



MPSF NEWS

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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. UC Irvine <1>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	4	0	1.000	0-0	1-0	3-0	Won 4
2. BYU <2>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	Won 2
3. UCLA <3>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	0-0	1-0	1-1	Lost 1
3. UC Santa Barbara <6>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	Won 1
3. Long Beach State <10>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	0-0	0-0	2-1	Won 2
6. CS Northridge <T-8>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	0-0	0-1	1-1	Lost 2
6. Pacific <14>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	0-0	0-0	1-2	Lost 1
6. USC <13>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	0-0	0-1	1-1	Won 1
9. Hawaii <4>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
9. Pepperdine <5>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
9. UC San Diego <NR>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
12. Stanford <NR>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	3	.000	0-0	0-0	0-3	Lost 3

< > Denotes National Ranking; The MPSF Champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship Tournament will be determined by the MPSF Championship Tournament culminating with semifinal matches and the final, April 26 & 28.

See page 2 for the MPSF Championship Tournament schedule.

UC Irvine Wins 43RD ANNUAL UCSB ELEPHANT BAR INVITATIONAL

UC Irvine did not lose a single game in capturing three wins and the championship at the UC Santa Barbara E-Bar Invitational this past weekend. The top-ranked Anteaters swept Stanford, Cal State Northridge, and UCLA. Setter **Brian Thornton** was named MVP, while **Jayson Jablonsky** and **Matt Webber** were named All-Tournament. UCI also won its season opener at Cal Baptist last Wednesday, 3-1. Webber has tallied 60 kills in Irvine's 4-0 start. Fourth-ranked Hawaii visits twice to start MPSF action Friday and Saturday evening (Jan. 12-13)....

UCLA reached the championship match before dropping a 3-0 decision to UC Irvine. The No. 3 Bruins posted wins over Pacific 3-1 and host UCSB 3-0 en route to the finals. **Paul George** and **Steve Klosterman** were named to the All-Tournament Team, following a 10 and 11 kill effort respectively against UCI in the final match. A trip to Provo opens MPSF play, Friday and Saturday at No. 2 BYU....

UC Santa Barbara took third in hosting the 43rd annual E-Bar Invite, with wins over USC 3-0 and Cal State Northridge 3-1, and a loss to UCLA 3-0. **Evan Patak** was named to the All-Tournament Team after recording 50 kills, nine aces, and 62 points in 10 games. The sixth-ranked Gauchos hit a solid .383 in three matches and will take a 2-1 record into Northern California this weekend....

Cal State Northridge won a five game battle over Long Beach State, before falling to UCI 3-0 and UCSB 3-1 in the later rounds. **James Lischer** was an All-Tournament performer for the Matadors after hitting .429 (13K-4E-21TA) with four blocks in the third-place match....

Long Beach State finished fifth with wins over Stanford 3-2 and Pacific 3-0 after a five game setback to Northridge. **Paul Lotman** hit .405 for the tournament (68K-17E-126TA) including a career-high 29 kills in the first round. MPSF play begins at home with UCSD Friday at 7pm....

Pacific placed sixth with a 3-1 win over USC and 3-1 and 3-0 losses to UCLA and Long Beach State respectively. **Andreas Baboulidis** tallied 17 kills in the win over the Trojans. UCSB and CS Northridge visit Stockton this weekend (Jan. 12-13) to begin conference play....

USC edged Stanford 3-2 in the seventh-place match, following a 3-1 loss to Pacific and a 3-0 loss to UCSB. The win over the Cardinal marked the first for new head coach **Bill Ferguson**. The No.13 Trojans take on No. 5 Pepperdine Friday night in Malibu....

Stanford fell to UCI 3-0, Long Beach State 3-2, and USC 3-2 in Santa Barbara. **Evan Romero** and **Matt Ceran** posted 21 kills each vs. USC. The Cardinal host Cal State Northridge Friday (Jan. 12) at 7pm and UC Santa Barbara Saturday (Jan. 13) at 5pm to open MPSF action....

BYU defeated Cal Baptist twice in Provo to open its season, 3-0 Friday and 3-1 Saturday. **Robby Stowell** posted a double-double on the second night with 17 kills and 10 digs and finished the weekend with 28 kills. The Cougars held the Lancers to an .099 attack over the two nights. Second-ranked BYU begins its MPSF slate at home with No. 3 UCLA Friday and Saturday (Jan. 12-13) at 7pm (MST)....

Hawaii visits top-ranked UC Irvine Friday and Saturday (Jan. 12-13) to begin its 2007 season....

Pepperdine opens its season at home this week, Tuesday at 7pm against Cal Baptist, before MPSF play begins Friday at 7pm with USC....

UC San Diego travels to Long Beach State Friday at 7pm in the first MPSF match of the season for both teams....

THORNTON OF UCI NAMED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. – UC Irvine senior setter **Brian Thornton** (San Clemente, CA) was named Most Valuable Player of the 43rd UCSB Elephant Bar Invitational this past weekend in leading the Anteaters to three wins and the team title. He averaged 15.78 assists per game while directing the offense to a .406 weekend hitting percentage (164K-41E-303TA). Thornton also had a career-high 12 digs in a win at Cal Baptist earlier in the week. Top-ranked UCI is 4-0 to begin the season. Also Nominated: **Paul Lotman** (LBSU); **Evan Patak** (UCSB); **Robby Stowell** (BYU)....

AVCA TOP-15 Poll
January 8, 2007

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	UC IRVINE (14)	1	238
2	BYU (2)	2	225
3	UCLA	3	208
4	HAWAII	4	188
5	PEPPERDINE	5	176
6	UC SANTA BARBARA	6	165
7	IPFW	7	139
T8	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	9	120
T8	Penn State	8	120
10	LONG BEACH STATE	10	99
11	Ohio State	11	79
12	Loyola-Chicago	13	47
13	USC	12	46
14	PACIFIC	T-14	45
15	Ball State	T-14	20

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2007 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Jan. 8	Brian Thornton, S	UC Irvine

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.csv.com/sports/m-volley/osu-m-volley-body.html> and to the NCAA volleyball webpage: <http://www.ncaasports.com/volleyball/mens/schedules>



MPSF VOLLEYBALL ON THE WEB

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

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RECENT RESULTS

Wed, Jan. 3

UC Irvine d. CAL BAPTIST, 30-24, 30-23, 27-30, 30-25

Fri, Jan. 5

BYU d. Cal Baptist, 30-26, 30-18, 30-25

UC Irvine d. Stanford, 30-23, 30-21, 30-23

UCLA d. Pacific, 30-27, 28-30, 30-27, 30-24

UCSB d. Usc, 30-24, 30-26, 30-19

Csun d. Long Beach St, 39-37, 27-30, 31-29, 28-30, 15-12

UC Irvine d. CS Northridge, 30-19, 30-24, 30-22

UCLA d. UCSB, 30-22, 36-34, 30-26

Long Beach St. d. Stanford, 30-22, 27-30, 22-30, 30-26, 15-13

Pacific d. Usc, 30-24, 30-27, 26-30, 30-27

Sat, Jan. 6

BYU d. Cal Baptist, 30-24, 30-20, 24-30, 30-21

UC Irvine d. UCLA, 30-22, 30-26, 30-23

UCSB d. CS Northridge, 30-25, 24-30, 30-17, 30-22

Long Beach St. d. Pacific, 30-26, 30-28, 30-25

Usc d. Stanford, 30-28, 23-30, 23-30, 30-28, 15-12

UPCOMING MATCHES

Tue, Jan. 9

Cal Baptist at PEPPERDINE 7pm

Fri, Jan. 12

*CS Northridge at STANFORD 7pm

*Hawaii at UC IRVINE 7pm

*Ucla at BYU 7pm

*UC Santa Barbara at PACIFIC 7pm

*Usc at PEPPERDINE 7pm

*UC San Diego at LONG BEACH STATE 7pm

Sat, Jan. 13

*CS Northridge at PACIFIC 2pm

*UC Santa Barbara at STANFORD 5pm

*Ucla at BYU 7pm

*Hawaii at UC IRVINE 730pm

*MPSF match; # UCSB Invite; Home team in CAPS

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Wed, Apr. 18 – Play-in for #7 seed

- # 8 MPSF regular season finisher at # 7

Sat, Apr. 21 – Quarterfinals at Campus Sites

- #1 - Bye
- Match 1: # 7 (Winner of Play-in) at # 2
- Match 2: # 6 at # 3
- Match 3: # 5 at # 4

Thu, Apr. 26 – Semifinals at Site of No. 1 Seed

- Match 4: Winner of Match 3 at # 1
- Match 5: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2
- (minimum of 30 minutes between matches)

Sat, Apr. 28 – Championship Match at Site of No. 1 Seed

- MPSF Championship: Semifinal winners of Matches 4 & 5