



WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

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2009 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION  
MEN'S WATER POLO STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. USC	8	0	1.000	4-0	4-0	22	1	.957	6-0	5-0	11-1	Won 15
2. Stanford	7	1	.875	4-0	3-1	20	2	.909	10-0	4-1	6-1	Won 2
3. California	6	2	.750	3-1	3-1	20	5	.800	5-1	8-2	7-2	Lost 1
4. UCLA	5	3	.625	2-2	3-1	19	6	.760	4-2	6-2	9-2	Won 1
5. Pepperdine	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3	12	10	.545	4-1	4-4	4-5	Won 4
6. UC Irvine	3	5	.375	1-3	2-2	15	11	.577	7-5	3-4	5-2	Lost 2
7. UC Santa Barbara	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	12	14	.462	4-3	3-5	5-6	Lost 3
7. Pacific	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	13	15	.464	1-5	2-4	10-6	Won 1
7. Long Beach State	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	9	12	.429	4-4	0-5	5-3	Lost 1

*MPSF Champion and automatic NCAA Qualifier determined at MPSF Tournament, Nov. 27-29 at USC.....*

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, November 21

- \*\*USC 15, UC Irvine 9
- \*\*STANFORD 8, California 6
- \*\*PEPPERDINE 9, UC Santa Barbara 8
- \*\*PACIFIC 9, Long Beach State 8

**\*\*MPSF Game**

**Home Team in CAPS**  
**All Times Local To Site**

MPSF WATER POLO ONLINE

MPSF updates are available on the conference website:

[www.mpsports.org](http://www.mpsports.org)

## USC HOSTS MPSF TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND



USC (22-1 overall, 8-0 MPSF) is the top seed as it hosts this year's MPSF Tournament. The Trojans concluded the regular season with a 15-9 conference home win over UC Irvine, as Peter Kurzeka, J.W. Krumpholz, and Justin Rappel each recorded hat tricks. USC carries a 39-game home win streak, and 15 overall, into the postseason. The Trojans begin defense of their MPSF Title on Friday (Nov. 27) against No. 8 seed Pacific at 10 am, with the winner facing UCLA or Pepperdine in Saturday's semifinal. Rappel owns a team-high 37 goals in '09 (1.61 GPG).



STANFORD (20-2 overall, 7-1 MPSF) goalkeeper Jimmie Sandman registered 13 saves, while allowing just two second half goals en route to an 8-6 win over No. 2 California last Saturday. Eight players scored once in earning the MPSF Tournament No. 2 seed. The Cardinal meets No. 7 seed UC Santa Barbara Friday at 11:30 am in the first round. The only meeting this year resulted in a 13-8 Stanford home win on Oct. 31. Drac Wigo ranks second in the MPSF in scoring with 54 goals (2.70 GPG).



CALIFORNIA (20-5 overall, 6-2 MPSF) is the No. 3 seed, facing No. 6 seed UC Irvine in Friday's opening round. The winner takes on the Stanford-UCSB winner in Saturday's semifinal. The Bears took the Oct. 31 meeting over the Anteaters in Berkeley, 13-10. Cal is led by Ivan Rackov's 49 goals (1.96 GPG), ranking fifth in the conference.



UCLA (19-6 overall, 5-3 MPSF) secured a No. 4 tournament seed with a 9-7 regular season ending win over UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 15. The Bruins take on No. 5 seed Pepperdine Friday at 3 pm, with the winner advancing to the semifinals Saturday at 1 pm. Scott Davidson owns a team-high 38 goals entering the postseason (1.52 GPG). Goalkeeper Chay Lapin carries a 4.43 goals-against average.



PEPPERDINE (12-10 overall, 4-4 MPSF) edged UC Santa Barbara 9-8 in the regular season finale, sealing the No. 5 seed. JP MacDonell and Brett Auer tallied hat tricks. The Waves take a four-game win streak into the tournament, and meet No. 4 seed UCLA Friday at 3 pm in round one. MacDonell owns 52 goals on the year (2.60 GPG), ranking third in the conference.



UC IRVINE (15-11 overall, 3-5 MPSF) is the No. 6 seed at the MPSF Tournament, first meeting No. 3 seed California Friday at 1:30 pm. The Anteaters have three of the top-10 scorers in the conference. Cole Bielskis and Brandon Johnson own 44 goals, while Tom Kruip has 43 entering the postseason.



UC SANTA BARBARA (12-14 overall, 1-7 MPSF) is seeded seventh this weekend. The Gauchos finished in a three-way tie for seventh in the MPSF, though owned the three-way tiebreaker by virtue of goal differential over Pacific and Long Beach State within head-to-head conference meetings. UCSB meets No. 2 Stanford at 11:30 am on day one. Miles Golic recorded his 200th-career goal in a 9-8 loss at Pepperdine last Saturday, after a six-goal outing, and owns an MPSF-high 68 goals entering the postseason (2.72 GPG).



PACIFIC (13-15 overall, 1-7 MPSF) erased a three-goal halftime and two-goal fourth quarter deficit to upset No. 6 Long Beach State, 9-8, and earn a spot in the MPSF Tournament. Joey Gullikson scored a hat trick. The Tigers are seeded eighth and play the host No. 1 seed USC at 10 am Friday. Tom Koning has 50 goals entering the weekend.

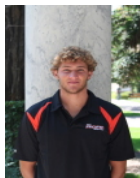


LONG BEACH STATE (9-12 overall, 1-7 MPSF) dropped a 9-8 conference game at Pacific last Saturday which ended its season. Aleksandr Petrovic recorded 35 goals this year (1.67 GPG), while Jeff Greenwood tallied 32.

### SANDMAN AND GULLIKSON MPSF MIKASA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Stanford senior goalkeeper **Jimmie Sandman** (Los Altos Hills, CA/Menlo HS) collected 13 saves in an 8-6 home win over second-ranked California, securing a No. 2 seed in the MPSF Tournament. Down 4-2 at the half, he allowed only two second half goals, along with stopping two consecutive point-blank shots in the fourth quarter. The six goals allowed was half of California's single-game scoring average this year coming in.



Pacific junior driver **Joey Gullikson** (Sonoma, CA/Santa Rosa JC) recorded three goals, two assists, and two steals, as the Tigers stunned No. 6 Long Beach State (9-8) in the regular season finale. He completed the hat trick in the fourth quarter that tied the game at 8. With the win, Pacific reached the MPSF Tournament and snapped a 19-game conference losing streak.

*Also nominated: Brett Auer (PEP), J.W. Krumpholz (USC)*

NCAA TOP-20 COACHES' POLL  
(Nov. 18)

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	USC	1	100
2	CALIFORNIA	2	94
3	STANFORD	3	91
4	UCLA	4	85
5	PEPPERDINE	5	80
6	LONG BEACH STATE	8	74
7	UC IRVINE	7	70
8	Loyola Marymount	6	67
9	UC SANTA BARBARA	10	59
10	UC San Diego	11	52
11	Concordia (CA)	9	49
12	Navy	12	46
13	Santa Clara	13	40
14	Air Force	14	36
15	UC Davis	16	30
16	PACIFIC	15	27
17	Cal Baptist	19	20
18	Princeton	17	17
19	St. Francis (NY)	18	11
20	Johns Hopkins	20	2
20	Redlands	NR	2

**MIKASA- OFFICIAL BALL SPONSOR OF  
MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO  
2009 MPSF MIKASA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Week	Player	School
Nov. 23	Jimmie Sandman	Stanford
Nov. 23	Joey Gullikson	Pacific
Nov. 16	Jordan Thompson	USC
Nov. 16	JP MacDonell	Pepperdine
Nov. 9	Joel Dennerley	USC
Nov. 9	Scott Davidson	UCLA
Nov. 2	Chay Lapin	UCLA
Nov. 2	Jacob Smith	Stanford
Oct. 26	Drac Wigo	Stanford
Oct. 26	Milos Golic	UC Santa Barbara
Oct. 19	Joel Dennerley	USC
Oct. 19	Wil Toppen	California
Oct. 12	Justin Rappel	USC
Oct. 12	Zach White	California
Oct. 5	Janson Wigo	Stanford
Oct. 5	Thomas O'Connell	Pepperdine
Sept. 28	Kyle Sterling	USC
Sept. 21	Drac Wigo	Stanford
Sept. 14	Greg Enloe	UC Irvine
Sept. 14	Colé Consani	UCLA
Sept. 8	Cory Nasoff	California
Sept. 8	Peter Kurzeka	USC

MPSF PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points (1st place)	2008 Record (MPSF)
1. USC	61 (6)	29-0 (8-0/1ST)
2. Stanford	59 (3)	25-6 (6-2/T-2ND)
3. California	51	19-9 (4-4/T-5TH)
4. UCLA	42	16-8 (5-3/4TH)
5. UCSB	32	17-11 (4-4/T-5TH)
6. Pepperdine	26	21-7 (6-2/T-2ND)
6. UC Irvine	26	11-15 (1-7/8TH)
8. Long Beach St.	16	14-18 (2-6/7TH)
9. Pacific	11	10-20 (0-8/9TH)

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MPSF TICKET INFORMATION:

USC Ticket office (9am-5pm M-F): (213) 740-4672

- ❖ All-Session Pass –\$30 Adult; \$15 Student/Child
- ❖ Daily Pass - \$12 Adult; \$7 Student/Child

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP  
DeNunzio Pool  
Host: Princeton University



Saturday, December 5

Game 1: # 1 Seed vs. # 4 Seed (Semifinal)	3pm ET
Game 2: # 2 Seed vs. # 3 Seed (Semifinal)	5pm ET

Sunday, December 6

Game 3: Losers Games 1 & 2 (Consolation)	12pm ET
Game 4: Winners Games 1 & 2 (Championship)	2pm ET

*(Championship Live on CBS College Sports Network)*