



# 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. Pepperdine <1>	11	1	.917	6-1	5-0	14	1	.933	9-1	5-0	0-0	Won 11
2. UC Irvine <2>	13	3	.813	7-2	6-1	19	3	.864	9-2	7-1	3-0	Won 7
3. BYU <3>	9	3	.750	5-1	4-2	13	4	.765	7-1	4-3	2-0	Won 4
4. UC Santa Barbara <4>	10	5	.667	4-2	6-3	14	6	.700	6-3	8-3	0-0	Won 2
5. UCLA <5>	9	7	.563	7-2	2-5	11	8	.579	7-2	3-5	1-1	Won 1
6. CS Northridge <9>	7	6	.538	4-3	3-3	10	9	.526	5-3	3-5	2-1	Won 2
7. Pacific <8>	7	7	.500	3-2	4-5	11	9	.550	6-2	4-5	1-2	Won 3
8. USC <13>	5	9	.357	3-4	2-5	6	11	.353	3-4	2-6	1-1	Lost 2
9. Long Beach State <12>	4	8	.333	3-4	1-4	7	9	.438	4-4	1-4	2-1	Lost 1
10. Hawaii <14>	3	9	.250	3-3	0-6	3	11	.214	3-5	0-6	0-0	Lost 2
11. UC San Diego	2	10	.167	1-4	1-6	5	12	.294	3-4	1-8	1-0	Lost 2
12. Stanford	1	13	.071	0-7	1-6	2	18	.100	1-7	1-8	0-3	Won 1

< > 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.

### OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE LEADERS MEET THIS WEEK

BYU travels to UC Santa Barbara this weekend, as the top-two offensive teams in the MPSF collide. The Cougars average 16.14 kills per game with a .355 attack, ranking first and second in the conference respectively. BYU is off to a solid start on their six-match road swing, winning 3-0 and 3-1 at USC. There were four players who reached double-figure kills on the first night, led by **Robby Stowell's** 18 at .400. Stowell came back the next night with 17 kills at .727, while **Yosleyder Cala** led all players with 19 kills and no errors at .905. In the league's top-10 individual stats, BYU has three players ranked in hitting percentage, two more in kills per game, while **Yamil Perez** leads in assists per game (13.66)....

UC Santa Barbara is chasing third place this weekend with BYU visiting. The Gauchos average 16.11 kills per game at a .360 hitting attack, ranking second and first in the MPSF respectively. **Evan Patak** leads the conference in points per game (7.60), aces per game (1.19), and is second in kills per game (5.96). UCSB is coming off two sweeps at IPFW, as coach **Ken Preston** picked up his 500<sup>th</sup> career win on night two....

Pepperdine takes an 11-match win streak to Hawaii Thursday and Friday, featuring the top-two blocking teams in the MPSF stats. The Waves average 3.42 blocks per game, ranking second in the conference, led by **Tom Hulse'** league-leading 2.02....

Hawaii has been idle since Feb. 24. **Dio Dante** ranks second in the MPSF with 1.74 BPG, while the team owns a league-high 3.63 per game...

UC Irvine pushed its win streak to seven with a sweep of UC San Diego and a five-game triumph at Long Beach State. The Anteaters hit .436 against the Tritons, as middle blockers **David Smith** and **Aaron Harrell** each had nine kills without an error, collectively hitting .720 (18-0-25).

**Matt Webber** pounded 20 kills at .459 against the 49ers, while UCI also totaled 21.5 team blocks, led by Smith's 13. UCLA visits Friday at 7pm.

Cal State Northridge upset UC Santa Barbara in four sets at home last Wednesday, after dropping the opening frame. The Matadors attacked at .430 on the night, led by **Dan Rhodes** 25 kills and **Eric Vance'** 16. CSN also swept Cal Baptist Friday. Lewis and Quincy visit this week...

Pacific defeated St. Francis 3-1 and swept Stanford and Quincy this past week in Stockton. **Dan Hammer** recorded 14 kills at .681 along with seven blocks vs. the Cardinal. **Pekka Seppanen** tallied 24 kills, three aces and seven blocks vs. the Red Flash, while **Jeff Hendershot** had a career-high 10 kills (.381) vs. the Hawks. The Tigers continue their homestand with UC San Diego and Long Beach State this weekend....

Long Beach State experienced a pair of five-game battles at home this past week, topping UCLA and falling to UC Irvine. A game five attack of .611 lifted the 49ers over the Bruins, also led by **Dean Bittner's** 21-kill evening at .432. In the loss to UCI, the 49ers dished out 17 aces, one shy of an all-time MPSF record....

UCLA split two conference matches with a five-set loss at Long Beach State and three-set sweep at home over UC San Diego. **Jamie Diefenbach** tied a career-high 10 blocks in the Pyramid, while **Steve Klosterman** continued his hot hitting with 27 kills at .431 that night....

USC was defeated in four and three sets at home to BYU. **Juan Figueroa** combined for 39 kills at a .324 clip over the weekend....

UC San Diego fell 3-0 to both UC Irvine and UCLA on the road. **Andy Northness** swung a productive .579 for the week (12-1-19)....

Stanford fell 3-0 at Pacific, before sweeping Quincy at home Monday night. UCSD and Long Beach State visit the Cardinal this weekend....

### STOWELL AWARDED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. -BYU true freshman opposite **Robby Stowell** (San Juan Capistrano, CA) played a major role in the Cougars' two wins at USC. Friday, he posted 18 kills at .400 with seven digs and five blocks. Saturday, he attacked with a career-high .727 clip (17-1-22) while adding five more blocks. Stowell totaled 35 kills in seven games and hit .538. Also Nominated: **David Smith** (UCI), **Paul Lotman** (LBSU)...

THE MPSF....CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

AVCA TOP-15 POLL

March 5, 2007

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	PEPPERDINE (15)	1	234
2	UC IRVINE (1)	2	224
3	BYU	3	209
4	UC SANTA BARBARA	4	182
5	UCLA	5	169
6	Penn State	6	165
7	Ohio State	7	151
8	PACIFIC	9	117
9	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	11	105
10	IPFW	8	97
11	Loyola-Chicago	10	84
12	LONG BEACH STATE	14	68
13	USC	12	53
14	HAWAII	13	43
15	Ball State	15	14

MOLTEN/VOLLEYBALL MAGAZINE POLL

February 27, 2007

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	PEPPERDINE (8)	1	80
2	UC IRVINE	2	72
3	BYU	4	63
4	UC SANTA BARBARA	3	54
5	Penn State	5	42
6	Ohio State	7	41
7	UCLA	8	37
8	IPFW	6	24
9	LOYOLA-CHICAGO	RV	13
10	PACIFIC	9	8

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2007 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Mar. 5	Robby Stowell, Opp	BYU
Feb. 26	Steve Klosterman, Opp	UCLA
Feb. 19	Aaron Harrell, MB	UC Irvine
Feb. 12	Evan Patak, Opp	UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 12	Pekka Seppanen, OH	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

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 to the NCAA volleyball webpage: <http://www.ncaasports.com/volleyball/mens/schedules>

RECENT RESULTS

Mon, Mar. 5

STANFORD d. Quincy, 30-22, 30-23, 30-22

Sun, Mar. 4

PACIFIC d. Quincy, 30-22, 30-24, 30-14

Sat, Mar. 3

\*BYU d. USC, 30-22, 30-22, 30-25

\*UC Irvine d. LONG BEACH, 23-30, 30-19, 30-25, 28-30, 15-12

UC Santa Barbara d. IPFW, 30-23, 39-37, 30-18

Fri, Mar. 2

\*BYU d. USC, 30-26, 30-24, 28-30, 30-21

\*PACIFIC d. Stanford, 30-23, 34-32, 30-21

\*UCLA d. UC San Diego, 30-27, 30-23, 30-25

CS NORTHRIDGE d. Cal Baptist, 30-27, 30-27, 30-27

UC Santa Barbara d. IPFW, 30-21, 30-27, 34-32

Wed, Feb. 28

\*CS NORTHRIDGE d. UCSB, 23-30, 30-23, 30-27, 30-26

\*UC IRVINE d. UC San Diego, 30-16, 30-18, 30-25

\*LONG BEACH ST d. UCLA, 30-23, 24-30, 26-30, 30-23, 16-14

PEPPERDINE d. Johnson & Whales, 30-16, 30-22, 30-22

PACIFIC d. St. Francis, 30-25, 30-25, 29-31, 38-36

UPCOMING MATCHES

Tue, Mar. 6

Lewis at CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

7pm

Wed, Mar. 7

Lewis at UC SAN DIEGO

7pm

Loyola-Chicago at UCLA

7pm

Thu, Mar. 8

\*Pepperdine at HAWAII

7pm

Quincy at USC

7pm

Fri, Mar. 9

\*UCLA at UC IRVINE

7pm

\*BYU at UC SANTA BARBARA

7pm

\*Long Beach State at STANFORD

7pm

\*UC San Diego at PACIFIC

7pm

Quincy at CS NORTHRIDGE

7pm

Sat, Mar. 10

\*Pepperdine at HAWAII

3pm

\*BYU at UC SANTA BARBARA

7pm

\*Long Beach State at PACIFIC

7pm

\*UC San Diego at STANFORD

7pm

Home team in CAPS

\*MPSF Match

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

MPSF VOLLEYBALL ON THE WEB

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