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STANFORD
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL****Men's Volleyball Contact: David Kiefer**
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(21-10, 14-8)**

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)	L, 2-3
11 (Sat.)	vs. BYU* (M)	W, 3-0
17 (Fri.)	vs. UC Irvine* (M)	L, 0-3
18 (Sat.)	vs. UCLA* (M)	W, 3-0
25 (Sat.)	vs. USC#	7 p.m.
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

MPSF tournament first round

(B) at Burnham Pavilion

(M) at Maples Pavilion

(1) UCSB/Elephant Bar Invitational

bold indicates home match**Stanford Takes on USC***Cardinal hosts MPSF tournament first-round match*Saturday • Maples Pavilion • 7 p.m.**No. 7 USC (17-10) at No. 4 Stanford (21-10)****This Week**

The Stanford men's volleyball team earned first-round homecourt advantage for the eight-team Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament and will play USC on Saturday (7 p.m.) at Maples Pavilion. Stanford (21-10) clinched the No. 4 seed on the final night of the regular season, with help from Hawaii's upset of USC, dropping the Trojans (17-10) into the No. 5 position. This marks the first home postseason match for Stanford since 2003 and first at Maples Pavilion since 1995.

On the Internet

Live streaming video and live stats are available for the match. 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. Also, the video link can be accessed from the Tournament Central page.

Live stats are available via Gametracker. The link can also be found on the Calendar of Events on gostanford.com.

Ticket Information

There are no advanced ticket sales. Instead, tickets can be purchased on a walk-up basis. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. However, the first 250 students will be admitted free.

The MPSF Tournament

Only the champion of the eight-team MPSF tournament receives an automatic berth to the four-team NCAA tournament, though the single at-large team will most likely come from the conference as well. For Stanford and USC, because of their fourth- and fifth-place conference finishes, it's unlikely that anything short of a tournament championship will get them into the NCAA's.

Here are the pairings for the first round, including seedings. All matches will be played Saturday, at 7 p.m.:

First round (Saturday, 7 p.m.)

No. 5 USC (17-10) at No. 4 Stanford (21-10)

No. 8 UCLA (14-15) at No. 1 UC Irvine (24-4)

No. 6 BYU (17-12) at No. 3 Cal State Northridge (23-6)

No. 7 Long Beach State (14-13) at No. 2 Pepperdine (20-4).

Semifinals (Thursday, April 30)**At site of highest remaining seed**

USC-Stanford winner vs. UCLA-UC Irvine winner

BYU-Cal State Northridge winner vs. Long Beach State-Pepperdine winner

Championship Final (Saturday, May 2)**At semifinal site**

Semifinals winners

Strength of Schedule

The MPSF can claim to be the strongest volleyball conference in the country, and perhaps in any collegiate sport, with 11 of its 12 teams ranked among the Bison/AVCA Top 15: 1, UC Irvine; 2, Cal State Northridge; 3, Pepperdine; 4, Stanford; 5, BYU; 7, USC; 8, Long Beach State; 9, UCLA; 10, UC San Diego; 13, Hawai'i; 15, UC Santa Barbara.

MPSF Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
UC Irvine	24-4	19-3
Pepperdine	20-4	18-4
Cal State Northridge	23-6	16-6
Stanford	21-10	14-8
USC	17-10	13-9
BYU	17-12	13-9
Long Beach State	14-13	11-11
UCLA	14-15	10-12
UC San Diego	13-15	8-14
Hawai'i	9-18	6-16
UC Santa Barbara	8-19	4-18
Pacific	3-28	0-22

Bison/AVCA Div. I-II Top 15

1, UC Irvine (24-4); 2, CS Northridge (23-6); 3, Pepperdine (20-4); **4, Stanford (21-10)**; 5, BYU (17-12); 6, Penn St. (25-3); 7, USC (17-10); 8, Long Beach St. (14-13); 9, UCLA (14-15); 10, UCSD (13-15); 11, Ohio St. (14-10); 12, Lewis (21-7); 13, Hawai'i (9-18); 14, Loyola -Chi. (16-9); 15, UCSB (8-19).

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	Gus Ellis vs. Long Beach State (1/30)
	four	9	Evan Romero vs. Long Beach State (1/9)
Aces:	four	3	K. Shoji (1/10), McLachlin (1/9, 1/10), Romero (4/4)
	three	4	Ed Howell vs. UC Santa Cruz (3/3)
Digs:	five	24	Erik Shoji vs. BYU (4/10)
	four	26	Erik Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	three	23	Erik Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/28)
Assists:	five	70	Kawika Shoji vs. UCLA (2/5)
	four	60	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	three	48	Kawika Shoji vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
TEAM:			
Kills:	five	87	vs. UCLA (2/5)
	four	72	vs. Pepperdine (2/13)
	three	61	vs. Hawai'i (2/26)
Blocks:	five	18.5	vs. Long Beach State (1/30)

Saturday's Opponent: USC

The Trojans needed to win at Hawai'i in their season finale to earn the No. 4 seed and a home match in the first round of the MPSF tournament, but were upset by the 10th-place Warriors 30-32, 33-31, 38-36, 30-27, and were displaced by Stanford for that spot. Murphy Troy leads USC with 4.94 kills per set. At 17-10 and 13-9, the Trojans have their highest overall and conference victory totals since 2000. Assistant coach Brad Keller is the brother of Stanford senior libero Jarod Keller.

The USC Series

USC swept the Cardinal in both meetings this year, hitting a combined .347 to Stanford's .231. Murphy Troy had 35 total kills for a .465 hitting percentage. Overall, USC holds a 54-25 all-time series lead. The teams last played in the postseason in the 1989 NCAA West Regional, which Stanford won.

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 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
BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Irvine	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UCLA	K. Shoji	Werner	Williams	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji

Stanford's Postseason History

The Cardinal has reached the MPSF tournament in 13 out of 17 years, being swept in the first round at Cal State Northridge last season. Stanford hasn't won in the postseason since beating UCLA for the 1997 national championship. Stanford also beat the Bruins in the 1997 MPSF final, for its most recent conference victory. Since then, Stanford has lost seven consecutive matches in MPSF tournament play. Overall, Stanford is 5-12 in the MPSF postseason since the conference was established in 1993.

Stanford at Home

This is Stanford's first home playoff match since April 19, 2003, when the Cardinal lost in four to UC Irvine at Burnham Pavilion. Stanford's last home playoff victory came on April 19, 1997, when it swept Pepperdine in the MPSF first round at Burnham. Stanford's last playoff at Maples was in 1995, when Matt Fuerbringer's 47 kills weren't enough to beat BYU in the MPSF first round. Stanford's last Maples playoff victories were first-round round-robin victories over BYU and Pepperdine in 1994.

Stanford Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 18, 2009)
All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	21-10	11-4	8-5	2-1
CONFERENCE	14-8	8-3	6-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-2	3-1	2-0	2-1

#	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
5	Romero, Evan	107	464	4.34	172	1055	.277	13	0.12	26	83	0.24	0	150	1.40	13	77	90	0.84	9	0	-
21	McLachlin, Spencer	109	376	3.45	124	915	.275	51	0.47	23	45	0.21	35	185	1.70	12	62	74	0.68	9	0	-
9	Lawson, Brad	111	385	3.47	147	918	.259	33	0.30	18	72	0.16	36	175	1.58	10	58	68	0.61	7	0	-
14	Werner, Garrett	103	174	1.69	38	336	.405	10	0.10	9	33	0.09	1	36	0.35	10	99	109	1.06	11	0	-
12	Shoji, Kawika	106	117	1.10	32	198	.429	1333	12.58	20	56	0.19	1	202	1.91	10	51	61	0.58	12	3	-
7	Williams, Brandon	69	125	1.81	28	207	.469	2	0.03	8	51	0.12	1	24	0.35	2	56	58	0.84	4	1	-
25	Ellis, Gus	61	73	1.20	15	166	.349	2	0.03	3	13	0.05	0	7	0.11	9	69	78	1.28	12	0	-
13	Palacios, Jason	27	17	0.63	7	36	.278	1	0.04	4	13	0.15	2	8	0.30	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	95	2	0.02	0	2	1.000	8	0.08	1	9	0.01	3	39	0.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
3	Groppi, Miki	59	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	55	0.93	3	22	0.05	0	7	0.12	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	41	1	0.02	0	1	1.000	3	0.07	0	3	0.00	1	8	0.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	-
1	Shoji, Erik	109	1	0.01	0	2	.500	93	0.85	0	0	0.00	33	432	3.96	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	112	1757	15.69	574	3888	.304	1664	14.86	121	414	1.08	116	1288	11.50	66	490	311.0	2.78	68	6	-
	Opponents	112	1801	16.08	727	4049	.265	1682	15.02	117	481	1.04	119	1271	11.35	61	476	299.0	2.67	87	25	-

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	1757	1801	*Jan 14	at Pacific Tigers	W 3-0	30-27,30-26,30-25	164
Errors	574	727	Jan 16	at #14 Ohio State	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,36-34	913
Total Attacks	3888	4049	Jan 17	at #13 Ball State	W 3-0	30-20,32-30,30-22	3729
Attack Pct	.304	.265	*Jan 23	at USC	L 0-3	22-30,29-31,23-30	500
Kills/Set	15.7	16.1	*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	1664	1682	*Jan 30	LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-2	26-30,24-30,33-31,31-29,15-8	700
Assists/Set	14.9	15.0	*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	121	117	*Feb 05	at UCLA	L 2-3	36-34,30-26,21-30,27-30,11-15	471
Errors	414	481	*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	116	119	*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	2321	2519	*Feb 26	at #11 HAWAII	W 3-0	30-28,30-26,30-27	2585
Reception Pct	.950	.953	*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	1288	1271	Mar 06	#9 LEWIS	W 3-0	30-20,30-28,30-21	500
Digs/Set	11.5	11.3	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	66	61	*Mar 27	#2 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W 3-1	30-27,34-32,30-32,30-22	471
Block Assist	490	476	*Mar 28	#12 UC SANTA BARBARA	W 3-1	30-24,30-19,23-30,30-24	464
Total Blocks	311.0	299.0	*Mar 31	PACIFIC TIGERS	W 3-0	30-22,30-23,30-18	225
Blocks/Set	2.8	2.7	*April 3	at #7 LONG BEACH STATE	W 3-2	28-30,30-18,30-26,26-30,20-18	863
Block Errors	68	87	*Apr 04	at #10 UC San Diego	W 3-1	30-26,21-30,30-26,30-25	504
Ball handling errors	6	25	*Apr 10	#6 BRIGHAM YOUNG	L 2-3	30-26,31-33,24-30,30-26,11-15	1100
ATTENDANCE			*Apr 11	#6 BRIGHAM YOUNG	W 3-0	30-24,30-19,30-19	860
Total	8644	16431	*Apr 17	#1 UC IRVINE	L 0-3	28-30,24-30,22-30	815
Dates/Avg Per Date	15/576	13/1264	*Apr 18	#9 UCLA	W 3-0	30-23,30-26,30-28	860
Neutral site #/Avg	3/66						
Current win streak	1	-					
Home win streak	1	-					

Record in 3-set matches: 11-6
Record in 4-set matches: 7-2
Record in 5-set matches: 3-2