



November 26, 2011
MPSF Men's Water Polo Tournament

NO. 1-SEED USC REGISTERS 8-6 VICTORY AGAINST NO. 4-SEED STANFORD
USC advances to title match after holding Stanford scoreless in second half

LOS ANGELES – No. 1-seed USC earned a spot in Sunday's MPSF Tournament title match, overcoming a late 6-4 deficit with a 4-0 scoring run in the fourth quarter to defeat No. 4-seed Stanford, 8-6, in a Tournament semifinal on Saturday afternoon at UCLA's Spieker Aquatics Center.

Stanford (19-6) scored four goals in the second quarter to claim a 6-4 cushion and maintained that advantage through a scoreless third quarter.

USC (22-2) rallied from the two-goal deficit with four goals in the final quarter.

Jeremy Davie led the Trojans with three goals, while Stanford's Forrest Watkins netted a game-leading four goals. Watkins scored two goals in each of the first two quarters.

Just 20 seconds into the final period, USC began its rally with a goal from Nikola Vavic at the 7:40 mark. Kostas Genidounias tied the contest, 6-6, with an extra-man goal with 4:54 remaining. Davie tallied the game-winning goal just 43 seconds later, putting USC ahead of Stanford, 7-6.

USC added its eighth goal of the afternoon with 64 seconds remaining on a shot from Davie.

Stanford drew a 6-on-5 opportunity with 52 seconds to play in the game but was unable to score.

USC goalkeeper Joel Dennerley recorded six saves, including five stops in the second half. Stanford's Brian Pingree tallied 10 stops in the cage.

The Trojans will face No. 3-seed UCLA in the championship match on Sunday afternoon. Game time at UCLA's Spieker Aquatics Center is 3 p.m. Stanford will face No. 2-seed California in the tournament's third-place game at 1:30 p.m.

USC 8, Stanford 6

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Stanford	2	4	0	0	6
USC	3	1	0	4	8

Stanford Goals: Forrest Watkins 4, Travis Noll, Paul Rudolph

Stanford Saves: Brian Pingree 10

USC Goals: Jeremy Davie 3, Kostas Genidounias 2, Forest Monroe, Nikola Vavic, Connor Virjee

USC Saves: Joel Dennerley 6

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