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2007 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. Pepperdine <1> #	21	1	.955	10-1	11-0	26	2	.929	15-2	11-0	0-0	Lost 1
2. BYU <3> # %	18	4	.818	9-1	9-3	23	6	.793	12-1	9-4	2-1	Lost 1
3. UC Irvine <2> # %	17	5	.773	9-2	8-3	27	5	.844	13-2	10-3	4-0	Won 5
4. UC Santa Barbara <4> # %	14	8	.636	7-4	7-4	20	12	.625	11-6	9-6	0-0	Lost 1
5. UCLA <5> #	13	9	.591	9-2	4-7	19	11	.633	13-2	5-8	1-1	Lost 1
6. Hawaii <10> # &	11	11	.500	7-5	4-6	13	14	.481	9-7	4-7	0-0	Lost 1
6. CS Northridge <8> #	11	11	.500	7-4	4-7	18	15	.545	12-4	4-10	2-1	Lost 1
8. USC <12> #	9	13	.409	3-8	6-5	12	16	.429	5-8	6-7	1-1	Lost 3
9. Pacific <15>	8	14	.364	4-7	4-7	14	17	.452	8-7	4-8	2-2	Lost 7
10. Long Beach State <14>	6	16	.273	3-8	3-8	11	17	.393	6-8	3-8	2-1	Lost 8
11. Stanford	2	20	.091	1-10	1-10	3	25	.107	2-12	1-10	0-3	Lost 6
11. UC San Diego	2	20	.091	1-10	1-10	5	23	.179	3-11	1-12	1-0	Lost 13

*MPSF Champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship, as determined by the eight-team MPSF Tournament...
Semifinal and final matches April 26 & 28, at regular season champion, Pepperdine ...
< > National Ranking... # MPSF Tournament Appearance...% Quarterfinal Home Court-Apr. 21...& Won Tiebreaker for No. 6 Seed...*

UC IRVINE WINS FIRST MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

UC Irvine took home its first-ever MPSF Championship with another stunning five set comeback (27-30, 24-30, 30-28, 30-28, 16-14) at top-ranked and No. 1 seed Pepperdine, snapping the Waves' 23-match win streak. The Anteaters won all three of their tournament matches in five sets and came from behind each time, which also included being down 2-1 to BYU in the semi-finals and 2-0 to Hawaii in the quarterfinals. UCI clinched the automatic bid in this week's NCAA Championship. Senior **Matt Webber** pounded a match-high 25 kills in the finals, combining for 46 in the two matches in Malibu at a .361 attack. **Taylor Wilson** tallied 21 kills and **Jayson Jablonsky** collected 20. **David Smith** hit .923 (12-0-13) on the night with seven blocks. UC Irvine (27-5) is the No. 2 seed at the Final Four, making its second consecutive and overall appearance. No. 3 seed Penn State, champions of the EIVA, is the semi-final opponent Thursday (May 3) at 4pm (PDT) in Columbus, Ohio. UCI won 3-1 at home over the Nittany Lions on Mar. 14, though will attempt to avenge last year's five set NCAA semi-final loss at State College. Pepperdine was the No. 1 seed and hosted the MPSF Championships this past week, and defeated No. 4 seed UC Santa Barbara in four sets in the semi-finals, before coming up short of No. 3 seed UC Irvine in five sets in the finals. **Paul Carroll** recorded 22 kills (.381) against the Gauchos. **J.D. Schleppebach** had a well-balanced evening with 18 kills (.400), 10 digs, and seven blocks while **Greg Gaudino** added 13 kills and six blocks in the semi-finals. Gaudino had 15 kills (.619) and seven blocks in the championship, while Carroll had a team-high 18 kills with three blocks. The Waves (26-2) had previously won 23 straight matches, and were selected as the at-large team to compete in this week's NCAA Final Four at Ohio State University, site of their first of five national titles in 1978. In its 14th NCAA appearance, they are the top seed and will take on No. 4 seed Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne Thursday (May 3) at 2pm (PDT). The Waves have won both prior meetings, but have never faced the Mastadons in the NCAA Championship. IPFW, champions of the MIVA, upset host Ohio State in the conference finals, 3-0....

BYU was defeated in the MPSF Semifinals by No. 3 seed UC Irvine in five sets. The No. 2 seeded Cougars had three players in double-figure kills, including **Yosleyder Cala** with 14, and **Ivan Perez** and **Robby Stowell** with 12 each. In addition to three aces, Perez added 13 digs in a double-double evening. In a season that featured win streaks of nine, six, and eight matches, BYU (23-6 overall) finished second in the MPSF.

UC Santa Barbara had its season come to an end in four games against top-ranked and No. 1 seed Pepperdine in MPSF Semifinal action this past Thursday in Malibu. **Evan Patak** tallied 26 kills (6.50 KPG) and finished his career with 2,112, just two shy of the all-time UCSB record. He also finished as the all-time ace leader in Gaucho history. UCSB (20-12 overall) had 14 MPSF wins in '07 which were the most since 1996....

UC IRVINE'S WEBBER NAMED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. –UC Irvine senior opposite **Matt Webber** (Brentwood, CA) led his team to an MPSF Championship with a pair of five set upset wins over No. 2 seed BYU and top seed and host Pepperdine. Against the Cougars, he knocked down a then season-high 21 kills, along with three aces and a career-high three block solos (including two in game five, and one to end the match). In the championship over the Waves, Webber broke his season mark from two nights earlier by slamming a match-high 25 kills at .364, in addition to an ace and four blocks. For the two matches combined, he totaled 46 kills (4.6 KPG) at a .361 hitting clip and averaged 5.50 points per game.....

AVCA TOP-15 POLL
April 30, 2007

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	PEPPERDINE (10)	1	234
2	UC IRVINE (6)	3	230
3	BYU	2	206
4	UC SANTA BARBARA	4	189
5	UCLA	5	169
6	Penn State	7	164
7	IPFW	10	140
8	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	8	121
9	Ohio State	6	115
10	HAWAII	9	109
11	Loyola-Chicago	11	81
12	USC	12	61
13	Ball State	13	45
14	LONG BEACH STATE	14	35
15	PACIFIC	15	19

2007 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP



May 3 & 5 at Ohio State University – For championship info, game times and ticket prices, link to the Buckeye volleyball webpage: <http://ohiostatebuckeyes.cstv.com/sports/m-volley/osu-m-volley-body.html> and www.ncaasports.com.

NCAA FINAL FOUR MATCH-UPS

SEMI-FINALS, THU, May 3-----2 PM & 4 PM PDT (Approx.)
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP, SAT, May 5-----4 PM PDT (Live-ESPN2)
At Ohio State University, St. John Arena
Columbus, Ohio

Semi-Final # 1:

THU, May 3, 2pm PDT, Live-ESPN2

- 4) Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne (22-7/MIVA Automatic)
- 1) Pepperdine (26-2/MPSF At Large)

Semi-Final # 2:

THU, May 3, 4pm PDT, Live-ESPNU

- 3) Penn State (22-7/EIVA Automatic)
- 2) UC Irvine (27-5/MPSF Automatic)

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Link to MPSF Men's Volleyball Tournament Webpage:
<http://pepperdinesports.cstv.com/sports/m-volley/spec-rel/07-mpsfc-championships.html>

Wed, Apr. 18 – Play-in

- # 7 CS NORTHRIDGE d. # 8 USC, 36-34, 30-23, 30-28

Sat, Apr. 21 – Quarterfinals at Campus Sites

- #1 Pepperdine – Bye
- Match 1: # 2 BYU d. # 7 CS Northridge, 30-26, 30-28, 30-26
- Match 2: # 3 UCI d. # 6 Hawaii, 26-30,27-30,30-23,30-22,15-11
- Match 3: # 4 UCSB d. # 5 UCLA, 30-17, 37-35, 27-30, 30-27

Thu, Apr. 26 – Semifinals at No. 1 Seed Pepperdine

- Match 4:#1Pepperdine d. # 4UCSB,30-23,24-30,30-26, 30-20
- Match 5: #3 UCI d. #2 BYU, 30-19, 28-30, 27-30, 30-27, 15-10

Sat, Apr. 28 – MPSF Championship Match at Pepperdine

- Match 6: # 3 UCI d. # 1 PEPPERDINE, 27-30, 24-30, 30-28, 30-28, 16-14

MPSF VOLLEYBALL ON THE WEB

Midweek sports updates are available on the MPSF website at www.mpsports.org.

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2007 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Apr. 30	Matt Webber, Opp	UC Irvine
Apr. 23	Yosleyder Cala, OH	BYU
Apr. 16	Paul Carroll, Opp	Pepperdine
Apr. 9	Evan Patak & Lauri Hakala	UCSB & Hawaii
Apr. 2	Evan Patak & Dio Dante	UCSB & Hawaii
Mar. 26	Trent Sorensen & Juan Figueroa	BYU & USC
Mar. 19	Paul Lotman, OH	Long Beach State
Mar. 12	Yamil Perez, S	BYU
Mar. 5	Robby Stowell, Opp	BYU
Feb. 26	Steve Klosterman, Opp	UCLA
Feb. 19	Aaron Harrell, MB	UC Irvine
Feb. 12	Evan Patak & Pekka Seppanen	UCSB & Pacific
Feb. 5	Paul Carroll, Opp	Pepperdine
Jan. 29	Tom Hulse, MB	Pepperdine
Jan. 22	Jayson Jablonsky, OH	UC Irvine
Jan. 15	Evan Patak, Opp	UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 8	Brian Thornton, S	UC Irvine