



2017 MPSF Men's Volleyball
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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
# Long Beach State	11	1	.917	6-0	5-1	W11	15	2	.882	6-0	5-2	4-0	W8
BYU	8	1	.889	3-1	5-0	W6	14	2	.875	8-1	6-1	0-0	W8
Hawaii	7	2	.778	4-0	3-2	W7	16	2	.889	11-0	5-2	0-0	W11
UC Irvine	8	4	.667	4-3	4-1	W3	11	5	.688	6-3	5-2	0-0	W3
UCLA	8	6	.571	5-2	3-4	W1	11	7	.611	6-2	4-5	1-0	W1
Stanford	6	5	.545	4-2	2-3	L2	9	7	.563	4-4	2-3	3-0	L2
Pepperdine	4	6	.400	3-2	1-4	L3	6	7	.462	4-2	2-5	0-0	L3
CSUN	4	6	.400	2-3	2-3	W1	11	6	.647	6-3	2-3	3-0	W1
USC	5	8	.385	3-3	2-5	L1	6	10	.375	3-3	3-6	0-1	L1
UC Santa Barbara	4	9	.308	3-3	1-6	W1	7	9	.437	6-3	1-6	0-0	L1
UC San Diego	2	9	.182	1-5	1-4	L5	5	11	.313	3-6	2-5	0-0	L6
Cal Baptist	1	11	.083	1-5	0-6	L11	3	13	.188	3-7	0-6	0-0	L5

**MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, April 15-22...
Clinched MPSF Tournament Bid**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 1

*UC Irvine at LONG BEACH STATE 7:00 pm
*UC San Diego at CSUN 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 2

*USC at HAWAII 7:00 pm

Friday, March 3

Stanford vs. Lees-McRae (at Penn State) 5:00 pm
*UC San Diego at LONG BEACH STATE 7:00 pm
*UC Irvine at CSUN 7:00 pm
*Cal Baptist at BYU 7:00 pm
UCSB at PENN STATE 7:00 pm
USC at HAWAII 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 4

UCSB vs. Lees-McRae (at Penn State) 5:00 pm
*UC Irvine at LONG BEACH STATE 7:00 pm
*UC San Diego at CSUN 7:00 pm
Stanford at PENN STATE 7:30 pm

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Sunday, February 26

*HAWAII 3, Pepperdine 0 (25-22, 25-18, 28-26)

Saturday, February 25

*Ucla 3, UC SAN DIEGO 1 (25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 25-21)
*UC IRVINE 3, Ucsb 2 (25-23, 25-27, 18-25, 28-26, 18-16)

Friday, February 24

*Ucsb 3, UC SAN DIEGO 0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-14)
*LONG BEACH STATE 3, Usc 0 (25-17, 25-12, 25-15)
*CSUN 3, Cal Baptist 0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
*HAWAII 3, Pepperdine 0 (25-21, 25-19, 25-11)
*Byu 3, STANFORD 1 (25-19, 23-25, 25-23, 26-24)
*UC IRVINE 3, Ucla 2 (25-23, 28-26, 22-25, 21-25, 17-15)

Thursday, February 23

*# Byu 3, STANFORD 0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-21)

Wednesday, February 22

*LONG BEACH STATE 3, Cal Baptist 1 (24-26, 25-12, 25-14, 25-19)
*Usc 3, CSUN 2 (25-22, 25-21, 18-25, 22-25, 15-10)

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Match
Pac-12 Networks; & BYU TV
Home Team in CAPS; All Times Local to Site

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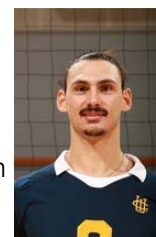
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TAMIR HERSHKO OF UC IRVINE MPSF/MOLTEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

UC Irvine senior outside hitter **Tamir Hershko** (Hod Ha'Sharon, Israel) led a pair of MPSF home victories (Feb. 24-25), averaging 4.20 kills per set with a .429 hitting clip. He put away a season-high 23 kills in the 3-2 win over No. 6 UCLA, including a kill and an ace to seal a 28-26 win in the second set as well as the match-winner in the 17-15 fifth set. The next night he recorded 19 kills, five digs and three block assists in a 3-2 win over No. 13 UCSB. Down 14-12 in the fifth set, he had two kills to put UCI in front 15-14, and then pounded the final two kills to win 18-16. For the week, Hershko also averaged 4.75 points, 0.70 digs and 0.50 blocks per set. This is Hershko's third career MPSF weekly award. *Others Nominated: Jake Langlois (BYU); Stijn Van Tilburg (UH); Amir Lugo-Rodriguez (LBSU); Mitchell Penning (PEP); Keenan Sanders (UCSB); Josiah Byers (CSUN)...*



2017 MPSF SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS

Hit % (min. 10 kills) -	Dimitar Kalchev (CSUN)	.929 (13-0-14)	1/4 vs. UC Merced
Kills-	Jacob Delson (UCSB)	34 (5 sets)	2/25 at UCI
Aces-	Dimitar Kalchev (CSUN) Micah Ma'a (UCLA)	6 (5 sets) 6 (5 sets)	2/22 vs. USC 2/3 at BYU
Points-	Jacob Delson (UCSD)	37.0 (5 sets)	2/25 at UCI
Assists-	Josh Tuaniga (LBSU)	67 (5 sets)	1/18 vs. Hawaii
Total Blocks-	Clay Carr (PEP)	11 (5 sets)	2/18 at USC
Digs-	Andrew Sato (LBSU)	23 (4 sets)	1/27 vs. St. Francis
Team Hit %-	CSUN	.661 (43-2-62)	1/4 vs. UC Merced
Team Aces-	Stanford Hawaii	13 (4 sets) 13 (3 sets)	1/6 vs. Quincy 1/5 vs. Erskine
Team Blocks-	Pepperdine	23.5 (5 sets)	2/18 at USC
Team Digs-	Hawaii	62 (4 sets)	1/7 vs. Ball State
Team Kills-	Stanford	84 (5 sets)	2/11 vs. UCSB
Longest Set-	UCSB 43, Stanford 41	Set 2	2/11 at Stanford
Longest Set 5-	UCI 18, UCSB 16 BYU 18, UCLA 16		2/22 at UCI 2/3 at BYU

2017 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2017 MPSF/MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jan. 9	.....Dimitar Kalchev, CSUN
Jan. 16	.....Lucas Yoder, USC
Jan. 23	.....Kyle Ensing, Long Beach State
Jan. 30	.....David Wieczorek, Pepperdine
Feb. 6	.....Ben Patch, BYU
Feb. 13	.....Jordan Ewert, Stanford
Feb. 20	.....Arvis Greene, CSUN
Feb. 27	.....Tamir Hershko, UC Irvine
Mar. 6	.....
Mar. 13	.....
Mar. 20	.....
Mar. 27	.....
Apr. 3	.....
Apr. 10	.....

2017 MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, April 15 (Quarterfinals)

(Host: Top-Four Seeds)

- Match 1- No. 8 seed at No. 1 seed
- Match 2- No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed
- Match 3- No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed
- Match 4- No. 7 seed at No. 2 seed

Thursday, April 20 (Semifinals)

(Host: Top Remaining Seed)

- Match 5- Winners Matches 1 and 2
- Match 6- Winners Matches 3 and 4

Saturday, April 22 (Championship)

(Host: Semifinal Site)

- Match 7- Semifinal Winners

2017 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

*Host: Ohio State University
St. John Arena; Columbus, OH*

Play-In (Date TBA)

- No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed
- No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed

Thursday, May 4 (Semifinals)

- No. 1 seed vs. seed 4-5 winner
- No. 2 seed vs. seed 3-6 winner

Saturday, May 6 (Championship)

Semifinal Winners

2017 MPSF PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank	Team (First-Place)	Points
1.	BYU (9)	119
2.	UCLA (3)	111
3.	Long Beach State	103
4.	UC Irvine	79
5.	Pepperdine	73
6.	Hawaii	63
7.	Stanford	61
8.	UCSB	58
9.	CSUN	53
10.	USC	36
11.	Cal Baptist	24
12.	UC San Diego	12

AVCA TOP-15 COACHES' POLL

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Feb. 27

Rank	School (First-Place)	Points	Record	Last Week
1	Ohio State (24)	360	17-0	1
2	Long Beach State	335	15-2	2
3	BYU	312	14-2	3
4	Hawai'i	289	16-2	4
5	Lewis	254	13-3	5
6	UC Irvine	243	11-5	7
7	UCLA	208	11-7	6
8	Stanford	190	9-7	8
9	Loyola-Chicago	170	9-5	9
10	Pepperdine	136	6-7	10
11	Ball State	109	13-4	12
12	CSUN	95	11-6	11
13	UC Santa Barbara	78	7-9	13
14	Southern California	62	6-10	14
15	Penn State	37	11-6	15
RV	UC San Diego			

2017 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DRAMATIC WINS LIFT ANTEATERS INTO MPSF'S TOP-FOUR

UC IRVINE (8-4 MPSF/11-5 Overall) had a wild and successful week at home with a pair of five-set wins over UCLA and UCSB. The Anteaters won all six of their sets by two points, which included extra points in set five in both matches. They fought off one match point (14-15) in a 17-15 set five against the Bruins, before shaking off five total match points against UCSB (three in set four and two in the fifth at 12-14) and ultimately winning 18-16. Tamir Hershko compiled 42 kills (hitting .429), including a season-high 23 vs. UCLA. Four of those kills followed the 14-12 deficit in the fifth vs. UCSB. UC Irvine is back in the MPSF's top-four with six to play in conference, heading to CSUN (Mar. 3) and Long Beach State (Mar. 4) this week.

HAWAII (7-2 MPSF/16-2 Overall) picked up a pair of straight-set home wins over Pepperdine (Feb. 24 & 26), extending its win streak to MPSF season-highs of 11 straight matches and 20 sets. Hawaii has also won 15 straight home matches dating back to last year. Stijn Van Tilburg had 17 kills (.483) in the second win, following a 15-kill, .737 hitting performance in the first win. The third-place Warriors begin the second half of their MPSF schedule this week as USC visits Thursday (Mar. 2). The same two teams also meet Friday (Mar. 3) as a non-conference match.

LONG BEACH STATE (11-1 MPSF/15-2 Overall) made it 11 straight conference wins with a 3-1 result over Cal Baptist (Feb. 22) and 3-0 over USC (Feb. 24) at the Walter Pyramid this past week. In doing so, the 49ers became the first team to officially punch a postseason ticket into the eight-team MPSF Tournament. Amir Lugo-Rodriguez combined for errorless .562 hitting clip (9-0-16) through the week, while totaling 14 blocks (2.00 B/S). With six to play in conference, Long Beach State holds a 1.5-match lead in the win column on top of the standings as UC San Diego (Mar. 3) and UC Irvine (Mar. 4) visit this week.

BYU (8-1 MPSF/14-2 Overall) extended its win streak to six matches with 3-0 and 3-1 road outcomes at Stanford (Feb. 23-24). Jake Langlois hit .300 (28-7-70) with four kills per set in the series. Langlois nearly collected a triple-double with a match-high 14 kills, season-high 12 digs, and career-high tying eight blocks in the second win. Beginning its second half of conference matches just 1.5 back in the win column, BYU hosts Cal Baptist Friday (Mar. 3).

USC (5-8 MPSF/6-10 Overall) won a five-set MPSF road match at CSUN (Feb. 22), as Lucas Yoder had 24 kills with a .395 clip. Andy Benesh recorded 10 blocks. Percentage points from the MPSF's top-eight, the Trojans travel to Hawaii for two this week (Mar. 2-3), where only Thursday's first match will count in the conference standings.

UC SANTA BARBARA (4-9 MPSF/7-9 Overall) Jacob Delson recorded MPSF season-highs of 34 kills (.375) and 37 points at UC Irvine (Feb. 25). Keenan Sanders hit .563 for the week (23-5-32), including a career-high 14 kills with a .632 clip at UCI. He hit .462 (9-3-13) with four blocks in a straight-set win at UC San Diego (Feb. 24), helping the team snap a seven-match slide. The Gauchos travel east this week to face Penn State (Mar. 3) and Lees-McRae (Mar. 4) in University Park, PA.

UCLA (8-6 MPSF/11-7 Overall) was edged 3-2 at UC Irvine (Feb. 24), before bouncing back in four sets at UC San Diego (Feb. 25). Christian Hessenauer was a sparkplug for the Bruins last week, providing 15 kills (.333) and eight digs in the win and 16 kills (.355) and two aces in the loss. The Bruins are off until Mar. 8 when Lewis visits.

CSUN (4-6 MPSF/11-6 Overall) split a pair of home matches, falling in five to USC (Feb. 22) and beating Cal Baptist in three (Feb. 24). Josiah Byers hit .556 for the week (11-1-18) with 11 blocks (three solo) and three aces. Arvis Greene tallied 25 kills (.383) and Dimitar Kalchev served a conference season-high tying six aces in the loss. Tied for seventh with eight to play in the MPSF, the Matadors host UC San Diego Wednesday (Mar. 1) and UC Irvine Friday (Mar. 3).

STANFORD (6-5 MPSF/9-7 Overall) dropped two conference home matches to BYU (Feb. 23-24) in three and four sets. The second match featured a Paul Bischoff double-double on 35 assists and 10 digs, to go along with a career-high six blocks. Gabriel Vega had 14 kills and seven digs. The Cardinal travels to University Park, PA this week to face Lees-McRae (Mar. 3) and Penn State (Mar. 4).

PEPPERDINE (4-6 MPSF/6-7 Overall) dropped a pair of straight-set matches at Hawaii this past weekend (Feb. 24-26). Mitchell Penning hit .481 in the series (15-2-27), including an 11-kill, .714 first night effort. The Waves are off this week, next in action at home against BYU for two (Mar. 10-11).

UC SAN DIEGO (2-9 MPSF/5-11 Overall) dropped 3-0 and 3-1 MPSF home matches to UCSB (Feb. 24) and UCLA (Feb. 25) respectively. UCSD managed to snap a 30-set losing streak against the Bruins. Tanner Syftestad had 10 kills, five digs, and three aces vs. the Gauchos. The Tritons visit CSUN Wednesday (Mar. 1) and Long Beach State Friday (Mar. 3).

CAL BAPTIST (1-11 MPSF/3-13 Overall) fell in four at Long Beach State (Feb. 23) and in three at CSUN (Feb. 24). The first set win snapped the 49ers' 24-set win streak in MPSF play. The Lancers travel to BYU for one conference match Friday (Mar. 3).