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STANFORD
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(19-8, 10-6)**

Date	Opponent	Time
JANUARY...		
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
30 (Fri.)	vs. Long Beach State* (M)	W, 3-2
31 (Sat.)	vs. UC San Diego* (B)	W, 3-1
FEBRUARY...		
5 (Thur.)	at UCLA*	L, 2-3
6 (Fri.)	at UC Irvine*	L, 0-3
13 (Fri.)	vs. Pepperdine* (M)	W, 3-1
14 (Sat.)	vs. USC* (B)	L, 0-3
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
MARCH...		
3 (Tue.)	vs. UC Santa Cruz (B)	W, 3-0
6 (Fri.)	vs. Lewis (M)	W, 3-0
7 (Sat.)	vs. Lewis (B)	W, 3-1
21 (Sat.)	vs. Cal Baptist (B)	L, 0-3
27 (Fri.)	vs. Cal St. Northridge* (M)	W, 3-1
28 (Sat.)	vs. UC Santa Barbara* (M)	W, 3-1
31 (Tue.)	vs. Pacific* (M)	W, 3-0
APRIL...		
3 (Fri.)	at Long Beach State*	W, 3-2
4 (Sat.)	at UC San Diego*	W, 3-1
10 (Fri.)	vs. BYU* (M)	7 p.m.
11 (Sat.)	vs. BYU* (M)	7 p.m.
17 (Fri.)	vs. UC Irvine* (M)	7 p.m.
18 (Sat.)	vs. UCLA* (M)	7 p.m.
25 (Sat.)	MPSF First Round	TBA
30 (Thur.)	MPSF Semifinals	TBA
MAY...		
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 Faces Crucial Matches***Shoji on verge of 23-year-old school record*

Friday and Saturday • 7 p.m. • Maples Pavilion

No. 6 BYU (15-10, 11-7) at No. 5 Stanford (19-8, 12-6)**This Week**

The No. 5 Stanford men's volleyball team takes on No. 6 BYU in a two-match series that will go a long way toward determining positioning in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament. An eight-match conference winning streak has propelled Stanford (19-8, 12-6) from eighth to fourth in the standings with only four matches remaining. BYU (15-10, 11-7) sits in sixth, only one game behind the Cardinal. Though eight teams qualify for the MPSF tournament, the top four earn the right to host first-round matches. In such a competitive conference, in which only the tournament champion earns an automatic berth in the four-team NCAA tournament, any advantage is huge.

On the Internet

Live video streaming is available for both matches. The free webcasts can be found on gostanford.com. The "Watch" link can be found next to the match listing in the Calendar of Events on the main page or the men's volleyball page. Live stats also are available via Gametracker. The link can also be found on the Calendar of Events on gostanford.com.

Shoji's Assist Goes National on ESPN's Sportscenter

If you haven't seen Erik Shoji's remarkable assist from Saturday's victory over UC San Diego, you may be alone. That's because the rest of the nation has. The play was No. 2 on ESPN Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays of the Day for Tuesday, April 7. It beat out everything from Major League Baseball's Opening Day and trailed only a hockey shootout goal from Sweden. On the play, Evan Romero served and then made a pancake dig off the ensuing attack. The ball bounced into the air when Shoji, who had been sprawled on the ground in an attempt to make the original dig, swung his right leg and kicked the ball blindly to Brad Lawson, who pounded the ball over the net for a kill and a Stanford point. Rules allow the ball to be played off any part of the body. The play, which was also shown on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area's nightly sports highlight show, was posted on YouTube on Tuesday morning. By Thursday night, it already had more than 14,000 hits.

See it Again

Here is the link to Shoji's play:

<http://www.gostanford.com/sports/m-volley/spec-rel/040709aab.html>**Shoji to Break Stanford Record**

Erik Shoji is two digs away from tying the school single-season record of 379, set by three-time Olympian and gold medalist Scott Fortune in 1986. Shoji has 377, and leads the nation in total digs by the immense margin of 72. Shoji's average per set of 3.97 is also substantially higher than the No. 2 spot on the list, which is 3.25. Shoji's success is not surprising. The freshman arrived with incredible credentials. Shoji was named best passer, defender, and libero at the 2008 NORCECA Men's Junior Continental Championship in El Salvador, where the U.S. Men's Junior National Team won the bronze medal. And he was named best defender and best libero at the 2007 FIVB Boys' Youth World Championships in Tijuana, Mexico.

Stanford Clinches Playoff Spot

With its five-set thriller at Long Beach State on Friday, Stanford clinched a spot in the eight-team MPSF tournament. And, with its four-set victory over UC San Diego on Saturday, the Cardinal clinched a spot among the top six seeds. This means that the Cardinal will avoid the first- and second-place teams in the first round. Stanford hopes to corral a top-four finish and play host to a postseason match.

MPSF Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
Pepperdine	19-2	17-2
UC Irvine	21-4	16-3
Cal State Northridge	21-5	14-5
Stanford	19-8	12-6
USC	16-8	12-7
BYU	15-10	11-7
Long Beach State	11-13	8-11
UCLA	12-14	8-11
UC San Diego	11-13	7-12
UC Santa Barbara	8-16	4-15
Hawai'i	6-17	3-15
Pacific	3-24	0-18

Bison/AVCA Div. I-II Top 15

1, Pepperdine (18-2); 2, UC Irvine (20-4); 3, CS Northridge (21-5); 4, USC (16-7); 5, **Stanford (19-8)**; 6, BYU (15-10); 7, Penn St. (21-3); 8, Long Beach St. (11-13); 9, UCLA (12-13); 10, UCSD (11-13); 11, Ohio St. (12-9); 12, Lewis (19-6); 13, UCSB (8-16); 14, Hawai'i (6-17); 15t, Ball St. (15-8), Loyola-Chi. (12-9).

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:			
Kills:	five sets	28	Evan Romero vs. UCLA (2/5)
	four	24	Evan Romero vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	three	21	Evan Romero vs. Hawai'i (3/3)
Solo Blocks	four	7	Evan Romero vs. Long Beach St. (1/30)
	Total Blocks:	five	11
Aces:	four	9	Gus Ellis vs. Long Beach State (1/30)
	three	3	Evan Romero vs. Long Beach State (1/9)
	three	4	K. Shoji (1/10), McLachlin (1/9, 1/10), Romero (4/4)
Digs:	five	22	Ed Howell vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3)
	four	26	Erik Shoji vs. Long Beach State (4/3)
	three	23	Erik Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
Assists:	five	70	Erik Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/28)
	four	60	Kawika Shoji vs. UCLA (2/5)
	three	48	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
TEAM:	five	87	Kawika Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
	four	72	vs. UCLA (2/5)
	three	61	vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
Blocks:	five	18.5	vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
	four	17.5	vs. Long Beach State (1/30)
	three	13	vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
Aces:		8	vs. BYU (1/9)
Hitting Percentage:		.427	vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3; three sets)
			vs. Pacific (3/31; three sets)

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
Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Barbara	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Pacific	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Long Beach State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at UC San Diego	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji

Streaking

Stanford has won 11 of its past 12 matches, but that only hints at the recent success the Cardinal is having. Here is more evidence:

- Stanford is on a five-match winning streak.
- The Cardinal has won eight consecutive matches in MPSF play.
- Stanford is undefeated at Maples Pavilion this season, at 6-0.
- Stanford has won its past 10 matches at Maples, dating back to 2007.

This Week's Opponent: BYU

The No. 6 Cougars have won six of their past eight, and 10 of their past 13 heading into this weekend's play. Most recently, BYU split a pair of home matches against No. 1 UC Irvine. The Cougars drew 3,878 to their final home match of the season, a four-set loss to UC Irvine. BYU concludes with four road matches, two at Stanford and two at Pepperdine.

The BYU Series

Stanford's last match against the Cougars was the highlight to the Cardinal's 2008 season. BYU was No. 1 when Stanford came to Provo. On Feb. 22, the night after Stanford had gone five sets with BYU, Stanford stunned the Cougars with a straight-set victory. It was the first defeat for BYU and marked only its second home loss in two years.

The MPSF Race

Stanford moved into sole possession of fourth place after USC's loss to UC Irvine on Wednesday. The Cardinal also is within a half-game of Cal State Northridge for third. Stanford holds the tiebreaker with Northridge, meaning that if they tie in the standings, Stanford would get the edge in seeding for the MPSF tournament, which begins at home sites on April 25. However, Stanford would not have the edge if it tied with USC, which has swept the Cardinal twice.

Stanford Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 04, 2009)
All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	19-8	9-2	8-5	2-1
CONFERENCE	12-6	6-1	6-5	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	93	415	4.46	153	925	.283	10	0.11	24	73	0.26	0	136	1.46	13	68	81	0.87	8	0	-
9	Lawson, Brad	97	334	3.44	128	807	.255	26	0.27	15	63	0.15	31	154	1.59	10	53	63	0.65	7	0	-
21	McLachlin, Spencer	95	324	3.41	104	794	.277	45	0.47	22	37	0.23	32	172	1.81	10	54	64	0.67	7	0	-
14	Werner, Garrett	89	154	1.73	31	296	.416	8	0.09	6	31	0.07	1	28	0.31	9	86	95	1.07	9	0	-
12	Shoji, Kawika	92	102	1.11	25	168	.458	1157	12.58	17	52	0.18	1	184	2.00	10	43	53	0.58	10	3	-
7	Williams, Brandon	57	102	1.79	24	173	.451	1	0.02	7	40	0.12	0	22	0.39	2	43	45	0.79	3	1	-
25	Ellis, Gus	57	70	1.23	15	158	.348	2	0.04	3	13	0.05	0	6	0.11	9	66	75	1.32	9	0	-
13	Palacios, Jason	26	17	0.65	7	36	.278	1	0.04	4	13	0.15	2	8	0.31	0	4	4	0.15	0	0	-
11	Howell, Ed	7	14	2.00	2	23	.522	0	0.00	4	4	0.57	0	6	0.86	0	4	4	0.57	1	0	-
15	Halvorson, Max	5	4	0.80	4	14	.000	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	1	0.20	0	5	5	1.00	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	-
6	Inafuku, Jordan	82	2	0.02	0	2	1.000	8	0.10	1	9	0.01	3	33	0.40	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
3	Groppi, Miki	47	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	55	1.17	3	19	0.06	0	7	0.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
16	Connolly, Ian	10	2	0.20	1	5	.200	0	0.00	0	4	0.00	0	1	0.10	0	1	1	0.10	0	0	-
2	Keller, Jarod	36	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	3	0.08	0	3	0.00	1	8	0.22	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	-
1	Shoji, Erik	95	1	0.01	0	2	.500	86	0.91	0	0	0.00	27	377	3.97	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	98	1544	15.76	498	3414	.306	1462	14.92	108	367	1.10	101	1150	11.73	63	431	278.5	2.84	57	6	-
	Opponents	98	1583	16.15	628	3569	.268	1475	15.05	102	429	1.04	106	1118	11.41	55	404	257.0	2.62	76	23	-

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	1544	1583	*Jan 14	at Pacific Tigers	W 3-0	30-27,30-26,30-25	164
Errors	498	628	Jan 16	at #14 Ohio State	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,36-34	913
Total Attacks	3414	3569	Jan 17	at #13 Ball State	W 3-0	30-20,32-30,30-22	3729
Attack Pct	.306	.268	*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	1462	1475	*Jan 30	LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-2	26-30,24-30,33-31,31-29,15-8	700
Assists/Set	14.9	15.1	*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	108	102	*Feb 05	at UCLA	L 2-3	36-34,30-26,21-30,27-30,11-15	471
Errors	367	429	*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	101	106	*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	2012	2188	*Feb 26	at #11 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,30-27	2585
Reception Pct	.950	.952	*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	1150	1118	Mar 06	#9 LEWIS	W 3-0	30-20,30-28,30-21	500
Digs/Set	11.7	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	63	55	*Mar 27	#2 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W 3-1	30-27,34-32,30-32,30-22	471
Block Assist	431	404	*Mar 28	#12 UC SANTA BARBARA	W 3-1	30-24,30-19,23-30,30-24	464
Total Blocks	278.5	257.0	*Mar 31	PACIFIC TIGERS	W 3-0	30-22,30-23,30-18	225
Blocks/Set	2.8	2.6	*April 3	at #7 LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-2	28-30,30-18,30-26,26-30,20-18	863
Block Errors	57	76	*Apr 04	at #10 UC San Diego	W 3-1	30-26,21-30,30-26,30-25	504
Ball handling errors	6	23					
ATTENDANCE							
Total	5009	16431					
Dates/Avg Per Date	11/455	13/1264					
Neutral site #/Avg	3/66						
Current win streak	5	-					
Home win streak	3	-					

Record in 3-set matches: 9-5
Record in 4-set matches: 7-2
Record in 5-set matches: 3-1