

Swamp Things

The University of Florida
Women's Club Water Polo
Seasonal Newsletter

Spring 2016

Gainesville, FL



2016 National Collegiate Club Championship Schedule

Friday, May 6, 2016			Game #	
9:00	University of Calif-Davis	vs.	Wellesley College	1
10:10	University of Calif-Santa Cruz	vs.	Grand Valley State University	2
11:20	University of Michigan	vs.	Washington Univ. in St. Louis	3
12:30	San Diego State University	vs.	University of Texas	4
1:40	University of Calif-Santa Barbara	vs.	University of Utah	5
2:50	New York University	vs.	Middlebury College	6
4:00	University of Pittsburgh	vs.	University of Florida	7
5:10	University of Washington	vs.	University of Virginia	8
6:20	Loser of Game 5	vs.	Loser of Game 4	9
7:30	Loser of Game 6	vs.	Loser of Game 3	10
8:40	Loser of Game 7	vs.	Loser of Game 2	11
9:50	Loser of Game 1	vs.	Loser of Game 8	12
Saturday, May 7, 2016			Game #	
9:00	Winner of Game 1	vs.	Winner of Game 8	13
10:10	Winner of Game 4	vs.	Winner of Game 5	14
11:20	Winner of Game 2	vs.	Winner of Game 7	15
12:30	Winner of Game 3	vs.	Winner of Game 6	16
1:40	Winner of Game 12	vs.	Winner of Game 9	17
2:50	Winner of Game 11	vs.	Winner of Game 10	18
4:00	Loser of Game 14	vs.	Loser of Game 13	19
5:10	Loser of Game 16	vs.	Loser of Game 15	20
6:20	Winner of Game 13	vs.	Winner of Game 14	21
7:30	Winner of Game 15	vs.	Winner of Game 16	22
8:40	Loser of Game 9	vs.	Loser of Game 12	23
9:50	Loser of Game 10	vs.	Loser of Game 11	24
Sunday, May 8, 2016			Game #	
9:00	Loser of Game 20	vs.	Loser of Game 19	7th Place
10:15	Winner of Game 19	vs.	Winner of Game 20	5th Place
11:30	Loser of Game 22	vs.	Loser of Game 21	3rd Place
12:45	Winner of Game 21	vs.	Winner of Game 22	1st Place
<i>Award Ceremony immediately following 1st Place Game</i>				
2:15	Winner of Game 17	vs.	Winner of Game 18	9th Place
3:30	Loser of Game 18	vs.	Loser of Game 17	11th Place

Look Ma, We Made It!

Your UF Women's Club Water Polo team is the new Southeast CWPA Champion! UF 'A' dominated at Champs the weekend of April 16-17. After a surprisingly close first quarter against UCF 'A', the Gators were able to regroup and bring home the win for a score of 6-4. The bench and crowds burst into cheers as the team celebrated their win by pushing coaches, Katie and Tim, into the water and then again when the team was awarded the CWPA Championship plaque. UF 'B' team also had their most successful weekend at the Championship tournament! 'B' team clutched their first win of the season in an amazing 11-7 victory of UCF 'B'.

With the regional championship win, UF 'A' team (with 2 additions from the 'B' team) is looking forward to compete at the National CWPA Championship at University of California: Santa Cruz on Mother's Day Weekend. We will be entering the tournament as the 10th seed among 16 of nation's best club water polo teams, due to our region's performance at national's last year. Make sure to cheer us on and follow our results on the team Instagram page (@ufclubwaterpolo). Check out the 3-day schedule to the left and find out how to watch our games online on page 3.

We are so fortunate to have as strong of a foundation as we do, and one that is ever growing. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our alumni, family, and friends in the loop about all things UF Women's Water Polo.

Please enjoy it and then pay it forward!





Officer Election Results

As a club sport, each organization is required to have an Executive Board. This board is comprised of four members: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four individuals are responsible for handling all of the administrative and financial responsibilities of the team, working closely with UF RecSports, CWPA, and our alumni network. Women's Water Polo is proud to announce that this year's E-Board was a top finalist for the Executive Board of the Year at the Sports Club Banquet, competing against over 40 of the other sports clubs

UF has to offer. Thank you Kaylee Petik, Katie VanDeventer, Kathleen Arnold and Sierra Leete for your hard work throughout the year! Also a big thank you and hugs to all 6 of our amazing seniors this year. Your commitment to this team has inspired us all and you will be missed.

The votes are in and we have new leaders for our 2015-2016 season! Please welcome the following club members to our Executive Board and chair positions:

- President:** Katie VanDeventer
- Vice President:** Sierra Leete
- Treasurer:** Jessie Modrak
- Secretary:** Kirsten Chuba

Tournament Chair: Mariana Lombello & Kaitlyn Hansen

Fundraising Chair: Cecelia Lepa

Alumni Chair: Cassidy Sizemore & Emily Fennell

Social Chair: Tatiana Giraldo

Equipment Chair: Hayley Suraci & Jacqueline James

Historian: Shannon Komisarchik

Another big thank you goes out to all who have taken on leadership roles past and present, Women's Water Polo would not be the same without you!

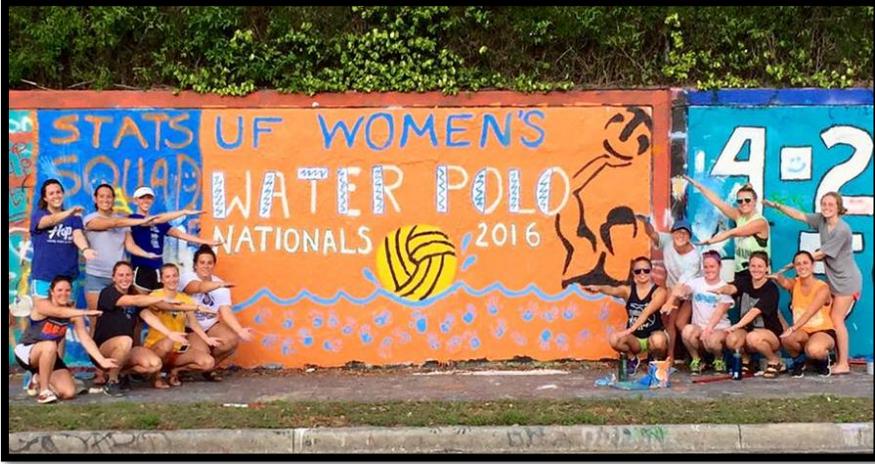
Coaches Spotlight: Katie & Tim Larson

Katie Larson has been UF Women Water Polo Head Coach for the past 8 years. She coaches alongside with her husband, Tim. Before coaching here, Katie played on the UMass Amherst Varsity team in college where she was affectionately called by her home state, "Georgia." Coach Katie and Tim give so much of their time and heart to this team. We absolutely could not have had the success of this year without them!

Thank you so much, Katie and Tim!

"After a disappointing end to last season, this year came with a challenge: Reset, regroup, and rebuild. And this team did all those things. Their hard work, discipline, and camaraderie laid the foundation, while their impenetrable defense and inventive offense put the Ws on the board. Winning Champs was an awesome feeling, and I cannot wait to see them play at Nationals against the other best teams in the country."





Road to Nationals

CWPA Nationals is a week later than it historically has been. This means we have an extra week after final exams and graduation and before we head to California. But as you know, UF Women's Water Polo takes no breaks! After securing special extra pool time, we have been practicing every morning this week, preparing for the toughest competition we'll see all season. This extra practice time has made us even more confident for our performance at the national level. We can't wait to show what Florida Water Polo has to offer.

This extra time in Gainesville has also allowed plenty of team bonding. Among lots of team dinners, we took the time to carry on tradition and paint the 34th Street Wall in Gainesville. Check out the results above!

Cheer Us on from Home!

The CWPA is offering live-streaming for all 30 games of the tournament. The Collegiate Water Polo Association, in partnership with Stretch Internet, is offering the streaming at a cost of \$10 per game or \$25 for a

weekend pass that allows viewers to watch every game from the comfort of their home or office. In addition, each game will be archived so that fans can catch up on the action if they miss a game. Fans can access the games by clicking on the streaming link on this page <http://collegiatewaterpolo.org/club/Schedules/womensclub/2016/2016WomenNCCCSchedule>

End of the Year Awards

Every year, the Women's Water Polo Club puts on an end of the year banquet to celebrate the team's achievements throughout the season. Prior to this, the girls sit down and vote for their choice of superlatives and then hand over the reins to Coach Katie Larson, who tallies the votes and then selects players on her own for the Rookie of the Year and Coaches award.

This year's banquet was held at Napolitanos, an Italian restaurant in Gainesville. We were able to have our own private room for our celebration. After dinner, we handed out team gifts, senior gifts, and superlatives. This year's team gifts were custom UF water polo

We Depend on Your Support!

As a student-operated sports team, we would not be successful without the continuous support from our alumni, family, and friends. We rely on your help and are gracious for the generosity we have always received.

socks designed by Julia Richter.

Afterwards the team gathered around the TV to watch the end of the year slideshow, a culmination of pictures and videos from throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of the superlative-award winners, go out and show off your new orange and blue towels with pride!

2015-2016 Superlatives

Coach's Award: Kathleen Arnold
Rookie of the Year: Jessie Modrak
Best Offensive: Shannon Macneil (A team), Mariana Lombello (B team)
Best Defensive: Kaylee Petik (A team), Emily Stevenson (B Team)
MVP: Tina Papadopoulos (A team), Hannah Zeffren (B team)
Most Improved: Katie VanDeventer (A team), Emily Fennell (B team)

Announcing the Newest Member to the UF Water Polo Family

Coaches Katie and Tim are excited to announce that they are pregnant and are due in October. We can't wait for their new baby to join big brother Luke in cheering us on from the pool deck. Congrats Coach Katie and Tim!!

Comments? Questions? We would love your feedback!

Words cannot express how grateful we are to have such devoted alumni, family, and friends. Your support is priceless and we do our best to make you proud. Thank you for all you've done and for all that you continue to do.

We would deeply appreciate your thoughts and opinions. If you have any other questions about our club, upcoming dates, potential merchandise opportunities, etc., our officers are easy to reach!

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