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The MPSF... Celebrating 15 Years of NCAA Championship Competition

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2006 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL							
	W	L	T	PTS	HOME	AWAY	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. New Mexico (#12) !	8	1	1	25	5-0-0	3-1-1	13	3	3	.763	9-1-1	3-2-2	1-0-0	Won 3
2. Denver	7	2	1	22	4-0-1	3-2-0	11	5	2	.667	5-1-1	3-3-1	3-1-0	Lost 2
3. Sacramento State	4	4	2	14	2-2-1	2-2-1	7	10	2	.421	4-3-1	2-5-1	1-2-0	Won 2
4. San Jose State	4	6	0	12	2-3-0	2-3-0	7	10	1	.417	4-6-0	3-4-1	0-0-0	Lost 2
4. Air Force	4	6	0	12	3-2-0	1-4-0	5	12	1	.306	3-4-1	2-6-0	0-2-0	Won 1
6. UNLV	1	9	0	3	1-4-0	0-5-0	1	15	2	.111	1-7-2	0-8-0	0-0-0	Lost 1

! MPSF Champion determined by a double-round robin conference schedule. The top finishing team from the conference season is the MPSF champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier.

NEW MEXICO WINS THIRD STRAIGHT MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

No. 12 NEW MEXICO shutout Air Force 1-0 Friday and Denver 3-0 Sunday in Albuquerque to earn its third consecutive and an unprecedented fifth MPSF title. The Lobos (13-3-3 overall/8-1-1 MPSF) have won five of the last six MPSF championships, and earn another NCAA Tournament automatic bid. UNM will visit San Francisco in opening round action Friday (Nov. 10) at 7pm (PST). No. 13 national seed California awaits the winner on November 15, to be played in Berkeley, CA. Against the Pioneers, UNM sophomore **Chris Wright** converted both of his shot attempts into goals while also dishing out an assist. Wright scored in the fourth and 75th minutes and assisted on freshman **Stephen Brown's** 69th minute tally. UNM Junior goalkeeper **Mike Graczyk** posted his ninth and 10th shutouts of the year....

DENVER dropped its final two regular season games over the weekend, 2-0 at UNLV and 3-0 at New Mexico. Denver finishes the regular season in second place at 11-5-2 overall, 7-2-1 in MPSF action. Senior **Ben Mendoza** led the 2006 Pioneers with 12 points on five goals and two assists. Junior goalkeeper **Matt Bredehoff** posted seven shutouts with a 0.98 GAA....

SACRAMENTO STATE ended its season with a 3-0 win at San Jose State Friday, along with a four game unbeaten streak. Freshman goalkeeper **Ryan Kenny** earned the shutout and collected six saves, while seniors **Oscar Sandoval** and **Ryan Rhoads** each scored in their final game as a Hornet. Sac State finishes the year with a 7-10-2 record, 4-4-2 in MPSF action, good for third place. Freshman **Zlatan Kuckovic** leads the MPSF with 18 points.

SAN JOSE STATE was blanked in its season finale Friday 3-0 at home to Sacramento State. The Spartans conclude their season with a 7-10-1 record, 4-6 in MPSF play, tying for fourth with Air Force. Sophomore **Hiroki Akiyama** and freshman **Colby Moore** led SJSU with eight points each this year....

AIR FORCE fell 1-0 at New Mexico Friday, but came back to win its last game of the season, 2-1 in overtime at UNLV Sunday. Less than two minutes into the extra frame against the Rebels, freshman **Josh Rhynard** knocked in the game-winner to give the Falcons a final 2006 record of 5-12-1 and 4-6 in the MPSF, tying for fourth. A fitting ending for Air Force, Rhynard was the team scoring leader this year with 11 points on five goals and one assist....

UNLV played spoiler this past weekend with a 2-0 win over then first-place Denver, winning its only game of the year (1-15-2 overall/1-9 MPSF) in the process. Freshman goalkeeper **Calvin Bailey** notched his first career shutout, while freshman **Peter Rodriguez** headed in the eventual game-winner in the 77th minute. Freshman **Marcos Balladares** assisted on the play, then sealed the game with an 85th minute strike of his own. The Rebels dropped their finale in overtime to Air Force, 2-1. Sophomore **Lamar Neagle** was atop UNLV with 11 points on the year with four goals and three assists....

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WRIGHT, BALLADARES SHARE MPSF BRINE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. -New Mexico sophomore midfielder **Chris Wright** and UNLV freshman forward **Marcos Balladares** have been named Co-MPSF Brine Players of the week for November 6. Wright played a role in all three Lobo goals Sunday against Denver, in which an MPSF Championship was clinched. He scored in the fourth and 75th minutes while also assisting on a 69th minute goal. Balladares posted one goal and two assists over the weekend, most notably an assist and a goal in the final 13 minutes of action Friday against then first-place Denver in a 2-0 upset....

RECENT RESULTS

(Home team in CAPS)
(* MPSF Game)

Fri, Nov. 3

* Sacramento State 3, SAN JOSE STATE 0

* NEW MEXICO 1, Air Force 0

* UNLV 2, Denver 0

Sun, Nov. 5

* Air Force 2, UNLV 1 (OT)

* NEW MEXICO 3, Denver 0

48th NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND:

November 10, 2006

NEW MEXICO AT SAN FRANCISCO 7PM (PST)

SECOND ROUND:

November 15, 2006

NEW MEXICO/SAN FRANCISCO WINNER

At No. 13 Seed CALIFORNIA

THIRD ROUND: To be determined on campus sites on

November 18 or 19, 2006

QUARTERFINALS: To be determined on campus sites

November 24, 25, 26, 2006

2006 NCAA COLLEGE CUP:

Robert Hermann Stadium, St. Louis, MO

Host institution: St. Louis University

December 1 & 3, 2006



NSCAA/ADIDAS TOP 25

October 31, 2006 - <http://www.ncaa.com/>

Rank	Team	Record	LW
1	Wake Forest	15-2-1	3
2	SMU	15-1-3	1
3	Virginia	13-3-0	2
4	West Virginia	15-1-2	4
5	Maryland	14-3-1	7
6	Clemson	12-3-2	10
7	Santa Clara	11-3-4	11
8	St. Louis	12-3-2	9
9	Duke	13-3-1	5
10	Indiana	12-4-2	20
11	California	12-4-1	6
12	Notre Dame	13-5-2	8
13	Kentucky	12-4-2	14
14	Lehigh	15-1-1	13
15	Towson	14-1-2	17
16	Monmouth	12-3-3	15
17	Harvard	12-4-0	19
18	UC Irvine	12-3-3	NR
19	North Carolina	11-5-2	NR
20	South Carolina	11-4-1	12
21	Creighton	11-4-3	23
22	San Diego State	9-5-3	NR
23	Old Dominion	12-4-1	24
23	Illinois-Chicago	12-2-4	NR
25	Colgate	8-3-5	24

SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25

November 6, 2006 - <http://www.socceramerica.com/>

Rank	Team	Record	LW
1	Duke	16-3-1	4
2	SMU	17-1-4	3
3	Wake Forest	15-3-3	1
4	Indiana	14-4-2	7
5	West Virginia	15-2-3	2
6	Virginia	14-3-1	5
7	Maryland	15-4-1	6
8	Santa Clara	12-4-4	8
9	Clemson	12-4-2	9
10	North Carolina	11-5-3	10
11	California	12-5-1	11
12	New Mexico	13-3-3	15
13	St. John's	13-5-2	25
14	UCLA	10-5-4	16
15	Creighton	13-4-3	18
16	Harvard	13-4-0	22
17	UC Santa Barbara	12-7-0	NR
18	Hofstra	11-5-3	NR
19	Rhode Island	12-5-4	NR
20	St. Louis	13-4-2	12
21	Notre Dame	13-5-2	13
22	Towson	14-1-3	14
23	Lehigh	15-1-2	17
24	Kentucky	14-5-2	20
25	UC Irvine	13-4-3	NR

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2006 BRINE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<i>Week</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>
Nov. 6	Chris Wright, So, Midfield	NEW MEXICO
Nov. 6	Marcos Balladares, Fr, Forward	UNLV
Oct. 30	Ryan Rhoads, Sr, Forward	Sacramento State
Oct. 23	Andy Nigro, Jr, Midfield	Air Force
Oct. 16	Josh Fallin, Jr, Defender	Denver
Oct. 9	Andrew Boyens, Sr, Defender	New Mexico
Oct. 2	Joey Mathot, So, Midfield	Denver
Sept. 25	Chris Mathews, Jr, Midfield	Air Force
Sept. 18	Simon Ejdemyr, Fr, Defender	New Mexico
Sept. 11	Eliot Ricks-Chambers, Sr, Forward	Sacramento State
Sept. 4	Jack Jones, So., Midfield	Sacramento State
Aug. 28	Mike Graczyk, Jr., Goalkeeper	New Mexico

'06 PRESEASON MPSF COACHES' POLL

<i>Rank/School</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>'05 Record (MPSF)</i>
1. New Mexico	25 (5 1 st place votes)	18-2-3 (7-1-2)
T2. Sacramento State	19 (1)	9-7-2 (4-5-1)
T2. San Jose State	19	11-5-3 (7-2-1)
4. Denver	10	7-10-1 (3-7-0)
5. Air Force	9	8-9-2 (6-3-1)
6. UNLV	8	2-16-1 (0-9-1)

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