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2006 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

UC Irvine, Anteater Aquatics Complex, Nov. 24-26

The MPSF Champion is determined by an eight-team postseason tournament where the winner also automatically qualifies to participate in the NCAA Men's Water Polo Championship at Loyola Marymount University, December 2 & 3. MPSF teams are seeded on the basis of their finish in conference round-robin play with only the top-eight teams qualifying.

Fri, Nov. 24 - MPSF First-Round – **Day 1 Results**

10:00am	Game 1	#1 USC 13, #8 UC Irvine 2
11:30am	Game 2	#2 California 17, #7 Long Beach State 6
1:00pm	Game 3	#3 UCLA 17, #6 Pacific 1
2:30pm	Game 4	#4 Stanford 12, #5 UC Santa Barbara 9

Sat, Nov. 25 - MPSF Semifinals – **Day 2 Results**

10:00am	Game 5	UC Santa Barbara 13, UC Irvine 11
11:30am	Game 6	Pacific 11, Long Beach State 10
1:00pm	Game 7	USC 5, Stanford 3
2:30pm	Game 8	California 8, UCLA 5

Sun, Nov. 26 - MPSF Finals – **Day 3 Results**

10:00am	Game 9	7 th Place: Long Beach State 12, UC Irvine 11
11:30am	Game 10	5 th Place: UC Santa Barbara 15, Pacific 12
1:00pm	Game 11	3 rd Place: UCLA 9, Stanford 8 (2OT)
3:00pm	Game 12	1 st Place: <u>California</u> 6, USC 5

For more detailed results, visit UC IRVINE's 2006 MPSF Men's Water Polo Championship home page at:
<http://www.mwater.uci.edu/2006mpsfchampionship.html>

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Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship Tournament
Friday-Sunday, November 24-26, 2006
Anteater Pool – Irvine, California

Friday Results (Nov. 24)

- #1 USC 13, #8 UC Irvine 2
- #2 California 17, #7 Long Beach State 6
- #3 UCLA 17, #6 Pacific 1
- #4 Stanford 8, #5 UC Santa Barbara 9

Saturday Results (Nov. 25)

- UC Santa Barbara 13, UC Irvine 11 (Consolation Semifinal)
- Pacific 11, Long Beach State 10 (Consolation Semifinal)
- USC 5, Stanford 3 (Championship Semifinal)
- California 8, UCLA 5 (Championship Semifinal)

Sunday Results (Nov. 26)

- 7th Place Game: Long Beach State 12, UC Irvine 11
- 5th Place Game: UC Santa Barbara 15, Pacific 12
- 3rd Place Game: UCLA 9, Stanford 8 (2OT)
- Championship: **California** 6, USC 5

IRVINE, Calif. --- Fourth-quarter goals by Spencer Warden and Jeff Tyrrell lifted second-seeded California to a 6-5 win over top-seeded USC for the championship of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament at Anteater Pool Sunday. The Golden Bears receive the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Championship at Loyola Marymount next weekend (Dec. 2-3). Sunday's victory by Cal also snapped USC's 44-game winning streak.

The Trojans (25-1) took a 5-4 lead on a goal by Arjan Ligtenberg with 5:54 left in the fourth quarter before Warden converted a power-play goal with 4:00 remaining and Tyrrell hit the game-winner on a penalty shot with 1:12 left.

The Bears overcame a 4-2 halftime deficit on third-period goals by Michael Sharf and Brian Bacharach.

Warden led Cal (29-4) with two goals while goalie Mark Sheredy had nine saves. Gabor Sarusi led USC with a pair of goals and Adam Shilling had 10 stops in goal.

Scott Davidson scored a power-play goal with 1:22 left in the second three-minute overtime period as third-seeded UCLA (17-6) topped No. 4 Stanford, 9-8, in the third-place game. Stanford's Drac Wigo had given the Cardinal an 8-7 lead on an extra-man goal with 3:19 left in the fourth quarter but UCLA's Logan Powell scored the equalizer on a power play with 2:29 remaining in regulation. Powell and Michael March led UCLA with two goals each and goalie Will Didinger had 10 saves. Janson Wigo, William Hindle-Katel and Michael Bury scored two goals apiece for Stanford (17-9). Cardinal goalie Sandy Hohener had 13 saves.

Eleven different UC Santa Barbara players scored as the fifth-seeded Gauchos topped No. 6 seed Pacific, 15-12, in the fifth-place game. Travis Watts, Coulson Lantz, Miles Price and Tamas Donauer scored two goals each for UCSB (21-14). The Gauchos built a 10-6 halftime

lead and maintained at least a three-goal lead throughout the second half. Clint McLaughlin scored three goals and Will Milcovich two for Pacific (16-17). UCSB goalie Rick Wright had 11 saves while the Tigers' Brian Domecus also recorded 11 stops.

Clint Wilson scored his fifth goal of the game on a power play with 20 seconds left in regulation to lift seventh-seeded Long Beach State over No. 8 UC Irvine, 12-11, in the seventh-place game. The teams were tied at 8-8 after three periods when UCI (10-21) took a 10-8 lead in the fourth quarter on back-to-back goals by Jesse Hatch (7:39) and Jamie Frank (6:58). The 49ers (11-17) then answered with three consecutive goals by Mike Del Grande (3:40), Kevin Bradley (3:05) and Wilson (1:30) to take an 11-10 lead. Cole Bielskis notched his fourth goal of game for UCI with 1:04 remaining to knot the game at 11-11, setting up Wilson's game-winning goal.

Game #9 (7th Place)

UC Irvine 2 – 3 – 3 – 3 --- 11

Long Beach State 3 – 2 – 3 – 4 --- 12

UCI: Bielskis 4, Merlo 2, Hatch 2, Frank, Baxter, Newland.

LBSU: Wilson 5, Gerardi 2, Greenwood, Korsgaden, T. Benson, Bradley, Del Grande.

Saves: Garcia (UCI) 5; MacKenzie (LBSU) 10.

Game #10 (5th Place)

Pacific 4 – 2 – 4 – 2 --- 12

UC Santa Barbara 5 – 5 – 4 – 1 --- 15

UOP: McLaughlin 3, Milcovich 2, Kaurlo, Hollis, Bakic, Skora, Mitchell, Turnbull, Garcia.

UCSB: Watts 2, Lantz 2, Price 2, Donauer 2, Partelow, Olds, Castillo, Sinclair, Dale, Vincze, Knudtsen.

Saves: Domecus (UOP) 11; Wright (UCSB) 11, Robinson (UCSB) 4.

Game #11 (3rd Place)

Stanford 3 – 2 – 2 – 1 – 0 – 0 --- 8

UCLA 3 – 0 – 3 – 2 – 0 – 1 --- 9

Stan: J. Wigo 2, Hindle-Katel 2, Bury 2, D. Wigo, Jacobson.

UCLA: Powell 2, March 2, Zider, Krikorian, Santos, Sbutega, Davidson.

Saves: Hohener (S) 13; Didinger (UCLA) 10.

Game #12 (Championship)

California 2 – 0 – 2 – 2 --- 6

USC 2 – 2 – 0 – 1 --- 5

Cal: Warden 2, Mann, Bacharach, Sharf, Tyrrell.

USC: Sarusi 2, Valovic, Corcoran, Ligtenberg.

Saves: Sheredy (Cal) 9; Shilling (USC) 10.