
6. Each team receives three time-outs and one 30-second time-out per game.
7. Shots blocked out of bounds by defensive players result in the defensive team receiving possession. If a defender uses two hands to block a shot, the offensive team receives a penalty shot.

Types of Fouls

When an infraction of the rules occurs, the referee will point in the direction of the team taking possession, while blowing his whistle. The ball is put back into play with an action called a free throw. This means the player gets three seconds of free time to throw the ball to another teammate or swim it up the pool. A player cannot shoot his free throw unless outside the six-meter line. If the ball is not put into play within three seconds, the other team takes possession.

Fouls can be ordinary or major. Ordinary fouls are best understood as minor fouls. For example, a defender may reach over an opponent's back to get at the ball while facing away from the goal. The penalty for an ordinary foul is a free throw for the opposing team.

Major fouls are more severe and are penalized accordingly. For example, when a defender fouls an opponent too aggressively, or from behind when the opponent is facing the goal, the defender is ejected for 20 seconds (players may reenter if their team recovers the ball before the ejection time is up, or if the opposing team scores). When the foul occurs within five meters of the goal and the referee believes the player had a high chance of scoring, the opposition shoots a penalty shot. Major fouls can also occur through disrespect to the referee or when a player interferes with an opponent's free throw. Players may only receive three major fouls before elimination.

If all of this has you totally confused, just sit back and enjoy the game. The easiest way to follow the play is by watching the scoreboard. If your team is ahead at the end, great! If not, well consider that you have expanded your horizons. When the game is over, you can at least explain to your friends that the horses never get wet.

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2026 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Championship

Friday, November 20, 2026				Game #	Score
3:00	4th Seed - **Wagner College**		5th Seed - **Mount St. Mary's University**	1	
4:30	2nd Seed – **U.S. Naval Academy**	vs.	7th Seed - **Mercyhurst University**	2	
6:00	3rd Seed – **Bucknell University**	vs.	6th Seed - **George Washington University**	3	
Saturday, November 21, 2026				**Game #**	**Score**
1:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 2	4	
2:30	Winner Game 2	vs.	Winner Game 3	5	
4:00	1st Seed – **Fordham University**	vs.	Winner Game 1	6	
5:30	Loser Game 3	vs.	Loser Game 2	7	
Sunday, November 22, 2026				**Game #**	**Score**
9:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 3	8	
10:30	Loser Game 5	vs.	Loser Game 6	Third Place	
Noon	Winner Game 6	vs.	Winner Game 5	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 league reserves the right to change cap colors leading up to a game depending on factors beyond teams' direct control (i.e., lost caps, etc.).

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Conference Championships (Eastern/CWPA/MAWPC Championship: 1972-2025)	
Bucknell University	1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 2016, 2019, 2020/Winter 2021
United States Naval Academy	1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008
George Washington University	2017, 2018
Fordham University	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025





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Bucknell University

MAWPC Third Place

Head Coach: John McBride
Assistant Coach: Arturo Villalpando

1	David Dumitru	Sr.	Bucharest, Romania
1A	Aidan Sone	So.	San Clemente, Calif.
1B	JR Lindberg	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
3	Sean Tunnicliff	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.
4	Jake Wedding	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
5	Ori Raz	So.	Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha, Israel
7	Jack Dillane	Jr.	Pleasantville, N.Y.
8	Hudson Tweed	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
9	Kai Johnson	So.	Moorpark Calif.
10	Jovan Udovicic	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia
12	Thomas Singleton	Fr.	McLean, Va.
13	Andrew Hunyady	So.	Saratoga, Calif.
14	Greg Nordheim	Sr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
15	Tyler Hedblad	Jr.	Poway, Calif.
18	Charles Koven	Fr.	Riverside, Conn.
19	Pier Giorgio Cicchetti	Fr.	Rome, Italy
21	Harley Haveman	Fr.	San Rafael, Calif.

A three-time (2016, 2019, 2020/Winter 2021) Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion, 2017 and 2023 Third Place finisher along with 2018 and 2022 runner-up, the Bison of Bucknell University (12-14, 7-5 MAWPC) will seek to earn another trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship tournament this year…The team faced Fordham University (21-11 L, 19-5 L), George Washington University (14-13 W, 22-9 W), Mercyhurst University (20-9 W, 20-6 W), Mount St. Mary's University (27-14 W, 15-13 W), the United States Naval Academy (15-8 L, 13-10 L) and Wagner College (19-14 W, 15-14 L) in league play during the regular season...Home is where the heart—and the titles are—for Bucknell as the program claimed the 2016 MAWPC title via an 11-5 final score at Kinney Natatorium for the program's first conference championship since taking home the 1980 Eastern Championship against Loyola University…Following a 12-11 overtime loss to George Washington in the 2018 title game at Fordham, the Bison won another MAWPC crown in 2019 by dispatching George Washington via a 9-4 score at home in Lewisburg...During the Winter of 2021, Bucknell topped La Salle University by an 11-3 score on March 7 to claim the 2020/Winter 2021 MAWPC title also in Lewisburg…In 2017 at Navy, the team downed Mercyhurst (15-4 W), fell to Wagner (10-8 L) and turned back Fordham (10-9 W) to claim Third Place...In 2021, the Bison dropped an 8-7 contest versus Wagner, upended Mount St. Mary's (17-11 W) and turned back Gannon University (9-7 W) to take Fifth Place at the 2021 MAWPC Championship hosted by Navy…In 2022 at Fordham, Bucknell downed Navy (8-6 W), managed George Washington (7-5 W) and slipped against the host Rams (14-7 L) in the title tilt…Back at Bucknell in 2023, the Bison downed Mount St. Mary's (17-7 W) and were nipped by Navy (10-9 L) before defeating Wagner (10-7 W) to garner Third Place…At Navy in 2024, the team fell to Wagner (12-9 L) before topping Mercyhurst (21-7 W) and Mount St. Mary's (23-11 W) to claim Fifth Place…Last year at Fordham, the squad faced Wagner (21-13 L), Mercyhurst (23-6 W) and Mount St. Mary's (14-12 W OT) to take Fifth Place...Since the 1980 title tilt, Bucknell has appeared in eight championship games as the Bison competed for a league crown in 1985 (vs. Brown University), 1993 (vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2012 (vs. St. Francis College Brooklyn), 2016 (vs. George Washington), 2018 (vs. George Washington), 2019 (vs. George Washington, 2020/21 (vs. La Salle) and 2022 (vs. Fordham).

BUCKNELL BISON™

Fordham University

MAWPC First Place

Head Coach: Brian Bacharach
Assistant Coach: Ilija Duretic
Head Coach Emeritus: Bill Harris

1	Kristof Magony	Jr.	Szeged, Hungary
1A	Matthew Bonello DuPuis	Gr.	Silema, Malta
1B	Viktor Savic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
1C	Alejandro Cheline	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
2	Reid Thorson	Sr.	Lafayette, Calif.
3	Andras Toth	Jr.	Pecs Hungary
4	Laszlo Strasser	Gr.	Budapest, Hungary
5	Vuk Kojic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
6	Kyle Thomas	Gr.	Covina, Calif.
7	Mark Dyck	So.	Berlin, Germany
8	Christopher Gray	Sr.	Johannesburg, S.A.
9	Diego Tresa	So.	Rome, Italy
10	Barnabas Eppel	Sr.	Budapest, Hungary
11	Alessandro Salipante	So.	Brindisi, Italy
12	Gianni Farrugia	Gr.	Iklin, Malta
13	Bern Kent	Fr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
14	Oktavian Veklyuk	Fr.	San Miniato, Italy
15	Soren Jessen	So.	San Rafael, Calif.
16	Charlie Martin	So.	San Diego, Calif.
17	Balazs Bathory	So.	Hodmezovasarhely, Hungary
18	Luca Provenziani	Jr.	Rome, Italy
19	Petar Kulas	Fr.	Dubrovnik, Croatia
20	Karlo Dragosevic	Fr.	Split, Croatia
21	Liam Rogers	Jr.	Calgary, Alberta

A five-time defending Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Champion, the Rams of Fordham University (23-3, 12-0 MAWPC) claimed the first conference championship in the history of the program in 2021 at the United States Naval Academy by managing Mount St. Mary's University (20-6 W), Wagner College (11-10 W OT) and the host Midshipmen (9-6 W)…In 2022 at home in the Bronx, Fordham rumbled past McKendree University (15-6 W), Salem University (19-8 W) and Bucknell University (14-7 W) to repeat as MAWPC Champion…It marked the first time the Rams advanced to back-to-back championship title games since the 1973 and 1974 finales against Yale University and Bucknell, respectively…In 2023 at Bucknell, the Rams eclipsed Wagner College (23-12 W) and Navy (12-10 W) to three-peat…At Navy in 2024, Fordham garnered a fourth conference title as the squad stopped Mercyhurst University (30-4 W), Wagner (19-11 W) and the host Midshipmen (18-11 W)...Last year at home in the Bronx, the Rams rumbled past Wagner (17-9 W) and George Washington University (16-9 W) for title No. 5...This marks the 15th time since 1987 that the Rams have competed in a league championship tournament as the team placed Fifth (2009 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Eighth (2010 at Bucknell), 11th (2013 at Brown University) and Ninth (2014 at Navy; 2015 at MIT) at the Eastern/Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Championship prior to Third (2016 at Bucknell), Fourth (2017 at Navy; 2018 at home; 2019 at Bucknell) and First (2021 at Navy; 2022 at Fordham; 2023 at Bucknell; 2024 at Navy; 2025 at home) place marks at the MAWPC Championship...Fordham is one of two teams attempting to make East Coast water polo history this weekend as 2021-to-2025 Northeast Water Polo Conference (NWPC) Champion Princeton is also attempting to claim a sixth conference title in as many years. The Rams and Tigers become the first teams to win five consecutive crowns last year surpassing Bucknell (1977-to-1980) and the University of Massachusetts (1993-to-1996) which won four straight league titles.

Wagner College

MAWPC Fourth Place

Head Coach: Josh Hower
Assistant Coaches: Ashley Hower, Kyle Chambers

1	Ian Conway	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
1A	Filip Petrovic	Jr.	Seattle, Wash.
1B	Vi Leus	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
2	Landon Castillo	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
3	Kelly Murphy	So.	Austin, Texas
4	Nadav Carmon	So.	Tamara Yohanan, Israel
5	Smith Connors	Jr.	Brisbane, Australia
6	Jonah Aguilera	So.	Eastvale, Calif.
7	Maayan Nahari	Sr.	Givat Ela, Israel
8	Vince Varga	Sr.	Budapest, Hungary
9	Matt Wedlock	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
10	Matan Friedenberg	Jr.	Tel Aviv, Israel
11	Aksei Gerhardstein	So.	London, U.K.
12	Jacob Troy	So.	Mohnton, Pa.
13	Noah Garrison	Fr.	Los Alamitos, Calif.
14	Patrick Ray	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
15	Weston Swank	So.	Long Beach, Calif.
16	James Davis	Fr.	Camarillo, Calif.
17	Cooper Albano	Fr.	El Segundo, Calif.
19	Toby Zeeck	So.	Chicago, Ill.
21	Harry Colley	Fr.	Sunshine Coast, Australia
23	Gabe Johnson	Sr.	Northbrook, Ill.
24	Landin Romo	Sr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.

Wagner College (10-17, 5-7 MAWPC), which fell to George Washington University by an 8-5 score in the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship title game at the United States Naval Academy, will strive to take the league championship plaque back to Staten Island in 2026…Wagner's run of not finishing outside the Top Five at the MAWPC Championship with prior Second (2017), Third (2018), Fourth (2021) and Fifth (2016,2019) place marks came to an end in 2022 at Fordham University. At the 2022 MAWPC Championship, the Seahawks fell to Salem University (17-13 L), downed McKendree University (15-14 W OT) and took a 17-14 setback against Navy in the Fifth Place game...At the 2016 MAWPC Championship, Wagner fell to Fordham (9-7 L) prior to taking care of Connecticut College (18-6 W) and Navy (16-13 W) to earn a Fifth Place mark...In 2017, the Seahawks downed Navy (9-8 W) and Bucknell University (10-8 W) before dropping an 8-5 game to George Washington to garner a runner-up finish...12 months later at Fordham, Wagner defeated Johns Hopkins University (9-7 L) and slipped against George Washington (16-14 L) prior to taking out the host Rams (10-6 W) in the Third Place game…In 2019 at Bucknell, Wagner suffered a 16-12 setback versus Navy prior to topping La Salle University (15-13 W) and Johns Hopkins (14-11 W) to claim Fifth Place...Following a Winter 2021 season in which the team did not compete for the title due to COVID restrictions, Wagner downed Bucknell (8-7 W) before faltering against Fordham (11-10 L OT) and dropping an 11-9 contest to George Washington to take Fourth at the 2021 MAWPC tournament...At Bucknell in 2023, the Seahawks defeated George Washington (15-14 W), fell to Fordham (23-12 L) and came up short versus the host Bison (10-7 L) to earn Fourth Place...At Navy in 2024, Wagner picked Bucknell (12-9 W) before faltering against Fordham (19-11 L) and George Washington (15-5 L) in claiming Fourth Place...Last year at Fordham, the Seahawks met Bucknell (21-13 W), Fordham (17-9 L) and Navy (16-14 L) to claim Fourth Place.

United States Naval Academy

MAWPC Second Place

Head Coach: Luis Nicolao

Assistant Coaches: Jack Finch, Ken Vincent

1	Oren Penning	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
1A	Jack Rodoni	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif.
1B	Ryan Munch	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
1C	Gavin Linton	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
1D	Francis Hendrickson	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
2	Orion Erwin	Jr.	Encinitas, Calif.
3	Declan Bartlett	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
4	Jack Pointer	Fr.	Ventura, Calif.
5	Luka Sekulic	Sr.	Haverford, Penn.
6	Saul Biddle	Fr.	Henderson, Nev.
7	Aiden Berry	So.	San Ramon, Calif.
8	James Mulvey	So.	Newport Beach, Calif.
9	Aiden Day	Sr.	Oceanside, Calif.
10	Maximus Arnold	Fr.	Del Mar, Calif.
11	Kiefer Black	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
12	Jack Reif	So.	Naperville, Ill.
13	Austin Kahn	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
14	Billy Zech	Sr.	Tiburon, Calif.
15	Luke Kirincich	So.	Menlo Park, Calif.
17	Quinn Bartlett	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
18	Colin McPhail	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
19	Connor Cashman	Sr.	Annapolis, Md.
20	Hudson Parks	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
21	Ramsay Letteau Stallings	So.	Beverly Hills, Calif.
22	Tanner Lustig	Fr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
23	Jack Mason	So.	San Diego, Calif.
24	Ryan Mondzelewski	So.	Coronado, Calif.
25	Declan Murphy	Fr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
26	JB Bergstedt	Fr.	Tustin, Calif.

The Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy (21-5, 10-2 MAWPC) enter the 2026 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship eyeing a reurn to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship for the first time since 2008...A nine-time league champion (1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008) and eight-time runner-up (1984, 1991, 1994, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011) under Mike Schofield, Navy made the 2021 conference championship game as the team fell to Fordham University by a 9-6 count in Annapolis…On the campus of Bucknell University in 2023, the Mids stopped Johns Hopkins University (19-11 W) and the host Bison (10-9 W) before dropping a 12-10 title game clash versus Fordham...Navy defeated Mount St. Mary's University (19-15 W) and George Washington University (10-9 W) before falling in another title tilt against Fordham (18-11 L) in 2024 at home in Annapolis..Navy finished Second (2021 at home; 2023 at Bucknell; 2024 at home), Third (2019 at Bucknelll; 2025 at Fordham), Fifth (2017 at home; 2022 at Fordham) and Sixth (2016 at Bucknell, 2018 at Fordham) in the team's nine most recent tries at the MAWPC title...In 2021 under head coach Luis Nicolao, the Mids defeated Gannon University (20-13 W) and George Washington (11-7 W) before falling to Fordham (9-6 L) to take Second Place...In 2022, the Midshipmen stopped Mercyhurst University (21-9 W), fell to Bucknell (8-6 L), edged Johns Hopkins (15 -11 W OT) and took down Wagner College (17-14 W) for a Fifth Place finish...Last year, the team topped Mercyhurst (20-6 W), fell to George Washington (11-10 L) and held off Wagner (16-14 W) for Third Place.

George Washington University

MAWPC Sixth Place

Head Coach: Barry King

Assistant Coaches: Cameron Reagan, Vasilije Marinkovic

1	Solt Horvath	So	Budapest, Hungary
1A	Connor Jermain	Jr.	Hamden, Conn.
2	Yam Kabakov	Jr.	Ramat Gan, Israel
3	Gabriele Molfino	So.	Genoa, Italy
4	Alec Posluszny	Sr.	Riverside, Ill.
5	Antonio Florena	Jr.	Napoli, Italy
6	Anthony Ferneini	So.	Hamden, Conn.
7	Rowan Keane	Jr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
8	Ben McDade	So.	Philadelphia, Pa.
9	Konstantinos Kapragkos	Jr.	Thessaloniki, Greece
10	Griffin Yamaoka	Jr.	Carpinteria, Calif.
11	Joseph McCreary	Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas
12	Austin Nelson	So.	Greenwich, Conn.
13	Andrei Khudiakov	Jr.	Mason, Ohio
14	Evan Agapiou	So.	Dionysos, Greece
15	David Sambolin	So.	Puerto Rico
17	Andrea Forno	So.	Rome, Italy

The 2017 and 2018 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion, George Washington University (12-15, 3-9 MAWPC) will aim to make the program's sixth MAWPC Championship title game appearance...In 2016, the Revolutionaries fell to host Bucknell University by an 11-5 final in the title game of the inaugural MAWPC Championship… At the United States Naval Academy in 2017, GW got over the hump and claimed the league crown by rolling through the field with victories over Gannon University (10-7 W) and Fordham University (16-15 W OT) before upending Wagner College (8-5 W) for the inaugural title in school history along with the first championship under then first-year head coach Barry King…In 2018 at Fordham, the squad handled McKendree University (16-6 W), Wagner (16-14 W) and Bucknell (12-11 OT W) to put another banner in the team's natatorium…In 2019 at Bucknell, the Revolutionaries lost the title game to the Bison by a 9-4 score...During the Winter 2021 season, GW dropped a 6-4 game to La Salle University in the opening game of the MAWPC Championship at Bucknell…In 2021 at Navy, the team downed Johns Hopkins University (12-6 W), fell to the host Midshipmen (11-7 L) and posted an 11-9 defeat of Wagner in the Third Place game…At Fordham in 2022, George Washington topped Johns Hopkins (15-5 W), fell to Bucknell (7-5 L) and picked up a victory over Salem University (23-16 W) to claim another Third Place mark…In 2023 at Bucknell, the Revs faced Wagner (15-14 L), Johns Hopkins (16-8 W) and Mount St. Mary's University (16-12 W) to finish in Fifth Place…At Navy in 2024, the team claimed Third Place following outcomes against Johns Hopkins (12-8 W), Navy (10-9 L) and Wagner (15-5 W)…Last year at Fordham, GW knocked off Mount St. Mary's (16-10 W) and Navy (11-10 W) before dropping the title game to the host Rams, 16-9...This is GW's 15th appearance at a league championship tournament since 2007...The program finished in Seventh Place at the 2013 CWPA Championship hosted by Brown University prior to earning Eighth Place at the 2014 CWPA Championship hosted by Navy...GW finished in Ninth Place at the 2015 CWPA Championship hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)...Earlier in the century, George Washington claimed Third Place at the 2007 CWPA Championship hosted by Harvard University after notching an Eighth Place mark at the 2003 CWPA Championship hosted by Navy...Neutral site games have been a strength of George Washington in 2026 as the team is 8-3 in the events with 2-4 and 2-8 marks at home and on the road, respectively.

Mercyhurst University

MAWPC Seventh Place

Head Coach: Brandon Bricarell

Assistant Coach: Alexandros Kotskar

1	Alex Gyde	Sr.	McClure, Ohio
1A	William Faloon	Fr.	Austin, Texas
1B	Ricky Barnes	Fr.	Forney, Texas
2	Mason Grzybowski	Fr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.
3	Petar Vujovic	Sr.	Nis, Serbia
4	Aiden Botterill	So.	Fresno, Calif.
5	Bryce English	Fr.	Forney, Texas
6	Caden Stover	Jr.	Napoleon, Ohio
7	Constantine Romanov	Fr.	Ottawa, Canada
8	Aidan Ivory	So.	Souderton, Pa.
10	Jason Longoria	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
11	Cooper Venneman	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
12	Peter Bodoki	Fr.	Komarno, Slovakia
13	Asher Jones	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
14	Declan Puacz	So.	Naperville, Ill.
16	Kane Macklin	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
17	Ethan Green	So.	Sydney, Australia
18	Porter Austin	Fr.	Erie, Pa.
19	Ben Gavran	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
21	Marcos Leon	Fr.	Puerto Rico
22	Auggie Paredes	So.	Fallbrook, Calif.

Mercyhurst University (3-26, 0-12 MAWPC) will seek to avenge Eighth and Seventh Place finishes at the 2024 and 2026 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championships...In 2024, the Lakers dropped games to Fordham University (30-4 L), Bucknell University (21-7 L) and Johns Hopkins University (10-9 L)...It marked Mercyhurst's first appearance at the MAWPC Championship following a one-year absence as the Lakers joined then fellow Division II institutions Gannon University, McKendree University and Salem University in departing the MAWPC prior to the 2023 season for the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA). Due to becoming a Division I institution, the Lakers left the WWPA and rejoined the MAWPC…Last year, the team met Navy (20-6 L), Bucknell (23-6 L) and Mount St. Mary's University (14-8 L) to take Seventh Place...The Lakers previously competed at the MAWPC Championship in 2022 at Fordham...That year, Mercyhurt dropped games to the United States Naval Academy (21-9 L), Mount St. Mary's (18-8 L) and Gannon (17-6 L) to take 11th Place in the final standings...It marked the Lakers' first appearance at the MAWPC Championship since 2016...The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Champion, the Lakers fell to George Washington University (17-6 L) and Navy (12-8 L) before topping Connecticut College (15-11 W) to claim Seventh Place at Bucknell...Mercyhurst is competing at a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Water Polo Championship qualifying tournament for only the seventh time in program history…The 2012 CWPA Southern Division Championship runner-up, Mercyhurst made the CWPA Eastern Championship at Princeton University and finished in Fourth Place among the eight teams in the field with a victory over the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-5 W) and losses to St. Francis College Brooklyn (12-11 L) and the host Tigers (13-9 L)...At the 2023 WWPA Championship hosted by McKendree in Lebanon, Ill., the Lakers dropped contests to Biola University (25-6 L), Gannon (22-17 L) and Fresno Pacific University (18-10 L).

Mount St. Mary's University

MAWPC Fifth Place

Interim Head Coach: Ognen Cerkez

Assistant Coaches: Aubrey Newton, Gunner Lanquist

1	Milan Miskolczi	Fr.	Budapest, Hungary
1A	Matthew Royer	Fr.	Delta, B.C.
1B	Linc Smith	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
2	AJ Waldfogel	Fr.	Hermosa Beach, Calif.
3	Nikos Agritelis	So.	Athens, Greece
4	Max Economy	Jr.	Richmond, Va.
5	Luka Urosevic	Fr.	Sabac, Serbia
6	Neven Cerkez	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia
7	Danko Kesic	Jr.	Zemun, Serbia
8	Aaron Tarr	Sr.	Durban, S.A.
9	Nathan Valentine	Sr.	Blue Bell, Pa.
10	Jack Fox	Sr.	Jupiter, Fla.
11	Ivan Morales	Sr.	Gurnee, Ill.
12	Giannis Skliras	So.	Athens, Greece
13	Nick Harper	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
14	Matias Miranda	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain
15	James Robinson	Fr.	Stockton, Calif.
17	Israel Bratton	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
18	Darrion Phelps	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
19	Giacomo Graff	Fr.	Bergamo, Italy
21	Will Matthews	So.	Willow Grove, Pa.
22	Aleksandar Radosavljevic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia

Mount St. Mary's University (11-16, 5-7MAWPC) is making the program's sixth appearance at the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship since becoming a varsity team...Following a COVID-19 impacted 2020/Winter 2021 season in which the Mountaineers competed during an abbreviated regular season, but did not play at the four-team MAWPC Championship, the squad returned in 2021 at the United States Naval Academy and faced Fordham University (20-6 L), Bucknell University (17-11 L) and Johns Hopkins University (9-7 L) to place Eighth… In 2022 at Fordham, the Mountaineers fell versus Johns Hopkins (18-17 L), before downing Mercyhurst University (18-8 W) and Gannon University (9-8 W) to garner Ninth Place in an 11-team field…In a seven-team event at Bucknell for the 2023 championship, the Mountaineers fell to the host Bison (17-7 L), Johns Hopkins (14-13 L OT) and George Washington University (16-12 L) to claim Seventh Place…At the United States Naval Academy in 2024, the Mount came up short against the host Midshipmen (19-15 L), stymied Johns Hopkins (11-10 W) and took a loss to Bucknell (23-11 L) to claim Sixth Place...Last year at Fordham, the Mountaineers took on George Washington (16-10 L), Mercyhurst (14-8 W) and Bucknell (14-12 OT L) to garner Sixth Place...The road has been the location for most The Mount's games in 2026 as the team stands at 2-1 in home contests, 3-6 in away games and 6-9 in neutral site affairs...This weekend marks the Mountaineers third trip to Lewisburg in 2026 following games versus Fordham (23-5 L), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (15-10 L) and Long Island University (16-13 L) on September 19-20 prior to taking on the Bison (15-13 L) on October 10.

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