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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. Long Beach State <5>	2	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	4	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	2-0	Won 4
1. BYU <1>	2	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	2	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	0-0	Won 2
1. Pepperdine <2>	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	Won 2
1. UCLA <4>	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	4	1	.800	2-0	1-0	1-1	Won 3
5. Stanford <6>	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	3	1	.750	0-0	1-1	2-0	Won 1
5. CS Northridge <8>	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	3	2	.600	0-0	2-1	1-1	Lost 1
5. UC Irvine <7>	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	3	3	.500	2-1	1-0	0-2	Lost 1
5. USC <11>	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	2	3	.400	1-1	0-0	1-2	Won 1
9. UC San Diego	0	2	.000	0-2	0-0	1	2	.333	1-2	0-0	0-0	Lost 2
9. Hawaii <12>	0	2	.000	0-2	0-0	1	4	.200	1-4	0-0	0-0	Lost 3
9. UC Santa Barbara <T14>	0	2	.000	0-0	0-2	1	4	.200	1-2	0-2	0-0	Lost 2
9. Pacific	0	2	.000	0-0	0-2	0	4	.000	0-0	0-3	0-1	Lost 4

< > 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.

### FOUR TEAMS WIN TWICE ON MPSF OPENING WEEKEND

**Long Beach State** won two matches at Hawaii for the first time since 1992 and improved to 4-0 overall on MPSF opening weekend. In Friday's four-game win, senior Paul Lotman and sophomore Dean Bittner each tallied 26 kills, with Lotman adding 10 digs and five blocks. In Thursday's sweep, Lotman nailed 21 kills (.444) in the 49ers' .413 attack. UCI visits on Wed. (Jan. 16).

**BYU** began its '08 season with two road wins at UC San Diego, 3-1 and 3-0. Senior Jonathan Charette led on Friday with 16 kills (.375) while sophomore Andrew Stewart had a match-high 15 kills (.591) Saturday as the Cougars hit .438 in the sweep. Senior Russell Holmes combined for 13 blocks in seven games. BYU visits the MIVA Conference this week, facing IPFW and Lewis.

**Pepperdine** opened the season with a pair of MPSF wins over UCSB and CS Northridge. Junior Paul Carroll had 30 kills (.523) in a 3-1 win over the SB and 17 kills (.433) along with six blocks in a sweep over CSN. Stanford and Pacific are next on the road.

**UCLA** won both matches in its conference openers at home, 3-1 over No. 5 Stanford and 3-0 over Pacific. Sophomore Garrett Muagututia led the attack both nights, 15 kills (.345) vs. the Cardinal and 19 kills (.571) vs. the Tigers. Junior Jamie Diefenbach had 12 kills without an error (.750) and seven blocks Friday. UC San Diego and Long Beach State visit Thurs-Fri (Jan. 17-18).

**Stanford** fell 3-1 at No. 4 UCLA Friday, but recovered in four games with its second win of the season over defending national champ UCI on Saturday. Senior Matt Ceran knocked down 18 kills and added 10 digs in Irvine. Sophomore Evan Romero totaled 35 kills on the road trip, including a match-high 22 in Westwood. UC Santa Cruz, USC, and Pepperdine visit Palo Alto this week.

**Cal State Northridge** lost 3-0 at No. 2 Pepperdine and won 3-1 at No. 11 USC on MPSF opening weekend. Freshman Cody Loe collected 24 kills and 12 blocks over the two matches. Sophomore Kevin McNiff picked up 16 kills, six blocks, and three aces in the win. The Matadors continue conference action at UC Santa Barbara Saturday (Jan. 19) in the lone match for the week.

**UC Irvine** split its first two MPSF matches at home, topping Pacific in three and losing to Stanford in four. Junior Taylor Wilson totaled 36 kills in seven games for the weekend. Freshman Cory Yoder had 14 kills (.542) vs. the Cardinal. The Anteaters are at Long Beach State Wednesday (Jan. 16) and then return home for UCSD Saturday (Jan. 19).

**USC** snapped a seven-match skid to UCSB with a home sweep, led by freshman Murphy Troy's 15 kills (.571) and sophomore C.J. Schellenberg's 13 kills (.458), three aces, and three blocks. The Trojans hit .426 in their first conference win. USC, which also came up short 3-1 vs. CS Northridge, visits Pacific and Stanford this week (Jan. 16 & 18).

**UC San Diego** sophomore Jason Spangler had a match-high 22 kills (.410) in a 3-1 loss to BYU in the first conference match. The Tritons also lost 3-0 to the Cougars the next night and are headed to UCLA and UCI this week.

**Hawaii** dropped a pair of MPSF home matches to Long Beach State, in three and four sets. Freshman Nejc Zemljak notched a double-double on the second night with 14 kills and 11 digs. The Warriors are off until Jan. 23 & 25 when UC San Diego visits.

**UC Santa Barbara** dropped two matches on opening weekend of MPSF play, 3-1 at Pepperdine and 3-0 at USC. Freshman Jeff Menzel totaled 37 kills in seven games, 23 vs. the Waves. The Gauchos host CS Northridge on Saturday (Jan. 19).

**Pacific** was defeated 3-0 at UCI and UCLA. Sophomore Jason Borchin put away 15 kills (.462) in Irvine and senior Pekka Seppanen reached double figures in LA with 10 (.381). USC and Pepperdine visit Stockton Wednesday and Friday (Jan. 16-18).

### CARROLL AND LOTMAN NAMED MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

*Woodland, Calif.* – Pepperdine junior opposite **Paul Carroll** (Forester, Australia) and Long Beach State senior hitter **Paul Lotman** (Lakewood, CA) both had 47 kills in seven games (6.71 K/G), as the Waves and 49ers won two conference matches. Carroll totaled 10 blocks and six aces while hitting .486. Lotman added seven bocks and three aces to his .400 hitting clip.

## AVCA TOP-15 Poll

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Rank	Team (1 <sup>st</sup> -place votes)	Last Week	Points
1	BYU (11)	1	235
2	PEPPERDINE (4)	2	221
3	Penn State (1)	3	210
4	UCLA	4	193
5	LONG BEACH STATE	6	168
6	STANFORD	5	166
7	UC IRVINE	7	138
8	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	8	127
9	Ohio State	10	118
10	IPFW	9	99
11	USC	11	80
12	HAWAII	12	58
13	George Mason	13	50
T14	UC SANTA BARBARA	14	27
T14	Loyola-Chicago	15	27

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### 2008 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Jan. 14	Paul Carroll	Pepperdine
Jan. 14	Paul Lotman	Long Beach State
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

### Tue, Jan. 15

UC Santa Cruz at STANFORD 7pm

### Wed, Jan. 16

\*UC Irvine at LONG BEACH STATE 7pm

\*USC at PACIFIC 7pm

### Thu, Jan. 17

\*UC San Diego at UCLA 7pm

### Fri, Jan. 18

\*Long Beach State at UCLA 7pm

\*Pepperdine at PACIFIC 7pm

\*USC at STANFORD 7pm

BYU at INDIANA-PURDUE FT. WAYNE 7pm

### Sat, Jan. 19

\*CS Northridge at UC SANTA BARBARA 7pm

\*Pepperdine at STANFORD 7pm

\*UC San Diego at UC IRVINE 7pm

BYU at LEWIS 7pm

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sat, Jan. 12

\*PEPPERDINE d. CS Northridge, 30-22, 30-27, 30-22

\*UCLA d. Pacific, 30-25, 30-21, 30-27

\*BYU d. UC SAN DIEGO, 30-27, 30-22, 30-28

\*Stanford d. UC IRVINE, 30-28, 23-30, 30-28, 30-28

### Fri, Jan. 11

\*Long Beach State d. HAWAII, 30-32, 30-20, 32-30, 30-26

\*UC IRVINE d. Pacific, 30-27, 30-26, 30-24

\*BYU d. UC SAN DIEGO, 30-21, 30-28, 27-30, 31-29

\*USC d. UC Santa Barbara, 30-23, 30-26, 30-19

\*UCLA d. Stanford, 30-19, 30-24, 24-30, 30-18

### Thu, Jan. 10

\*Long Beach State d. HAWAII, 32-30, 30-20, 30-22

### Wed, Jan. 9

\*PEPPERDINE d. UCSB, 30-26, 30-23, 27-30, 30-22

\*Cal State Northridge d. USC, 26-30, 30-28, 30-21, 30-19

Home team in CAPS

## 2008 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 1 & 3 at UC Irvine



For championship info, match times and ticket prices, link to the UCI Tournament webpage:

<http://ucirvinesports.cstv.com/sports/m-volley/spec-rel/ucir-08-ncaa-mvolley.html>