



## WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

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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 <3>	18	4	.818	9-2	9-2	23	7	.767	10-4	11-2	2-1	Lost 2
1. # BYU <4>	18	4	.818	11-1	7-3	25	5	.833	14-1	10-3	1-1	Lost 1
3. # CS Northridge <5>	17	5	.773	10-1	7-4	23	7	.767	12-1	10-4	1-2	Lost 1
4. # UCLA <6>	12	10	.545	7-4	5-6	17	14	.548	10-5	6-8	1-1	Lost 1
4. & Pepperdine <2>	12	10	.545	7-4	5-6	17	11	.607	8-4	7-6	2-1	Lost 1
4. # Stanford <9>	12	10	.545	7-4	5-6	17	11	.607	9-4	6-7	2-0	Lost 1
7. # UC Irvine <8>	11	11	.500	6-5	5-5	16	15	.516	11-6	5-7	0-2	Lost 1
8. # USC <12>	10	12	.455	6-5	4-7	13	16	.448	6-6	5-8	2-2	Lost 3
9. Hawaii <13>	8	14	.364	4-6	4-8	11	16	.407	7-8	4-8	0-0	Won 1
10. UC Santa Barbara <15>	7	15	.318	6-5	1-10	10	17	.370	9-7	1-10	0-0	Won 1
11. UC San Diego	6	16	.273	4-7	2-9	10	19	.345	7-8	3-10	0-1	Lost 2
12. Pacific	1	21	.045	0-11	1-10	4	24	.143	2-12	2-11	0-1	Lost 6

*# MPSF Tournament...% MPSF Regular Season Champion...& MPSF Tournament Champion/NCAA Automatic Bid... <> National Ranking*

#### 2008 NCAA FINAL FOUR

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP, SAT, May 3  
SEMI-FINALS, THU, May 1  
At UC IRVINE---- BREN EVENTS CENTER; Irvine, CA

#### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP:

SAT, May 3

2) Pepperdine           30 31 25 23  
1) Penn State           27 33 30 30

#### NCAA Semi-Final:

THU, May 1

3) Long Beach State   26 21 26  
2) Pepperdine           30 30 30

#### NCAA Semi-Final:

THU, May 1

4) Ohio State           21 30 22 17  
1) Penn State           30 26 30 30

#### 2008 MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

#### MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat, Apr. 26

(At #1 Seed LBSU)  
# 5 Pepperdine def. # 2 BYU, 3-2

#### MPSF Semifinals - Thu, Apr. 24

(At #1 seed LBSU)  
#5 Pepperdine def. #1 Long Beach State, 3-0  
#2 BYU def. # 3 CS Northridge, 3-0

#### MPSF Quarterfinals – Sat, Apr. 19

#1 seed LONG BEACH STATE--- bye  
#2 BYU def. #7 UC Irvine, 3-1  
#3 CS Northridge def. #6 Stanford, 3-0  
#5 Pepperdine def. #4 UCLA, 3-1

#### MPSF Play-In – Wed, Apr. 16

#7 UC Irvine def. #8 USC, 3-2

*\*Home Team in BOLD*

## PEPPERDINE, LONG BEACH STATE END SEASON AT NCAA FINAL FOUR

### ***NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP:***

**Penn State** won its second national championship with a 3-1 win over MPSF Tournament Champion Pepperdine, before 5,000 in UC Irvine's Bren Center. The Waves claimed game one 30-27, but the top-ranked and EIVA champion Nittany Lions roared back by winning the next three. Penn State senior setter Luke Murray registered a triple-double in his final collegiate match, with 63 assists, 12 digs, and 11 blocks. NCAA Tournament MVP Matt Anderson tallied 29 kills with a .451 hitting attack. Pepperdine ended its season 17-11, and made an impressive postseason run with junior All-American opposite Paul Carroll back in the lineup. Carroll pounded a season-high 35 kills in the finals, along with eight digs, four blocks, and three aces. Senior four-time All-American Jonathan Winder set up 60 assists and picked up seven digs. Winder, Carroll, and junior outside hitter J.D. Schleppenbach were named to the NCAA All-Tournament team. Schleppenbach registered 15 kills (.324), seven digs, and four blocks. Winder is the only Wave from this year's regular rotation who will be lost to graduation for the 2009 season.

### ***NCAA SEMI-FINAL:***

**Pepperdine** received a huge performance from Schleppenbach with a career-high .778 hitting attack on 18 errorless swings (14-0-18) in another postseason sweep (30-26, 30-21, 30-26) of MPSF regular season champion Long Beach State. The No. 2 seeded Waves topped the No. 3 seeded 49ers 3-0 for the third time this year, and second time in a seven-day span, also sweeping the semi-final meeting at the MPSF Tournament in Long Beach. Carroll collected a match-high 15 kills (5 KPG), while freshman Cory Riecks added 12 kills (.474). Winder guided the Waves to a .500 hitting attack while dishing out 39 assists and picking up a match-high six digs. Freshman Tyler Jaynes had six blocks.....

### ***NCAA SEMI-FINAL:***

**Penn State** improved to 29-1 on the year with a 3-1 semi-final win over Midwest Champion Ohio State (30-21, 26-30, 30-22, 30-17). The Nittany Lions earned their fifth all-time trip to the NCAA Championship match. Anderson was unstoppable with a match-high 30 kills (.469) while junior Ryan Sweitzer added 17 (.303) along with two aces, five digs, and six blocks. Murray dished out 50 assists and registered nine digs and four blocks. Sophomore Max Lipsitz hit .700 on 10 errorless attempts (7-0-10) and was big at the net with a semi-final high 12 blocks. The Lions had a large team hitting advantage on the night (.410-.108)....

## 2008 NCAA ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

Name	Position	Year	School
<b>Matt Anderson (MVP)</b>	<b>Outside Hitter</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Penn State</b>
Luke Murray	Setter	Senior	Penn State
Max Holt	Middle Hitter	Junior	Penn State
Max Lipsitz	Middle Hitter	Sophomore	Penn State
Jonathan Winder	Setter	Senior	Pepperdine
Paul Carroll	Opposite	Junior	Pepperdine
J.D. Schleppenbach	Outside Hitter	Junior	Pepperdine

FINAL AVCA TOP-15 Poll  
May 5, 2008

Rank	Team (1 <sup>st</sup> -place)	Last Week	Points
1	Penn State (16)	1	240
2	PEPPERDINE	2	224
3	LONG BEACH STATE	3	206
4	BYU	4	194
5	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	5	175
6	UCLA	6	152
7	Ohio State	7	142
8	UC IRVINE	8	126
9	STANFORD	9	117
10	Ball State	10	96
11	George Mason	11	84
12	USC	12	66
13	HAWAII	13	45
14	Lewis	14	33
15	UC SANTA BARBARA	15	17

MPSF VOLLEYBALL ON THE WEB

Sports updates are available on the new MPSF website:

<http://mpsports.cstv.com/>

2008 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

May 1 & 3 at UC Irvine



For championship info, link to the UCI Tournament webpage:

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

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**2008 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Apr. 14	Dean Bittner	Long Beach State
Apr. 7	Jon Steller	UC Irvine
Apr. 7	Juan Figueroa	USC
Mar. 31	Jason Spangler	UC San Diego
Mar. 24	Dean Bittner	Long Beach State
Mar. 24	Murphy Troy	USC
Mar. 17	Paul Lotman	Long Beach State
Mar. 17	Eric Vance	CS Northridge
Mar. 10	Tony Ker	UCLA
Mar. 3	Cody Loe	CS Northridge
Mar. 3	Evan Romero	Stanford
Feb. 25	Eric Vance	CS Northridge
Feb. 25	Spencer McLachlin	Stanford
Feb. 18	Russell Holmes	BYU
Feb. 18	Cory Riecks	Pepperdine
Feb. 11	Jon Steller	UC Irvine
Feb. 11	Theo Brunner	UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 4	Ivan Perez	BYU
Feb. 4	Theo Brunner	UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 28	Taylor Wilson	UC Irvine
Jan. 21	Jonathan Winder	Pepperdine
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)