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## 2008 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. Stanford <5>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	0	1.000	0-0	0-0	2-0	Won 2
1. Long Beach State <6>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	0	1.000	0-0	0-0	2-0	Won 2
3. UC San Diego	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	Won 1
4. UCLA <4>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	0-0	1-0	1-1	Won 1
4. CS Northridge <8>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	0-0	1-0	1-1	Won 2
6. UC Irvine <7>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	2	2	.500	1-0	1-0	0-2	Lost 2
7. USC <11>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	0-0	0-0	1-2	Lost 1
7. UC Santa Barbara <14>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	1-2	0-0	0-0	Won 1
7. Hawaii <12>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	1-2	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
10. BYU <1>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
10. Pepperdine <2>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
12. Pacific	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	2	.000	0-0	0-1	0-1	Lost 2

< > National Ranking; MPSF Champion and automatic qualifier to NCAA Championship determined by MPSF Tournament, April 19-26.

See page 2 for MPSF Championship Tournament schedule.

### STANFORD TAKES SECOND AT UCSB E-BAR TO BEGIN '08

**Stanford** entered the 44<sup>th</sup> annual UC Santa Barbara Elephant Bar Invitational as the No. 6 seed and ended up playing for the championship Saturday night. The Cardinal upset Cal State Northridge, 3-1, and defending national champion UC Irvine, 3-2, before coming up short of top-seed Alberta in the finals, 3-1. Senior Matt Ceran tallied 22 kills (.486) against the Canadian powerhouse and totaled 60 in three matches. Ceran, in addition to sophomore setter Kawika Shoji, were named to the All-Tournament Team. Stanford heads to UCLA and UC Irvine Friday and Saturday (Jan. 11-12) to start the MPSF season....

**Long Beach State** also turned in two wins at UCSB and placed third. The 49ers swept USC and UC Irvine and fell to Alberta in four. All-Tournament sophomore Dean Bittner led with 17 kills (.419) in the third-place match vs. UCI, while sophomore Dan Alexander added 13 at an .800 hitting clip. Two matches at Hawaii begin the conference, Thursday and Friday (Jan. 10-11).

**UC Irvine** began its national title defense with a sweep over Cal Baptist and a fourth place finish at the E-Bar Invite. Freshman setter Anthony Spittle earned All-Tournament honors in Santa Barbara. In a four-game win over UCSB, junior Taylor Wilson knocked down career-highs of 22 kills and seven blocks. Pacific and Stanford visit on Friday and Saturday (Jan. 11-12)....

**Cal State Northridge** took two of three in Santa Barbara and placed fifth with 3-0 wins over USC and UCSB. Freshman Cody Loe and sophomore Kevin McNiff each had 12 kills in the middle vs. SB. The Matadors hit .402 vs. USC in the fifth-place match, led by junior Eric Vance' 13 kills. CSN again meets the Trojans, this time in an MPSF battle Wed. (Jan. 9) at the Galen Center.

**USC** placed sixth, with a win coming in four games over Pacific. Freshman Murphy Troy registered 19 kills (.517) and senior Juan Figueroa added 12, with four blocks and four aces. MPSF opens at home vs. CSN and UCSB Wed. and Fri. (Jan. 9 & 11).

**UC Santa Barbara** hosted the 44<sup>th</sup> annual E-Bar Invite and placed seventh with its four-game victory over Pacific. The Gauchos served 17 aces in that win, one shy of the all-time MPSF single-match record. Freshman Jeff Menzel collected 23 kills (.471) and totaled 59 in his first collegiate weekend. A visit to Pepperdine is the first MPSF match Wednesday (Jan. 9)....

**Pacific** finished eighth at UCSB and was led by junior Jeff Hendershot, combining for 30 kills vs. UCSB and USC. Sophomore Clay Ostrander had 14 kills vs. Alberta. The Tigers head to UC Irvine and UCLA (Jan. 11-12) to begin the conference slate....

**UCLA** placed second at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Outrigger Hotels Invitational in Honolulu, HI this past weekend. The Bruins defeated Ball State in four and host Hawaii in five, while falling to Penn State in three. Sophomore Garrett Muagututia (4.50 KPG) and junior Jamie Diefenbach were all-tournament players. UCLA hosts Stanford and Pacific as MPSF begins this weekend (Jan. 11-12)....

**Hawaii** hosted the Outrigger Hotels Invitational and placed third with a win over Ball State (3-1) and losses to Penn State (3-1) and UCLA (3-2). Junior setter Sean Carney (9.62 APG) and junior hitter Jim Clar (4.23 KPG) were named to the all-tournament team. The Warriors host Long Beach State Thursday and Friday (Jan. 10-11) to open conference....

**UC San Diego** topped UC Santa Cruz, 3-1 in the season opener Friday. Sophomore Jason Spangler recorded 22 kills (.250) and 15 digs. Freshman Tyler Kern had 11 kills without an error (.647). MPSF opens at home vs. BYU this weekend (Jan. 11-12).

**BYU** travels to UC San Diego for two meetings Friday and Saturday (Jan. 11-12) to begin the '08 season....

**Pepperdine** starts 2008 with MPSF action Wednesday and Saturday (Jan. 9 & 12) at home vs. UCSB and CS Northridge....

### CERAN AND BITTNER NAMED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

*Woodland, Calif.* – Stanford senior hitter **Matt Ceran** and Long Beach State sophomore opposite **Dean Bittner** were named to the All-Tournament Team at the UCSB E-Bar Invite, as the Cardinal placed second and the 49ers took third. Ceran combined for 60 kills, including 22 in the finals at .486. Bittner totaled 50 kills (5.00 KPG) and hit .362 overall, while averaging 1.10 blocks....

## AVCA TOP-15 Poll

*January 7, 2008*

Rank	Team (1 <sup>st</sup> -place votes)	Last Week	Points
1	BYU (9)	1	228
2	PEPPERDINE (5)	2	220
3	Penn State (2)	4	214
4	UCLA	3	189
5	STANFORD	13	165
6	LONG BEACH STATE	10	148
7	UC IRVINE	5	136
8	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	7	131
9	IPFW	6	127
10	Ohio State	T8	101
11	USC	T8	84
12	HAWAII	11	73
13	George Mason	12	49
14	UC SANTA BARBARA	14	32
15	Loyola-Chicago	15	15

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#### 2008 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Jan. 7	Matt Ceran	Stanford
Jan. 7	Dean Bittner	Long Beach State

### 2008 MPSF PRESEASON

#### COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points (1 <sup>st</sup> place)	2007 Record (MPSF)
1. Pepperdine	108 (5)	26-3 (21-1/1st)
2. BYU	105 (5)	23-6 (18-4/2 <sup>nd</sup> )
3. UCLA	104 (1)	19-11(13-9/5th)
4. UC Irvine	88	29-5 (17-5/3rd)
5. CS Northridge	85 (1)	18-15 (11-11/T-6th)
6. USC	68	12-16 (9-13/8th)
7. Long Beach State	57	11-17 (6-16/10th)
8. Hawaii	51	13-14 (11-11/T-6th)
9. Stanford	50	3-25 (2-20/T-11th)
10. UCSB	40	20-12 (14-8/4th)
11. Pacific	23	14-17 (8-14/9th)
12. UC San Diego	13	5-23 (2-20/T-11th)

#### MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

##### Wed, Apr. 16 – Play-in for #7 seed

- # 8 MPSF regular season finisher at # 7

##### Sat, Apr. 19 – 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. 24 – 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. 26 – Championship Match at Site of No. 1 Seed

- MPSF Championship: Semifinal winners of Matches 4 & 5

## UPCOMING MATCHES

### Wed, Jan. 9

- \*UC Santa Barbara at PEPPERDINE 7pm
- \*Cal State Northridge at USC 7pm

### Thu, Jan. 10

- \*Long Beach State at HAWAII 7pm

### Fri, Jan. 11

- \*Long Beach State at HAWAII 7pm
- \*Pacific at UC IRVINE 7pm
- \*BYU at UC SAN DIEGO 7pm
- \*UC Santa Barbara at USC 7pm
- \*Stanford at UCLA 7pm

### Sat, Jan. 12

- \*CS Northridge at PEPPERDINE 3pm
- \*Pacific at UCLA 7pm
- \*BYU at UC SAN DIEGO 7pm
- \*Stanford at UC IRVINE 7pm

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sat, Jan. 5

- % UCLA d. HAWAII, 24-30, 30-28, 24-30, 30-22, 15-11
- # Alberta d. Stanford, 30-26, 30-23, 21-30, 30-25
- # Long Beach St. d. UC Irvine, 30-25, 30-27, 30-27
- # CS Northridge d. USC, 30-24, 30-24, 30-22
- # UCSB d. Pacific, 30-23, 30-17, 28-30, 30-25

### Fri, Jan. 4

- UC SAN DIEGO d. UC Santa Cruz, 28-30,30-28,30-24,30-26
- % Penn State d. UCLA, 30-19, 30-26, 38-36
- % HAWAII d. Ball State, 26-30, 30-26, 30-24, 30-17
- # Alberta d. Pacific, 30-24, 30-23, 30-19
- # Long Beach State d. USC, 30-27, 30-22, 30-24
- # Stanford d. CS Northridge, 30-27, 30-25, 28-30, 32-30
- # UC Irvine d. UCSB, 30-21, 30-26, 28-30, 35-33
- # Alberta d. Long Beach State, 30-28, 30-24, 26-30, 30-24
- # Stanford d. UC Irvine, 30-21, 30-28, 24-30, 24-30, 15-10
- # USC d. Pacific, 30-20, 30-26, 25-30, 30-22
- # CS Northridge d. UCSB, 30-21, 30-25, 30-27

### Thu, Jan. 3

- % UCLA d. Ball State, 30-23, 30-27, 26-30, 30-22
- % Penn State d. HAWAII, 21-30, 30-24, 30-20, 30-18

### Wed, Jan. 2

- UC IRVINE d. Cal Baptist, 30-21, 30-21, 30-21
- UCSB d. Alberta, 31-29, 26-30, 19-30, 30-20, 18-16

*% at Honolulu, HI*

*# at UC Santa Barbara*

*Home team in CAPS*

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