



WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

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2009 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION FINAL MEN'S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1. ^{\$^} #UC Irvine	19	3	.864	10-1	9-2	27	5	.844	13-2	10-2	4-1	Won 2
2. #Pepperdine	18	4	.818	9-2	9-2	22	5	.815	13-2	8-2	1-1	Lost 1
3. #CS Northridge	16	6	.727	9-2	7-4	24	7	.774	14-2	8-4	2-1	Lost 1
4. #Stanford	14	8	.636	8-3	6-5	21	11	.656	11-5	8-5	2-1	Lost 1
5. [%] #USC	13	9	.591	8-3	5-6	21	11	.656	10-3	8-6	3-2	Lost 1
5. #BYU	13	9	.591	8-2	5-7	17	13	.567	9-3	5-8	3-2	Lost 1
7. #Long Beach State	11	11	.500	7-4	4-7	14	14	.500	9-4	4-9	1-1	Lost 1
8. #UCLA	10	12	.455	7-4	3-8	14	16	.467	9-4	4-10	1-2	Lost 2
9. UC San Diego	8	14	.364	6-5	2-9	13	15	.464	9-5	2-10	2-0	Won 1
10. Hawaii	6	16	.273	6-6	0-10	9	18	.333	9-8	0-10	0-0	Won 1
11. UC Santa Barbara	4	18	.182	2-9	2-9	8	19	.296	6-10	2-9	0-0	Lost 6
12. Pacific	0	22	.000	0-11	0-11	3	28	.097	2-12	1-14	0-2	Lost 10

*\$ UCI NCAA Champion; % USC MPSF Tournament Champion and automatic bid to NCAA Championship
^ UCI MPSF Regular Season Champion; # MPSF Tournament Appearance*

2009 NCAA TOURNAMENT

SMITH FIELDHOUSE
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
PROVO, UT

NCAA Championship:

SAT, May 9

3 USC 30 23 30 17 12-----2
1 UC Irvine 26 30 26 30 15-----3

NCAA Semifinal:

THU, May 7

3 USC 27 30 30 30-----3
2 Penn State 30 26 26 24-----1

NCAA Semifinal:

THU, May 7

4 Ohio State 25 25 26-----0
1 UC Irvine 30 30 30-----3

2009 MPSF TOURNAMENT

BREN EVENTS CENTER
UC IRVINE
IRVINE, CA

MPSF Championship:

SAT, May 2

5 USC 30 30 20 26 21---3
2 Pepperdine 23 25 30 30 19---2

MPSF Semifinal:

THU, April 30

3 CS Northridge 30 38 26 23-----1
2 Pepperdine 27 40 30 30-----3

MPSF Semifinal:

THU, April 30

5 USC 30 30 30-----3
1 UC IRVINE 25 25 27-----0

UC IRVINE WINS SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP:

UC IRVINE brought home its second national championship in the last three years with a 3-2 win over MPSF Tournament Champion USC (26-30, 30-23, 26-30, 30-17, 15-12) in Provo, UT on Saturday. The Anteaters rallied from set deficits of 1-0 and 2-1, as well as from 8-6 down in the fifth, in avenging the MPSF semifinal loss to the Trojans. Senior setter and NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player Ryan Ammerman took charge at the net with a career-high 13 blocks while dishing out 55 assists. He also tied a career-high with six kills on nine errorless swings (.667) and set UCI to a .342 hitting attack for the match, including a crucial .400 fifth set. All-tournament honoree Taylor Wilson recorded 21 kills (.375) and six blocks. Carson Clark and Jordan DuFault added 15 and 14 kills respectively, with the latter chipping in a double-double on 11 digs. As the nation's top blocking team, UCI combined for 20.5 stuffs (4.10 B/S), sparked in part by the seven off the bench from Bryan Simmons. The Trojans had four players in double-figure kills, led by all-tournament selection Murphy Troy's 26 (.367). Tony Ciarelli and Austin Zahn (.700) both finished with 15 kills. All-tournament setter Riley McKibbin tallied 71 assists and 13 digs. Libero Luke Morris, the only USC regular who will be lost to graduation, picked up a match-high 15 digs.....

NCAA SEMIFINAL:

UC IRVINE advanced to its second national championship match with a 3-0 sweep (30-25, 30-25, 30-26) over MIVA Conference Champion Ohio State. Ammerman set 45 assists (15.00 A/S) as the Anteaters out-hit the Buckeyes, .306-.247. Clark recorded 12 kills (.333), Wilson had 11, and DuFault added 10 (.400) along with seven digs. Kevin Wynne was effective in the middle, recording eight kills on 12 errorless swings (.667). Clark served two of the five UCI aces and senior libero Brent Asuka picked up a match-high 10 digs.....

NCAA SEMIFINAL:

USC earned its first trip to the national championship match since 1991 with a 3-1 win (27-30, 30-26, 30-26, 30-24) over EIVA Conference and defending national champion Penn State. In avenging their early season five-set loss to the Lions, the Trojans also snapped the Lions' 12-match win streak leading up to the NCAA Tournament. USC hit a season-high .484, led by Troy's .595 attack (24-2-37). Tri Bourne hit .458 (13-2-24) and Hunter Current hit .875 (7-0-8). Ciarelli had 19 kills and McKibbin tossed up 62 assists (15.50 A/S). Morris was the only player for either team in double-digit digs with 11

2009 NCAA ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>School</i>
MOP: Ryan Ammerman	Setter	Senior	UC Irvine
Taylor Wilson	Outside Hitter	Senior	UC Irvine
Carson Clark	Opposite	Freshman	UC Irvine
Murphy Troy	Opposite	Sophomore	USC
Austin Zahn	Middle Blocker	Sophomore	USC
Riley McKibbin	Setter	Sophomore	USC
William Price	Opposite	Junior	Penn State

BISON/AVCA D1-II TOP-15
FINAL COACHES POLL
May 11, 2009

Rank	Team (1 st -place)	Last Week	Points
1	UC IRVINE (16)	1	240
2	USC	4	222
3	PEPPERDINE	2	208
4	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	3	187
5	Penn State	5	169
6	STANFORD	6	163
7	BYU	7	145
8	LONG BEACH STATE	8	127
9	UCLA	9	111
10	Ohio State	10	99
11	UC SAN DIEGO	11	82
12	Lewis	12	53
13	Loyola-Chicago	13	30
13	Ball State	NR	30
15	HAWAII	14	25

MPSF VOLLEYBALL ONLINE

MPSF volleyball updates are available on the conference website:

<http://www.mpsports.org>

2009 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP
At BYU---- SMITH FIELDHOUSE; Provo, UT
(Live ESPNU, ESPN2)

SEMIFINALS, THU, May 7----7 PM & 9 PM MDT
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP, SAT, May 9----5 PM MDT

Semifinal # 1:

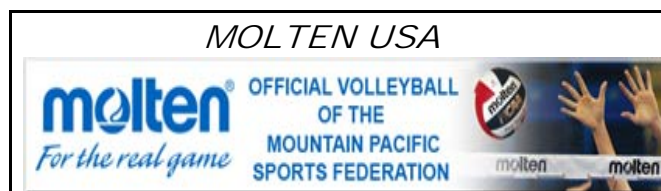
THU, May 7, 7pm MDT, Live-ESPN2, ESPNU

- 3) Penn State (27-3/EIVA Automatic)
- 2) USC (20-10/MPSF Automatic)

Semifinal # 2:

THU, May 7, 9pm MDT, Live-ESPNU

- 4) Ohio State (17-10/MIVA Automatic)
- 1) UC Irvine (25-5/MPSF At-Large)



2009 MPSF MOLTEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	Student-Athlete	School
Apr. 20	Andrew Stewart	BYU
Apr. 20	Joseph Strotman	Hawaii
Apr. 13	Jordan DuFault	UC Irvine
Apr. 13	Dan Alexander	Long Beach State
Apr. 6	Eric Vance	CS Northridge
Apr. 6	Rodnei Santos	Pepperdine
Mar. 30	Evan Romero	Stanford
Mar. 30	Kasey Crider	Pepperdine
Mar. 23	Matt McKee	Pepperdine
Mar. 23	Futi Tavana	BYU
Mar. 16	Dean Bittner	Long Beach State
Mar. 16	Kevin Wynne	UC Irvine
Mar. 9	Paul Carroll	Pepperdine
Mar. 9	Ryan Ammerman	UC Irvine
Mar. 2	Jacek Ratajczak	CS Northridge
Mar. 2	Kawika Shoji	Stanford
Feb. 23	Paul Carroll	Pepperdine
Feb. 23	Matt Stork	CS Northridge
Feb. 16	Sean Dennis	USC
Feb. 16	Brandon Williams	Stanford
Feb. 9	Sean O'Malley	UCLA
Feb. 9	Murphy Troy	USC
Feb. 2	Brad Lawson	Stanford
Feb. 2	Taylor Wilson	UC Irvine
Jan. 26	Paul Carroll	Pepperdine
Jan. 26	Jon Steller	UC Irvine
Jan. 19	Eric Vance	CS Northridge
Jan. 19	Kasey Crider	Pepperdine
Jan. 12	Eric Vance	CS Northridge
Jan. 12	Murphy Troy	USC



2009 MPSF PRESEASON
COACHES' POLL

Rank/School	Points (1 st place)	2008 Record (MPSF)
1T. Pepperdine	104 (4)	17-11 (12-10/4T)
1T. UCLA	104 (2)	17-14(12-10/4T)
3. Long Beach State	87 (2)	23-7 (18-4/1T)
4. CS Northridge	84 (2)	23-7 (17-5/3RD)
5. UC Irvine	80 (1)	16-15 (11-11/7TH)
6. USC	79 (1)	13-16 (10-12/8TH)
7. Stanford	76	17-11 (12-10/4T)
8. BYU	70	25-5 (18-4/1T)
9. Hawaii	41	11-16 (8-14/9TH)
10. UCSB	28	10-17 (7-15/10TH)
11. UC San Diego	26	10-19 (6-16/11TH)
12. Pacific	13	4-24 (1-21/12TH)