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## 2005 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 <1>	8	0	1.000	4-0	4-0	21	1	.955	5-0	8-1	8-0	Won 14
2. ^UC Irvine <4>	6	2	.750	4-0	2-2	17	10	.615	9-3	3-5	5-2	Won 5
3. Stanford <3>	6	2	.750	4-0	2-2	17	5	.762	9-0	2-3	6-2	Won 2
4. ^UCLA <5>	5	3	.625	3-1	2-2	19	7	.720	7-1	6-3	6-3	Won 1
5. California <2>	5	3	.625	3-1	2-2	19	6	.792	6-2	5-2	8-2	Lost 1
6. Pepperdine <6>	3	5	.375	3-1	0-4	17	9	.625	8-2	3-4	6-3	Won 2
7. Pacific <8>	2	6	.250	1-3	1-3	18	12	.643	6-4	1-5	11-3	Lost 2
8. Long Beach State <9>	1	7	.143	1-2	0-5	17	15	.533	1-2	4-8	12-5	Lost 1
9. *UC Santa Barbara <14>	0	8	.000	0-4	0-4	13	17	.464	4-5	0-4	9-8	Lost 3

*Final Standings=Champ. Seeding: MPSF Champion determined at MPSF Championship Tournament, November 25-27 at USC. <> Denotes National Ranking.*

*\*UCI and UCLA win head to head tiebreakers to gain higher seeds against Stanford and California, respectively.*

*\*UC Santa Barbara eliminated from the 2005 MPSF Men's Water Polo Championship Tournament at USC, November 25-27, after loss to Long Beach State.*

### MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ON TAP - USC, UCI 1 & 2 SEEDS

No. 1 USC will ride its fourteen-game win streak into the MPSF Championship Tournament at their home venue as the conference top seed. The Trojans will take on #8 seed LONG BEACH STATE at 2:30pm on Friday, in the first round of the tournament. **Thomas Hale** hit the winning goal as USC needed overtime against rival UCLA to pull out a win 9-8 in sudden victory OT. The MPSF Championship Tournament will take place this weekend, November 25-27 at USC's McDonald Swim Center ... No. 2 ranked CALIFORNIA was looking for a higher seed, but the 7-4 loss in The Big Splash at Stanford combined with UC IRVINE's win, left the Golden Bears with a five seed. **Brian Kinsel** had two goals in the loss to Stanford. California will face UCLA in the first round of the conference tournament ... No. 3 STANFORD knocked off top rival California 7-4 in The Big Splash. The victory gave Stanford the three-seed in the conference tournament and positions them against Pepperdine to open championship competition. **Sandy Hohener** had thirteen saves in goal for the Cardinal ... No. 4 UC IRVINE took sole possession of second-place and the #2 seed with a 9-7 win over UC Santa Barbara. UC Irvine will take on Pacific in the opening game of the tournament. **Nate White** and **Tim Hutten** had three goals apiece to lead the Anteaters over UC Santa Barbara ... No. 5 UCLA was stopped in sudden-victory overtime by top ranked USC 9-8 on Saturday but rebounded against Pacific 11-7 on Sunday to earn the #4 tournament seed. UCLA will take on California to open tournament play at 10am Saturday morning. The Bruins are 1-2 versus Cal in three very close matches this season... No. 6 PEPPERDINE picked up a pair of wins over Pacific 14-9 and Long Beach State 11-4 to notch the six-seed. The Waves will face Stanford at 11:30am on Friday in Game Two. **Jesse Smith** had six goals to lead Pepperdine in the two victories ... No. 8 PACIFIC lost both of its matches last week, but earned the #7 seed after Long Beach State lost its final match of the season. The Tigers also lost to Pepperdine 14-9 and 11-4 against UCLA, and will face red-hot UC Irvine in the opening round. **Dragan Bakic** had five goals for Pacific ... No. 8 ranked LONG BEACH STATE earned their championship tournament berth when they defeated UC Santa Barbara 10-7 on Saturday. The 49ers will get the task of taking on top ranked USC in the opening tournament round. Long Beach State was lead by goalie **Thomas Onyshko** with 15 saves in the two matches ... No. 14 UC SANTA BARBARA ended its season with two defeats. The 10-7 loss to Long Beach State knocked the Gauchos out of the MPSF championship tournament. UCSB's season ended on senior day with a 9-7 defeat by UC Irvine. The Gauchos finished the season 13-17 overall and 0-8 in conference play. - MPSF -

### HOHENER & WHITE SHARE MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

*Woodland, Calif. --* STANFORD sophomore goalkeeper **Sandy Hohener** (Santa Ana CA, Foothill HS) and UC IRVINE senior driver **Nate White** (Mt. Hemo CA, San Lorenzo Valley HS) were named MPSF Co-Players of the Week for their outstanding play in leading their respective teams to important victories in the last weekend of MPSF conference play... White scored three goals in UC Irvine's 9-7 win at UC Santa Barbara Sunday to help the Anteaters clinch the No. 2 seed for this week's MPSF Championship Tournament. White scored a pair of goals in the third quarter to break a 3-3 tie with the Gauchos. He has 35 goals for the season. Stanford's Sandy Hohener led the way with outstanding defense against top rival and No. 2 ranked California in a decisive 7-4 win, posting 13 saves in the Big Splash annual rivalry, which earned Stanford the #3 seed in the MPSF tournament. Hohener has 138 saves on the season and leads the MPSF with 8.1 saves per game. *Also Nominated: Thomas Hale, USC.* -MPSF -

## WATER POLO COACHES ASSN. TOP 20

November 16, 2005			
Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	USC	1	100
2	CALIFORNIA	2	95
3	STANFORD	4	89
4	UC IRVINE	6	86
5	UCLA	3	80
6	PEPPERDINE	5	75
7	UC SAN DIEGO	7	69
8	PACIFIC	9	65
9	LONG BEACH STATE	8	61
10	Loyola Marymount	10	55
11	UC Davis	11	49
12	St. Francis College	12	45
13	Navy	13	39
14	UC SANTA BARBARA	14	36
15	Princeton	15	30
16	BYU (HI)	16	26
17	Bucknell	17	14
18	Air Force	18	13
19	Redlands	NR	9
20	Brown	NR	6

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sat., Nov. 19

\*PEPPERDINE 14, Pacific 9  
 \*LONG BEACH STATE 10, UC Santa Barbara 7  
 \*UCLA 8, USC 7 SVOT  
 \*STANFORD 7, California 4

### Sun., Nov. 20

\*PEPPERDINE 11, Long Beach State 4  
 \*UCLA 11, Pacific 7  
 \*UC Irvine 9, UC SANTA BARBARA 7

\*MPSF game; HOME TEAM in caps

## 2005 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

*USC's McDonald Swim Center, Nov. 25-27*

The MPSF Championship is determined by an eight-team postseason tournament. MPSF teams are seeded on the basis of their finish in conference round-robin play with only the top-eight teams qualifying.

### Fri., Nov. 25 - MPSF First-Round

10:00am Game 1 #4 **UCLA** vs. #5 **California**  
 11:30am Game 2 #3 **Stanford** vs. #6 **Pepperdine**  
 1:00pm Game 3 #2 **UC Irvine** vs. #7 **Pacific**  
 2:30pm Game 4 #1 **USC** vs. #8 **Long Beach State**

### Sat., Nov. 26 - MPSF Semifinals

10:00am Game 5 Losers Games 1 & 4  
 11:30am Game 6 Losers Games 2 & 3  
 1:00pm Game 7 Winners Games 1 & 4  
 2:30pm Game 8 Winners Games 2 & 3

### Sun., Nov. 27 - MPSF Finals

10:00am Game 9 - 7<sup>th</sup> Place Losers Games 5 & 6  
 11:30am Game 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Place Winners Games 5 & 6  
 1:00pm Game 11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Losers Games 7 & 8  
 3:00pm Game 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners Games 7 & 8

*Championship Game will be broadcast live on CSTV.*

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**2005 MPSF MIKASA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Sept. 6	Brett McCleave, Sr., 2MO	Long Beach State
Sept. 13	Juraj Zatovic, Sr., 2MD	USC
Sept. 20	Juan Delgadillo, Jr., Driver	USC
Sept. 27	Juraj Zatovic, Sr., 2MD	USC
Oct. 4	John Mann, Jr., Utility	California
	Ben Tait, Sr., GK	Pepperdine
Oct. 11	Will Didingler, Jr., GK	UCLA
Oct. 18	Juraj Zatovic, Sr., 2MD	USC
Oct. 25	Nate Bennett, Sr., GK	California
Nov. 1	Thomas Hopkins, Sr., DR	Stanford
Nov. 8	Tim Hutten, Jr., 2M	UC Irvine
	Adam Shilling, So., GK	USC
Nov. 15	Juraj Zatovic, Sr., 2MD	USC
	Tim Hutten, Jr., 2M	UC Irvine
Nov. 21	Sandy Hohener, So., GK	Stanford
	Nate White, Sr., DR	UC Irvine

For Ticket Information Contact:  
*USC Ticket Office at 213.740.GOSC (4672); 9a-5pm M-F*

## 2005 NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

December 3 & 4 at Bucknell University - For championships information, game times and ticket prices link to the following Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Penn.) webpage:  
<http://bucknellbison.collegesports.com/sports/m-wpolo/specrel/071305aaa.html>

## MPSF WATER POLO ON THE WEB

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