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Santa Clara Men's Water Polo Weekly Notes

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Up Next

This weekend the Broncos have just one game, their second home game of the year. They will face off against UC Santa Cruz on Sunday, October 14 at 12:00 p.m. In the previous meeting this year at the NorCal Open, Santa Clara defeated UC Santa Cruz 16-7.

Last Week

Santa Clara went 4-0 last week at the Convergence Classic. On Saturday they defeated Whittier 13-4 and then, playing against Pomona in their home pool, the Broncos won 10-6 after pulling away in the fourth quarter. On Sunday, Santa Clara won the battle of the #20 ranked teams, defeating Brown 8-7 in the morning and then took down Cal Lutheran 9-7 in the afternoon.

Notes

Moving Up in the Rankings

After jumping back into the rankings last week at #20, the Broncos have moved up yet again after the strong showing at the Convergence Classic last weekend. Santa Clara is now ranked 18th in the national polls and are currently in second place in the WWPA behind UC Davis.

More WWPA Honors

For the second time this season, a Santa Clara athlete has been named the WWPA Player of the Week. Two weeks ago it was Tommy Hendrickson, and this week it was senior Josh Early. Early scored 12 goals in four games this weekend coming off the bench, as well as an assist and a steal. In the close game against Brown, Early tied a season high for himself with four goals and chipped in an assist as well. He also recorded hat tricks against Pomona and Cal Lutheran.

Block Party

Rob Callahan has continued to throw up big numbers in the goal this season. He is currently third in the nation in blocks after another great weekend. In the four wins for the Broncos, Callahan played three and a half games and recorded 47 blocks as well as seven steals.

Kickout King

Luke Oda has been a beast in the pool for the Broncos this year. His 26 kickouts drawn this year are almost twice as many as the next best on the team which is Mike Detoy with 14. "Luke creates all kinds of opportunities for us on offense because he draws kickouts left and right," said Keith Wilbur.