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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>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	0	1.000	0-0	3-0	4-0	Won 7
2. California <3>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	1	.875	0-0	2-0	5-1	Won 1
3. Stanford <2>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	6	1	.857	3-0	0-0	3-1	Lost 1
4. UCLA <4>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	2	.777	0-0	3-0	4-2	Won 1
5. Long Beach State <8>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	12	4	.750	0-0	0-0	9-3	Lost 1
6T. Pepperdine <6>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	3	.700	3-1	0-0	5-2	Lost 1
6T. Pacific <11>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	3	.700	0-0	0-0	7-3	Won 3
8. UC Santa Barbara <15>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	5	.583	0-0	0-0	7-5	Won 2
9. UC Irvine <7>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	5	5	.500	0-1	0-1	2-2	Lost 1

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

### USC TAKES TOP RANKING AFTER SOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP

No 1. USC took over the top ranking last week with four victories and the Southern California Invitational Tournament Championship. The Trojans continued their undefeated start with two victories at the Lancer Invitational, including a 14-0 shutout of Occidental and the 11-5 win over Cal Baptist. USC improves its record to 7-0. **Juraj Zatovic** led USC over the weekend with 6 goals. This weekend USC will play at Pepperdine... STANFORD moved up to the No. 2 ranking last week off its momentum from the SoCal Tournament. The Cardinal used this past week off to rest up for their upcoming matches versus Pacific on Thursday, and at California on Saturday. Currently **Thomas Hopkins** leads the MPSF in scoring with 2.86 goals per game... No. 3 CALIFORNIA was idle last week and looks forward to the matchup against Stanford this weekend. Cal will also host a doubleheader on Sunday against UC Santa Cruz in the morning and Santa Clara that afternoon. The Golden Bears have used the stellar goalkeeping of **Nate Bennett** (4.47 goals against average), to help start the season off with a 7-1 record... UCLA fell three spots in the rankings last week, but rebounded with a 7-5 victory at Pepperdine after a disappointing SoCal Invitational. UCLA has two tough matches this week, starting on the road at No. 10 Loyola Marymount, then squares off against UC Irvine at the Rose Bowl. The Bruins lead the MPSF in scoring, averaging 13.56 goals per game... PEPPERDINE split its two matches over the weekend, first with a 7-5 win against UC Irvine on Saturday. Yet, The Waves were unable to hold off UCLA the following day as they were handed down a 7-5 defeat. Pepperdine will host USC and Whittier on Saturday, as they look to knock off the No. 1 Trojans. **Grant Miller** had two goals last weekend against UCLA and three against UC Irvine to lead Pepperdine... No. 7 UC IRVINE fell to Pepperdine 7-5 last Saturday, dropping their record to 5-5 on the season. UC I will try to bounce back from its slow start this week against UCLA. Anteater senior, **Dreaseon Barry**, leads UC Irvine in scoring this season, averaging 2.3 goals per game... LONG BEACH STATE took three out of four matches at the UC Santa Cruz Slugfest. 49er wins included an 11-3 victory over Air Force, 14-9 over UC Davis, and 13-6 over Pomona Pitzer. The 49ers travel down south to UC San Diego this week for a rematch after their loss at the Slugfest. **Brett McCleave** has an MPSF leading 40 goals this season... No. 11 PACIFIC looks toward a busy day on the Thursday, with a 3:30 match at Santa Clara and a 7pm start at Stanford. The Tigers have successful due in part to the strong play of goalkeeper **Marko Popovic**, averaging 9.6 saves per game... UC SANTA BARBARA was off last week, and only has an exhibition match this weekend against its alumni to look forward to. The outstanding play of Sophomores **Robbie Bauer** and **Coulson Lantz**, have provided The Gauchos with 37 goals between the two.

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### MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. - USC's senior two-meter **Juraj Zatovic**, earned his second MPSF Player of the Week honor in three weeks by scoring five goals against Occidental on September 24, to jump to the No. 3 spot on USC's all-time career scoring list. His scoring effort and solid defense also helped the Trojans post their first shutout victory (14-0) since 1988. Zatovic scored one more goal in USC's next game vs. Cal Baptist at the Lancer Invitational to bump his weekend total to six goals and help keep USC undefeated on the season.

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## WATER POLO COACHES ASSN. TOP 20

September 21, 2005

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	USC	3	100
2	STANFORD	4	94
3	CALIFORNIA	2	91
4	UCLA	1	85
5	UC SAN DIEGO	7	80
6	PEPPERDINE	5	75
7	UC IRVINE	8	70
8	LONG BEACH STATE	6	64
9	Princeton	10	57
10	Loyola Marymount	9	54
11	PACIFIC	12	53
12	Navy	11	47
13	UC Davis	13	37
14	St. Francis College	14	37
15	UC SANTA BARBARA	16	28
16	Redlands	15	27
17	BYU-Hawaii	17	16
18	Air Force	18	11
19	John Hopkins	NR	9
20	UC Santa Cruz	19	4

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sat., Sept. 24

PEPPERDINE 7, UC Irvine 5  
 Long Beach State 11, Air Force 3  
 Long Beach State 14, UC Davis 9  
 USC 14, Occidental 0 (Lancer Invite)  
 USC 11, Cal Baptist 5 (Lancer Invite)

### Sun., Sept. 25

UCLA 7, PEPPERDINE 5  
 Long Beach State 13, Pomona Pitzer 6  
 UC San Diego 12, Long Beach State 10

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Thurs., Sept. 29

Pacific at SANTA CLARA 3:30pm  
 Pacific at STANFORD 7pm  
 UCLA at LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 3pm

### Sat., Oct. 1

Stanford at CALIFORNIA 1pm  
 Long Beach State at UC SAN DIEGO noon  
 USC at PEPPERDINE noon  
 Whittier at PEPPERDINE 3pm  
 UC Irvine at UCLA (Rose Bowl) 3:30pm  
 UC Santa Barbara vs. Alumni noon

### Sun., Oct. 2

UC Santa Cruz at CALIFORNIA 10pm  
 Santa Clara at CALIFORNIA 1pm

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### 2005 MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Sept. 6	Brett McCleave	LONG BEACH STATE
Sept. 13	Juraj Zatovic	USC
Sept. 20	Juan Delgadillo	USC
Sept. 27	<b>Juraj Zatovic</b>	<b>USC</b>

## 2005 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

Nov. 25 - 27 at USC

The MPSF Championship will be determined by an eight-team postseason tournament at the USC McDonald's Swim Stadium. MPSF teams will be seeded on the basis of their finish in conference round-robin play.

## 2005 NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

December 3 & 4 at Bucknell University - Game times and ticket prices TBA.

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