



## 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. California	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	0-0	Won 1
2. Stanford	2	1	.667	2-0	0-1	3	2	.600	3-0	0-1	0-1	Lost 2
3. Oregon <19>	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1	3	1	.750	0-0	3-1	0-0	Won 3
4. Denver <18>	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	1-0	0-2	0-0	Won 1
4. St. Mary's	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	Won 0
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.*

#### FOUR GOALS DOWN THE STRETCH LEADS CAL TO MPSF WIN

**CALIFORNIA** was down 8-7 to rival Stanford with under 12 minutes left in regulation, but scored four of the final five goals on the day to pick up an 11-9 MPSF home win Saturday. The run was highlighted by sophomore Alex Tickner's unassisted game-winner with 5:34 to play. The Cardinal had early leads of 2-0 and 3-1 in the first six minutes of the game, and eventually took a 5-4 lead into halftime. Senior Danni Zuralow knocked in five goals, her second straight hat trick. Junior Madeleine Dale added three goals. Junior goalkeeper Morgan Dyson collected eight saves in just over 40 minutes of work. Freshman Allie Shropshire replaced her in the second half and picked up four saves in less than 20 minutes. California hosts Ohio State Sunday (Mar. 2).

**OREGON** combined for 31 goals on its weekend trip to Virginia, with wins over Virginia Tech 14-13 and 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Richmond 17-5. After allowing the first goal to the Spiders, the Ducks used a 7-1 run to close the first half and cruised the rest of the game. Junior Ilsa Van Den Berg recorded game-highs of four goals and five points. Senior Theresa Waldron also nailed a hat trick. In the win over the Hokies, the Ducks erased a 12-10 deficit with 14 minutes left in the game, scoring the next four goals. Four Ducks' scored twice in Blacksburg. Senior Jen May had three points in each game, and totaled six points on four goals and two assists. Oregon has won three straight and hosts Le Moyne Saturday (Mar. 1).

**DENVER** scored the final six goals over the last 20 minutes and took care of Stony Brook in the home opener last Friday, 15-5. The 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Pioneers received three outstanding efforts in particular, as junior Steph Coyne put away five goals and dished out three assists. Her eight total points matches a career-high and ties for the sixth best single-game point total in program history. Junior Karen Morton tallied six times with one assist and sophomore Ali Flury added a second half hat trick. Denver stays home for games on Tuesday (Feb. 26) against Duquesne and Sunday (Mar. 2) against No. 13 Georgetown.

**STANFORD** received a hat trick from sophomore Dana Lindsey in the 11-9 setback at California. Senior Megan McClain scored twice, including the first goal of the day about one minute in, and senior goalkeeper Laura Shane ended up with 10 saves. The Cardinal host Notre Dame Sunday (Mar. 2).

**UC DAVIS** competes Wednesday (Feb. 27) against Mount St. Mary's, when it will begin a six-game home stretch over a three week period. Ohio State visits Friday (Feb. 29). The Aggies are coming off a 13-7 conference loss at Stanford Feb. 13. Senior Hilary Harkins recorded 10 saves in goal, while seniors Katie McMahon and Katie McGovern led the Aggies with two goals each.

**ST. MARY'S** opens its season this Friday (Feb. 29) when hosting Mount St. Mary's. Boston College also visits Moraga Sunday (Mar. 2). 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, MAY, COYNE NAMED MPSF TRI-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

*Woodland, Calif.* –In an unusual tri-player of the week in the MPSF, California senior **Danni Zuralow** (Fairfax, VA), Oregon senior **Jen May** (Davidsonville, MD), and Denver junior **Steph Coyne** (Baltimore, MD) are each honored by the conference for remarkable efforts and victories. Zuralow scored a game and career-high five goals vs. rival Stanford in an 11-9 win. May totaled four goals and two assists in two road wins at Virginia Tech and No. 18 Richmond. Coyne tied her career-high of eight points on five goals and three assists in a win over Stony Brook.

INSIDE LACROSSE  
DIVISION I TOP-20 MEDIA POLL

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Rank	Team	Points	Record
1	Northwestern (12)	240	2-0
2	Virginia	225	1-0
3	Maryland	210	2-0
4	Syracuse	199	2-0
5	Duke	196	4-0
6	North Carolina	182	3-0
7	Princeton	153	0-0
8	Pennsylvania	143	1-0
9	Notre Dame	138	3-0
10	Yale	133	0-0
11	Vanderbilt	117	3-0
12	James Madison	112	0-0
13	Georgetown	109	2-0
14	Johns Hopkins	63	0-1
15	Boston U.	55	0-0
16	Penn State	53	0-1
17	Dartmouth	45	0-1
18	<b>DENVER</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1-2</b>
19	<b>OREGON</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3-1</b>
20	George Mason	24	1-0

2008 MPSF PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Feb. 25	Danni Zuralow	California
Feb. 25	Jen May	Oregon
Feb. 25	Steph Coyne	Denver
Feb. 18	Karen Morton	Denver
Feb. 18	Danni Zuralow	California
Feb. 11	Laura Shane	Stanford
Feb. 4	Daphne Patterson	Stanford

2008: 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.

MPSF LACROSSE ON THE WEB

Midweek sports updates are available on the MPSF website at [www.mpsports.org](http://www.mpsports.org)

UPCOMING GAMES

<b>Tue, Feb. 26</b> Duquesne at DENVER	4pm
<b>Wed, Feb. 27</b> Mount St. Mary's at UC DAVIS	3pm
<b>Fri, Feb. 29</b> Ohio State at UC DAVIS Mount St. Mary's at ST. MARY'S	3pm 3:30pm
<b>Sat, Mar. 1</b> Le Moyne at OREGON	1pm
<b>Sun, Mar. 2</b> Ohio State at CALIFORNIA Georgetown at DENVER Notre Dame at STANFORD Boston College at ST. MARY'S	11am 1pm 1pm 1pm

RECENT RESULTS

<b>Sun, Feb. 24</b> Oregon 17, RICHMOND 5
<b>Sat, Feb. 23</b> *CALIFORNIA 11, Stanford 9
<b>Fri, Feb. 22</b> DENVER 15, Stony Brook 5 Oregon 14, VIRGINIA TECH 13
<i>Home team in CAPS</i> <i>*MPSF Game</i>

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