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2009 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	8	0	1.000	4-0	4-0	26	2	.929	8-1	6-0	12-1	Won 3
2. Stanford	7	1	.875	4-0	3-1	21	4	.840	10-0	4-2	7-2	Lost 2
3. California	6	2	.750	3-1	3-1	22	6	.786	5-1	8-2	9-3	Lost 1
4. # UCLA	5	3	.625	2-2	3-1	23	7	.767	4-2	7-2	12-3	Lost 1
5. Pepperdine	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3	13	12	.520	4-1	4-4	5-7	Lost 1
6. UC Irvine	3	5	.375	1-3	2-2	17	12	.586	7-5	3-4	7-3	Won 2
7. UC Santa Barbara	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	13	16	.448	4-3	3-5	6-8	Won 1
7. Pacific	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	13	18	.419	1-5	2-5	10-8	Lost 3
7. Long Beach State	1	7	.125	1-3	0-4	9	12	.429	4-4	0-5	5-3	Lost 1

\$ USC NCAA Champion; # UCLA MPSF Champion and Automatic NCAA Qualifier

NCAA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DeNunzio Pool

Host: Princeton University



Sunday, December 6

Game 4: # 1 USC 7, # 2 UCLA 6 (Championship)

Game 3: # 4 Princeton 6, # 3 Loyola Marymount 5
(Consolation)

Saturday, December 5

Game 2: # 2 UCLA 9, # 3 Loyola Marymount 8 (OT)
(Semifinal)

Game 1: # 1 USC 13, # 4 Princeton 3 (Semifinal)

MPSF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

McDonald's Swim Stadium

Host: University of Southern California

Sunday, November 29

Game 12: # 4 UCLA 10, # 3 California 7

(Championship)

Game 11: # 1 USC 9, # 2 Stanford 7 (3RD)

Game 10: # 6 UC Irvine 14, # 5 Pepperdine 8 (5TH)

Game 9: # 7 UCSB 20, # 8 Pacific 11 (7TH)

Saturday, November 28

Game 8: # 3 California 12, # 2 Stanford 11 (OT)

Game 7: # 4 UCLA 10, # 1 USC 6

Game 6: # 6 UC Irvine 12, # 7 UC Santa Barbara 9

Game 5: # 5 Pepperdine 12, # 8 Pacific 9

Friday, November 27

Game 4: # 4 UCLA 8, # 5 Pepperdine 5

Game 3: # 3 California 6, # 6 UC Irvine 5

Game 2: # 2 Stanford 11, # 7 UC Santa Barbara 7

Game 1: # 1 USC 13, # 8 Pacific 5

USC REPEATS AS NATIONAL CHAMPION

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: USC won back-to-back national championships for the first time in program history, defeating No. 2 seed UCLA 7-6 in the title game at Princeton, N.J. Sunday. The Trojans got off to a quick 3-0 start in the first quarter and never looked back. Peter Kurzeka, along with NCAA Tournament MVP Jordan Thompson, each recorded two goals. Goalkeeper Joel Dennerley had 10 saves. Matt Sagehorn, JW Krumpholz, and Shea Buckner were NCAA All-Tournament selections. Ben Hohl of UCLA tallied a game-high three goals and earned a spot on the all-tournament first-team.

NCAA CONSOLATION: No. 4 seed Princeton never trailed in an upset over No. 3 seed Loyola Marymount, 6-5. The Tigers finish the year 16-12 overall and picked up their first-ever NCAA Tournament win. Mark Zalewski matched a game-high two goals and would be named to the all-tournament team, along with Matt Hale and Eric Vreeland. Princeton Goalkeeper Mike Merlone had seven saves including one on a penalty shot. LMU goalkeeper Andy Stevens recorded 12 saves

NCAA SEMIFINAL: No. 1 seed and at-large pick USC routed No. 4 seed Princeton, 13-3, to earn a spot in the national title game for a record fifth straight year. The Trojans raced out to an 8-0 lead by halftime. JW Krumpholz recorded a hat trick, while Shea Buckner, Matt Sagehorn, and Jordan Thompson each scored twice for USC. Joel Dennerley tallied 10 saves in the cage.

NCAA SEMIFINAL: No. 2 seed and MPSF Champion UCLA edged No. 3 seed Loyola Marymount, 9-8 in overtime. Cole Consani nailed the game-winner with 37 seconds remaining in OT. NCAA All-Tournament honoree and MPSF Player of the Year Scott Davidson put away a season-high five goals. The Bruins make their first title game appearance since 2004.

2009 NCAA ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

FIRST-TEAM

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>
MVP	17	Jordan Thompson	USC	Senior	2-Meter
	8	Shea Buckner	USC	Senior	2-Meter
	3	JW Krumpholz	USC	Senior	2-Meter
	8	Scott Davidson	UCLA	Senior	Attacker
	3	Ben Hohl	UCLA	Junior	Attacker
	6	Tibor Forai	Loyola Marymount	Junior	Driver
	1	Andy Stevens	Loyola Marymount	Junior	Goalkeeper

SECOND-TEAM

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>
	6	Matt Sagehorn	USC	Senior	Driver
	23	Josh Samuels	UCLA	Freshman	Utility
	21	Griffin White	UCLA	Freshman	Attacker
	2	Cullen Hennessy	UCLA	Sophomore	Attacker
	1	Chay Lapin	UCLA	Senior	Goalkeeper
	7	Eric Vreeland	Princeton	Senior	Attacker
	9	Mark Zalewski	Princeton	Senior	Attacker
	5	Matt Hale	Princeton	Junior	Defender
	13	Edgaras Asajavicius	Loyola Marymount	Sophomore	Driver

NCAA TOP-20 COACHES' POLL (Dec. 2)

Rank	Team	Last Week	Points
1	USC	1	96
1	UCLA	4	96
3	CALIFORNIA	3	92
4	STANFORD	2	86
5	UC IRVINE	6	77
6	Loyola Marymount	7	76
7	UC SANTA BARBARA	9	68
8	PEPPERDINE	5	67
9	LONG BEACH STATE	8	55
10	UC San Diego	10	54
11	Concordia (CA)	11	50
12	Santa Clara	12	45
13	Princeton	14	37
14	PACIFIC	12	35
15	Navy	15	30
16	UC Davis	16	29
17	Cal Baptist	17	18
17	Air Force	18	18
19	St. Francis (NY)	19	14
20	Bucknell	20	7

MPSF PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points (1 st place)	2008 Record (MPSF)
1. USC	61 (6)	29-0 (8-0/1ST)
2. Stanford	59 (3)	25-6 (6-2/T-2ND)
3. California	51	19-9 (4-4/T-5TH)
4. UCLA	42	16-8 (5-3/4TH)
5. UCSB	32	17-11 (4-4/T-5TH)
6. Pepperdine	26	21-7 (6-2/T-2ND)
6. UC Irvine	26	11-15 (1-7/8TH)
8. Long Beach St.	16	14-18 (2-6/7TH)
9. Pacific	11	10-20 (0-8/9TH)

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP
DeNunzio Pool
Princeton, NJ
Host: Princeton University



MIKASA- OFFICIAL BALL SPONSOR OF MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO 2009 MPSF MIKASA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Player	School
Nov. 23	Jimmie Sandman	Stanford
Nov. 23	Joey Gullikson	Pacific
Nov. 16	Jordan Thompson	USC
Nov. 16	JP MacDonell	Pepperdine
Nov. 9	Joel Dennerley	USC
Nov. 9	Scott Davidson	UCLA
Nov. 2	Chay Lapin	UCLA
Nov. 2	Jacob Smith	Stanford
Oct. 26	Drac Wigo	Stanford
Oct. 26	Milos Golic	UC Santa Barbara
Oct. 19	Joel Dennerley	USC
Oct. 19	Wil Toppen	California
Oct. 12	Justin Rappel	USC
Oct. 12	Zach White	California
Oct. 5	Janson Wigo	Stanford
Oct. 5	Thomas O'Connell	Pepperdine
Sept. 28	Kyle Sterling	USC
Sept. 21	Drac Wigo	Stanford
Sept. 14	Greg Enloe	UC Irvine
Sept. 14	Cole Consani	UCLA
Sept. 8	Cory Nasoff	California
Sept. 8	Peter Kurzeka	USC

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