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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Stanford	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	14	1	.933	1-1	7-0	6-0	W9
UCLA	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	14	1	.933	8-1	2-0	4-0	W5
USC	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	9	4	.692	2-0	2-2	5-2	L2
California	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	10	6	.625	0-3	2-1	8-2	L1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	4	8	.333	1-3	2-1	1-4	L2
Austin College	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0	14	.000	0-0	0-5	0-9	L14

MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, hosted by California, Nov. 22-24

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 25

Austin College at Washington & Jefferson 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 26

Penn State Behrend vs. Washington & Jefferson 10:00 am

Austin College vs. Connecticut College 1:00 pm

Penn State Behrend vs. TBA TBA

Austin College vs. TBA TBA

Sunday, October 27

Pepperdine at Stanford 12:00 pm

California at UC Santa Barbara 12:00 pm

UCLA at UC Irvine 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 2

Penn State Behrend at Mercyhurst 12:00 pm

*California at UCLA 1:00 pm

*Stanford at USC 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 3

California at Long Beach State 12:00 pm

San Jose State at USC 1:00 pm

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, October 19

at No. 6 Pepperdine 13, No. 4 USC 12

at No. 2 UCLA 10, No. RV Whittier 8

at No. 2 UCLA 12, No. 20 Cal Baptist 6

Mercyhurst 13, at Penn State Behrend 11 (OT)

Gannon 19, at Penn State Behrend 7

Friday, October 18

at No. 2 UCLA 14, No. 3 Pacific 10

at Penn State Behrend 12, Iona 11

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Game

D-III Eastern Championships (Bridgeville, PA)

All Times Local to Site

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MATT OLIMSKI OF PENN STATE BEHREND MPSF/KAP7 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Penn State Behrend junior goalkeeper **Matt Olimski** (San Diego, CA/Otay Ranch HS) accumulated 53 saves and two steals over three games this past weekend. He collected a 2019 MPSF-high 24 saves in the 12-11 win over Iona (Oct. 18), marking the first time Penn State Behrend defeated a Division-I team in the history of the program. He had another 24 saves in the overtime loss to Mercyhurst and five more in shared time against Gannon (Oct. 19). Olimski is Penn State Behrend's first-ever MPSF Player of the Week. This is also his third career weekly honor (two newcomer awards in 2017).
Others Nominated: Felix Brozyna-Vilim (UCLA)...



TOMMY GRUWELL OF UCLA MPSF/KAP7 NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

UCLA freshman **Tommy Gruwell** (San Diego, CA/Cathedral Catholic HS) did a little of everything again to help the Bruins to three wins last week. Gruwell scored two goals, drew two exclusions, and added one steal in a 14-10 win over No. 3 Pacific (Oct. 18). He had two assists and one steal in a 12-6 win over No. 20 California Baptist (Oct. 19) and ended the week with one goal, one steal, and two field blocks in a 10-8 win over Whittier (Oct. 19). This is the second career MPSF award for Gruwell, repeating the weekly newcomer honor from last week.
Others Nominated: Jacob Harkins (PSB)...



Collegiate Water Polo Association Top-25 Poll

Oct. 16

<https://collegiatewaterpolo.org>

Rank	Team	Last	Points
1	Stanford University	1	98
2	University of California-Los Angeles	2	96
3	University of the Pacific	3	90
4	University of Southern California	4	84
5	University of California-Santa Barbara	5	80
6	Pepperdine University	7	75
7	Long Beach State University	8	67
8	University of California	6	66
9	Harvard University	10	59
10	University of California-San Diego	9	58
11	Loyola Marymount University	11	49
12	University of California-Irvine	13	43
13	University of California-Davis	12	40
14	Bucknell University	15	33
15	George Washington University	14	26
16	Fordham University	17	22
17	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges	18	17
18	Princeton University	19	15
19	San Jose State University	RV	10
20 (T)	St. Francis College Brooklyn	16	9
20 (T)	California Baptist University	20	9

2019 MPSF SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

GOALS

Ben Hallock, STAN (vs. Pac, 9/28; UCD, 9/21) 6
Matthew Kacura, UCLA (vs. LaSalle, 9/8)
Tyler Abramson, STAN (at Navy, 9/7)

ASSISTS

Tyler Abramson, STAN (at SCU, 10/9) 4
Bennett Williams, STAN (vs. Pac, 9/28)
Quinn Woodhead, STAN (vs. UCSB, 9/20)
Jacob Mercep, USC (vs. UCSB & CUI, 9/15)
Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL (vs. Pac, 9/15)
Ashworth Molthen, UCLA (vs. SJISU, 9/14)

POINTS

Jacob Mercep, USC (vs. CUI, 9/15) 9

STEALS

Jacob Harkins, PSB (at W&J, 9/27) 6

SAVES

Matt Olimski, PSB (Iona, 10/18 & MC, 10/19) 24

2019 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO

MPSF/KAP7 PLAYERS AND NEWCOMERS OF THE WEEK



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Sept. 9.....	Matthew Kacura, UCLA (POW) Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA (NOW)
Sept. 16.....	Bennett Williams, Stanford (POW) Max Wade, Austin (NOW)
Sept. 23.....	Jacob Mercep, USC (POW) Jasmin Kolasinac, California (NOW)
Sept. 30.....	Ben Hallock, Stanford (POW) Nikolaos Papanikolaou, California (NOW)
Oct. 7.....	Jacob Mercep, USC (POW) Adrian Weinberg, California (NOW)
Oct. 14.....	Felix Brozyna-Vilim, UCLA (POW) Tommy Gruwell, UCLA (NOW)
Oct. 21.....	Matt Olimski, Penn State Behrend (POW) Tommy Gruwell, UCLA (NOW)
Oct. 28.....	
Nov. 4.....	
Nov. 11.....	
Nov. 18.....	

2019 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO COACHES' POLL

Rank	Team (First-place)	Points
1T	Stanford (3)	21
1T	UCLA (2)	21
1T	USC (1)	21
4.	California	13
5.	Penn State Behrend	8
6.	Austin College	6

2019 MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Host: University of California
Spieker Aquatics Complex; Berkeley, Calif.
Friday-Sunday, November 22-24, 2019

Friday, November 22

9:00 am---Penn State Behrend vs. Austin College (5/6 seed game)
1:00 pm---Game 1: No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed Austin/Penn State Behrend
3:00 pm---Game 2: No. 4 seed vs. No. 5 seed Austin/Penn State Behrend

Saturday, November 23

11:00 am---Game 3: No. 1 seed vs. Game 2 winner (Semifinal)
1:00 pm---Game 4: No. 2 seed vs. Game 1 winner (Semifinal)

Sunday, November 24

11:00 am---Game 5: Losers Games 1 and 2 (5th-Place)
1:00 pm---Game 6: Losers Games 3 and 4 (3rd-Place)
3:00 pm---Game 7: Winners Games 3 and 4 (Championship)
Games 6 and 7 live on Pac-12 Networks

2019 NCAA SEMIFINALS & CHAMPIONSHIP

Host: University of the Pacific
Chris Kjeldsen Pool; Stockton, Calif.
Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, 2019

MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONS

	<u>MPSF</u>	<u>NCAA</u>
2018	Stanford	USC
2017	USC	UCLA
2016	USC	California
2015	UCLA	UCLA
2014	Stanford	UCLA
2013	USC	USC
2012	USC	USC
2011	UCLA	USC
2010	USC	USC
2009	UCLA	USC
2008	USC	USC
2007	USC	California
2006	California	California
2005	USC	USC
2004	Stanford	UCLA
2003	USC	USC
2002	California	Stanford
2001	Stanford	Stanford
2000	UCLA	UCLA
1999	UCLA	UCLA
1998	Stanford	USC
1997	USC	Pepperdine
1996	USC	UCLA
1995	California	UCLA
1994	Stanford	Stanford
1993	California	Stanford
1992	California	California

2019 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO

PENN STATE BEHREND EARNS FIRST-EVER WIN OVER D-I PROGRAM

PENN STATE BEHREND (0-0 MPSF, 4-8 Overall) picked up its first-ever win over an NCAA Division I opponent, 12-11 at home over Iona (Oct. 18), a team which it had lost to by eight goals in September (15-7) and by 15 last year (19-4)...The Lions were down 4-0 and 5-1 in the first quarter...Behrend also trailed 11-8 late third quarter before scoring the last four goals of the contest....Matt Olimski tallied a 2019 MPSF season-high 24 saves for the D-III Lions, Isaak Hatopp put away four goals (including the game-winner) and dished two assists, and Andre Sardaryzadeh added a hat trick...Olimski picked up his second 24-save game in an overtime loss to Mercyhurst (Oct. 19), upping his MPSF leading total to 163 on the year (13.58 SPG)...Penn State Behrend competes in the D-III Eastern Championships this weekend (Oct. 26-27) in Bridgeville, PA.

No. 2 UCLA (0-0 MPSF, 14-1 Overall) won three games last week to finish a stretch of nine-straight at Spieker Aquatics Center...The Bruins knocked off No. 3 Pacific 14-10 (Oct. 18), as well as No. 20 Cal Baptist 12-6 and Whittier 10-8 (Oct. 19)...Jake Cavano and Felix Brozyna-Vilim each tallied four goals against Pacific, while Alex Wolf collected 12 saves...Tommy Gruwell scored twice and drew a pair of exclusions...Brozyna-Vilim added another four-goal game vs. CBU and two more vs. Whittier...Gabe Discipulo drew six exclusions and had two steals and a goal against the Poets...UCLA visits UC Irvine Sunday (Oct. 27) for a final tune-up before its three MPSF games.

No. 4 USC (0-0 MPSF, 9-4 Overall) was edged at No. 6 Pepperdine this past Saturday (Oct. 19), 13-12...Hannes Daube recorded four goals, while Jake Ehrhardt added three...Nic Porter had 13 saves and three steals in the cage...USC is off this week, next in action in a home conference game against top-ranked Stanford (Nov. 2), followed by its home finale vs. San Jose State (Nov. 3).

No. 1 STANFORD (0-0 MPSF, 14-1 Overall) extended its win streak to nine consecutive games with three road wins 11-4 over Santa Clara (Oct. 9), 11-5 over No. 8 Long Beach State (Oct. 12), and 16-7 over No. 13 UC Irvine (Oct. 13)...Ben Hallock recorded the game's lone hat trick at UCI, and continues to lead the MPSF in scoring with 44 goals...Andrew Chun stopped 11 shots...Bennett Williams tallied a game-high four goals at LBSU, as did Dylan Woodhead at Santa Clara...Stanford was off last week, and is next in action at home against Pepperdine Sunday (Oct. 27) before the MPSF schedule begins.

No. 8 CALIFORNIA (0-0 MPSF, 10-6 Overall) was off last week, and is back in action Sunday (Oct. 27) when it travels to UCSB...Cal dropped a 13-12 overtime home game to No. 7 Pepperdine last time out (Oct. 12)...The loss snapped the Bears' 19-game win streak over the Waves, dating back to 2008... Marko Valecic accumulated two goals and three assists, while Garrett Dunn delivered a hat trick and dished two assists...Nikolaos Papanikolaou tallied five drawn exclusions, three steals, and a pair of goals...Adrian Weinberg collected 14 saves, upping his total to 141 on the year.

AUSTIN COLLEGE (0-0 MPSF, 0-14 Overall) dropped road games in Southern California against Cal Lutheran, Occidental, No. 20 Cal Baptist, Fresno Pacific, and La Verne (Oct. 10-13)...Will Koelzer, Brett Skinner, and Alex Rodriguez each recorded hat tricks against La Verne...Cade Griffith also scored three goals at Occidental, as did Max Wade vs. FPU...The 'Roos are at Washington & Jefferson for a single game Friday (Oct. 25), and then compete in the DIII Eastern Championships in Bridgeville, PA (Oct. 26-27).