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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 | 25 | 1 | .962 | 14-1 | 11-0 | 0-0 | Won 22 | |
| 2. BYU <2> # % | 18 | 4 | .818 | 9-1 | 9-3 | 23 | 5 | .821 | 12-1 | 9-4 | 2-0 | Won 8 | |
| 3. UC Irvine <3> # % | 17 | 5 | .773 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 25 | 5 | .833 | 13-2 | 9-3 | 3-0 | Won 3 | |
| 4. UC Santa Barbara <4> # % | 14 | 8 | .636 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 20 | 11 | .645 | 11-6 | 9-5 | 0-0 | Won 1 | |
| 5. UCLA <5> # | 13 | 9 | .591 | 9-2 | 4-7 | 19 | 11 | .633 | 13-2 | 5-8 | 1-1 | Lost 1 | |
| 6. Hawaii <9> # & | 11 | 11 | .500 | 7-5 | 4-6 | 13 | 14 | .500 | 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 Tournament determined by the eight-team MPSF Tournament, culminating with semifinal and final matches April 26 & 28, at Pepperdine, Malibu, CA... See Page 2 for MPSF Pairings... **Regular Season Champ & No. 1 Seed, Advances to Semi-Final**
< > National Ranking... # MPSF Tournament Appearance... % Quarterfinal Home Court-Apr. 21... & Won Tiebreaker for No. 6 Seed...

TOP FOUR SEEDS BATTLE IN MALIBU FOR MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

Pepperdine received an MPSF Tournament quarterfinal bye Saturday due to winning the regular season conference title. Malibu will be the site of the MPSF semi-final and championship matches, Thursday and Saturday (Apr. 26 and 28). The top seeded Waves enter the post-season with a 22-match win streak and host No. 4 seed UC Santa Barbara in the first semi-final Thursday at 5:30 pm (PDT). Pepperdine claimed both meetings this season, 3-0 at UCSB on Feb. 3 and 3-1 in Malibu on Apr. 14. The Waves won 21 league matches in 2007, setting an all-time record for most conference wins in a season by any MPSF team, dating back to 1970 when the NCAA sanctioned men's volleyball as a varsity sport. Junior setter **Jonathan Winder** was named MPSF Player of the Year and **Marv Dunphy** was the MPSF Coach of the Year...

BYU swept No. 7 seed Cal State Northridge 3-0 in Saturday's quarterfinal match in Provo, Utah. **Yosleyder Cala** knocked down a match-high 16 kills (.464) with three blocks. **Robby Stowell** added 14 kills (.360). MPSF Newcomer of the Year **Yamil Perez** set the Cougars to a .370 hitting attack and dished out 43 assists in three games. BYU moves on to Thursday's semi-final round against No. 3 seed UC Irvine, 30 minutes after the first semi-final. The Cougars and Anteaters split in Provo this season, BYU in three on Feb. 2 and UCI in five on Feb. 3...

UC Irvine rallied from a 2-0 deficit in sets to win in five over six-seed Hawaii at Crawford Court Saturday. The No. 3 Anteaters had four players in double-figure kills, led by **Jayson Jablonsky's** 23. **David Smith**, who led the MPSF in hitting percentage this year, contributed 16 kills (.464) and four blocks. UCI takes on No. 2 seed BYU in the second semi-final Thursday in Malibu, 30 minutes after the UCSB-Pepperdine match...

UC Santa Barbara took advantage of its first home playoff match since 1996 in defeating No. 5 seed UCLA in four sets. In the second frame, the Gauchos fought off four set points en route to a 37-35 win. UCSB owned a 12.5-4.0 team block and a .333-.253 hitting edge. **Theo Brunner** had 10 kills (.421) and seven blocks. **Evan Patak** had 24 kills and three aces. No. 4 seed UCSB visits top-ranked and No. 1 seed Pepperdine Thursday in MPSF semi-final action at 5:30 pm. UCSB is attempting to reach its first MPSF Championship appearance since 1996...

UCLA had its season come to an end as the No. 5 seed at UCSB. In his final match, 2006 NCAA Final Four MVP **Steve Klosterman** had a match-high 28 kills along with three aces. Senior **Paul George** ended his career with a double-double on 10 kills and 12 digs...

Hawaii nearly pulled off an upset at No. 3 seed UC Irvine, but fell in five sets. In their final match, **Lauri Hakala** tallied a double-double with 25 kills and 10 digs while **Dio Dante** owned 11 blocks. The Warriors previously won 10 straight and jumped to sixth in the final MPSF standings.

Cal State Northridge won its MPSF play-in last Wednesday as the No. 7 seed, 3-0 over No. 8 USC, before falling in three at No. 2 seed BYU in quarterfinal action. Against the Trojans, the Matadors erased first set deficits of 23-12 and 27-20 for an eventual 36-34 win. **Dan Rhodes** collected 34 kills for the week and **Eric Vance** contributed a double-double with 14 kills and 10 digs, as well as three aces, in the play-in.

USC was the No. 8 seed in the MPSF Tournament, making its first appearance since 2001, and had the season end in the play-in match at No. 7 Cal State Northridge in three sets. **Juan Figueroa** led the offense with 15 kills, while **Matt Mosko** recorded a match-high seven blocks...

CALA OF BYU NAMED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. -BYU sophomore outside hitter **Yosleyder Cala** (Ciego Avila, Cuba) hit .464 (16-3-28) in playing less than 2 ½ sets in the Cougars' quarterfinal sweep over Northridge. He added one ace and three blocks and averaged 6.16 points per game, while jumping back over the .400 hitting mark on the season. Cala was a First Team All-MPSF honoree this year...

AVCA TOP-15 POLL
April 23, 2007

| Rank | Team | Last Week | Points |
|------|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | PEPPERDINE (16) | 1 | 240 |
| 2 | BYU | 2 | 222 |
| 3 | UC IRVINE | 3 | 209 |
| 4 | UC SANTA BARBARA | 5 | 193 |
| 5 | UCLA | 4 | 172 |
| 6 | Ohio State | 6 | 152 |
| 7 | Penn State | 8 | 134 |
| 8 | CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE | 7 | 131 |
| 9 | HAWAII | 9 | 114 |
| 10 | IPFW | 10 | 103 |
| 11 | Loyola-Chicago | 11 | 89 |
| 12 | USC | 12 | 55 |
| 13 | Ball State | 13 | 51 |
| 14 | LONG BEACH STATE | 14 | 31 |
| 15 | PACIFIC | 15 | 22 |

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.

MPSF SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

SEMI-FINALS, THU, APR. 26----5:30 PM & 8 PM (Approx.) PDT
CHAMPIONSHIP, SAT, APR. 28----7:00 PM PDT
At Pepperdine University
Malibu, CA.

Semi-Final # 1:

- 4) UC Santa Barbara
- 1) PEPPERDINE

2007 Results:

Feb. 3 at UCSB: Pepperdine, 3-0 (32-30, 33-31, 30-18)
Apr. 14 at PEPP: Pepperdine, 3-1 (30-24, 30-26, 25-30, 30-25)

Semi-Final # 2:

- 3) UC Irvine
- 2) BYU

2007 Results:

Feb. 2 at BYU: BYU, 3-0 (30-21, 30-22, 30-27)
Feb. 3 at BYU: UCI, 3-2 (24-30, 30-23, 33-31, 29-31, 15-8)

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

(Live broadcast on www.mpsports.org)

- 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: # 4 UCSB at # 1 Pepperdine; 5:30 PM PDT
- Match 5: # 2 BYU vs. # 3 UC Irvine
- (minimum of 30 minutes between matches)
- Live Broadcasts on www.mpsports.org and Pay Per View through CSTV on www.pepperdinesports.com.

Sat, Apr. 28 – Championship Match at Pepperdine; 7 PM PDT

- MPSF Championship: Semifinal winners of Matches 4 & 5
- Live Broadcasts on CSTV, www.mpsports.org and Pay Per View through CSTV on www.pepperdinesports.com.

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. 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 |