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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
USC	3	0	1.000	1-0	2-0	W3	13	4	.765	4-0	4-2	5-2	W4
Stanford	2	1	.667	2-0	0-1	W2	17	2	.895	4-1	7-1	6-0	W2
UCLA	1	2	.333	1-1	0-1	L2	16	3	.842	9-2	3-1	4-0	L2
California	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3	12	10	.545	1-4	3-4	8-2	L1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	6	12	.333	1-3	2-3	3-6	L3
Austin College	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	3	17	.150	2-0	0-6	1-11	W3

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

2019 MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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

Subscription-Based Live Video Stream
(Austin-PSB on Friday, Plus Games 1-5):

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MPSF TOURNAMENT SEEDS

1. USC
2. Stanford
3. UCLA
4. California
5. Winner of PSB-Austin game (Nov. 22)
6. Loser of PSB-Austin game (Nov. 22)

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

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

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, November 16

*at No. 1 Stanford 17, No. 3 UCLA 11
*No. 1 USC 14, at No. 7 California 13

Sunday, November 10

at No. 7 California 10, No. 15 UC Irvine 7

Saturday, November 9

*# No. 4 USC 10, at No. 1 UCLA 7
*# at No. 2 Stanford 15, No. 7 California 8
at Austin College 15, Ottawa-AZ 12
Ottawa-AZ 12, Penn State Behrend 8
(at Austin College)
at Austin College 13, Penn State Behrend 8

Sunday, November 3

No. 8 California 11, at No. 6 Long Beach State 10 (OT)
at No. 7 USC 17, No. 12 San Jose State 9

Saturday, November 2

*at No. 2 UCLA 10, No. 8 California 9
*at No. 7 USC 9, No. 1 Stanford 8
at Mercyhurst 11, Penn State Behrend 8

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Game
TV: Pac-12 Networks
All Times Local to Site

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BEN HALLOCK OF STANFORD

MPSF/KAP7 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Stanford redshirt junior Ben Hallock (Studio City, CA/Harvard-Westlake HS) yet again delivered a game-high with five goals in a 17-11 regular season-ending home win over No. 3 UCLA (Nov. 16)...He added three drawn exclusions and five field blocks...The win gave the Cardinal the No. 2 seed in the MPSF Tournament. Hallock owns a conference-high 62 goals this year (3.44 GPG), including 14 in the three MPSF games, and multiple goals in 13 of his 18 contests. This is Hallock's eighth career MPSF weekly honor, fifth as player of the week, and finishes with a conference-high three this year.

Others Nominated: Jordan Hoover (Cal); Hannes Daube (USC)...



NIKOLAOS PAPANIKOLAOU OF CAL

MPSF/KAP7 NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

California freshman Nikolaos Papanikolaou (Athens, Greece) totaled three goals and seven drawn exclusions in a narrow 14-13 outcome against No. 1 USC (Nov. 16). His hat trick marked the sixth time this season that he has scored three or more goals. His seven drawn exclusions give him 65 for the season. Papanikolaou, also a newcomer of the week on Sept. 30, ranks fourth in the MPSF with 43 goals to lead the freshmen in the conference...



Collegiate Water Polo Association Top-25 Poll

Nov. 13

<https://collegiatewaterpolo.org>

Rank	Team	Last	Points
1 (T)	University of Southern California	4	96
1 (T)	Stanford University	2	96
3	University of California-Los Angeles	1	92
4	University of the Pacific	3	88
5	University of California-Santa Barbara	5	80
6	Pepperdine University	6	74
7	University of California	7	68
8	Long Beach State University	8	65
9	Harvard University	9	60
10	University of California-Davis	11	58
11	University of California-San Diego	10	52
12	San Jose State University	13	38
13	Loyola Marymount University	12	37
14	University of California-Irvine	15	29
15	Bucknell University	14	26
16	Fordham University	16 (T)	25
17	California Baptist University	16 (T)	22
18	George Washington University	19	19
19 (T)	Princeton University	20	13
19 (T)	Brown University	18	13

2019 MPSF SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

GOALS

Ben Hallock, STAN (vs. Cal, 11/9) 8

ASSISTS

Ashworth Molthen, UCLA (vs. Cal, 11/2) 5

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

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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 Olinski, Penn State Behrend (POW) Tommy Gruwell, UCLA (NOW)
Oct. 28.....	Andrew Chun, Stanford (POW) Max Wade, Austin (NOW)
Nov. 4.....	Nic Porter, USC (POW) Marcus Longton, USC (NOW)
Nov. 11.....	Ben Hallock, Stanford (POW) Max Wade, Austin (NOW)
Nov. 18.....	Ben Hallock, Stanford (POW) Nikolaos Papanikolaou, California (NOW)

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Monthly subscription.....	\$.99.95
Annual subscription.....	\$99.95

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

	MPSF	NCAA
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 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 MEN'S WATER POLO

CALIFORNIA HOSTS MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND

No. 1 seed USC (3-0 MPSF, 13-4 Overall) locked up the MPSF Tournament's No. 1 seed with a 10-7 win at No. 1 UCLA (Nov. 9)...The Trojans then completed an unbeaten conference season with a 14-13 result at No. 7 California (Nov. 16)...Hannes Daube recorded a game-high four goals, along with two assists and two field blocks in the regular season finale...Jake Ehrhardt scored a hat trick, including the game-winning goal with 25 seconds left in the fourth quarter...USC's first MPSF Tournament game is at 11 am Saturday (Nov. 23) in the first semifinal...USC has won a conference-high 11 MPSF titles, most recently going back-to-back in 2016-17.

No. 2 seed STANFORD (2-1 MPSF, 17-2 Overall) Ben Hallock yet again delivered a game-high with five goals in a 17-11 regular season-ending home win over No. 3 UCLA (Nov. 16)...He added three drawn exclusions and five field blocks...The win gave the Cardinal the No. 2 seed in the MPSF Tournament, and a potential third meeting of the year with UCLA in the second semifinal Saturday at 1 pm...Bennett Williams added four goals, while AJ Rossman added three to wrap the regular season...Hallock owns a conference-high 62 goals (3.44 GPG), including 14 in the three MPSF games, and multiple goals in 13 of his 18 contests...Tyler Abramson is the only other MPSF player who has 50 goals entering the MPSF Tournament...Stanford is the defending MPSF Champion, and has won six all-time conference titles.

No. 3 seed UCLA (1-2 MPSF, 16-3 Overall) is seeded third, and awaits the loser of the Friday's Austin College/Penn State Behrend game for a 1 pm quarterfinal...Ashworth Molthen leads the MPSF in assists (39) and points (75) entering the conference tournament, and is the Bruins' leading scorer with 36 goals...UCLA has won five MPSF titles, most recently in 2015.

No. 4 seed CALIFORNIA (0-3 MPSF, 12-10 Overall) is seeded fourth as it hosts this weekend's MPSF Championship Tournament (Nov. 22-24)...The Bears' first game is at 3 pm Friday against the Austin/Penn State Behrend 9 am winner...Cal has won five MPSF titles, most recently in 2006... In the regular season finale vs. No. 1 USC, Nikolaos Papanikolaou totaled three goals and seven drawn exclusions, while Jordan Hoover scored three goals, dished three assists, and collected a pair of exclusions and steals...Papanikolaou leads all MPSF freshmen and ranks third overall with 43 goals, while Safak Simsek ranks third in the conference with 46 goals.

No. 5/6 seed AUSTIN COLLEGE (0-0 MPSF, 3-17 Overall) Max Wade scored six goals to lead the Kangaroos to their first-ever win in three all-time meetings against Penn State Behrend, 13-8, in the second of two home games in Sherman, TX (Nov. 9)...Andrew Pope collected four steals and Zach Griffith had eight saves...Wade had four goals, while Cade Griffith and Nathan Butler added hat tricks in a 15-12 win over Ottawa (AZ) in the first home game...Austin and Penn State Behrend meet again, Friday (Nov. 22) at 9 am in Berkeley to determine the five and six seed for the MPSF Tournament...The 'Roos carry their first-ever three-game win streak into the tournament.

No. 5/6 seed PENN STATE BEHREND (0-0 MPSF, 6-12 Overall) fell 12-8 to Ottawa (AZ) and 13-8 to Austin College in Sherman, TX to close the regular season... Andre Sardaryzadeh recorded a hat trick, while Greg Kinzler and Isaak Hatopp each had four steals vs. Ottawa...Matt Olimski had 10 saves and five steals in that game...Olimski is the MPSF steals (35) and saves (238) leader...The Lions face Austin at 9:00 am Friday (Nov. 22) in Berkeley to determine the five and seeds for the MPSF Tournament.