



### San José State University Men's Water Polo

Back in the 1960s and 1970s San José State was one of the undisputed centers for water polo in the nation. The team was a respected powerhouse in Northern California, feared by the competition and admired by many for its ongoing success. Along with the university's "Speed City" track and field program, the men's water polo team helped to keep San José State at or near the top of collegiate athletic achievement during the time.

San José State water polo players figured prominently in various club, high school and university water polo programs in and around San José. Program graduates served as coaches, referees and officials at various levels, helping to raise the overall quality of water polo in the area and establish genuine enthusiasm for the sport. The Spartan players' influence in local athletics resulted in many graduating high school seniors going to Division I universities and some becoming eventual Olympians.

Unfortunately, lack of funding resulted in the San José State men's water polo program being abolished in 1982.

#### 1956: The Team of San José State, Spartans



**Front row L-R:** Lee Walton, Art Lambert

**Middle row L-R:** Ron Tuttle, Dave Towle, Rollo Koivisto, Dale Anderson, Stan McConnell, Roger McCandless, Dave Friedenrich

**Back row L-R:** Charles L. "Charlie" Walker (coach), Rich Donner, Walt Webster, Jim Anderson, Ron Paradiso, Herb Colt, Dave Ulrich, Paul Battaile

## Return to Glory

A group of San José State alumni is bringing the team back! They understand the importance of water polo in helping to shape the character and future of our young athletes. The camaraderie and friendships developed in and around the pool, plus the requisite competitiveness, serve individuals throughout their lives. Not only will another collegiate program in the area be great for the sport and good for the university, it could be a game-changer for many inspired athletes.

## Poloists Capture NCAA Title



SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95114, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1968

## NCAA Water Polo Champions



## HALL OF FAME Men's Water Polo

Dale Anderson	1957
Rich Donner	1958
Bill Finch	1953
Bill Gerdts	1969
Al Grass	1949
Steve Hamann	1971
Greg Hind	1968
Brad Jackson	1973
Bob Keeler	1948
Art Lambert	1956
Bob Likins	1968
Jack Likins	1967
Roger McCandless	1959
Jim Monsees	1962
Ed Rudloff	1948
Howard Ruweler	1948
Nort Thornton	1953
Peter Ueberroth	1958
Lee Walton	Player/1956
Lee Walton	Coach/1961-72
Bruce Watson	1973
Martin Wempe	1938

### THE CHAMPS —

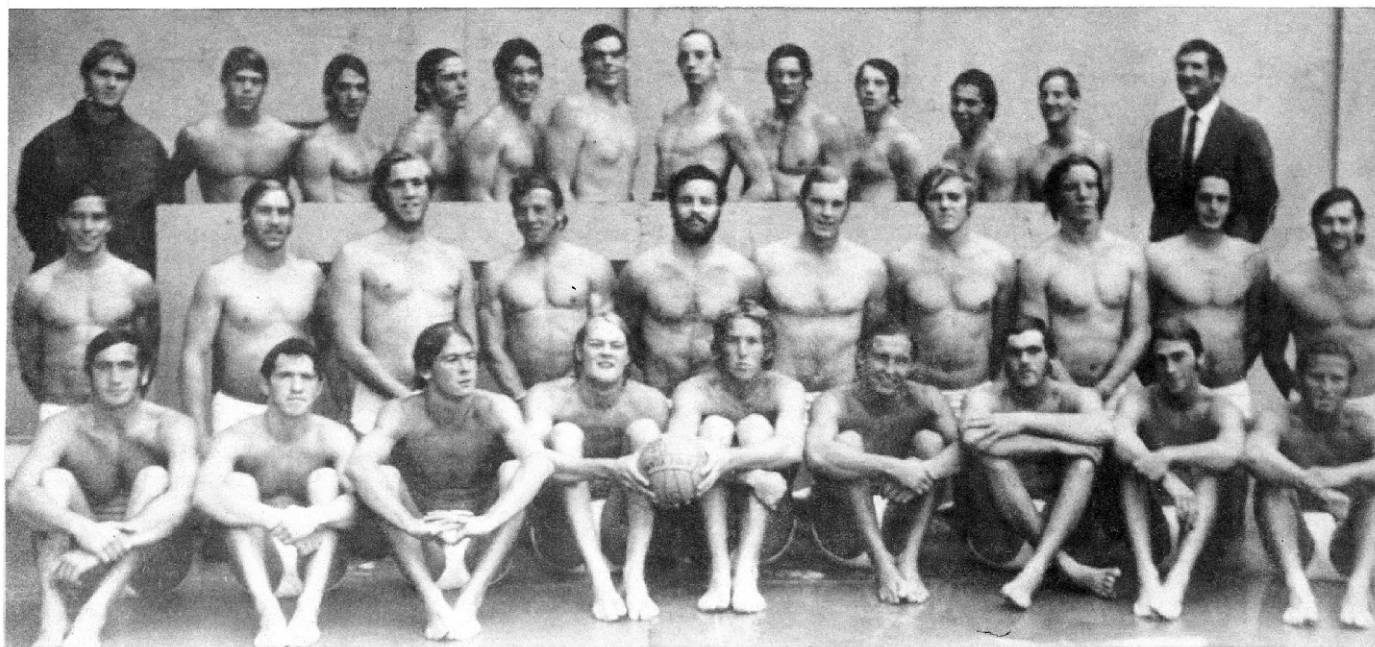
(Inside left to right) Scott Mobley, Bob Wake, Dennis Belli, Jim Williamson, Greg Hind, Jim Miles, Brue Prefontaine, Ed Mecchella, Dan Landon, Tim Halley

(Back left to right) Marc Larivie, Bob Likins, Stan Weiss, Steve McKinzie, Bill Gerdts, Dennis Lombard, Craig Sprain, Bruce Newman, Jeff Eorio, Nick Armstrong and Coach Lee Walton

**"After the tournament there was no doubt this team was the best college water polo team in the nation,"** offered an elated Walton.

# 1971 San José State University Varsity Water Polo

P.C.A.A. Champions - Norcal Champions - N.C.A.A. 2nd Place  
Season Record 20-1



- Front Row:** Ken Belli, Mickey Butler, Ben Van Dyke, Lon Regher, Steve Hamann, Fred Belcher, Ron Coates, Jeff Eorio, Mike Albright
- Middle Row:** Chris Holt, Steve Spenser, Bruce Watson, John Gerbers, Scott Mobley, Tom Ballard, Roger Williams, Ed Samuels, Ron Young, Harold Zane
- Back Row:** Tim Halley-Assistant Coach, Dennis Hartman, D. Winchell, Mike Wade, Craig Windmuller, Dan Jones, Pat Ellington, Brad Jackson, Dennis Hartman, Coach-Lee Walton
- Not Pictured:** Mike Monsees-Assistant Coach, Jamie Gonzales and Dave Thompson
- All Americans:** Fred Belcher, Ken Belli, Brad Jackson, Mike Albright and Goalie-Steve Hamann
- Santa Clara Valley Sportswriters Banquet of Champions Water Polo - Fred Belcher

## We Need Your Help

We are asking for a yearly contracted commitment for each of the first five years of the program. This contracted annual pledge ensures your continuing support of the program and helps to lessen the financial impact of your total contribution.

The funds that are raised will be used for coaching, travel, team clothing, tournament fees and scholarships.

**We need your help.** Please contact one of the committee members (right) for addition information and recommendations on how to make a pledge.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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**GO SPARTANS!**

**Beginning Fall 2015**



## San Jose State University Alumni Coaches and Water Polo Officials

### Coaches

Dale Anderson	Homestead High School
Matt Anderson	Los Gatos High School / Michigan
Fred Belcher	Fullerton College
Dennis Belli	Foothill College
Ken Belli	West Valley Aquatics
Eric Black	American River College
Robbie Boranda	Lincoln High School
Mickey Butler	Independence High School / Piedmont Hills High School
Rich Donner	College of San Mateo
Pat Ellington	Lynbrook High School
Jeff Eorio	San Ramon High School
Dennis Fosdick	Tex A&M / LBCC / Occidental
Mike Garibaldi	Hartnell College / Napa Aquatics
Mark Garrett	Soquel High School / West Lake High School / Oxnard High School
Bill Gerdts	Valley Christian High School
Mac Haines	Live Oak High School
Steve Hamman	Boscher High School
Beth Harberts	West Valley College
Bob Jones	San Jose City College
Art Lambert	1968 & 1972 Olympic Coach / Awalt High School / De Anza / Stanford
Don Lasiter	Santa Cruz High School
Al Lavayen	Irvine High School
Dennis Lombard	Air Force Academy
Gerry Macedo	Almaden Swim and Racquet Club
Steve Martin	St. Francis High School / Willow Glen High School / Hollister High School
Ted Mathewson	Los Gatos High School / Valley Christian High School
Pat McCarty	Hartnell College
Mike Monsees	Bellarmino Prep / West Valley College / San Jose State University
Chris Rayment	Piedmont High School / San Jose State University
Craig Rond	Cal Lutheran University
Ed Samuels	Sacred Heart Prep / Los Altos High School / San Jose State University
John Schmidt	Fremont High School
Steve Spencer	Los Gatos High School / Lynbrook High School
Dave Towle	Lynbrook High School / Willow Glen High School
Lou Tully	Mt. Pleasant High School / Gunderson High School / San Jose State University
Randy Usedom	Pleasant Hills High School
Lee Walton	Washington High School / San Jose State University
Bruce Watson	Bellarmino Prep / West Valley College / Olympic Club
Bob Wegman	Boscher High School / De Anza College
Harold Zane	Fresno State University

### Officials

John Fischler  
Mike Francis  
Carlo Gonzales  
Dan Kocal  
Bob Lee  
Larry Lundberg  
Gary MacDowell  
Lou Tully  
Ron Tuttle

We would like to apologize if we have inadvertently left any Coaches or Officials off of this list.