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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Grand Canyon	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	3	0	1.000	0-0	3-0	0-0	W3
UCLA	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	3	0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	W3
Pepperdine	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
USC	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	3	1	.750	1-0	0-1	2-0	L1
BYU	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	0-0	W1
Stanford	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0	3	.000	0-0	0-1	0-2	L3
Concordia	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	---

MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, April 14-21...

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 10

UC Irvine at UCLA 7:00 pm

Friday, January 12

^ Grand Canyon vs. North Greenville 4:00 pm
UCSB at UCLA 7:00 pm
USC at UC IRVINE 7:00 pm
Stanford at OHIO STATE 7:00 pm
BYU at BALL STATE 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 13

Springfield at CONCORDIA 12:00 pm
^ Grand Canyon vs. Limestone 2:00 pm
UCSB at USC 7:00 pm
BYU at OHIO STATE 7:00 pm
Stanford at BALL STATE 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 14

^ Grand Canyon vs. Hawaii 2:00 pm
UC Irvine at PEPPERDINE 3:00 pm

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Match

^ Grow the Game Challenge-Nashville, TN

% UCSB Asics Invitational-Goleta, CA

! Texaco Hawaii Warrior Classic-Honolulu, HI

Pac-12 Networks...& BYU TV

Home Team in CAPS; All Times Local to Site

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Sunday, January 7

PEPPERDINE 3, Cal Lutheran 0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-14)
Grand Canyon 3, GEORGE MASON 0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-17)

Saturday, January 6

BYU 3, Lewis 1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-15, 25-15)
UCLA 3, McKendree 0 (25-21, 25-22, 29-27)
Grand Canyon 3, GEORGE MASON 2 (25-22, 23-25, 25-18, 23-25, 15-10)
% UCSB 3, Stanford 0 (25-18, 25-20, 25-22)
! HAWAII 3, Usc 0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-22)

Friday, January 5

UCLA 3, King 0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-11)
! USC 3, Stevens Tech 1 (25-17, 27-25, 22-25, 25-18)
& Loyola-Chicago 3, BYU 2 (25-22, 21-25, 25-20, 23-25, 15-12)
% Princeton 3, Stanford 2 (28-26, 17-25, 25-22, 22-25, 16-14)
% St. Francis 3, Stanford 1 (25-15, 20-25, 26-24, 29-27)

Thursday, January 4

Grand Canyon 3, BARTON 1 (25-20, 17-25, 25-18, 25-21)
! USC 3, Juniata 0 (25-19, 25-9, 25-21)

Wednesday, January 3

UCLA 3, New Jersey Tech 0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-20)

Tuesday, January 2

USC 3, Princeton 1 (28-26, 25-22, 25-27, 25-22)

2018 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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CODY WILLIAMS OF GCU MPSF/MOLTEN OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Grand Canyon senior outside hitter **Cody Williams** (Anthem, AZ/Boulder Creek HS) led the Antelope offense to a 3-0 record in their first week competing in the MPSF. He hit .481 with 16 kills, two aces, and four digs in the opener at Barton (Jan. 4). Williams improved his hitting percentage to .484 and tied his career-high with 18 kills, while setting new career-highs with four aces and six blocks in the first match at George Mason (Jan. 6). In Sunday's three-set sweep in Fairfax, VA, he added nine kills to close out an impressive opening weekend. Williams totaled 43 kills (3.58 K/S) with a .453 hitting clip in addition to six aces, eight digs, and 10 blocks.

Others Nominated: Robert Mullahey (PEP); Jack Wyett (USC); Storm Fa'agata-Tufuga (BYU); Jake Arnitz (UCLA)...



MIKI JAUHIAINEN OF BYU MPSF/MOLTEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BYU sophomore middle blocker **Miki Jauhiainen** (Tampere, FL/Kuortane HS) helped lead the Cougars on the defensive end to begin the 2018 season. Against No. 13 Loyola-Chicago (Jan. 5) he picked up six blocks – double more than any other Cougar, along with four digs. Then, in the win over No. 6 Lewis (Jan. 6), Jauhiainen put up six more blocks, one solo and five assisted, to lead all players in the match. He also contributed four kills on a .429 clip and an ace in the victory. This is the first career MPSF weekly award for Jauhiainen. *Others Nominated: Clay Carr (PEP); Caleb Blazer (GCU); Matt Douglas (USC)...*



2018 MPSF SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS

Hit % (min. 10 kills) -	Sam Lewis (USC)	.786 (11-0-14)	1/2, vs. Princeton
Kills-	Gabi Garcia Fernandez (BYU)	23 (5 sets)	1/5, vs. Loyola
Aces-	Cody Williams (GCU)	4 (5 sets)	1/6, at GMU
	Micah Ma'a (UCLA)	4 (3 sets)	1/5, vs. King
	Gianluca Grasso (USC)	4 (4 sets)	1/2 vs. Princeton
Points-	Ryan Moss (USC)	26.5 (4 sets)	1/5 vs. Stevens
Assists-	Gert Lisha (USC)	58 (4 sets)	1/2 vs. Princeton
Total Blocks-	Caleb Blazer (GCU)	7 (4 sets)	1/4, at Barton
Digs-	Evan Enriques (STAN)	15 (5 sets)	1/5 vs. Princeton
Team Hit %-	BYU	.410 (46-12-83)	1/6, vs. Lewis
Team Aces-	UCLA	13 (3 sets)	1/5 vs. King
Team Blocks-	USC	13 (4 sets)	1/5 vs. Stevens
Team Digs-	Stanford	51 (5 sets)	1/5 vs. Princeton
Team Kills-	USC	67 (4 sets)	1/2 vs. Princeton
Longest Set-	UCLA 29, McKendree 27	Set 3	1/6 at UCLA
	St. Francis 29, Stanford 27	Set 4	1/5 at UCSB
Longest Set 5-	Princeton 16, Stanford 14		1/5 at UCSB

2018 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2018 MPSF/MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jan. 8.....Cody Williams-GCU (Off.); Miki Jauhiainen-BYU (Def.)
 Jan. 15
 Jan. 22.....
 Jan. 29
 Feb. 5.....
 Feb. 12.....
 Feb. 19.....
 Feb. 26.....
 Mar. 5.....
 Mar. 12.....
 Mar. 19.....
 Mar. 26.....
 Apr. 2.....
 Apr. 9.....

2018 MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, April 14 (Quarterfinals)

(Hosts: Seeds 2, 3, 4)

Quarterfinal # 1- No. 7 seed at No. 2 seed
 Quarterfinal # 2- No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed
 Quarterfinal # 3- No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed
 No. 1 seed-Bye

Thursday, April 19 (Semifinals)

(Host: No. 1 Seed)

Semifinal # 1—Highest-Seeded Quarterfinal Winners
 Semifinal # 2--Lowest Remaining Seed at No. 1 seed

Saturday, April 21 (Championship)

(Host: No. 1 Seed)

Semifinal Winners

2018 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Play-In Match

No. 7 seed vs. No. 6 seed

Quarterfinals

No. 6/7 seed winner vs. No. 3 seed
 No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed

Thursday, May 3 (Semifinals)

Host: UCLA

Pauley Pavilion; Los Angeles, Calif.

No. 1 seed vs. 4/5 winner
 No. 2 seed vs. 3/6/7 winner

Saturday, May 5 (Championship)

Host: UCLA

Pauley Pavilion; Los Angeles, Calif.

2018 MPSF PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank	Team (First-Place)	Points
1.	BYU (4)	33
2.	UCLA (2)	32
3T.	Pepperdine	22
3T.	Stanford	22
5.	USC (1)	18
6.	Grand Canyon	14
7.	Concordia	6

AVCA TOP-15 COACHES' POLL

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Jan. 8

Rank	School (First-Place)	Points	Record	Last
1	Ohio State (19)	365	1-0	1
2	Long Beach State (5)	352	4-0	2
3	UCLA (1)	319	3-0	4
4	Hawai'i (1)	305	3-0	5
5	UC Irvine	273	2-0	7
6	BYU	235	1-1	3
7	Loyola-Chicago	189	1-1	13
8	CSUN	181	3-0	11
9	Penn State	169	0-0	9
10	Pepperdine	159	1-0	10
11	Lewis	155	0-2	6
12	USC	78	3-1	12
13	Grand Canyon	66	3-0	15
14	Ball State	62	2-0	14
15	St. Francis	43	2-2	NR
RV	Stanford	18	0-3	8

2018 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

'LOPES BEGIN MPSF MEMBERSHIP WITH THREE ROAD WINS

GRAND CANYON (0-0 MPSF/3-0 Overall) opened up its first season as members of the MPSF with three road wins, 3-1 at 2017 NCAA Tournament participant Barton (Jan. 4), followed by 3-2 and 3-0 at George Mason (Jan. 6-7). Caleb Blazer recorded a conference single-match high seven blocks in the opener at Barton, en route to 17 for the week. He also hit .407 (14-3-27) in the middle over the three wins. Cody Williams hit .453 (43-9-75) for the week, adding six aces and 10 blocks. The Antelopes compete in Nashville, TN this weekend, facing North Greenville (Jan. 12), Limestone (Jan. 13), and Hawaii (Jan. 14).

UCLA (0-0 MPSF/3-0 Overall) swept each of its first three matches at home to open the year over New Jersey Tech (Jan. 3), King University (Jan. 5), and McKendree (Jan. 6). Jake Arnitz hit .390 (31-8-59) and served four aces over the three wins. He moved into seventh-place on the Bruin rally-scoring era career kill list (849). UCLA served a conference single-match high 13 aces against King. The Bruins, who hit a collective .379 last week, continue their non-conference homestand against UC Irvine Wednesday (Jan. 10, 7 pm; Pac-12 Networks) and UCSB Friday (Jan. 12).

USC (0-0 MPSF/3-1 Overall) won three of four to open the season, defeating Princeton at home in four sets (Jan. 2), followed by Juniata in three and Stevens Tech in four in Honolulu. Jack Wyatt had 20 kills and nine digs in his return back against Princeton after sitting out the last two years. He hit .325 for the week, going for double-digit kills in all four matches (including in the lone loss to No. 5 Hawaii). USC visits UC Irvine Friday (Jan. 12) and hosts UCSB Saturday (Jan. 13).

BYU (0-0 MPSF/1-1 Overall) split two home matches against the MIVA Conference to open the season, edged in five sets by Loyola-Chicago (Jan. 5), before defeating Lewis in four (Jan. 6). Miki Jauhainen recorded six blocks in each match. Storm Fa'agata-Tufuga hit .333 (28-10-54) for the week and served four aces. The Cougars face two more MIVA teams this weekend on the road, traveling to Ball State Friday (Jan. 12) followed by a rematch of last year's NCAA Championship, Ohio State Saturday (Jan. 13).

PEPPERDINE (0-0 MPSF/1-0 Overall) swept its season opener this past Sunday (Jan. 7) at home over Cal Lutheran. The Waves dominated the hitting (.406-.016), guided offensively by Robert Mullahey's 34 assists in his collegiate debut. Jack Cole was seven for an errorless nine (.778), while Noah Dyer hit .600 (10-1-15). Clay Carr had five blocks. Non-Conference continues as Pepperdine hosts UC Irvine Sunday (Jan. 14).

STANFORD (0-0 MPSF/0-3 Overall) fell 3-1 to St. Francis, 3-2 to Princeton, and 3-0 at UCSB in the season-opening UCSB/Asics Invitational (Jan. 5-6). Evan Enriques picked up an MPSF week one single-match high of 15 digs in the Princeton match. The Cardinal heads to MIVA opponents Ohio State (Jan. 12) and Ball State (Jan. 13) this weekend.

CONCORDIA (0-0 MPSF/0-0 Overall) opens its season at home Saturday (Jan. 13) against Springfield. The Eagles enter their first year in the MPSF.