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STANFORD  
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(14-8, 7-6)**

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>JANUARY...</b>		
9 (Fri.)	BYU (1)	W, 3-0
	Long Beach State (1)	W, 3-1
10 (Sat.)	Cal State Northridge (1)	L, 1-3
14 (Wed.)	at Pacific*	W, 3-0
16 (Fri.)	at Ohio State	W, 3-0
17 (Sat.)	at Ball State	W, 3-0
23 (Fri.)	at USC*	L, 0-3
24 (Sat.)	at Pepperdine*	L, 0-3
<b>30 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. Long Beach State* (M)</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
<b>31 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. UC San Diego* (B)</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>FEBRUARY...</b>		
5 (Thur.)	at UCLA*	L, 2-3
6 (Fri.)	at UC Irvine*	L, 0-3
<b>13 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. Pepperdine* (M)</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>14 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. USC* (B)</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
20 (Fri.)	at Cal State Northridge*	L, 1-3
21 (Sat.)	at UC Santa Barbara*	W, 3-2
26 (Thur.)	at Hawai'i*	W, 3-0
28 (Sat.)	at Hawai'i*	W, 3-0
<b>MARCH...</b>		
<b>3 (Tue.)</b>	<b>vs. UC Santa Cruz (B)</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>6 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. Lewis (M)</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>7 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. Lewis (B)</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>21 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. Cal Baptist (B)</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>27 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. Cal St. Northridge* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>28 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. UC Santa Barbara* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>31 (Tue.)</b>	<b>vs. Pacific* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>APRIL...</b>		
3 (Fri.)	at Long Beach State*	7 p.m.
4 (Sat.)	at UC San Diego*	7 p.m.
<b>10 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. BYU* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. BYU* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>17 (Fri.)</b>	<b>vs. UC Irvine* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>18 (Sat.)</b>	<b>vs. UCLA* (M)</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
25 (Sat.)	MPSF First Round	TBA
30 (Thur.)	MPSF Semifinals	TBA
<b>MAY...</b>		
2 (Sat.)	MPSF Final	TBA
7 (Thur.)	NCAA Semis (Provo, Utah)	TBA
9 (Sat.)	NCAA Final (Provo, Utah)	TBA

*All times listed are Pacific*

\* Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

(B) at Burnham Pavilion

(M) at Maples Pavilion

(1) UCSB/Elephant Bar Invitational

**bold indicates home match****Stanford Hosts No. 2 Northridge, UCSB***Romero within five of career kills record***No. 7 Stanford (14-8) vs. No. 2 Cal State Northridge (19-3)**

Friday • 7 p.m. • Maples Pavilion

**Stanford vs. No. 12 UC Santa Barbara (7-13)**

Saturday • 7 p.m. • Maples Pavilion

**This Week**

The No. 7 Stanford men's volleyball team returns to Mountain Pacific Sports Federation action when it plays host to No. 2 Cal State Northridge (19-3) and No. 12 UC Santa Barbara (7-13) in weekend back-to-back matches. This will be Stanford's first MPSF match in 27 days and first conference home match in 41 days. Stanford stands in sixth place in the 12-team MPSF, but has the most favorable remaining schedule in the conference, with seven of its remaining nine matches at home.

**On the Internet**

Both matches can be viewed live via streaming video. The free webcasts can be found on [gostanford.com](http://gostanford.com). On the home page, look for the All-Access button on the tool bar, or click on the "Watch" link at the bottom of the page, under Calendar of Events.

**Romero Approaches Record**

Junior opposite hitter Evan Romero is within five kills of the school record for career kills in the rally-scoring era (since 2001) and should break it Friday against Cal State Northridge. Romero has 1,138 kills and trails only Curt Toppel's 1,143. Romero has led Stanford in kills in each of his three seasons and is averaging 4.49 kills per set.

**Return to Conference Play**

Stanford plays its first MPSF match this month, following four nonconference matches, and two weeks off to accommodate Dead Week and winter quarter finals. The Cardinal has a three-match conference winning streak -- its longest of the season -- since losing to Cal State Northridge on Feb. 20. After that weekend, Stanford was in seventh place and three games out of fourth in the standings. Today, Stanford is in sixth, but only 1 1/2 games out of fourth. The Cardinal had a pre-season goal of finishing among the top four in the MPSF and receiving a first-round home match in the MPSF tournament. The last time Stanford played a home conference match was Feb. 14, when the Cardinal to USC in four sets at Burnham Pavilion.

**Homecourt Advantage**

Stanford is undefeated at Maples Pavilion this season and has not lost there since 2007. Stanford carries a seven-match winning streak at Maples since its last loss, 30-27, 30-26, 30-25, to No. 1 Pepperdine on April 6, 2007. This season, Stanford is 3-0 at its part-time home (the Cardinal played five home matches at Burnham Pavilion) with each victory coming against a team ranked in the top 10 of the Bison/AVCA Coaches Poll at the time. The highlight was a four-set victory Feb. 13 over Pepperdine, which arrived undefeated and ranked No. 2. The Cardinal beat Long Beach State (then No. 7) and Lewis (No. 9) at Maples. Stanford has seven home matches remaining in the regular season and all are at Maples.

**Last Week**

Stanford resumed play after Dead Week and winter quarter finals with a 30-27, 30-26, 30-28 loss to Cal Baptist, the NAIA's top-ranked team, in a nonconference match Saturday at Burnham Pavilion. Stanford was led by Spencer McLachlin's 10 kills, but couldn't prevent the team's six-match winning streak from being snapped. It matched the longest winning streak for the program since the Cardinal won 25 straight in 1997-98.

## MPSF Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
Pepperdine	14-2	12-2
UC Irvine	17-3	12-2
Cal State Northridge	19-3	12-3
USC	13-6	9-5
BYU	13-8	9-5
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>14-8</b>	<b>7-6</b>
Long Beach State	10-10	7-8
UC San Diego	10-10	6-9
UCLA	9-12	5-9
Hawai'i	6-13	3-11
UC Santa Barbara	6-13	3-12
Pacific	3-19	0-13

### Bison/AVCA Div. I-II Top 15

1, UC Irvine (17-3); 2, CS Northridge (19-3); 3, Pepperdine (14-2); 4, USC (13-6); 5, BYU (13-8); 6, Long Beach St. (10-10); 7, **Stanford (14-8)**; 8, Penn St. (17-3); 9, UC San Diego (10-10); 10, UCLA (9-12); 11, Lewis (16-5); 12, UCSB (6-13); 13, Hawai'i (6-13); 14, Ball St. (13-7); 15, Loyola-Chicago (10-8).

## 2009 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1	Erik Shoji	L	6-0	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
2	Jarod Keller	L	6-1	Sr.	Scotts Valley, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)
3	Miki Groppi	S	6-4	Sr.	Modena, Italy (ITAS Francesco Selmi)
4	Charley Henrikson	M	6-7	So.	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes)
5	Evan Romero	Opp	6-7	Jr.	Miami Lakes, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
6	Jordan Inafuku	L	6-0	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
7	Brandon Williams	M	6-6	Sr.	Los Gatos, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)
8	Garrett Dobbs	OH/Opp	6-4	So.	Dallas, Texas (Greenhill School)
9	Brad Lawson	OH	6-7	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
10	Evan Barry	S	6-3	Fr.	Del Mar, Calif. (Torrey Pines)
11	Ed Howell	OH/Opp	6-7	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)
12	Kawika Shoji	S	6-3	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
13	Jason Palacios	OH	6-3	Jr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
14	Garrett Werner	M	6-7	Jr.	River Falls, Wis. (Nicolet)
15	Max Halvorson	M	6-7	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
16	Ian Connolly	OH	6-3	So.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)
17	Dylan Kordic	OH/Opp	6-3	Fr.	Hermosa Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
18	Cameron Christoffers	M	6-6	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Esperanza)
21	Spencer McLachlin	OH	6-7	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
25	Gus Ellis	M	6-6	Fr.	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar)

## Season Bests

INDIVIDUALS:			
<b>Kills:</b>	<b>five sets</b>	28	Evan Romero vs. UCLA (2/5)
	<b>four</b>	24	Evan Romero vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	<b>three</b>	21	Evan Romero vs. Hawai'i (3/3)
<b>Solo Blocks</b>	<b>four</b>	7	Evan Romero vs. Long Beach St. (1/30)
<b>Total Blocks:</b>	<b>five</b>	11	Gus Ellis vs. Long Beach State (1/30)
	<b>four</b>	9	Evan Romero vs. Long Beach State (1/9)
<b>Aces:</b>	<b>four</b>	3	Kawika Shoji vs. Cal State Northridge (1/10)
			Spencer McLachlin vs. L.B. St. (1/9), CSUN (1/10)
	<b>three</b>	4	Ed Howell vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3)
<b>Digs:</b>	<b>five</b>	20	Erik Shoji vs. UC Santa Barbara (2/5)
	<b>four</b>	26	Erik Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	<b>three</b>	23	Erik Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/28)
<b>Assists:</b>	<b>five</b>	70	Kawika Shoji vs. UCLA (2/5)
	<b>four</b>	60	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	<b>three</b>	48	Kawika Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
<b>TEAM:</b>			
<b>Kills:</b>	<b>five</b>	87	vs. UCLA (2/5)
	<b>four</b>	72	vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	<b>three</b>	61	vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
<b>Blocks:</b>	<b>five</b>	18.5	vs. Long Beach State (1/30)
	<b>four</b>	17.5	vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	<b>three</b>	13	vs. BYU (1/9)
<b>Aces:</b>		8	vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3; three sets)
<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>		.403	vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3; three sets)

## Friday's Opponent: Cal State Northridge

The No. 2 Matadors (19-3, 12-3) held the No. 1 spot in the Bison/AVCA Div. I-II Coaches Poll for two weeks, until a five-set loss to UC Irvine on March 13. Northridge stands third in the MPSF, but only a half-game behind co-leaders Pepperdine and UC Irvine. Northridge leads the nation in three team categories: kills per game (16.47), aces per game (2.11) and assists per game (15.15). In addition, freshman setter Matt Stork is the national leader in assists per game at 13.78.

## The Cal State Northridge Series

Stanford has lost five consecutive matches to Cal State Northridge, two this season and three last year, including an MPSF first-round tournament road loss. Stanford's last victory over the Matadors came in the 2008 season opener, at the UCSB tournament. Stanford leads the series, 31-23.

## Saturday's Opponent: UC Santa Barbara

The No. 12 Gauchos (7-13, 3-12) are coming off a 20-30, 30-27, 26-30, 30-27, 15-13, victory on Tuesday over Cal Baptist, the team that beat Stanford last week. UCSB sits in 11th place in the 12-team MPSF and three games out of eighth and the final conference tournament spot. Sophomore Jeff Menzel is second in the MPSF in kills per set at 5.59.

## The UC Santa Barbara Series

Stanford has won the past three matches, including a hard-fought 30-26, 26-30, 24-30, 30-21, 15-13 in Santa Barbara on Feb. 21. Stanford trails in the all-time series 41-25.

## Erik Shoji Leads Nation

Freshman libero Erik Shoji leads the nation in digs and digs per set by commanding margins. Shoji has 293 digs for a 3.91 per set average. No one else is within 40 digs of Shoji, who already holds the school record for total digs during the rally-scoring era (since 2001), and is closing in on Scott Fortune's all-time mark of 379 (1986).

## 2009 Starters

Match	S	MB	MB	OH	OH	OPP	L
BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Long Beach State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Pacific	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Ohio State	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Ball State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at USC	K. Shoji	Williams	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Pepperdine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Long Beach State	Barry	Williams	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Palacios	Keller
UC San Diego	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at UCLA	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at UC Irvine	Barry	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Pepperdine	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
USC	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Barbara	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Hawai'i	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Hawai'i	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Cruz	Groppi	Halvorson	Ellis	Lawson	Howell	Palacios	Inafuku
Lewis	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Lewis	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal Baptist	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji

Stanford Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 21, 2009)  
All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-8	6-2	6-5	2-1
CONFERENCE	7-6	3-1	4-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-2	3-1	2-0	2-1

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se		sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
5	Romero, Evan	73	328	4.49	132	737	.266	8	0.11	17	55	0.23	0	110	1.51	12	52	64	0.88	7	0	-
21	McLachlin, Spencer	75	271	3.61	84	647	.289	30	0.40	21	30	0.28	22	138	1.84	8	48	56	0.75	6	0	-
9	Lawson, Brad	77	259	3.36	115	651	.221	23	0.30	8	48	0.10	26	124	1.61	6	44	50	0.65	6	0	-
14	Werner, Garrett	70	119	1.70	26	237	.392	7	0.10	5	26	0.07	1	24	0.34	7	68	75	1.07	7	0	-
12	Shoji, Kawika	72	75	1.04	18	123	.463	907	12.60	16	40	0.22	1	154	2.14	8	33	41	0.57	9	3	-
7	Williams, Brandon	50	82	1.64	23	147	.401	0	0.00	6	35	0.12	0	17	0.34	2	39	41	0.82	3	1	-
25	Ellis, Gus	42	57	1.36	10	123	.382	1	0.02	2	8	0.05	0	4	0.10	8	51	59	1.40	6	0	-
13	Palacios, Jason	25	16	0.64	6	34	.294	1	0.04	4	13	0.16	2	8	0.32	0	4	4	0.16	0	0	-
11	Howell, Ed	6	12	2.00	2	21	.476	0	0.00	4	4	0.67	0	5	0.83	0	3	3	0.50	1	0	-
10	Barry, Evan	7	2	0.29	3	8	-.125	60	8.57	2	2	0.29	0	7	1.00	0	4	4	0.57	1	1	-
15	Halvorson, Max	4	3	0.75	4	11	-.091	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	1	0.25	0	4	4	1.00	1	0	-
16	Connolly, Ian	6	2	0.33	1	5	.200	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	1	0.17	0	1	1	0.17	0	0	-
6	Inafuku, Jordan	66	1	0.02	0	1	1.000	7	0.11	1	9	0.02	2	30	0.45	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
3	Groppi, Miki	30	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	49	1.63	2	10	0.07	0	5	0.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
2	Keller, Jarod	30	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	3	0.10	0	3	0.00	1	7	0.23	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	-
1	Shoji, Erik	75	1	0.01	0	2	.500	68	0.91	0	0	0.00	18	293	3.91	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
18	Christoffers, Cam	5	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
17	Kordic, Dylan	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	STANFORD	78	1229	15.76	425	2750	.292	1164	14.92	88	290	1.13	76	928	11.90	51	351	226.5	2.90	48	6	-
	Opponents	78	1260	16.15	497	2858	.267	1166	14.95	76	331	0.97	86	890	11.41	52	351	227.5	2.92	55	21	-

Team Statistics	STAN	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
ATTACK			Jan 10	vs #5 Cal State Northridge	L 1-3	30-21,20-30,27-30,20-30	197
Kills	1229	1260	*Jan 14	at Pacific Tigers	W 3-0	30-27,30-26,30-25	164
Errors	425	497	Jan 16	at #14 Ohio State	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,36-34	913
Total Attacks	2750	2858	Jan 17	at #13 Ball State	W 3-0	30-20,32-30,30-22	3729
Attack Pct	.292	.267	*Jan 23	at USC	L 0-3	22-30,29-31,23-30	500
Kills/Set	15.8	16.2	*Jan 24	at #4 Pepperdine	L 0-3	25-30,26-30,26-30	1273
SET			Jan 9	vs Brigham Young	W 3-0	30-25,30-24,30-18	0
Assists	1164	1166	*Jan 30	LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-2	26-30,24-30,33-31,31-29,15-8	700
Assists/Set	14.9	14.9	*Jan 31	UC SAN DIEGO	W 3-1	30-25,30-23,28-30,30-28	502
SERVE			Jan 9	vs Long Beach State	W 3-1	28-30,30-26,30-19,30-27	0
Aces	88	76	*Feb 05	at UCLA	L 2-3	36-34,30-26,21-30,27-30,11-15	471
Errors	290	331	*Feb 6	at #3 UC Irvine	L 0-3	25-30,23-30,22-30	753
Aces/Set	1.1	1.0	*Feb 13	#2 PEPPERDINE	W 3-1	30-18,28-30,30-25,30-24	818
SERVE RECEPTIONS			*Feb 14	USC	L 0-3	29-31,28-30,25-30	572
Errors	76	86	*Feb 20	at #4 Cal State Northridge	L 1-3	34-36,30-27,21-30,33-35	824
Errors/Set	1.0	1.1	*Feb 21	at #13 UC Santa Barbara	W 3-2	30-26,26-30,24-30,30-21,15-13	287
Attempts	1605	1700	*Feb 26	at #11 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,30-27	2585
Reception Pct	.953	.949	*Feb 28	at #11 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-27,30-21,30-26	3565
DEFENSE			Mar 03	UC SANTA CRUZ	W 3-0	30-21,30-20,30-21	200
Digs	928	890	Mar 06	#9 LEWIS	W 3-0	30-20,30-28,30-21	500
Digs/Set	11.9	11.4	Mar 07	#9 LEWIS	W 3-1	32-30,30-25,27-30,30-20	304
BLOCKING			Mar 21	CAL BAPTIST	L 0-3	27-30,26-30,28-30	253
Block Solo	51	52					
Block Assist	351	351					
Total Blocks	226.5	227.5					
Blocks/Set	2.9	2.9					
Block Errors	48	55					
Ball handling errors	6	21					
ATTENDANCE							
Total	3849	15064					
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/481	11/1369					
Neutral site #/Avg	3/66						
Current win streak	0	-					
Home win streak	0	-					

Record in 3-set matches: 8-5  
Record in 4-set matches: 4-2  
Record in 5-set matches: 2-1