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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
USC	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	W1	11	4	.733	4-0	2-2	5-2	W2
UCLA	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0	W1	16	1	.941	9-1	3-0	4-0	W7
Stanford	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1	15	2	.882	2-1	7-1	6-0	L1
California	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1	11	8	.579	0-3	3-3	8-2	W1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	6	10	.400	1-3	2-2	3-5	L1
Austin College	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	1	17	.056	0-0	0-6	1-11	W1

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9

Ottawa (AZ) at Austin College 10:00 am
 *# USC at UCLA 10:30 am
 *# California at Stanford 10:30 am
 Penn State Behrend vs. Ottawa-AZ (at Austin College) 12:30 pm
 Penn State Behrend at Austin College 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 10

UC Irvine at California 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 16

*UCLA at Stanford TBA
 *USC at California TBA

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 Friday-Sunday, November 22-24, 2019

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 # Game 7: Winners Games 3 and 4 (Championship) 3:00 pm

RECENT RESULTS

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

Sunday, October 27

at No. 1 Stanford 12, No. 5 Pepperdine 11
 No. 2 UCLA 16, at No. 14 UC Irvine 7
 at No. 4 UCSB 13, No. 8 California 10 (OT)
 % Penn State Behrend 12, Connecticut College 7
 % Austin College 16, Washington & Jefferson 7

Saturday, October 26

% Penn State Behrend 13, Washington & Jefferson 9
 % MIT 20, Penn State Behrend 5
 % Connecticut College 13, Austin College 12
 % Johns Hopkins 23, Austin College 11

Friday, October 25

at Washington & Jefferson 23, Austin College 20

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Game
 # TV: Pac-12 Networks
 % D-III Eastern Championships (Bridgeville, PA)
 All Times Local to Site

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NIC PORTER OF USC MPSF/KAP7 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

USC sophomore goalkeeper **Nic Porter** (Peregian Springs, Queensland, Australia) had a career-high 20 saves (.714) to help the Trojans upset No. 1 Stanford 9-8 in an MPSF game (Nov. 2). The eight Stanford goals were a team season-low. Porter broke his previous career-high of 15 saves with his 16th coming against a dangerous counter-attack in the final minute of the third, preserving a two-goal lead. His 20th save came with 1:20 remaining in the fourth to hold a crucial late two-goal lead. The next day, Porter tallied nine more saves in a 17-9 USC win over visiting No. 12 San José State. This is Porter's fifth career MPSF weekly honor, first as player of the week. He was named newcomer of the week four times as a freshman.

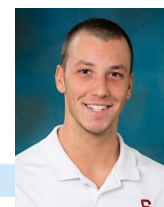
Others Nominated: Jordan Hoover (Cal); Chasen Travisano (UCLA)...



MARCUS LONGTON OF USC MPSF/KAP7 NEWCOMER OF THE WEEK

USC freshman **Marcus Longton** (Orinda, CA/Campolindo HS) had his first career hat trick in the Trojans' 9-8 upset of No. 1 Stanford (Nov. 2), then scored twice in a 17-9 win over No.12 San José State (Nov. 3). Against the Cardinal, Longton scored twice in the first period, going back-to-back to give USC its first lead of the game. The Trojans would not trail the rest of the way, and Longton added his third to get USC up 7-5 during the third period. Against SJSU, Longton scored in the second and third periods, then added an assist on USC's final goal of the game. This is the first career MPSF award for Longton.

Others Nominated: Warren Loth (Cal)...



2019 MPSF SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

GOALS

Andre Sardaryzadeh, PSB (vs. Conn, 10/27) 6
Ben Hallock, STAN (vs. Pac, 9/28; UCD, 9/21)
Matthew Kacura, UCLA (vs. LaSalle, 9/8)
Tyler Abramson, STAN (at Navy, 9/7)

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

Collegiate Water Polo Association Top-25 Poll

Oct. 30

<https://collegiatewaterpolo.org>

Rank	Team	Last	Points
1	Stanford University	1	99
2	University of California-Los Angeles	2	96
3	University of the Pacific	3	90
4	University of California-Santa Barbara	4	85
5	Pepperdine University	5	79
6	Long Beach State University	7	70
7	University of Southern California	6	67
8	University of California	8	60
9 (T)	Harvard University	9 (T)	58
9 (T)	University of California-San Diego	9 (T)	58
11	University of California-Davis	12	47
12	San Jose State University	13	44
13	Loyola Marymount University	11	43
14	University of California-Irvine	14	37
15	Bucknell University	15	31
16	Fordham University	16	22
17	St. Francis College Brooklyn	18	18
18	Princeton University	RV	17
19	California Baptist University	RV	16
20	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges	19 (T)	8

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.....	Andrew Chun, Stanford (POW) Max Wade, Austin (NOW)
Nov. 4.....	Nic Porter, USC (POW) Marcus Longton, USC (NOW)
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

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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

RIVALS MEET ON PAC-12 NETWORKS IN SECOND OF THREE MPSF SATURDAYS

No. 7 USC (1-0 MPSF, 11-4 Overall) held top-ranked Stanford to a season-low eight goals, and held MPSF scoring leader Ben Hallock to one goal, in a 9-8 conference home win (Nov. 2)...Nic Porter collected a career-high 20 saves, with a huge .714 save percentage, breaking his previous high of 15...Marin Dasic and Marcus Longton each poured in a hat trick, the first of Longton's career...In its home finale, USC broke open a close contest vs. No. 12 San Jose State (Nov. 3) with a seven-goal fourth quarter en route to a 17-9 win and perfect 4-0 home season...Porter had nine more saves, while Dasic, Hannes Daube, and Jacob Mercep each scored hat tricks...In the second of three MPSF games for each team, USC visits UCLA Saturday (Nov. 9) at 10:30 am on Pac-12 Networks...This will be the first meeting of the year between the Bruins and Trojans.

No. 2 UCLA (1-0 MPSF, 16-1 Overall) stormed back from a three-goal deficit, down 9-6 early in the fourth quarter, to edge No. 8 California 10-9 at home in the first of three MPSF games (Nov. 2)...Ashworth Molthen, Chasen Travisano, and Felix Brozyna-Vilim each scored twice...Molthen dished a 2019 MPSF single-game high five assists, including the game-winning helper to Jake Cavano with 43 seconds left in the game...Brozyna-Vilim collected game-highs of six drawn exclusions and three steals...Alex Wolf had 12 saves (.571), and helped hold Safak Simsek (MPSF's No. 3 scorer) without a goal for the first time in Cal's 19 games this year...UCLA hosts USC Saturday (Nov. 9) in its home finale...Molthen enters the week as the 2019 MPSF assist (35) and point leader (69).

No. 1 STANFORD (0-1 MPSF, 15-2 Overall) Tyler Abramson had a game-high four goals as the Cardinal had its 10-game win streak snapped at No. 7 USC in a conference game (Nov. 2)...Bennett Williams added two goals, one assist, and game-high three steals...Andrew Chun collected 11 saves (.550)...Ben Hallock is the MPSF's leading scorer with 49 goals on the year...Stanford hosts California Saturday (Nov. 9) at 10:30 am on Pac-12 Networks...This will be the first meeting of the year between the Cardinal and Bears.

No. 8 CALIFORNIA (0-1 MPSF, 11-8 Overall) edged No. 6 Long Beach State Sunday (Nov. 3), 11-10 in overtime, after a near upset at No. 2 UCLA (Nov. 2)...The overtime win marked Cal's fourth extra session contest in its last five outings and sixth of the year...Jordan Hoover netted his 100th career goal in what proved to be the eventual game-winner with 2:45 remaining in the second overtime period, while also completing a hat trick...He also drew four ejections in the win...Warren Loth tallied a pair of goals in each game...Cal visits Stanford Saturday for its second MPSF contest.

PENN STATE BEHREND (0-0 MPSF, 6-10 Overall) was edged at Mercyhurst last Saturday (Nov. 2), 11-8...Matt Olimski picked up 16 saves, giving him an MPSF-high 213 on the year (13.31 SPG)...He also leads the MPSF in steals (26)...Isaak Hatopp had two goals and two steals, while Greg Kinzler and Andre Sardaryzadeh also had a pair of goals in the loss...PSB travels to Sherman, TX this weekend to face Ottawa (AZ) and Austin College in a pair of Saturday games...This will be the third all-time meeting between the Lions and Kangaroos, with PSB winning both contests in last year's MPSF Tournament (8-6 and 13-10).

AUSTIN COLLEGE (0-0 MPSF, 1-17 Overall) picked up its first win of the season at the CWPA Division III Eastern Championships (Oct. 27), topping host school Washington & Jefferson 16-7 to close the tournament...Max Wade led the way with three goals en route to being named the Rookie of the Tournament, totaling 18 goals over the course of four games on the weekend...Brett Skinner also tallied three goals in the win... Austin College hosts Ottawa (AZ) and Penn State Behrend in its only two 2019 home games on Saturday (Nov. 9).