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2010 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. Stanford	10	4	.714	7-2	3-2	12	4	.750	9-2	3-2	0-0	Won 5
2. Pepperdine	9	4	.692	4-2	5-2	10	5	.667	5-2	5-3	0-0	Won 1
3. CS Northridge	10	6	.625	5-3	5-3	13	6	.684	5-3	6-3	2-0	Lost 1
4. USC	7	5	.583	4-3	3-2	9	6	.600	4-3	3-3	2-0	Won 1
4. Hawaii	7	5	.583	4-2	3-3	11	6	.647	8-3	3-3	0-0	Won 1
4. Long Beach State	7	5	.583	2-2	5-3	9	7	.563	3-2	6-3	0-2	Lost 1
7. BYU	8	6	.571	4-2	4-4	10	7	.588	4-2	4-4	2-1	Lost 1
8. UC Santa Barbara	7	6	.538	2-4	5-2	10	9	.526	2-7	7-2	1-0	Lost 1
9. UCLA	8	7	.533	3-6	5-1	10	9	.526	4-6	5-1	1-2	Lost 1
10. UC Irvine	6	9	.400	4-3	2-6	10	10	.500	6-3	2-6	2-1	Won 1
11. UC San Diego	3	11	.214	0-5	3-6	6	13	.316	1-5	5-6	0-2	Won 1
12. Pacific	0	14	.000	0-9	0-5	6	14	.300	4-9	1-5	1-0	Lost 7

MPSF Champion and automatic qualifier to NCAA Championship determined at MPSF Tournament, April 25-May 2...

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar. 8

**Hawaii at USC 7pm
Lewis at UC IRVINE 7pm

Tue, Mar. 9

**Hawaii at USC 7pm
Loyola-Chicago at LONG BEACH STATE 7pm

Wed, Mar. 10

**CS Northridge at UC SANTA BARBARA 7pm
Ball State at UCLA 7pm
Penn State at UC IRVINE 7pm

Thu, Mar. 11

Ball State at PEPPERDINE 7pm

Fri, Mar. 12

Byu vs. Penn State (at Long Beach State) 5pm
St. Francis at LONG BEACH STATE 7pm
UC San Diego at LEWIS 7pm
Loyola-Chicago at UCLA 7pm

Sat, Mar. 13

Byu vs. St. Francis (at Long Beach State) 5pm
**UC Santa Barbara at PEPPERDINE 7pm
Loyola-Chicago at CS NORTHRIDGE 7pm
Penn State at LONG BEACH STATE 7pm
UC San Diego at LEWIS 7pm

**** MPSF Match**
Home Team in CAPS
All Times Local

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Sat, Mar. 6

**Hawaii d. CS NORTHRIDGE, 35-33, 31-29, 30-19
**Pepperdine d. BYU, 30-26, 30-22, 30-23
**STANFORD d. Long Beach State, 30-22, 30-25, 26-30, 30-21
**UC San Diego d. PACIFIC, 31-29, 30-17, 33-35, 30-24

Fri, Mar. 5

**BYU d. Pepperdine, 30-28, 25-30, 30-27, 30-18
**UC Irvine d. UCLA, 32-34, 30-23, 30-28, 30-28
**CS NORTHRIDGE d. Hawaii, 30-27, 28-30, 26-30, 30-28, 15-12
**STANFORD d. UC San Diego, 30-18, 30-20, 28-30, 30-20
**USC d. UC Santa Barbara, 26-30, 35-33, 30-24, 31-29
**Long Beach State d. PACIFIC, 31-33, 30-25, 30-23, 30-26

Wed, Mar. 3

**UC SANTA BARBARA d. UC Irvine, 33-31, 30-28, 27-30, 30-24
UCLA d. Lewis, 30-22, 30-27, 30-25

Mon, Mar. 1

**HAWAII d. Byu, 30-27, 30-26, 30-25

STANFORD LEADS BY ONE-HALF; MPSF BATTLES MIVA AND EIVA THIS WEEK



STANFORD (10-4 MPSF, 12-4 overall) has a three week layoff from the MPSF, though took over the top of the standings by one-half match following 3-1 home wins over UC San Diego and Long Beach State. Stanford hit .412 against LBSU, with Brad Lawson recording 18 kills and Evan Romero adding 16. Lawson also delivered 18 kills (.552) vs. UCSD. The Cardinal has won nine of 10 following a 3-3 start, and is off until a Mar. 20 home match vs. Cal Baptist.



PEPPERDINE (9-4 MPSF, 10-5 overall) split at BYU, falling in four before a quick recovery and winning in three. Kasey Crider accumulated 47 assists in the win (15.67 A/S), while guiding a .362 team attack. Rodnei Santos was 8 for 12 with no errors (.667) along with eight blocks. Maurice Torres registered a match-high 14 kills (.300). The Waves return home Thursday (Mar. 11) for Ball State and UC Santa Barbara Saturday (Mar. 13).



HAWAII (7-5 MPSF, 11-6 overall) won two of three last week, with a pair of sweeps over BYU at home and at CS Northridge. Josh Walker combined for 39 kills in eight sets on the road, hitting .387 (39-10-75), adding three aces and six blocks in the win over No. 3 CSUN. The Warriors continue their road stretch at USC Monday and Tuesday.



BYU (8-6 MPSF, 10-7 overall) split at home with top-ranked Pepperdine, winning in four and losing in three. Friday, the Cougars snapped the Waves' eight-match win streak in front of 4,168 in Provo. Sophomore Rob Stowell recorded 22 kills and Russell Lavaja hit a career-high .714 on 11 kills, while the team hit .441 on the night. BYU heads to the Long Beach Tournament to face St. Francis (PA) and Penn State this weekend.



CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE (10-6 MPSF, 13-6 overall) blocker Jacek Ratajczak turned in a monster weekend in a split with Hawaii. In the 3-2 win, he pounded 30 kills in 41 errorless swings (.732) from the middle. Jack added nine kills (.333) in the three-set loss, and served four aces over the two-match series. Kevin McNiff recorded 13 kills and nine blocks in the win. The Matadors are at UCSB Wednesday and at home vs. Loyola-Chicago Saturday.



USC (7-5 MPSF, 9-6 overall) received 24 kills from Murphy Troy and 12 kills apiece from Steven Shandrick and Hunter Current in a 3-1 home win over UC Santa Barbara last Friday. Shandrick took 18 errorless swings for a .667 clip along with five blocks, while Current hit .524 (12-1-21) and served three aces. The Trojans host Hawaii for two, Monday and Tuesday (Mar. 8-9).



UC SANTA BARBARA (7-6 MPSF, 10-9 overall) split a pair of four-set conference matches, winning at home over UC Irvine and losing at USC. Jeff Menzel recorded 22 kills and 11 digs in the win. Scott Slaughter hit .521 for the week (28-3-48) with 14 kills each night. The Gauchos host Northridge Wednesday (and visit Pepperdine Saturday).



UC IRVINE (6-9 MPSF, 10-10 overall) split a pair of 3-1 outcomes with a home loss to UC Santa Barbara and a road upset win at No. 5. Jordan DuFault put away 25 kills (.439) against the Gauchos and 20 kills (.457) against the Bruins. Cole Reinholm had 19 kills (.405) off the bench and Austin D'Amore tallied nine blocks in Westwood. The Anteaters step outside of the conference this week, hosting Lewis Monday and Penn State Wednesday.



LONG BEACH STATE (7-5 MPSF, 9-7 overall) split a pair of 3-1 outcomes in Northern California, defeating Pacific and falling to MPSF-leading Stanford. Dean Bittner recorded 24 kills (.405) and Antwain Aguilard added 13 kills (.524) in the loss. Aguilard took 18 errorless swings in the win, hitting .722, while Bittner added 14 kills. The 49ers host the Loyola-Chicago, St. Francis (PA), and Penn State in three non-conference matches this week.



UC SAN DIEGO (3-11 MPSF, 6-13 overall) won in four sets at Pacific, following the four-set loss at Stanford. Four Tritons' were in double-figure kills in Stockton, led by 19 from Frank Fritsch at .400. Adrian Guthals and Jason Spangler both hit .550 with 13 kills, and Cyrus Kiani added 12 (.647). UCSD travels to Lewis for two this weekend.



UCLA (8-7 MPSF, 10-9 overall) won 3-0 over Lewis before a 3-1 loss to UC Irvine in a pair of home matches last week. Jack Polales combined for 39 kills (.307) for the week, with a team-high each night, along with a career-high 10 digs vs. UCI. The eight-match homestand continues with Ball State Wednesday and Loyola-Chicago Friday.

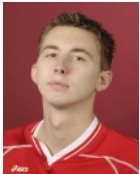


PACIFIC (0-14 MPSF, 6-14 overall) lost 3-1 at home to Long Beach State and UC San Diego, and is off this week. Florian Gornik had 23 kills (.452) vs. the Tritons and 16 (.393) vs. the 49ers. Taylor Hughes tallied a 33-kill week.

WALKER AND RATAJCZAK MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Hawaii junior outside hitter **Josh Walker** (Virginia Beach, VA/Tallwood HS) led his team to wins over No. 4 BYU and No. 3 CS Northridge. He had 15 kills (.417) and two aces in a 3-0 win over the Cougars, and 16 kills (.364) and three aces in a 3-0 win at CSUN. Walker added 23 kills (.405) and 13 digs in the 3-2 loss at CSUN. He averaged 4.91 kills at .394 hitting, 0.55 aces, and 2.45 digs per set, as the Warriors jumped to fourth in the standings.



CS Northridge senior middle blocker **Jacek Ratajczak** (Warsaw, Poland/Bryant HS) turned in one of the more dominating middle performances in MPSF history this past Friday against Hawaii. He was 30 for 41 without an error, good for a .732 clip. The 30 kills were the most in the conference for a middle man this year, while .732 was tops for the amount of swings. For the week, Jack hit .585 (39-1-65) and picked up four aces and seven blocks. *Nominated: Steven Shandrick (USC); Rodnei Santos (PEP); Brad Lawson (STAN); Jordan DuFault (UCI)*

AVCA D1-II TOP-15

COACHES POLL

<http://www.avca.org/>

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Rank	Team (1 st -place)	Last Week	Points
1	STANFORD (13)	2	237
2	PEPPERDINE (3)	1	224
3	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	3	198
4	BYU	4	182
5	HAWAII	8	162
6	LONG BEACH STATE	6	156
7	USC	7	149
8	UCLA	5	130
9	Penn State	9	119
10	UC SANTA BARBARA	10	104
11	UC IRVINE	12	78
12	Loyola-Chicago	11	72
13	UC SAN DIEGO	14	44
14	Ohio State	13	39
15	Lewis	15	22

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Sat, Apr. 24 – Quarterfinals at Campus Sites

- Match 1: # 8 seed at # 1 seed
- Match 2: # 5 seed at # 4 seed
- Match 3: # 6 seed at # 3 seed
- Match 4: # 7 seed at # 2 seed

Thu, Apr. 29 – Semifinals at highest remaining Seed

- Match 5: Winners of Match 1 and 2
- Match 6: Winners of Match 3 and 4

(Minimum of 30 minutes between matches)

Sat, May 1 – Championship at highest remaining Seed

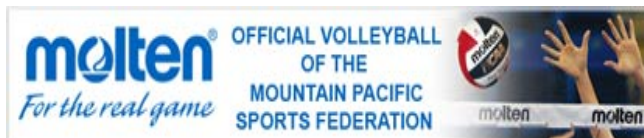
- Match 7: Semi-Final Winners of Match 5 and 6

2010 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 6 & 8 at Stanford
Maples Pavilion
Palo Alto, CA



MOLTEN USA



2010 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Mar. 8	Jacek Ratajczak	CS Northridge
Mar. 8	Josh Walker	Hawaii
Mar. 1	Tommy Pestolesi	Long Beach State
Mar. 1	JD Schleggenbach	Pepperdine
Feb. 22	Cory Riecks	Pepperdine
Feb. 22	Cory Yoder	UC Irvine
Feb. 15	Jeff Menzel	UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 15	Kevin McKniff	CS Northridge
Feb. 8	Tyler Jaynes	Pepperdine
Feb. 8	Garrett Muagututia	UCLA
Feb. 1	Maurice Torres	Pepperdine
Feb. 1	Cullen Irons	UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 25	Dean Bittner	Long Beach State
Jan. 25	Dylan Bowermaster	UCLA
Jan. 18	Tony Ciarelli	USC
Jan. 18	Jordan DuFault	UC Irvine
Jan. 11	Kevin McKniff	CS Northridge
Jan. 11	Josh Walker	Hawaii

2010 MPSF PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points (1 st -place)	'09 Record (MPSF)
1. USC	112 (5)	21-11 (13-9/5TH)
2. UC Irvine	110 (5)	27-5 (19-3/1ST)
3. Stanford	97	21-11 (14-8/4TH)
4. BYU	88 (1)	17-13 (13-9/5TH)
5. Pepperdine	82	22-5 (18-4/2ND)
6. UCLA	74 (1)	14-16(10-12/8TH)
7. Long Beach State	58	14-14 (11-11/7TH)
8. CS Northridge	51	24-7 (16-6/3RD)
9. Hawaii	47	9-18 (6-16/10TH)
10. UCSB	29	8-19 (4-18/11TH)
11. UC San Diego	28	13-15 (8-14/9TH)
12. Pacific	16	3-28 (0-22/12TH)

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