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## 2007 MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO PLAYER, NEWCOMER and COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

WOODLAND, Calif. – Al Beaird, executive director of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, has announced the 2007 MPSF Women's Water Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Coach of the Year as selected by the Federation's head coaches.

### ***2007 MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO PLAYER of the YEAR***

**KELLY RULON #10, RS Senior, Driver – UCLA, Point Loma, Calif.**

UCLA Senior Driver **Kelly Rulon** followed an outstanding 2006 campaign with another fantastic season, racking up 66 goals in 27 games for the 2007 MPSF Champion Bruins. In 2005, she was honored as the MPSF Co-Player of the Year. Rulon leads the best offense in the country in goals and assists, and is on the verge of breaking UCLA's all-time career scoring record. This year, Kelly broke the UCLA single-game scoring record by netting six goals against LMU. She has scored in 23 of her team's 27 games, including 15 multiple-goal performances. In the 2007 MPSF Championship Tournament, Kelly scored eight goals in a three game span for the Bruins where her leadership earned her the Tournament MVP award. She single-handedly outscored UCLA's championship opponent, netting four goals to Stanford's three. For her career, she has scored 23 goals in the MPSF tournament and 20 goals in the NCAA Tournament. She is two goals shy of tying UCLA's all-time career scoring record of 235, currently held by assistant coach **Coralie Simmons**. Kelly's sister Katie, a sophomore, is a Bruin teammate.

### ***2007 MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO NEWCOMER of the YEAR***

**ANGELA TURNBULL #10, Freshman, Driver – UNIV. of HAWAI'I, Canberra, Aus.**

**Angela Turnbull**, HAWAI'I's freshman driver from Canberra, Australia, was named 2007 MPSF Women's Water Polo Newcomer of the Year by Federation's head coaches. Turnbull tied with teammate **Lisa van Raalte** as top scorers, with 13 goals, in the 2007 MPSF Women's Water Polo Championship Tournament. During the season, Turnbull was third on her UH team in scoring with 47 goals as the Rainbow Wahine finished fourth in the Federation and fourth in the MPSF Championship Tournament. Angela is a 2004 graduate of Hawker College in Canberra and was a member of the Australian Women's National League in 2005 and 2006 after playing on the Australia U-20 squad in 2004. Turnbull was an Australian Schoolgirls team captain and toured South Africa and New Zealand in 2004 and represented Australia's U-17 Youth Team that toured the U.S. Born Dec. 1, 1986, in Canberra, Angela plans to major in health and physical education. She has one brother. Her parents are Rhonda and Mark Turnbull of Flynn, ACT, Australia.

### ***2007 MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO COACH of the YEAR***

**JOHN TANNER 10<sup>th</sup> Season – STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Head Coach **John Tanner**, currently in his tenth season at the helm of Stanford women's water polo, has developed The Cardinal into one of the powerhouse programs in the country since he arrived on The Farm in 1997. During his tenure, he has produced one NCAA Championship, four MPSF Championships, 11 U.S. National team members, and six Olympians. Coach Tanner's squads have competed in the NCAA Championship game in each of the first three years of the NCAA Tournament and have finished in the Top-three nationally each season since 1997. Currently Tanner has a 242-42 (.852) career coaching record at Stanford. Entering this season, Tanner lost four productive seniors from last year's roster, but was able to lead this year's team to a 25-2 overall record which included a 23-game winning streak. After an outstanding year during which his team was ranked No. 1 in the country much of the season and after taking second in the 2007 MPSF Women's Water Polo Championship Tournament, this year's team has earned the number one seed in the 2007 NCAA Women's Water Polo National Collegiate Championship, which begins May 11<sup>th</sup> in Los Alamitos, Calif., at the USA Water Polo National Training Facility. Tanner is a former Stanford All-American who has been heavily involved with United States Water Polo since 1988. He was an assistant coach for U.S. National team for the 2000 Sydney Olympics that placed sixth.

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