



WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

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2008 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION WOMEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS

	MPSF					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. Stanford	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	3	1	.750	3-0	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
2. Oregon	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	0-0	Won 1
3. St. Mary's	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
3. California	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
3. Denver <17>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	2	.000	0-0	0-2	0-0	Lost 2
6. UC Davis	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-0	Lost 2

MPSF Champion determined at MPSF Tournament Apr. 30-May 3 at CALIFORNIA... < > National Ranking... Final Standings=MPSF Tournament seeding.

RIVALS COLLIDE SATURDAY AS STANFORD VISITS CALIFORNIA

STANFORD picked up its second MPSF win this past Wednesday, 13-7 over UC Davis in Palo Alto. The Cardinal scored 10 first half goals and never trailed. Sophomore Claire Hubbard nailed a hat trick and contributed an assist. Senior Laura Shane recorded 10 saves in the net. The Cardinal traveled to Dallas, TX, Sunday and faced No. 3 Duke, a 16-9 Blue Devil win. Stanford led 5-4 late in the first half, before Duke took over. Shane stopped 11 shots, while senior Daphne Patterson put away four goals and freshman Karen Nesbitt added two. Stanford and California do battle in MPSF action Saturday (Feb. 23) at 1 pm in Berkeley. The Cardinal won last year's meeting at home, 11-8.

DENVER began its season with two road losses against a pair of top-10 teams in No. 3 Duke (16-11) Friday and No. 8 North Carolina (15-9) Sunday. Senior Megan Carver knocked in four goals in Chapel Hill and junior Karen Morton added three. Morton also scored a hat trick in Durham, while junior Steph Coyne collected two goals and two assists. The Pioneers were only down 7-6 at the break vs. the Blue Devils. 17th-ranked Denver plays its home opener on Friday (Feb. 22) vs. Stony Brook.

CALIFORNIA opened its season Sunday with a 15-9 home loss to three-time defending NCAA Champion and top-ranked Northwestern. Senior Danni Zuralow equaled a game-high six points on four goals and two assists. The Bears were competitive throughout in the debut of head coach Theresa Sherry, leading late in the first half, 3-2. Junior goalkeeper Morgan Dyson made her first collegiate start and had 13 saves. Cal and Stanford renew their rivalry Saturday (Feb. 23) at 1 pm in Berkeley for MPSF action. The Bears pulled off the upset in the last home meeting in 2006, 9-6.

UC DAVIS fell 13-7 at Stanford last Wednesday in an MPSF contest. Senior Hilary Harkins recorded 10 saves in goal, while seniors Katie McMahon and Katie McGovern led the Aggies with two goals each. UC Davis next competes Feb. 28 against Mount St. Mary's, when it will begin a six-game home stretch over a three week period.

OREGON took the week off and now heads east to Virginia Tech Friday (Feb. 22) and No. 19 Richmond Sunday (Feb. 24). The Ducks are coming off a conference split, edged at Stanford 8-7 and a win at UC Davis 15-5.

ST. MARY'S does not begin its season until Feb. 29 when hosting Mount St. Mary's. Top returnees include junior PJ Hainley (2.18 PPG) and sophomore Abbie Coleman (1.94 PPG) who each finished in the MPSF top-25 scoring last year. Junior goalkeeper Hilary Gardner collected 6.47 saves per game, ranking fourth in the conference.

ZURALOW AND MORTON NAMED MPSF PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. –California senior **Danni Zuralow** (Fairfax, VA) matched a game-high six points on four goals and two assists vs. top-ranked Northwestern Sunday. She put the Bears ahead 3-2 with about 10 minutes left in the first half....

Denver junior **Karen Morton** (Adelaide, Australia) registered two hat tricks this past weekend on the road against two of the nation's best, No. 3 Duke and No. 8 North Carolina.

INSIDE LACROSSE
DIVISION I TOP-20 MEDIA POLL

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Rank	Team	Points	Last Week
1	Northwestern	100	--
2	Virginia	95	--
3	North Carolina	85	--
4	Maryland	80	--
5	Syracuse	79	--
6T	Duke	77	--
6T	Pennsylvania	77	--
8	Princeton	64	--
9	Notre Dame	54	--
10	Yale	52	--
11T	Johns Hopkins	43	--
11T	Penn State	43	--
13	Georgetown	35	--
14	Dartmouth	34	--
15	James Madison	32	--
16	Vanderbilt	28	--
17	DENVER	23	--
18	Boston U.	17	--
19	Richmond	15	--
20	Delaware	9	--

UPCOMING GAMES

Fri, Feb. 22
Stony Brook at DENVER 4pm
Oregon at VIRGINIA TECH 4pm

Sat, Feb. 23
*Stanford at CALIFORNIA 1pm

Sun, Feb. 24
Oregon at RICHMOND 12pm

RECENT RESULTS

Sun, Feb. 17
Northwestern 15, CALIFORNIA 9
NORTH CAROLINA 15, Denver 9
Duke 16, Stanford 9 (at Dallas, TX)

Fri, Feb. 15
DUKE 16, Denver 11

Wed, Feb. 13
*STANFORD 13, UC Davis 7

Home team in CAPS
*MPSF Game

2008 MPSF PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Feb. 18	Karen Morton	Denver
Feb. 18	Danni Zuralow	California
Feb. 11	Laura Shane	Stanford
Feb. 4	Daphne Patterson	Stanford

2008 MPSF WOMEN'S LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIP

April 30-May 3, at the University of California, Berkeley
The 2008 MPSF Championship will be determined by a six-team postseason conference tournament. Teams will be seeded on the basis of regular season finish.

MPSF QUARTERFINALS - Wed, April 30
Game 1: #5 Seed vs. #4 Seed 1pm
Game 2: #6 Seed vs. #3 Seed 3pm
***No. 1 and No. 2 seeds have quarterfinal byes

MPSF SEMIFINALS - Thu, May 1
Game 3: Losers Games 1 & 2 11am
Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. #1 Seed 1pm
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. #2 Seed 3pm

MPSF THIRD-PLACE - Fri, May 2
Game 6: Losers Games 4 & 5 1pm

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP - Sat, May 3
Game 7: Winners Games 4 & 5 1pm

MPSF LACROSSE ON THE WEB
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2008: 27TH ANNUAL NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

May 23 & 25 at Towson University
Johnny Unitas Stadium
Towson, Maryland



The NCAA provides for a 16-team championship tournament which opens with first-round action on May 11, with winners advancing to quarterfinals on May 17. Quarterfinal winners advance to semifinal games at Towson University on May 23, ending with the championship game on May 25.