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2010 STANFORD MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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2010 Schedule (15-4 overall, 12-4 MPSF)

Date	Opponent	Time
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JANUARY...

15 (Fri.)	Hawai'i* (M)	W, 3-0
16 (Sat.)	Hawai'i* (M)	W, 3-0
22 (Fri.)	at BYU*	L, 1-3
23 (Sat.)	at BYU*	W, 3-1
28 (Thu.)	UC Santa Barbara* (B)	L, 1-3
29 (Fri.)	Cal State Northridge* (M)	L, 2-3

FEBRUARY...

3 (Wed.)	Pacific* (M)	W, 3-1
5 (Fri.)	UC Santa Cruz (M)	W, 3-1
12 (Fri.)	UCLA* (M)	W, 3-0
13 (Sat.)	UC Irvine* (B)	W, 3-1
19 (Fri.)	at Pepperdine*	L, 0-3
20 (Sat.)	at USC*	W, 3-1
24 (Wed.)	UC Santa Cruz (M)	W, 3-0
26 (Fri.)	at Pacific*	W, 3-1

MARCH...

5 (Fri.)	UC San Diego* (M)	W, 3-1
6 (Sat.)	Long Beach State* (M)	W, 3-1
20 (Sat.)	Cal Baptist (B)	W, 3-0
26 (Fri.)	at UC San Diego*	W, 3-0
27 (Sat.)	at Long Beach State*	W, 3-0

APRIL...

2 (Fri.)	at Cal State Northridge*	7 p.m.
3 (Sat.)	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 p.m.
9 (Fri.)	Pepperdine* (M)	7 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	USC* (M)	7 p.m.
16 (Fri.)	at UCLA*	7 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	at UC Irvine*	7 p.m.
24 (Sat.)	MPSF First Round	TBA
29 (Thu.)	MPSF Semifinals	TBA

MAY...

1 (Sat.)	MPSF Final	TBA
6 (Thu.)	NCAA Semifinals (M)	6 & 8 p.m.
8 (Sat.)	NCAA Final (M)	4 p.m.

All times listed are Pacific

* Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
(B) at Burnham Pavilion

(M) at Maples Pavilion

bold indicates home match

Stanford Closes in on Playoff Berth

No. 1 Cardinal faces tough road trip

Friday • Northridge, Calif. • 7 p.m.

No. 1 Stanford (15-4, 12-4) at No. 5 Cal State Northridge (16-7, 11-6)

Saturday • Santa Barbara, Calif. • 7 p.m.

Stanford at No. 10 UC Santa Barbara (10-13, 7-10)

This Week

The No. 1 Stanford men's volleyball team gets rematches against the two opponents that swept the Cardinal during an early-season homestand -- Cal State Northridge (16-7, 11-6) and UC Santa Barbara (10-13, 7-10). The losses, which took place Jan. 28-29, dropped the Cardinal to 3-3. Since then, Stanford has won 12 of 13 matches and is on an eight-match winning streak, its longest since 1997-98. Stanford leads the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation by one match in the standings and can clinch one of the eight MPSF Tournament berths with a victory.

Follow the Action

Links to live stats for both matches can be found on gostanford.com. The Gametracker live stats can be found in the Calendar of Events on the main page, or the men's volleyball schedule page. There will be no webcasts for either match, but the UCSB student radio station will broadcast the Saturday match. It can be heard online at ksb.org.

No. 1

For the first time this season, Stanford was the unanimous choice for No. 1, receiving all 16 votes in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association poll. The Cardinal has been ranked No. 1 for four weeks, or each week since March 8. Before that, Stanford hadn't been No. 1 since 2001, and that was only for a week. Since the AVCA rankings were created in 1986, Stanford has been No. 1 during five previous seasons: 2001 (No. 5 final ranking), 1997 (No. 1), 1992 (No. 1), 1990 (No. 4), and 1989 (No. 2).

Last Week

Last weekend, Stanford played its first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation matches in three weeks because of winter quarter finals and came away with three-set road sweeps of No. 14 UC San Diego (30-18, 30-12, 30-20) and No. 9 Long Beach State (30-28, 30-22, 30-21). Stanford hit a season-high .527 against UCSD and .420 against Long Beach, with only 19 attack errors in both. Brad Lawson had 30 kills with only five errors on the weekend, hitting .532, to earn MPSF co-Player of the Week honors.

The MPSF Race

Stanford opened up a one-game edge on second-place Pepperdine in the MPSF standings. That doesn't sound like much, but in the ultra-competitive conference, that's a huge gap. Eleven of the MPSF's 12 teams are ranked among the AVCA Top 15 and five teams entered last week's play within one match of first. That number was down to three entering the week, with five teams within two games of the lead. The eight-team MPSF Tournament is starting to take shape as well. Stanford needs to win only one of its remaining six matches to clinch a berth. BYU also needs only one victory to qualify, and Pepperdine and Cal State Northridge could clinch spots with two victories each this weekend.

National Leaders

Stanford leads the nation in two team categories: assists per game (15.65), and hitting percentage (.365). The Cardinal is also second in kills per game (16.36), and third in win-lost percentage (15-4, .789).



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MPSF Standings (thru March 28)

Team	Overall	Conf.
Stanford	15-4	12-4
Pepperdine	13-6	11-5
BYU	16-7	12-6
Cal State Northridge	16-7	11-6
Hawai'i	15-8	11-7
UCLA	14-9	9-7
USC	11-9	8-8
Long Beach State	12-11	8-8
UC Santa Barbara	10-13	7-10
UC Irvine	11-12	6-10
UC San Diego	8-15	4-12
Pacific	8-16	0-16

AVCA Div. I-II Top 15 (thru March 28)

1, Stanford (15-4); 2, Pepperdine (13-6); 3, BYU (16-7); 4, Hawai'i (15-8); 5, Cal State Northridge (16-7); 6, USC (11-9); 7, UCLA (14-9); 8, Long Beach State (12-11); 9, Penn State (18-5); 10, UCSB (10-13); 11, UC Irvine (11-12); 12, Loyola-Chicago (16-3); 13, Ohio State (14-7); 14, UCSD (8-15); 15, Ball State (13-8).

2010 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1	Erik Shoji	L	6-0	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
2	Jake Kneller	OH	6-4	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake)
3	Gus Ellis	M	6-6	Fr.	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
4	Charley Henrikson	M	6-7	So.	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes)
5	Evan Romero	Opp	6-7	Sr.	Miami Lakes, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
6	Jordan Inafuku	L	6-0	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha-Honolulu)
7	Spencer McLachlin	OH	6-7	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
8	Garrett Dobbs	OH/Opp	6-4	So.	Dallas, Texas (Greenhill School)
9	Brad Lawson	OH	6-7	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
10	Evan Barry	S	6-3	So.	Del Mar, Calif. (Torrey Pines)
11	Ed Howell	OH/Opp	6-7	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)
12	Kawika Shoji	S	6-3	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Iolani School)
13	Jason Palacios	OH	6-3	Sr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
14	Garrett Werner	M	6-7	Sr.	River Hills, Wis. (Nicolet)
15	Max Halvorson	M	6-7	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou School)
16	Ian Connolly	OH	6-3	Jr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)
17	Dylan Kordic	OH	6-3	So.	Hermosa Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
18	Chandler Kaaa	OH	6-4	Fr.	Hilo, Hawaii (Kamehameha School-Kea'au)
20	Jake Vandermeer	OH/Opp	6-5	So.	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's School of Texas)

Stanford Facts

General Information

Location: Stanford, Calif.

Enrollment: 15,140 (6,812 undergraduate)

Nickname: Cardinal

Colors: Cardinal and White

Conference: Mtn. Pacific Sports Federation

Home Gyms (capacity):

Maples Pavilion (7,223)

Burnham Pavilion (1,500)

President: Dr. John L. Hennessy

Athletics Director: Bob Bowsly

Sport Administrator: Beth Goode

Faculty Athletic Rep.: Ellen Markman

Athletics Web site: gostonford.com

National team championships: 111

Consecutive Directors' Cups: 15

Volleyball Staff

Head Coach: John Kosty (UCSB '87),

fourth season, 20th on staff

Record at Stanford (Years): 56-51 (fourth)

Career Record: Same

Assistant Coaches:

Ken Shibuya (Virginia '93)

Chris McLachlin (Stanford '68)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Daniel Rasay

Technical Director: Roger Worsley

Student Assistant: Fontaine Foxworth

Trainer: Kevin Robell

Team Information

2009 Record: 21-11

2009 MPSF Record (Finish): 14-8 (4th)

2009 Postseason Finish: MPSF Quarters

Final Ranking: 6

Starters Returning/Lost: 6/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/4

Newcomers: 4

Friday's Opponent: Cal State Northridge

A weekend sweep against Stanford and visiting Pacific would not only clinch an MPSF Tournament berth, but thrust the Matadors back into the conference race. Cal State Northridge has two of the top hitters in the country, from a hitting percentage standpoint. Kevin McKniff is No. 2 (.499) and seven-footer Jacek Ratajczak is No. 4 (.456). But as a whole, the team is hitting .290, 13th-best in the country. The Matadors are playing their first MPSF matches since March 10, and most recently split a pair at Ball State, the latter with McKniff and Ratajczak limited to a combined 13 kills and the Matadors getting blocked 15.5 times in a three-set loss Saturday.

The Cal State Northridge Series

Stanford's most painful loss this season -- and its only one at Maples Pavilion -- came at the hands of the Matadors on Jan. 29 when Northridge rallied to a 25-30, 30-21, 30-25, 32-34, 15-13 victory. It remains Stanford's only five-set match of the season. Northridge has won six of the past seven matches in the series, though Stanford leads the all-time series, 32-24.

Saturday's Opponent: UC Santa Barbara

The Gauchos have lost five consecutive matches -- all in MPSF play -- and are just out of the conference playoff picture, by one spot. UCSB's Jeff Menzel leads the nation in kills per game, with 5.33, and has nearly twice as many attacks as the next-highest Gaucho (1,129 to 673). Even in losses, Menzel still comes through with 20-kill performances, as he did against BYU on Saturday (23 kills). Also to consider, UCSB is 2-8 at home.

The UCSB Series

UC Santa Barbara stunned then No. 2 Stanford on Jan. 28 at Burnham Pavilion, with a 30-28, 31-29, 28-30, 31-29 victory. Jeff Menzel had 23 kills and Cullen Irons had 22 for the Gauchos. Stanford was without outside hitter Spencer McLachlin for the match because of an injury. With him, Stanford is 11-2. Stanford trails in the all-time series with UCSB, 42-26.

Record Setters and Contenders

- Kawika Shoji and Evan Romero are possibilities to break the Stanford career record for sets played, including both scoring eras. Kevin Hansen (2002-05) has the mark of 392, with Shoji at No. 5 with 371 and Romero No. 6 at 369.

- Kawika Shoji broke the school rally-scoring era career digs record on March 20. Shoji has 723, passing fellow setter Kevin Hansen's 711. However, Shoji's mark is likely to be short-lived. His sophomore brother Erik Shoji, a libero, is at No. 3 with 670.

- Kawika Shoji broke the Stanford record for career service aces March 6. He has 93 in the rally-scoring era to break the mark of 91 held by U.S. national team setter Kevin Hansen.

- Senior middle blocker Garrett Werner broke the Stanford record for career blocks on Feb. 20 at USC. Werner now has 316 total blocks, bettering the 289 of Chris Ahfeldt (2003-06).

2010 Starters							
Match	S	MB	MB	OH	OH	OPP	L
Hawai'i	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Hawai'i	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Barbara	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	Dobbs	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	Dobbs	Romero	E. Shoji
Pacific	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	Palacios	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Cruz	Barry	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	Palacios	Romero	E. Shoji
UCLA	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Irvine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Pepperdine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
USC	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Cruz	K. Shoji	Halvorson	Henrikson	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	Inafuku
Pacific	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC San Diego	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Long Beach State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal Baptist	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC San Diego	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Long Beach State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji

2010 Season Bests

INDIVIDUALS:

Kills:	5 sets	26	Brad Lawson vs. CSUN (1/29)
	4 sets	29	Brad Lawson vs. USC (2/26)
	3 sets	19	Evan Romero vs. Pepp. (2/19)
Attack %	.625	(12-2-16)	
(min. 12 kills)			Brad Lawson vs. UCSD (3/26)
	.615	(19-3-26)	Evan Romero vs. Pepp. (2/19)
Solo Blocks		3	Kawika Shoji vs. BYU (1/23)
		3	Gus Ellis vs. UCSD (3/5)
		3	Gus Ellis vs. Long Beach (3/27)
Total Blocks:		9	Gus Ellis vs. BYU (1/23)
		9	Gus Ellis vs. USC (2/20)
Aces:		5	Brad Lawson vs. Hawai'i (1/15)
Digs:	5 sets	15	Erik Shoji vs. CSUN (1/29)
		15	Kawika Shoji vs. CSUN (1/29)
	4 sets	18	Erik Shoji vs. Pacific (2/3)
	3 sets	15	Erik Shoji vs. Long Beach (3/27)
Assists:	5 sets	61	Kawika Shoji vs. CSUN (1/29)
	4 sets	63	Kawika Shoji vs. BYU (1/22)
	3 sets	52	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepp. (1/19)

TEAM:

Kills:	5 sets	70	vs. CSUN (1/29)
	4 sets	73	vs. BYU (1/22)
		73	vs. USC (2/20)
	3 sets	58	vs. Pepperdine (2/19)
Attack %		.527	vs. UCSD (3/26)
		.495	vs. Pepperdine (2/19)
		.494	vs. Hawai'i (1/15)
Opp Attack %		.031	vs. UCSD (3/26)
		.113	vs. Hawaii (1/15)
		.115	vs. UC Santa Cruz (2/24)
Blocks:		17	vs. USC (2/20)
		17	vs. UCSD (3/5)
		15	vs. BYU (1/23)
Aces:		13	vs. UC Santa Cruz (2/24)
		10	vs. Hawai'i (1/15)
Digs:	5 sets	51	vs. Cal State Northridge (1/29)
	4 sets	59	vs. USC (2/20)
	3 sets	40	vs. Hawai'i (1/16)
Assists	5 sets	67	vs. Cal State Northridge (1/29)
	4 sets	72	vs. USC (2/20)
	3 sets	56	vs. Pepperdine (2/19)

Head Coach John Kosty

In his 20th season on the Stanford men's volleyball staff and fourth as the head coach, John Kosty has led a resurgence in the program -- an 18-victory improvement from 2007 to 2009.

Kosty has seen what the program can accomplish and knows what it takes to get there, having served an assistant under Ruben Nieves on the 1997 squad that won the national championship. Kosty helped coach three conference championship teams and was on the staff of 13 teams that finished among the nation's Top 10.

Coaching Staff

Ken Shibuya is in his fourth season as Kosty's lead assistant, after having established himself as a head coach in the small college ranks and as part of the U.S. youth coaching staff.

Chris McLachlin, father of junior hitter Spencer McLachlin, joins the staff this year after once serving as Stanford's player-coach in the program's infancy in the late 1960s. McLachlin was a coach and teacher at Punahou School in Honolulu, winning 11 state titles in boys volleyball and three in boys basketball.

Stanford Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 30, 2010)
All matches

Overall record: 15-4 Conf: 12-4 Home: 10-2 Away: 5-2 Neutral: 0-0

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
9	Brad Lawson	65	332	5.11	81	607	.414	28	0.43	27	74	0.42	15	102	1.57	6	31	37	0.57	6	0	380.5
5	Evan Romero	65	279	4.29	90	606	.312	8	0.12	17	51	0.26	0	80	1.23	3	53	56	0.86	10	0	325.5
7	Spencer McLachlin	48	145	3.02	32	314	.360	14	0.29	5	11	0.10	5	59	1.23	3	20	23	0.48	1	0	163.0
14	Garrett Werner	60	109	1.82	14	195	.487	4	0.07	2	29	0.03	0	19	0.32	6	60	66	1.10	3	0	147.0
3	Gus Ellis	63	83	1.32	24	176	.335	5	0.08	1	3	0.02	0	15	0.24	18	63	81	1.29	6	0	133.5
12	Kawika Shoji	64	51	0.80	14	101	.366	893	13.95	19	31	0.30	1	145	2.27	9	31	40	0.62	2	1	94.5
8	Garrett Dobbs	21	45	2.14	16	87	.333	0	0.00	3	16	0.14	2	21	1.00	1	3	4	0.19	3	0	50.5
13	Jason Palacios	38	21	0.55	11	54	.185	2	0.05	1	7	0.03	3	14	0.37	1	3	4	0.11	0	0	24.5
4	Charley Henrikson	12	19	1.58	0	28	.679	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	5	0.42	0	8	8	0.67	1	0	23.0
16	Ian Connolly	6	15	2.50	2	29	.448	0	0.00	1	2	0.17	2	5	0.83	0	3	3	0.50	0	0	17.5
19	Myles Muagututia	47	15	0.32	9	39	.154	2	0.04	6	10	0.13	1	9	0.19	1	0	1	0.02	2	0	22.0
15	Max Halvorson	6	6	1.00	2	16	.250	3	0.50	0	1	0.00	0	5	0.83	0	5	5	0.83	1	0	8.5
2	Jake Kneller	36	4	0.11	2	8	.250	0	0.00	9	15	0.25	0	7	0.19	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	13.0
17	Dylan Kordic	2	3	1.50	2	5	.200	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	1	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
10	Evan Barry	11	2	0.18	0	5	.400	71	6.45	2	4	0.18	0	8	0.73	1	3	4	0.36	0	1	6.5
20	Jake Vandermeer	5	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
1	Erik Shoji	66	0	0.00	0	0	.000	47	0.71	0	0	0.00	9	223	3.38	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
6	Jordan Inafuku	62	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.05	0	9	0.00	4	36	0.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
STANFORD		69	1129	16.36	300	2271	.365	1080	15.65	93	266	1.35	46	754	10.93	49	283	190.5	2.76	35	2	1412.5
Opponents		69	1076	15.59	458	2398	.258	1023	14.83	46	302	0.67	93	690	10.00	34	231	149.5	2.17	34	4	1271.5

Team Statistics	STAN	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1129	1076
Errors	300	458
Total Attacks	2271	2398
Attack Pct	.365	.258
Kills/Set	16.4	15.6
SET		
Assists	1080	1023
Attempts	2211	2364
Assist Pct	.488	.433
Assists/Set	15.7	14.8
SERVE		
Aces	93	46
Errors	266	302
Attempts	1988	1717
Serve Pct	.866	.824
Aces/Set	1.3	0.7
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	46	93
Errors/Set	0.7	1.3
Attempts	1413	1722
Reception Pct	.967	.946
DEFENSE		
Digs	754	690
Digs/Set	10.9	10.0
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	49	34
Block Assist	283	231
Total Blocks	190.5	149.5
Blocks/Set	2.8	2.2
Block Errors	35	34
Ball handling errors	2	4
ATTENDANCE		
Total	7211	12042
Dates/Avg Per Date	12/601	7/1720
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	8	-
Home win streak	8	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
*Jan 15	#8 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-15,30-21,30-18	1108
*Jan 16	#8 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-23,30-26,30-19	960
*Jan 22	at #5 BYU	L 1-3	30-22,32-34,25-30,30-32	4409
*Jan 23	at #5 BYU	W 3-1	20-30,35-33,30-28,30-27	3829
*Jan 28	#10 UCSB	L 1-3	28-30,29-31,30-28,29-31	350
*Jan 29	#3 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	L 2-3	30-25,21-30,25-30,34-32,13-15	611
*Feb 03	PACIFIC	W 3-1	30-22,28-30,30-20,30-26	200
Feb 05	UC SANTA CRUZ	W 3-1	30-23,29-31,30-22,30-18	550
*Feb 12	#3 UCLA	W 3-0	30-24,30-23,30-24	795
*Feb 13	#11 UC IRVINE	W 3-1	30-25,21-30,30-28,30-26	647
*Feb 19	at #4 Pepperdine	L 0-3	28-30,27-30,27-30	1127
*Feb 20	at #3 USC	W 3-1	30-16,30-28,28-30,30-23	1000
Feb 24	UC SANTA CRUZ	W 3-0	30-19,30-27,30-14	175
*Feb 26	at PACIFIC	W 3-1	30-24,28-30,30-16,31-29	300
*Mar 05	#14 UC SAN DIEGO	W 3-1	30-18,30-20,28-30,30-20	675
*Mar 06	#6 LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-1	30-22,30-25,26-30,30-21	690
Mar 20	CALIFORNIA BAPTIST	W 3-0	30-21,30-26,30-22	450
*Mar 26	at #14 UC San Diego	W 3-0	30-18,30-12,30-20	515
*Mar 27	at #9 Long Beach State	W 3-0	30-28,30-22,30-21	862

Record in 3-set matches:7-1 • Record in 4-set matches:8-2 • Record in 5-set matches:0-1