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2023 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION ALL-MPSF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SELECTIONS

2023 MPSF Player of the Year

JAYLEN JASPER • #23 • GRADUATE • OPPOSITE • PEPPERDINE



Pepperdine graduate student opposite **Jaylen Jasper** (Annapolis, MD/Stanford) is the MPSF kill leader by a wide margin of 5.02 kills per set (the next highest is 3.99), which also ranks No. 2 in the nation. He tops the conference in points per set, also No. 2 in the NCAA (5.51). He won an MPSF-high four weekly awards this year, the last of which was backed by a 53-kill series on a .536 hitting percentage against No. 5 Grand Canyon. On March 24, Jasper tied the Pepperdine rally-era record with 37 kills, also the most by any MPSF player since 2014. On Feb. 17, he hit an MPSF season-best .783 with 20 kills in a win at No. 9 Stanford. He was in double-digit kills in 27 of his 28 regular season matches, including 12 matches of 20+ kills, with an overall .371 hitting clip (best in the MPSF amongst non-middles). This is the first time in the 31-year history of MPSF Men's Volleyball in which a team finishing lower than third in the final standings produced the player of the year.

Jasper represents the all-time record ninth MPSF Men's Volleyball Player of the Year award for Pepperdine (David Wieczorek, 2018-19; Paul Carroll, 2009; Jonathan Winder, 2007; Sean Rooney, 2005; Brad Keenan, 2002; George Roumain, 1998-1999).

2023 MPSF Freshman of the Year

ANDREW ROWAN • #7 • FRESHMAN • SETTER • UCLA



UCLA freshman setter **Andrew Rowan** (Trabuco Canyon, CA/J Serra HS) was the only freshman to earn a first team All-MPSF honor this year. He was a huge component in the Bruins' unbeaten MPSF season for the first time since 1995, and their first time reaching 27 wins since 2000. Rowan set UCLA to the NCAA's top offense in the regular season with a .379 team hitting percentage, as the team hit over .300 in 23 of 29 regular season matches, as well as a .412 clip through the 12-0 conference season. Rowan leads the MPSF with 44 service aces on the year, including an MPSF season-high of six in just his second collegiate match. He earned his first career conference award when he was named MPSF Defensive Player of the Week on February 13, after he accumulated five block solos (seven total) in a pair of wins over No. 2 Long Beach State. He also set the team to an incredible .551 hitting clip in the first match of that series, and doing so against one of the top defensive

teams in the nation. Rowan is UCLA's fourth MPSF Freshman of the Year recipient, including a repeat from last year (Guy Genis, 2022; JT Hatch, 2015; Brandon Taliaferro, 1997).

ALL-MPSF FIRST-TEAM

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Hometown/Last School</u>
\$ Jaylen Jasper	23	Graduate	Opposite	Pepperdine	Annapolis, MD/Stanford
# Merrick McHenry	13	R-Junior	Middle Blocker	UCLA	Bedford, TX/L.D. Bell HS
Andrew Rowan	7	Freshman	Setter	UCLA	Trabuco Canyon, CA/J Serra HS
Alex Knight	12	Senior	Outside Hitter	UCLA	Culver City, CA/Pacifica Christian HS
^ Ethan Champlin	20	Junior	Outside Hitter	UCLA	Oceanside, CA/Classical Academy HS
Miks Ramanis	23	Sophomore	Outside Hitter	BYU	Walnut Creek, CA/Northgate HS
^ Ido David	16	Sophomore	Opposite	UCLA	Kiryat Ata, Israel/Hod Hasharon

ALL-MPSF SECOND-TEAM

% Christian Janke	11	R-Senior	Outside Hitter	Grand Canyon	Carlsbad, CA/Sage Creek HS
Dillon Klein	1	Freshman	Outside Hitter	USC	Pacific Palisades, CA/Loyola HS
# Bryce Dvorak	6	Junior	Setter	Pepperdine	Newport Beach, CA/Corona Del Mar HS
Kevin Lamp	10	Senior	Outside Hitter	Stanford	Lake Bluff, IL/Lake Forest HS
^ Justin Lui	2	R-Senior	Libero	Stanford	Pickering, Ontario, Canada/Pickering HS
Rico Wardlow	23	Junior	Middle Blocker	Grand Canyon	Bolingbrook, IL/Purdue Fort Wayne
Uriel Batista	35	Senior	Opposite	Concordia	Colon, Panama/Long Beach CC

ALL-MPSF HONORABLE MENTION

Akin Akinwumi	25	Senior	Middle Blocker	Pepperdine	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA/Peninsula HS
Nic Slight	7	R-Sophomore	Setter	Grand Canyon	Storm Lake, IA/Torrey Pines HS
Gavin Julien	10	Junior	Middle Blocker	BYU	Whitefish Bay, WI/Whitefish Bay HS
^ Guy Genis	9	R-Sophomore	Middle Blocker	UCLA	Tel Aviv, Israel/Alliance HS
Nathaniel Gates	16	Senior	Middle Blocker	Stanford	La Jolla, CA/La Jolla HS
# Will Rottman	15	Senior	Outside Hitter	Stanford	Santa Barbara, CA/Santa Barbara HS
Jackson Hickman	16	R-Junior	Outside Hitter	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, AZ/Lewis

MPSF ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Andrew Rowan	7	Freshman	Setter	UCLA	Trabuco Canyon, CA/J Serra HS
Dillon Klein	1	Freshman	Outside Hitter	USC	Pacific Palisades, CA/Loyola HS
Theo Snoey	7	Freshman	Outside Hitter	Stanford	Berkeley, CA/Head-Royce School
Zach Rama	21	Freshman	Outside Hitter	UCLA	Phoenix, AZ/Sandra Day O'Connor HS
Cameron Thorne	8	Freshman	Middle Blocker	Grand Canyon	Hollywood, FL/South Broward HS
Trent Moser	9	Freshman	Outside Hitter	BYU	Gilbert, AZ/Gilbert HS
Jacob Reilly	6	Freshman	Libero	Concordia	Cypress, TX/Cy Fair HS

\$ Five-Time All-MPSF Selection

% Four-Time All-MPSF Selection

Three-Time All-MPSF Selection

^ Two-Time All-MPSF Selection