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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 <2> # ^	21	1	.955	10-1	11-0	26	3	.897	15-2	11-0	0-1	Lost 2
2. BYU <4> # %	18	4	.818	9-1	9-3	23	6	.793	12-1	9-4	2-1	Lost 1
3. UC Irvine <1> # %	17	5	.773	9-2	8-3	29	5	.853	13-2	10-3	6-0	Won 7
4. UC Santa Barbara <5> # %	14	8	.636	7-4	7-4	20	12	.625	11-6	9-6	0-0	Lost 1
5. UCLA <7> #	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 and NCAA Champion....*

*MPSF Semifinals and championship April 26 & 28, at regular season champion, Pepperdine; NCAA Championship May 3 & 5 at Ohio State ...  
<> National Ranking... #MPSF Tournament Appearance...% Quarterfinal Home Court-Apr. 21...^NCAA Final Four Participant...*

### UC IRVINE TAKES HOME FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP:

UC Irvine defeated Midwest Champion Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne in four sets (30-20, 24-30, 30-23, 30-28) to win its first NCAA men's volleyball title this past Saturday at St. John Arena in Columbus, Ohio. The Anteaters fought off a total of eight elimination sets in postseason play, all in the MPSF Tournament, to eventually win the national championship as an automatic qualifier and No. 2 seed at the Final Four. The Anteaters set the stage early with a .724 hitting attack (22K-1E-29TA) in comfortably winning game one. A .333 clip as well as a strong block in game two propelled IPFW to tie the match, but then UCI again took charge. Tied 3-3 in game three, the Anteaters rolled off six straight points and led throughout for a seven-point win. Game four was the closest, trading point for point much of the way. UCI finally opened a 21-18 lead with three straight points, in which the Mastadons would soon recover from in a 27-27 tie. A couple of ensuing kills and a service error sealed the UC Irvine title. The win also gave UCI 29 for the season, the most in program history and in the country this year. NCAA Final Four MVP Matt Webber knocked down a match-high 22 kills at .457. All-Tournament honorees Jayson Jablonsky added 18 kills and two blocks while David Smith had 13 kills (.524) and four blocks. All Tournament setter Brian Thornton dished out 59 assists with six digs and guided the Anteaters to a .369 hitting percentage. Head Coach Jon Speraw has now won a national title as a head coach, assistant coach, and player...

#### NCAA SEMI-FINAL:

Pepperdine was the No. 1 seed at the NCAA Tournament, but was the second straight upset victim of Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne's impressive post-season run. The 4<sup>th</sup>-seeded Mastadons had stunned Ohio State five days earlier in the Midwest Championship in Columbus, 3-2, and would keep it going with a four set comeback win over the top-seeded Waves in an NCAA semi-final last Thursday (27-30, 30-27, 30-27, 30-25). First-team All-MPSF, All-American, and All-NCAA Tourney selection Paul Carroll recorded match-highs 26 kills (.383) and seven blocks. Greg Gaudino ended his collegiate career with 11 kills (.444) and four blocks. J.D. Schleppenbach posted another double-double with 10 kills (.400) and 12 digs and Tom Hulse finished with six blocks. The Waves won 21 league matches this year, an all-time record for any MPSF program....

#### NCAA SEMI-FINAL:

UC Irvine avenged a five-set loss in last year's national semi-finals at Penn State, winning in four over the third-seeded Nittany Lions last Thursday (30-25, 30-22, 26-30, 30-23). Webber recorded a match-high 19 kills along with three blocks and two aces. Jablonsky turned in a 14-kill and two-ace night, while Smith had 11 kills (.625) with five blocks. Taylor Wilson collected 10 kills and four blocks. Led by Thornton's 51 assists, the Anteaters out-hit the Lions .313-.230 to reach their first-ever national championship match. UCI held Penn State to .091 hitting (15-12-33) in game one and .031 (11-10-32) in game four....

### NCAA ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER: Matt Webber (UC Irvine); ALL-TOURNAMENT: Paul Carroll (Pepperdine), C.J. Macias (IPFW), Colin Lundeen (IPFW), Jayson Jablonsky (UC Irvine), David Smith (UC Irvine), Brian Thornton (UC Irvine)....

FINAL AVCA TOP-15 POLL

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Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	UC IRVINE (16)	2	240
2	PEPPERDINE	1	216
3	IPFW	7	208
4	BYU	3	191
5	UC SANTA BARBARA	4	176
6	Penn State	6	155
7	UCLA	5	152
8	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	8	125
9	Ohio State	9	114
10	HAWAII	10	98
11	Loyola-Chicago	11	84
12	USC	12	60
13	Ball State	13	46
14	LONG BEACH STATE	14	31
15	PACIFIC	15	20

2007 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



May 3 & 5 at Ohio State University – For more championship info, link to the Buckeye volleyball webpage:

<http://ohiostatebuckeyes.cstv.com/sports/m-volley/osu-m-volley-body.html> and [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

**NCAA FINAL FOUR RESULTS**

SEMI-FINALS, THU, May 3----  
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP, SAT, May 5----  
At Ohio State University, St. John Arena  
Columbus, Ohio

Semi-Final # 1:

4)	Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (23-7/MIVA Automatic)	3
1)	Pepperdine (26-3/MPSF At Large)	1

Set Scores: 27-30, 30-27, 30-27, 30-25

Semi-Final # 2:

3)	Penn State (22-8/EIVA Automatic)	1
2)	UC Irvine (28-5/MPSF Automatic)	3

Set Scores: 30-25, 30-22, 26-30, 30-23

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP:

4)	Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (23-8)	1
2)	UC Irvine (29-5)	3

Set Scores: 30-20, 24-30, 30-23, 30-28

**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: #1 Pepperdine d. # 4 UCSB, 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

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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