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**2010 STANFORD MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

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### 2010 Schedule (23-6 overall, 16-6 MPSF)

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>JANUARY...</b>		
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
<b>FEBRUARY...</b>		
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
<b>MARCH...</b>		
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
<b>APRIL...</b>		
2 (Fri.)	at Cal State Northridge*	L, 1-3
3 (Sat.)	at UC Santa Barbara*	W, 3-0
9 (Fri.)	Pepperdine* (M)	W, 3-2
10 (Sat.)	USC* (M)	W, 3-0
16 (Fri.)	at UCLA*	L, 2-3
17 (Sat.)	at UC Irvine*	W, 3-2
24 (Sat.)	UC Irvine (M)#	W, 3-1
29 (Thu.)	Hawai'i (M)#	W, 3-0
<b>MAY...</b>		
1 (Sat.)	Cal State Northridge#	W, 3-0
6 (Thu.)	Ohio State^ (M)	W, 3-0
8 (Sat.)	Penn State^ (M)	4 p.m.

All times listed are Pacific

\* Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

# MPSF Tournament

^ NCAA Tournament

(B) at Burnham Pavilion

(M) at Maples Pavilion

## Stanford in Homecourt NCAA Final

*Cardinal seeks to capture second national championship*

NCAA Final • Maples Pavilion • Saturday

**Stanford (23-6) vs. Penn State (24-7), 4 p.m.**

### The NCAA Championship

The No. 1 Stanford men's volleyball team hopes to complete a "Worst to First" journey Saturday against No. 12 Penn State in the NCAA Collegiate Championship at Maples Pavilion at 4 p.m. Stanford's journey began in 2007 when the current senior class endured a 3-25 season as freshmen. That class, which includes 2010 National Player of the Year Kawika Shoji and 2010 second-team All-American Evan Romero, hopes to lead the Cardinal to its second-ever NCAA title and first since 1997.

In the first NCAA final ever held in Northern California, Stanford is the No. 1 seed and the nation's top-ranked team, and advanced after beating Ohio State in the semifinals, 30-25, 30-26, 30-17, before a home-record crowd of 3,825 at Maples Pavilion on Thursday. Penn State (24-7) advanced as the No. 3 seed by sweeping No. 2 seed Cal State Northridge.

### Follow the Action

- ESPN2 will broadcast the final live, with Justin Kutcher and Karch Kiraly calling the action, and can be seen online at ESPN3.com.

- Gametracker live stats will be available through [gostanford.com](http://gostanford.com). Look for the NCAA Tournament Central page for links, schedules, and results.

- A live radio broadcast can be heard over the air on KZSU-FM 90.1 and online at [kzsulive.com](http://kzsulive.com). Walter Foxworth will call the action.

### Ticket Information

Tickets can be purchased by phone, by calling 1-800-STANFORD, or online, at [gostanford.com](http://gostanford.com). Single all-session tickets range from \$15-\$25, while single match tickets range from \$8-\$15. Group rates are also available, in addition to an all-session VIP package.

### Stanford's Fourth NCAA Final

Stanford is appearing in its fourth NCAA final, having reached the championship match in each of its trips to the final four. The Cardinal is 5-2 all-time in the NCAA final four -- having reached the final in 1989, 1992, and 1997 -- but is only 1-2 in the championship match.

Stanford's only title came in 1997, which was Stanford's last NCAA appearance before this season. In addition, Stanford hadn't even won a postseason match of any kind since beating UCLA in that 1997 NCAA final. Stanford had gone 0-8 in the MPSF Tournament until winning it and advancing to the NCAAs this year.

Stanford is 4-0 against out-of-conference opponents in the final four: beating Ball State, 3-1 (1989), Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, 3-2 (1992), Ball State again, 3-0 (1997), and Ohio State, 3-0 (2010).

Here are Stanford's final four results:

**1989 (at UCLA):** d. Ball State, 15-13, 8-15, 15-9, 15-13  
l. to UCLA, 15-1, 15-13, 4-15, 15-12 (championship)

**1992 (at Ball State):** d. Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, 15-11, 15-11, 11-15, 13-15, 15-10  
l. Pepperdine, 15-7, 15-13, 16-14 (championship)

**1997 (at Ohio State):** d. Ball State, 15-6, 15-9, 15-10  
d. UCLA, 15-7, 15-10, 9-15, 6-15, 15-13 (championship)

**2010 (at Stanford):** d. Ohio State, 30-25, 30-26, 30-17  
vs. Penn State (championship)

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## Final MPSF Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>23-6</b>	<b>16-6</b>
BYU	22-9	15-7
Cal State Northridge	23-10	15-7
Hawai'i	19-10	14-8
Pepperdine	16-9	14-8
USC	16-11	13-9
UCLA	16-14	11-11
UC Irvine	15-15	10-12
UC Santa Barbara	13-16	9-13
Long Beach State	12-17	8-14
UC San Diego	11-19	5-16
Pacific	9-21	1-21

### AVCA Div. I-II Top 15 (April 19)

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

## 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:** gostanford.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):** 64-53 (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

## Worst to First

In 2007, Stanford struggled through a 3-25 season. That year, longtime assistant coach Al Roderigues took a talented yet raw freshman class under his wing and insisted that better days were ahead. During those long van rides after losses, Al instilled his belief that Stanford would one day go from "Worst to First," partly to lift their spirits and build their confidence, but also because he saw the potential in a special group.

On March 19, Roderigues died of cancer. However, just days before his death, the team presented him with a photo collage that included a copy of the standings from 2007, with Stanford in last, and the new standings from 2010, with Stanford in first. Barely a week earlier, Stanford had risen to No. 1 in the national rankings and to first place in the conference for the first time in years. This week, Stanford has a chance to complete the "Worst to First" journey as it hosts the NCAA semifinals and final at Maples Pavilion. The team has the name "AL" stitched to its uniform shirtsleeves, and insists that it's playing "with Al" rather than for him.

## Work in Progress

Since the 3-25 season, which was John Kosty's first season as head coach after 16 years as an assistant, Stanford has made steady progress. The following is a yearly breakdown:

Year	Overall	Ranking	MPSF	Place	Postseason
<b>2007</b>	3-25	--	2-20	11th (tie)	--
<b>2008</b>	17-11	9	12-10	4th (tie)	MPSF 1st Rnd
<b>2009</b>	21-11	6	14-8	4th	MPSF 1st Rnd
<b>2010</b>	23-6	1	16-6	1st	NCAA Final

## Revisiting Stanford's 1997 NCAA Title

In Stanford men's volleyball lore, the Cardinal's 1997 NCAA title is remembered for "The Block." With Stanford clinging to a 14-13 lead in the fifth game, Matt Fuerbringer and Mike Hoefler stuffed a UCLA attack on championship point to give the Cardinal a 15-7, 15-10, 9-15, 6-15, 15-13 victory in Columbus, Ohio. Mike Lambert had 27 kills and was named the tournament MVP for coach Ruben Nieves' team.

## Stanford's Semifinal Victory

Stanford and Ohio State were in a close battle during most of the first set, until the Cardinal broke a 23-23 tie with a 4-0 run fueled by two Brad Lawson service aces. In the second set, Stanford switched the attack from Lawson and Spencer McLachlin toward Evan Romero, who responded with nine of his match-high 15 kills. Stanford went on to a 30-25, 30-26, 30-17 victory. Romero had only two errors in 26 swings for a .500 hitting percentage. Stanford as a team hit .375, with Lawson nailing 14 kills. Gus Ellis had eight blocks, Kawika Shoji had 44 assists, and Erik Shoji had 12 digs.

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
at BYU	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at 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
at Pepperdine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at USC	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Santa Cruz	K. Shoji	Halvorson	Henrikson	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	Inafuku
at 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
at UC San Diego	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Long Beach State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at UC Santa Barbara	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
at UCLA	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
at UC Irvine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
UC Irvine	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Hawai'i	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Cal State Northridge	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji
Ohio State	K. Shoji	Werner	Ellis	Lawson	McLachlin	Romero	E. Shoji

### 2010 Season Bests

#### INDIVIDUALS:

<b>Kills:</b>	<b>5 sets</b>	37	Evan Romero vs. Pepp. (4/9)
	<b>4 sets</b>	29	Brad Lawson vs. USC (2/26)
	<b>3 sets</b>	19	Evan Romero vs. Pepp. (2/19)
		19	Evan Romero vs. CSUN (5/1)
<b>Attack %</b>	.625	(12-2-16)	
<b>(min. 12 kills)</b>			Brad Lawson vs. UCSD (3/26)
	.615	(19-3-26)	
			Evan Romero vs. Pepp. (2/19)
<b>Solo Blocks</b>		3	Kawika Shoji vs. BYU (1/23)
		3	Gus Ellis, four times
<b>Total Blocks:</b>		9	Gus Ellis, three times
<b>Aces:</b>		5	Brad Lawson vs. Hawai'i (1/15)
<b>Digs:</b>	<b>5 sets</b>	16	Erik Shoji vs. Pepperdine (4/9)
	<b>4 sets</b>	18	Erik Shoji vs. Pacific (2/3)
		18	Erik Shoji vs. UC Irvine (4/24)
	<b>3 sets</b>	15	Erik Shoji vs. Long Beach (3/27)
		15	Erik Shoji vs. UCSB (4/3)
<b>Assists:</b>	<b>5 sets</b>	70	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepperdine (4/9)
	<b>4 sets</b>	63	Kawika Shoji vs. BYU (1/22)
	<b>3 sets</b>	52	Kawika Shoji vs. Pepp. (1/19)

#### TEAM:

<b>Kills:</b>	<b>5 sets</b>	86	vs. Pepperdine (4/9)
	<b>4 sets</b>	75	vs. UC Irvine (4/24)
	<b>3 sets</b>	58	vs. Pepperdine (2/19)
		58	vs. Hawai'i (4/29)
<b>Attack %</b>	.527	vs. UCSD (3/26)	
	.495	vs. Pepperdine (2/19)	
	.494	vs. Hawai'i (1/15)	
<b>Opp Attack %</b>	.031	vs. UCSD (3/26)	
	.113	vs. Hawaii (1/15)	
	.115	vs. UC Santa Cruz (2/24)	
<b>Blocks:</b>	17	vs. USC (2/20)	
	17	vs. UCSD (3/5)	
	15	vs. BYU (1/23)	
<b>Aces:</b>	13	vs. UC Santa Cruz (2/24)	
	10	vs. Hawai'i (1/15)	
	10	vs. UC Irvine (4/17)	
<b>Digs:</b>	<b>5 sets</b>	65	vs. UC Irvine (4/17)
	<b>4 sets</b>	59	vs. USC (2/20)
	<b>3 sets</b>	40	vs. Hawai'i (1/16)
		40	vs. UCSB (4/3)
		40	vs. USC (4/10)

#### 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 20-victory improvement from 2007 to 2010, and recently was named as the MPSF's Coach of the Year.

#### 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 is back after a successful coaching and teaching career at Punahou School in Hawaii.

## Championship Opponent: Penn State

Penn State is shooting for its third NCAA championship, following titles in 1994 and 2008. The Nittany Lions arrived with vast NCAA experience, having reached the tournament 12 consecutive years and 25 time overall. Penn State has reached the final in two of the past three years.

Senior middle Max Lipsitz, a starter on the 2008 title team, is a first-team All-American. Junior libero Dennis Del Valle was an AVCA All-America second-team choice.

The Nittany Lions (23-7 overall) went 10-0 in Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association play, winning the EIVA Tait Division and then capturing the EIVA Tournament title with a 30-28, 30-27, 30-18 victory over Princeton.

Penn State finished the regular season as the No. 12-ranked team in the country, largely because of its 3-4 record against Mountain Pacific Sports Federation teams. All the matchups were on the road, and included consecutive three-set losses at the hands of UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Northridge on April 9-10.

However, the Nittany Lions proved themselves with a convincing 30-21, 30-23, 30-28 rout of Cal State Northridge in the NCAA semifinals Thursday. Will Price, the brother of former Stanford volunteer assistant coach Andy Price, had 18 kills, as did Joe Sunder. Lipsitz had nine blocks, including two solo.

## The Stanford-Penn State Series

- Penn State leads the all-time series, 5-4, and has won their past three meetings, dating back to 1998.
- The teams have never played at Maples Pavilion.
- The series is 1-1 all-time at Stanford, with both matches played at Burnham Pavilion.
- Their most recent matchup was Feb. 11, 2006, when Penn State won 30-22, 30-26, 30-25, in State College, Pa., when Stanford was in the midst of a 4-24 season.
- The last time they played at Stanford was March 9, 1998, when Penn State won in four at Burnham Pavilion.
- Stanford's last victory in the series was Jan. 28, 1995, in four sets at Burnham Pavilion.

## Stanford Record-Breakers

The following are Stanford school records that have been broken this season:

- Kawika Shoji broke his own season rally-scoring record for assists on Thursday. Shoji had 1,394 in 2009. He now has 1,408 this year.
- Evan Romero extended his school career record (set last year) for kills in the rally-scoring era. He has 1,770.
- Kawika Shoji broke the career service ace record in the rally-scoring set by Kevin Hansen (2002-05), which was 91. Shoji has 108.
- Kawika Shoji broke the career digs record (rally-scoring era) of 711, once held by Hansen. Kawika Shoji has 826. Erik Shoji is No. 2 at 802.
- Garrett Werner broke the career rally-scoring era record for total blocks, once held by Chris Ahlfeldt (2003-06), who had 289. Werner has 363.
- Kawika Shoji broke Kevin Hansen's school record for sets played (all eras) of 392. Shoji has 408. Evan Romero is right behind at 407.

## Stanford Storyline: Crowd Favorites

The Cardinal has a boisterous and outrageous student section with many appearing in costume. Star Wars seems to be the current theme, with fans arriving en masse for Thursday's NCAA semifinal in imperial stormtrooper masks. The crowd also included Darth Vader, C3P0 and Yoda, and a rebel fighter pilot. Regulars arrive dressed as figures such as Pac Man, Cookie Monster, Fat Bastard, Speedy Gonzales, Oscar the Grouch, Jack-In-The-Box, Ernie from Sesame Street, flashers, hospital patients, chefs, cows, bowling pins, pirates, football players, prisoners, leprechauns, and even a clone of coach John Kosty himself.

## AVCA National Player of the Year

• **Kawika Shoji, sr., setter:** Shoji was awarded the National Player of the Year honor on Wednesday at the NCAA Championship banquet and was presented the award by former Stanford All-American setter and 2008 U.S. Olympic gold medalist Kevin Hansen. Shoji became the first Stanford winner after Canyon Ceman in 1993 and the second all-time.

Shoji is a two-time first-team All-American, and a returning academic All-American. No one has affected the rise of Stanford volleyball more than Shoji. The Honolulu native exercised a leap of faith when he committed to a struggling Stanford program, but became influential in making Stanford attractive to potential recruits, many from his home state of Hawaii. Shoji is averaging 13.80 assists, 2.43 digs, 0.89 kills, and 0.61 blocks per set. But numbers can't describe his ability to read the defense, cover ground like a center fielder, turn a wild pass into a perfect set, dump the ball into open space, or unleash a blind one-handed set.

## All-Americans

Four Stanford players were named AVCA All-Americans this year, with three -- Kawika Shoji, Erik Shoji, and Brad Lawson -- earning first-team honors. Evan Romero was named to the second team.

• **Brad Lawson, soph., outside hitter:** Lawson was selected as the MPSF Player of the Year and was named to the MPSF's All-Tournament team. The Honolulu native has had a breakout season, emerging as one of the most dangerous hitters in the college game and one of the best all-around players. Lawson leads the Cardinal in kills per game (498, 4.83) and service aces (39, 0.38), is third in digs (162, 1.57), fourth in assists (44, 0.43), and fifth in blocks (56, 0.56).

But more than numbers, Lawson is deadly at the net, hitting with great velocity and precision. His backrow attacks were unparalleled and his defensive and passing skills were enough to absorb an opponent's best shot and set in motion the same for Stanford. Lawson, who has started every match in his two seasons, is hitting .374 and was among Stanford's most consistent players.

• **Evan Romero, sr., opposite hitter:** Romero was named the MPSF Tournament Most Valuable Player after combining for 37 kills, 11 digs, seven blocks and two aces in Stanford's sweeps of Hawai'i and Cal State Northridge. He also hit .409 in the two matches. Romero is Stanford's all-time kills leader in the rally-scoring era with 1,770.

Such honors were unlikely when he arrived at Stanford as incredibly raw prospect who only took up the game in high school and didn't play club ball until his junior year in the Miami area. Also, Romero, a son of Cuban immigrants, is very proud of his heritage and prides himself on the passion that he brings to the court.

• **Erik Shoji, soph., libero:** Only a sophomore, Shoji may be revolutionizing the game. As a freshman, he earned first-team All-America honors while establishing a national season record for digs, with 447 (3.92 per set), and was named AVCA Newcomer of the Year. This year, Shoji led the MPSF with 355 digs (3.41).

Shoji has an innate ability to read the opposing hitters, picking up on subtle changes in body position, and the placement of the block, to anticipate the path of the ball. Shoji also is an excellent setter and is second on the team in assists, with 78 -- all out of the back row because of the limitations of his position.

## Stanford's records in certain situations:

- Record in three-set matches: 12-1
- Record in four-set matches: 9-3
- Record in five-set matches: 2-2
- Record at Maples this season: 14-1
- Record when winning first set: 22-2
- Record when losing first set: 1-4
- Record when ahead two sets to zero: 16-0
- Record when down two sets to zero: 0-2
- Record when leading in hitting percentage: 20-3

## Stanford's Postseason History

- 1977: NCIVC Tournament**  
 d. California, 15-3, 15-10, 15-13  
 d. Chico State, 15-8, 15-5, 15-5
- NCAA Western Regional**  
 l. to UCLA, 15-8, 15-5
- 1985: NCAA Western Regional**  
 l. to USC, 10-15, 15-9, 15-8, 15-6
- 1986: NCAA Western Regional**  
 l. to UCLA, 15-3, 15-10, 15-13
- 1987: NCAA Western Regional**  
 l. to Pepperdine, 15-5, 15-6, 15-3
- 1989: NCAA Western Regional**  
 d. USC, 15-10, 15-4, 12-15, 15-9  
 d. Hawai'i, 15-11, 8-15, 13-15, 15-12, 15-7
- NCAA final four (at UCLA)**  
 d. Ball State, 15-13, 8-15, 15-9, 15-13  
 l. to UCLA, 15-1, 15-13, 4-15, 15-12 (championship)
- 1990: WIVA Tournament**  
 d. UC Santa Barbara, 15-3, 8-15, 15-5, 15-4  
 l. to UCLA, 15-11, 15-9, 15-9
- 1992: WIVA Tournament**  
 d. Hawaii, 15-3, 15-4, 15-12  
 d. UCLA, 15-10, 15-9, 15-11  
 d. Cal State Northridge, 17-15, 15-7, 15-10 (championship)
- NCAA final four (at Ball State)**  
 d. IUPUI-Fort Wayne, 15-11, 15-11, 11-15, 13-15, 15-10  
 l. Pepperdine, 15-7, 15-13, 16-14 (championship)
- 1993: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to UCLA, 15-4, 15-7, 15-13 (round robin)  
 l. to Long Beach State, 15-13, 10-15, 15-9, 15-11 (round robin)
- 1994: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to UCLA, 15-5, 15-4, 15-7 (round robin)  
 d. Pepperdine, 15-13, 15-11, 15-8, 15-13 (round robin)  
 d. BYU, 13-15, 15-12, 16-14, 15-6 (round robin)
- 1995: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to BYU, 5-15, 11-15, 15-10, 15-13, 16-14
- 1996: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to UC Santa Barbara, 10-15, 15-9, 15-13, 15-6
- 1997: MPSF Tournament**  
 d. Pepperdine, 15-13, 15-9, 15-13  
 d. BYU, 16-14, 16-14, 17-15  
 d. UCLA, 15-11, 15-2, 15-10 (championship)
- NCAA final four (at Ohio State)**  
 d. Ball State, 15-6, 15-9, 15-10  
 d. UCLA, 15-7, 15-10, 9-15, 6-15, 15-13 (championship)
- 1998: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to Pepperdine, 15-12, 6-15, 15-3, 15-5

- 2000: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to Pepperdine, 15-10, 15-8, 14-16, 13-15, 15-13
- 2001: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to UCLA, 27-30, 30-23, 30-22, 27-30, 20-18
- 2002: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to BYU, 30-24, 30-23, 24-30, 29-31, 21-19
- 2008: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to Cal State Northridge, 30-26, 30-19, 30-28
- 2009: MPSF Tournament**  
 l. to USC, 20-30, 27-30, 30-27, 30-24, 15-11
- 2010: MPSF Tournament**  
 d. UC Irvine, 30-26, 28-30, 30-25, 30-27  
 d. Hawai'i, 30-24, 30-28, 33-31  
 d. Cal State Northridge, 30-24, 30-28, 30-17 (championship)
- NCAA Tournament  
 d. Ohio State, 30-25, 30-26, 30-17  
 vs. Penn State (championship)

**All-time postseason record:** 21-18  
**All-time NCAA record (including regionals):** 7-6  
**All-time NCAA final four record:** 5-2  
**All-time conference tournament record:** 14-13

### Past Champions

Year	MPSF Reg. Season	MPSF Tourn.	NCAA
2010	Stanford	Stanford	--
2009	UC Irvine	USC	UC Irvine
2008	Long Beach, BYU	Pepperdine	Penn State
2007	Pepperdine	UC Irvine	UC Irvine
2006	UC Irvine	UCLA	UCLA
2005	Pepperdine	Pepperdine	Pepperdine
2004	BYU	BYU	BYU
2003	Pepperdine	BYU	(vacated)
2002	Pepperdine	Pepperdine	(vacated)
2001		BYU	BYU
2000		UCLA	UCLA
1999		BYU	BYU
1998		Pepperdine	UCLA
1997		Stanford	Stanford
1996		UCLA	UCLA
1995		UCLA	UCLA
1994		UCLA	Penn State
1993		UCLA	UCLA
1992			Pepperdine
1991			Long Beach St.
1990			USC
1989			UCLA
1988			USC
1987			UCLA
1985-86			Pepperdine
1981-84			UCLA
1980			USC
1979			UCLA
1978			Pepperdine
1977			USC
1974-76			UCLA
1973			San Diego State
1970-72			UCLA

**Stanford Combined Team Statistics (as of May 06, 2010)**  
**All matches**

Overall record: 23-6 Conf: 16-6 Home: 16-2 Away: 7-4 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	103	498	4.83	142	952	.374	44	0.43	39	109	0.38	27	162	1.57	11	47	58	0.56	6	0	571.5
5	Evan Romero	103	475	4.61	151	1017	.319	9	0.09	34	83	0.33	0	134	1.30	7	70	77	0.75	11	0	551.0
7	Spencer McLachlin	86	238	2.77	62	559	.315	33	0.38	12	21	0.14	16	133	1.55	6	43	49	0.57	4	0	277.5
14	Garrett Werner	98	170	1.73	29	320	.441	10	0.10	2	34	0.02	0	37	0.38	9	104	113	1.15	6	0	233.0
3	Gus Ellis	101	146	1.45	37	288	.378	7	0.07	2	9	0.02	0	25	0.25	28	93	121	1.20	8	0	222.5
12	Kawika Shoji	102	91	0.89	20	171	.415	1408	13.80	31	50	0.30	1	248	2.43	11	51	62	0.61	2	3	158.5
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	61	21	0.34	11	54	.185	2	0.03	2	15	0.03	3	15	0.25	1	3	4	0.07	0	0	25.5
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	71	4	0.06	2	8	.250	1	0.01	9	19	0.13	0	13	0.18	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	12	2	0.17	0	5	.400	71	5.92	2	5	0.17	0	8	0.67	1	3	4	0.33	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	104	0	0.00	0	0	.000	80	0.77	0	0	0.00	16	355	3.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
6	Jordan Inafuku	79	0	0.00	0	1	.000	3	0.04	0	11	0.00	4	37	0.47	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
STANFORD		107	1748	16.34	486	3580	.353	1673	15.64	143	388	1.34	77	1213	11.34	76	433	292.5	2.73	44	4	2183.5
Opponents		107	1669	15.60	699	3761	.258	1588	14.84	77	450	0.72	143	1113	10.40	56	398	255.0	2.38	52	5	2001.0

Team Statistics	STAN	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	1748	1669
Errors	486	699
Total Attacks	3580	3761
Attack Pct	.353	.258
Kills/Set	16.3	15.6
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	1673	1588
Attempts	3497	3711
Assist Pct	.478	.428
Assists/Set	15.6	14.8
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	143	77
Errors	388	450
Attempts	3043	2660
Serve Pct	.872	.831
Aces/Set	1.3	0.7
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	77	143
Errors/Set	0.7	1.3
Attempts	2208	2654
Reception Pct	.965	.946
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	1213	1113
Digs/Set	11.3	10.4
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	76	56
Block Assist	433	398
Total Blocks	292.5	255.0
Blocks/Set	2.7	2.4
Block Errors	44	52
Ball handling errors	4	5
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	17481	16015
Dates/Avg Per Date	18/971	11/1456
Neutral site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	5	-
Home win streak	14	-

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
*Apr 02	at #5 Cal State Northridge	L	1-3 26-30,30-21,29-31,27-30	956
*Apr 03	at #10 UCSB	W	3-0 30-26,30-28,30-23	414
*Apr 09	#3 PEPPERDINE	W	3-2 30-22,30-25,36-38,26-30,15-6	1420
*Apr 10	#6 USC	W	3-0 30-23,30-24,30-15	1290
*Apr 16	at #7 UCLA	L	2-3 24-30,30-23,30-21,26-30,7-15	1108
*Apr 17	at #8 UC Irvine	W	3-2 30-21,27-30,30-28,24-30,15-6	1495
Apr 24	#7 UC IRVINE	W	3-1 30-26,28-30,30-25,30-27	1175
Apr 29	#4 HAWAII	W	3-0 30-24,30-28,33-31	1350
May 01	#3 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	W	3-0 30-24,30-28,30-17	1210
May 06	#10 OHIO STATE	W	3-0 30-25,30-26,30-17	3825

Record in 3-set matches:12-1 • Record in 4-set matches:9-3 • Record in 5-set matches:2-2