



November 26, 2011
MPSF Men's Water Polo Tournament

NO. 8-SEED PACIFIC DEFEATS NO. 5-SEED UC SANTA BARBARA, 11-10
Goran Tomasevic leads Pacific with four goals against UC Santa Barbara

LOS ANGELES – Goran Tomasevic recorded a game-high four goals and Tom Koning added three to lift No. 8-seed Pacific past No. 5-seed UC Santa Barbara, 11-10, in a consolation game of the MPSF Tournament on Saturday morning at UCLA's Spieker Aquatics Center.

Pacific (13-12) led throughout the second half after having entered halftime with a 7-5 cushion.

UC Santa Barbara (15-12) received a team-leading three goals from Jesse Gillespie.

Pacific was paced by Tomasevic, particularly in the first quarter, as the Tigers' dominant two-meter player scored three goals. With the UC Santa Barbara ahead, 2-1, Tomasevic scored with 4:23 left to tie the game, 2-2. Trailing 3-2, Pacific again looked to Tomasevic, who scored on a penalty with 1:46 remaining. Just 39 seconds later, Tomasevic netted his third goal of the quarter to put the Tigers ahead, 4-3.

In the second quarter, Pacific outscored the Gauchos by a 3-2 margin. The Tigers claimed a two-goal advantage (5-3) on a penalty shot by Daniel Lungu at the 6:30 mark. UC Santa Barbara closed the gap with power-play goals from Matt Gronow at 6:00 and 5:08.

Pacific regained a two-goal lead (7-5) before intermission, receiving goals from Balazs Erdelyi (1:58) and Koning (0:00), who fired a shot into the corner of the cage at the buzzer.

Pacific never trailed in the second half, but UC Santa Barbara nearly overcame a late three-goal deficit. Pacific led, 9-7, after three quarters and pushed its margin to 11-8 after a goal from Erdelyi with 1:56 left in regulation.

UC Santa Barbara scored just 14 seconds later on a shot from Liam Gaughan (1:42), cutting its deficit to 11-9. The Gauchos added a power-play goal from Gillespie with 43 seconds remaining. Trailing 11-10, UC Santa Barbara regained possession with six seconds left, called a timeout and was unable to get off one final shot.

Pacific will play in the tournament's fifth-place match on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The Tigers will face the winner of Saturday's game between No. 6-seed Pepperdine and No. 7-seed UC Irvine.

UC Santa Barbara will play in the seventh-place game on Sunday at 10 a.m. against either Pepperdine or UC Irvine.

Pacific 11, UC Santa Barbara 10

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Pacific	4	3	2	2	11
UC Santa Barbara	3	2	2	3	10

Pacific Goals: Goran Tomasevic 4, Tom Koning 3, Balazs Erdelyi 2, Daniel Lungu, Alex Obert

Pacific Saves: Alex Malkis 8

UC Santa Barbara Goals: Jesse Gillespie 3, Matt Gronow 2, Eric Van de Mortel 2, Liam Gaughan, Lazar Komadinic, Derek Shoemaker

UC Santa Barbara Saves: Jay Lovero 8