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2007 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S WATER POLO STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. USC <1>	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	7	0	1.000	3-0	1-0	3-0	Won 7
2. California <2>	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	10	1	.909	5-1	2-0	3-0	Won 1
2. Stanford <4>	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	5	2	.714	3-0	0-0	2-2	Won 2
2. UC Irvine <6>	1	0	1.000	0-0	1-0	6	3	.667	1-0	3-1	2-2	Won 2
5. UCLA <3>	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	10	2	.833	1-0	3-2	6-0	Won 2
5. Pepperdine <5>	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	12	3	.800	1-0	0-1	11-2	Won 1
5. Long Beach State <7>	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	7	4	.636	1-1	2-1	4-2	Lost 2
5. UC Santa Barbara <8>	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	11	7	.611	0-1	4-3	7-3	Lost 1
5. Pacific <15>	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	7	8	.467	0-1	2-3	5-4	Won 4

Final Standings=Champ. Seeding; MPSF Champion determined at MPSF Tournament Nov. 23- Nov. 25 at CAL... < > National Ranking.

SIX GAMES DECIDED BY THREE OR LESS LAST WEEK

USC improved to 2-0 in MPSF games, 7-0 overall, hanging on to edge Long Beach State 9-8 Saturday. The Trojans erased a 6-5 deficit after three quarters and held the 49ers scoreless in their last three possessions of the game for their 25th straight home win. Senior **Tommy Corcoran** scored a game-high four goals and junior **Adam Shilling** stopped nine shots. Stanford is the next MPSF game, at home Saturday (Oct. 6) at 1:30 pm....

CALIFORNIA is in the MPSF win column with a 17-7 home victory over Pacific last Thursday night. Up 8-7 early in the third period, the Golden Bears scored the last nine goals in the second half. Senior **Michael Sharf** led all scorers with six goals while senior **Jeff Tyrrell** added five. Harvard visits Friday (Oct. 5), followed by a trip to the UC Davis Open Saturday (Oct. 6) to take on Air Force and the host Aggies....

STANFORD used an important 3-0 third quarter to pick up a 7-6 MPSF win over No. 3 UCLA Saturday in Palo Alto. The Cardinal had dropped a 13-9 decision to the Bruins this year as well as falling short in all four meetings last year. Freshman **Sage Wright** scored a game-high four goals and senior **Sandy Hohener** had 13 saves to lift the Cardinal to the conference win column. A visit to No. 1 USC is up next this Saturday (Oct. 6)....

UC IRVINE came from behind in two games this past week, 7-6 at Long Beach State Thursday and 9-8 in the MPSF opener at UC Santa Barbara Sunday. Freshman **Brandon Johnson** knocked in the game-winner with 25 seconds left in the fourth at UCSB, thus completing a comeback from a 6-3 halftime deficit. Senior **Tim Hutten** posted a hat trick. In Long Beach, the Anteaters were down 6-5 after three as senior **Cole Bitter** put away the eventual power play winning strike with less than five minutes to go. Conference action continues with No. 3 UCLA visiting Friday (Oct. 5) at 7 pm....

PACIFIC won all four games at the East Meets West Tournament in Colorado Springs. The Tigers beat Air Force twice, 13-9 and 11-7, Cal Baptist 19-13, and Cal Lutheran 19-7. Junior **Duje Kuarloto** led all scorers with five in the championship over the Falcons and was named to the all-tourney team. Senior **Dragan Bakic** was named MVP, combining for 12 goals and reaching 200 for his career. UC Davis visits on Friday (Oct. 5) at 3 pm....

UCLA received a two-goal outing from freshman **Ben Hohl** in a 7-6 loss at No. 4 Stanford in Saturday's MPSF opener. The Bruins came back on Sunday to rout Santa Clara 17-5 and UC Santa Cruz 20-3, both played in Santa Cruz. Senior **Justin Johnson** and junior **Krsto Sbutega** scored four times each vs. the Broncos, while senior **Cameron Smith** did the same vs. the Banana Slugs. Conference play resumes Friday (Oct. 5) at UC Irvine, followed by a home game with Brown Saturday (Oct. 6)....

PEPPERDINE defeated Loyola Marymount 11-9 in Malibu Saturday, scoring four unanswered goals in the final quarter. Five Wave players scored at least twice, with sophomore **JP MacDonnell** nailing the hat trick. The Waves are at the Claremont Convergence Friday and Saturday (Oct. 5-6)....

UC SANTA BARBARA used a 3-0 fourth quarter to top Loyola Marymount 10-7 at the Pepperdine Mini Tournament Saturday. Nine Gauchos scored on the afternoon. UCSB was outlasted at home by UC Irvine Sunday in the first MPSF game for both teams, 9-8. Sophomore **Zsombor Vincze** recorded a game-high four goals and senior goalkeeper **Rick Wright** collected 14 saves. The Gauchos visit UC San Diego Friday (Oct. 5) at 6 pm....

LONG BEACH STATE dropped a pair of tight games, 7-6 to UCI and 9-8 at top-ranked USC in the MPSF opener. The 49ers stayed with the Trojans the whole game, and in fact led 6-5 after three periods. Senior **Steve MacKenzie** picked up a season-high 14 saves, coming off a 12-save effort two days earlier vs. the Anteaters. The Beach has a busy non-conference week ahead, with the first of four at Loyola Marymount Thursday (Oct. 4)....

WRIGHT NAMED MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. – **Stanford** freshman **Sage Wright** (Santa Barbara, CA/Dos Pueblos HS) scored a game-high four goals, including two in the third quarter that helped the fourth-ranked Cardinal to a 7-6 comeback win over No. 3 UCLA. Down 5-4 in the third, Wright nailed the game-tying score as well as the go-ahead at the 3:17 mark for the first lead of the game. He leads Stanford with 14 goals on the season....

WATER POLO COACHES ASSN. TOP 20
(Sept. 26, 2007)

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	USC	1	100
2	CALIFORNIA	2	95
3	UCLA	3	90
4	STANFORD	4	85
5	PEPPERDINE	5	80
6	UC IRVINE	6	75
7	LONG BEACH STATE	7	70
8	UC SANTA BARBARA	8	65
9	UC Davis	9	61
10	Loyola Marymount	10	55
11	Bucknell	11	50
12	UC San Diego	12	44
13	Navy	13	39
14	St. Francis College (NY)	14	35
15	PACIFIC	15	33
16	Air Force	17	23
17	Johns Hopkins	RV	17
18	Princeton	16	15
19	Cal Baptist	18	11
20	Brown	20	5

UPCOMING GAMES

* MPSF GAME

Thurs, Oct. 4	
Long Beach State at LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	3 pm
Fri, Oct. 5	
* UCLA at UC IRVINE	7 pm
UC Davis at PACIFIC	3 pm
Harvard at CALIFORNIA	6 pm
UC Santa Barbara at UC SAN DIEGO	6 pm
Pepperdine at Claremont Convergence	All Day
Sat, Oct. 6	
* Stanford at USC	1:30 pm
California vs. Air Force (at UC Davis)	10:20 am
California at UC DAVIS	4:10 pm
Long Beach State at UC SAN DIEGO	12 Noon
Brown at UCLA	1 pm
PACIFIC INVITE	All Day
Pepperdine at Claremont Convergence	All Day
Sun, Oct. 7	
Brown at LONG BEACH STATE	12 Noon
MIT at LONG BEACH STATE	2 pm
PACIFIC INVITE	All Day

RECENT RESULTS
(Home Team in CAPS)

Sun, Sept. 30
* UC Irvine 9, UC SANTA BARBARA 8
UCLA 17, Santa Clara 5 (at UC Santa Cruz)
UCLA 20, UC SANTA CRUZ 3
Pacific 19, Cal Lutheran 7
Pacific 11, Air Force 7
Sat, Sept. 29
* USC 9, Long Beach State 8
* STANFORD 7, UCLA 6
PEPPERDINE 11, Loyola Marymount 9
UC Santa Barbara 10, Loyola Marymount 7 (at Pepp.)
Pacific 19, Cal Baptist 13 (at Air Force)
Pacific 13, AIR FORCE 9
Thurs, Sept. 27
* CALIFORNIA 17, Pacific 7
UC Irvine 7, LONG BEACH STATE 6

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2007 MPSF MIKASA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Oct. 1	Sage Wright	Stanford
Sept. 24	Scott Davidson	UCLA
Sept. 17	Gabor Sarusi	USC
Sept. 10	JP MacDonnell	Pepperdine
Sept. 10	Jeff Greenwood	Long Beach State
Sept. 4	Miles Price	UC Santa Barbara
Sept. 4	Michael Sharf	California

MPSF WATER POLO ON THE WEB

Midweek sports updates are available on the MPSF website at www.mpsports.org.

2007 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIP

Nov. 23 - 25 at Berkeley, CA

The MPSF Championship will be determined by an eight-team postseason tournament at the University of California, Berkeley. MPSF teams will be seeded on the basis of their finish in conference round-robin play.

2007 MPSF PRESEASON
COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points	2006 Record
1. USC	59 (5)	26-2 (8-0/2 nd)
2. California	53 (2)	31-4 (6-2/1 st)
3. UCLA	47 (1)	17-6 (6-2/3 rd)
4. UC Irvine	45 (1)	10-21 (2-6/8 th)
5. Stanford	41	17-9 (5-3/4 th)
6. Pepperdine	34	13-17(2-6/9 th)
7. UC Santa Barbara	20	21-14 (3-5/5 th)
8. Long Beach State	14	11-17 (2-6/7 th)
9. Pacific	11	16-17 (2-6/6 th)

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ANNUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



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Avery Aquatic Center, Palo Alto, CA