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## 2006 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	23	0	1.000	13-0	6-0	4-0	Won 23
2. California <2>	6	2	.750	3-1	3-1	26	4	.867	8-1	8-2	10-1	Lost 1
3. UCLA <3>	6	2	.750	3-0	3-2	15	5	.750	4-0	6-3	5-2	Won 5
4. Stanford <4>	5	3	.625	2-2	3-1	16	7	.682	6-4	6-2	4-1	Won 2
5. UC Santa Barbara <6>	3	5	.375	1-3	2-2	19	13	.594	4-4	5-4	10-5	Lost 1
6. Pacific <7>	2	6	.250	0-4	2-2	15	15	.500	3-4	3-6	9-5	Lost 1
7. Long Beach State <10>	2	6	.250	2-3	0-3	10	15	.400	6-5	1-4	3-6	Won 1
8. UC Irvine <11>	2	6	.250	0-4	2-2	10	18	.357	3-5	2-7	5-6	Lost 2
9. Pepperdine <9>	2	6	.250	0-4	2-2	13	17	.433	4-5	3-6	6-6	Won 1

Final Standings=Champ. Seeding, Pepperdine Eliminated; MPSF Champion determined at MPSF Championship Tournament Nov. 24- Nov. 26 at UCI. <> Denotes National Ranking.

### MPSF HEADS TO UC IRVINE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

USC turned in a huge fourth quarter against California Saturday in the battle for the MPSF top seed, which resulted in a 10-9 comeback win. Down 8-5 after three periods, USC used a 5-1 stretch in the final seven minutes of the game to seal its 42<sup>nd</sup> straight win. Sophomore **Jovan Vranes** knocked in four goals on the day. The top-seeded Trojans play the eight seed UC Irvine Friday at 10am, winning the MPSF game 16-6 on Oct. 28....

CALIFORNIA received a three-goal effort from a trio of players but fell short at top-ranked USC Saturday, 10-9. Junior **Mark Sheredy**, meanwhile, registered 13 saves. The Bears, seeded No. 2, play at 11:30am Friday against No. 7 Long Beach State. Cal won the only prior meeting in '06, 14-5....

UCLA wrapped up a No. 3 seed at the MPSF Tournament with a pair of home wins, 17-4 over Long Beach State and 8-5 over UC Irvine. Senior **Michael March** netted a season-best three goals against the 49ers and added two more vs. UCI. The Bruins take on No. 6 seed Pacific Friday at 1pm, winning the MPSF game in Stockton, 11-6.

STANFORD topped Pacific 10-5 Saturday as senior **Tyler Drake** posted a hat trick. The Cardinal, seeded fourth, take on No. 5 UCSB Friday at 2:30pm. In one of the most thrilling contests of the year, the regular season meeting was won by Stanford in overtime, 11-10, at the Gaucho pool....

UC SANTA BARBARA was upended 11-9 by Pepperdine at home Sunday. Several Gauchos scored twice while junior **Rick Wright** collected seven saves in the cage. UCSB is seeded fifth at the MPSF Tournament and meets No. 4 Stanford in the first round Friday at 2:30pm....

PACIFIC dropped a 10-5 decision at Stanford on Saturday to finish the regular campaign. Junior **Duje Kaurlo** scored twice and leads the Tigers with 69 goals (2.30gpg). Pacific is the No. 6 seed this week, and will face No. 3 UCLA Friday at 1pm in first round action....

LONG BEACH STATE was defeated 17-4 at UCLA Friday, but came back to win its last regular season game, 7-5 over UC Irvine Saturday. Junior goalkeeper **Steve MacKenzie** registered 23 saves on the weekend, including a career-high 16 vs. the Anteaters. The 49ers are the No. 7 seed this week and compete against No. 2 California Friday at 11:30am....

UC IRVINE came up short over the weekend, 7-5 at Long Beach State and 8-5 at UCLA. Junior **Matt Garcia** recorded 12 saves in both games, while junior **Colin Mello** totaled five goals. The host Anteaters are the No. 8 seed and are in action beginning Friday at 10am with No. 1 seed USC....

PEPPERDINE outlasted UC Santa Barbara in its season finale, 11-9. The Waves finish 2006 with a 13-17 overall mark, 2-6 in MPSF, and were led by freshman **JP MacDonnell's** 60 goals (2.00gpg) with three in the final game....

### MARCH AND VRANES SHARE MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. – UCLA senior **Michael March** and USC sophomore **Jovan Vranes** have been named MPSF Mikasa Co-players of the week for November 20. March played an important role in two home wins and solidifying a Bruin No. 3 seed at the MPSF Tournament. He tallied a season-high three goals in a win over Long Beach State and then added two more against UC Irvine, meaning he has now tallied in seven of his last eight games. Vranes, meanwhile, recorded a career and game-high four goals in a 10-9 USC come-from-behind win over California to earn a No. 1 MPSF seed. He netted a hat-trick in the first quarter while adding one late in the game. Vranes' 1.30 goals per game average ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in the MPSF (30 goals/23 games)....

## WATER POLO COACHES ASSN. TOP 20

November 15, 2006				
Rank	Team	Last Week	Points	
1	USC	1	100	
2	CALIFORNIA	2	95	
3	UCLA	3	90	
4	STANFORD	4	82	
5	UC San Diego	5	81	
6	UC SANTA BARBARA	6	77	
7	PACIFIC	8	64	
8	Loyola Marymount	7	59	
9	PEPPERDINE	9	58	
10	LONG BEACH STATE	12	55	
11	UC IRVINE	11	54	
12	Navy	13	46	
13	UC Davis	14	43	
14	St. Francis (NY)	10	38	
15	Princeton	15	31	
16	Air Force	16	25	
17	Santa Clara	17	21	
18	Bucknell	18	16	
19	Redlands	19	8	
20	Cal Baptist	20	4	

## RECENT RESULTS

(Home Team in CAPS)

(\* MPSF Game)

**Fri, Nov. 17**

\* UCLA 17, Long Beach State 4

**Sat., Nov. 18**

\* STANFORD 10, Pacific 5

\* LONG BEACH STATE 7, UC Irvine 5

\* USC 10, California 9

**Sun., Nov. 19**

\* UCLA 8, UC Irvine 5

\* Pepperdine 11, UC SANTA BARBARA 9

## MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AT UC IRVINE

### MPSF FIRST ROUND- FRI, NOV. 24

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

### MPSF SEMI-FINALS-SAT, NOV. 25

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

### MPSF FINALS-SUN, NOV. 26

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

## MIKASA SPORTS

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### 2006 MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Nov. 20	Jovan Vranes	USC
Nov. 20	Michael March	UCLA
Nov. 13	Logan Powell	UCLA
Nov. 13	Colin Mello	UC IRVINE
Nov. 6	Colin Mello	UC IRVINE
Oct. 30	John Mann	CALIFORNIA
Oct. 23	Duje Kaurlogo	PACIFIC
Oct. 23	Jeff Tyrrell	CALIFORNIA
Oct. 16	Adam Shilling	USC
Oct. 9	J.J. Garton	STANFORD
Oct. 2	Jeff Greenwood	LONG BEACH STATE
Sept. 25	Dragan Bakic	PACIFIC
Sept. 18	Juan Delgadillo	USC
Sept. 11	Ross Sinclair	UC SANTA BARBARA
Sept. 5	Brian Kinsel	CALIFORNIA

## MPSF WATER POLO ON THE WEB

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## 2006 NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2 and 3

Host: Loyola Marymount University

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