

Chicago – Women – #1 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour and the 44th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo secured a spot in the AVP League by virtue of their win in Manhattan Beach**
- The duo has won 7 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, Austin 2022, Chicago 2022, Phoenix 2022, Atlanta 2023, Chicago 2023 and Manhattan Beach 2024)
- Entering Chicago the duo has won 20 of their last 22 AVP matches
- Entering Chicago 26 of their last 41 matches have come against teams seeded 5th or better
- Entering Chicago in 4 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 68-18 in matches... they are 57-5 when winning the first set, 9-11 when losing the first set, and 0-2 in one-set matches and 2 wins by forfeit...they are 20-8 in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, 14 of their 18 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0
- This year they have played for the title in 5 of the last 6 tournaments (AVP and international), with the exception being the 9th-place finish in the Olympics
- Kloth and Nuss were the AVP Team of the Year in both 2022 and 2023
- Chicago marks the 4th consecutive (and 4th overall) AVP event that they are seeded first... they have won 2 of the previous 3 times being the top seeds
- The duo is 21-12 against the other teams playing in Chicago (have only played against 5 different teams here)... the only team they trail in the series is against Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes (trail 5-2)... of the 33 matches they have played against the Chicago competition (on AVP and international), 16 of the matches have gone to a third set)
- This marks their 4th time playing in Chicago, where they have a combined 14-4 record, finishing 3rd in 2021 and winning in both 2022 and 2023

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	1	1st	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	1	2nd	2444	\$10,000.00
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	1	1st	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	2	1st	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	2	3rd	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	4	3rd	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	4	1st	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	6	1st	2321	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	6	5th	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	5th	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	5th	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	2	2nd	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	6	1st	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	9	3rd	756	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	9	5th	810	\$7,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	14, Q4	1st	1050	\$20,000.00

Taryn Kloth – age 27 – 6'4" – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Sioux Falls, S.D. – Creighton / Louisiana St.

- This is Kloth's 17th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 12 times, the finals 9 times, and has 7 wins

- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009 Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- And for another first, Kloth played indoors at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is the first player known to go to Creighton in the bvbinfo.net database of 22,000 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU
- This season Kloth has played 11 matches and 25 sets... she has had either 0 or 1 hitting error in 6 of the 11 matches... she has at least 1 block in 20 of the 25 sets

Kristen Nuss – age 26 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss’ 22nd AVP event, and she has been to 12 semifinals, 9 championship matches, and has 7 wins
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments... in 4 of her first 5 AVP tournaments, Nuss was eliminated in a three-set match
- All 4 of her career partners on the AVP Tour were teammates of hers at LSU
- Nuss has had 12+ digs in 10 of her 11 matches this season (the one exception was the match that Kloth / Nuss won by forfeit after leading 9-2 in the first set)... she has had 10+ digs in a set 5 times this season

Chicago – Women – #2 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes

Cheng / Hughes are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour and 55th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo secured a spot in the AVP League as they are guaranteed to be at least 3rd in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard**
- The duo has won 4 times on the AVP Tour (Chicago 2017, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023)... they also have one 2nd place finish and seven 3rds together
- The two began playing together in 2013 at the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Portugal (won bronze medal)... in 2014 they lost in an AVP qualifier, and won a bronze medal in the FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... in 2015 they formed a partnership at Southern Cal as sophomores... they competed together on the AVP through the end of the 2017 season before reuniting in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng and Hughes became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title in Chicago 2017... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22
- Entering Chicago including qualifiers and Tour Series, in 7 seasons the pair has a 66-20 match record... they are 59-5 when winning the first set and 7-15 when losing the first set... they are 15-10 in three-set matches
- Entering Chicago the duo has a 23-8 lead against other teams in the field... they have won 7 series and have lost just 1 (are 0-1 against 9th-seeded Savvy Simo / Abby Van Winkle)
- This year will be the 3rd time they have played in Chicago... they won in 2017 and then placed 3rd last season

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	2	3rd	2321	\$12,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	3	3rd	2321	\$7,000.00
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	2	3rd	2321	\$13,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	1	3rd	2321	\$13,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1st	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	1	1st	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Tour Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1st	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	8/31-9/3/2017	Chicago Championships	12	1st	1200	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2017	Manhattan Beach Open	23	3rd	864	\$9,000.00
AVP	6/22-25/2017	Seattle Open	7	9th	300	\$2,500.00
AVP	6/8-11/2017	New York City Open	13	7th	444	\$4,400.00
AVP	6/23-26/2016	AVP San Francisco Open	13, Q1	2nd	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/16-19/2016	AVP New York City Open	14, Q5	3rd	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/13-16/2015	AVP Manhattan Beach Open	14	9th	300	\$3,000.00
AVP	7/16-19/2015	AVP New York City Open	16, Q10	3rd	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/14-17/2014	Manhattan Beach Open	Q12	33rd	120	\$0.00

Kelly Cheng – age 28 – 6’2” – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng’s 42nd AVP event with 5 different partners... she has been to the finals with 4 of them... all of her partners are B.S. (Betsi, Brittany, Brandie, Sara, Sarah)
- Cheng has won 5 times (Chicago 2017, New Orleans 2022, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023) plus a win in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series ... she has also placed 2nd 8 times, and placed 3rd 20 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 33 of her 41 AVP events entering Chicago (80% of the tournaments)
- Cheng was named the AVP Best Offensive Player in both 2022 and 2023 and the Most Valuable Player in 2022

- Cheng has played in 10 different states on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them, and to the championship match in 6 different states
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 8 seasons (2016-2023), but that streak is at risk... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)
- This is the 7th time she has played in Chicago on the AVP Tour... she has advanced to the semifinals in 5 of the 6 years, and has done so with 4 different partners... she won in 2017 with Sara Hughes but since then is 0-4 in semifinal matches in Chicago
- Entering Chicago Cheng has had 19+ kills in 9 of her 11 matches this season

Sara Hughes – age 29 – 6’2” – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Hughes’ 42nd AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 6 wins (plus one Tour Series win), 4 seconds and 16 thirds
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 27 of her 41 AVP events (66%) entering Chicago, and in the championship match 11 times (27%)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Hughes has 4 partners with whom she has only played one tournament with... the other 4 partners she has played at least 6 times, and has been to a championship match with each of them
- This is the 7th AVP tournament she has played in Chicago with 4 different partners... she won in 2017 with Kelly Cheng, then placed 2nd in 2018 with Summer Ross in addition to placing 3rd two other times
- Cheng has had 10+ digs in all 11 matches this season... that streak is at 13 straight matches including the last two in Chicago 2023

Chicago – Women – #3 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour and 25th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo secured a spot in the AVP League by virtue of their win in Huntington Beach**
- Entering Chicago the duo has advanced to the finals 6 of their first 7 AVP tournaments together... they have 2 wins (Miami in the 2023 season opener and Huntington Beach in the 2024 season opener)
- In their debut in Chicago 2022, the pair lost in the second round and had to win 4 straight must-win matches (including 2 three-setters) to reach the championship match
- In the 2023 season opener in Miami, the pair lost in the third round but then swept 3 three straight opponents to win the title
- Entering Chicago in 3 seasons on the AVP Tour the pair has a 29-11 match record... they are 26-3 when winning the first set and 3-8 when losing the first set... they are 8-5 in three-set matches
- Entering Chicago they are 9-7 all time against teams seeded 4th or better
- Entering Chicago they are 18-13 against the field... they are 5-8 against #1 seed Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss and 4-5 against #2 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes, then 9-0 versus all other teams
- This marks their 3rd time playing in Chicago, and they have placed 2nd both previous times... they are 9-4 in matches in Chicago with 3 of the losses coming to Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	4	1st	2572	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	3	2nd	2444	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	3	2nd	2444	\$22,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	3	5th	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	2	2nd	2095	\$8,500.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	1	1st	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	3	2nd	2205	\$22,000.00

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 31 – 5’9” – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes’ 18th AVP event with 2 different partners... she played her first 10 with Sarah Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 3 seconds and 2 thirds... she won in the 2023 season opener in Miami with Brandie Wilkerson and then again in the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach with Wilkerson
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 13 of her 17 completed AVP events (76%) and to the championship match 11 times entering Chicago (65%)
- In her 11 AVP title matches she was the #1 seed twice... in the other 9 finals she played against the #1 seed 7 times
- She won 2 AVP awards, both in 2019 (Best Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year)
- She has played in 90 FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro tournaments (9 golds, 10 silvers, 3 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan before getting her first with Brandie Wilkerson in June 2023... she is a two-time Olympian who won the Silver Medal in Paris 2024
- This is the 4th time Humana-Paredes has played an AVP event in Chicago... she was 5th in 2019 with Sarah Pavan and 2nd in both 2022 and 2023 with Brandie Wilkerson
- Humana-Paredes has 13+ digs in 5 of her 6 matches this season entering Chicago (only exception was in a 21-13, 21-13 blowout win)... including last year’s Chicago event she has had 10+ digs in 11 of her last 12 matches

Brandie Wilkerson – age 32 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Wilkerson is playing in her 27th AVP tournament with 7 different partners (5 of whom have been Olympians)
- Won her first AVP title in the 2023 season opener in Miami, then won again in the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach... her other best career AVP finishes have been second 7 times (2017 Manhattan Beach

and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes, 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes, 2023 New Orleans with Humana-Paredes, 2023 Atlanta with Humana-Paredes, 2023 Chicago with Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times

- Her appearance in the title match in New Orleans 2023 marked the only time in her AVP career that she has reached the finals through the winner's bracket (she came through the contender's bracket in the other 8)
- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments... then she played in 6 consecutive AVP events without reaching the semifinals... entering Chicago she has advanced to the semifinals in 8 of her last 9 AVP outings
- In total she has been in the semifinals 14 times in her 26 AVP tournaments entering Chicago... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones
- Wilkerson is a two-time Olympian who won the Silver Medal in Paris 2024
- This is the 6th time Wilkerson has played in Chicago on the AVP Tour...she was 5th with Nicole Branagh in 2017, 3rd in 2019 with Sara Hughes, 5th in 2021 with Hughes, and 2nd in both 2022 and 2023 with Melissa Humana-Paredes
- Since the start of the 2023 season (entering Chicago 2024), Wilkerson has had at least 10 kills in 30 of her 33 matches and 3+ blocks in 18 of those matches

Chicago – Women – #4 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles

Flint / Scoles are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour and 25th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo secured a spot in the AVP League as they are guaranteed to be at least tied for 1st in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard**
- They have 1 win (in Manhattan Beach 2023), three 2nds and three 3rds on the AVP
- The pair has advanced to the semifinals in all 7 of their AVP tournaments thus far... they have come through the contender's bracket in 5 of the 7 events (exceptions were in Chicago 2023 and Manhattan Beach 2024)
- In their AVP debut (2023 season opener in Miami), the pair advanced to the championship match with their only 2 match losses coming to the #1 and #2 seeds in the event
- In Manhattan Beach 2023 they became the first team to ever be seeded #1 and lose to a #32 seed, but then they fought back through the contender's bracket to win the title, winning 8 straight matches in claiming the title
- Their first 3 tournaments as partners came on 3 different tours (AVP, World Beach Pro Tour and NORCECA)
- After playing in Manhattan Beach, where they went 5-1 in matches and played 16 sets, they competed in an Elite16 event in Hamburg, where they played 4 matches (3 of which that went to a third set) and their two losses came against 4 players who have played in a combined total of 10 Olympics
- Despite being seeded 4th, the duo has a 13-17 record against the field... they lead in 6 series, and 5 of those series are 1-0 in favor of Flint / Scoles... they trail in 4 series, including a combined record of 3-15 against the 3 teams seeded ahead of them in Chicago
- Entering Chicago in 2 seasons on the AVP the duo has a 32-11 match record... they are 22-3 when winning the first set and 8-7 when losing the first set with 2 forfeit wins and 1 forfeit loss... they are 14-5 in three-set matches (won 12 of the last 15 entering Chicago)... all 4 of their matches in Chicago 2023 went to a third set and last event in Manhattan Beach they had 4 matches (out of 6) that went to a third set

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	3	2nd	2444	\$21,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	5	3rd	2321	\$7,000.00
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	4	3rd	2321	\$13,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	1	1st	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	4	2nd	2095	\$8,500.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	3	3rd	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	3	2nd	2095	\$8,500.00

Betsi Flint – age 32 - 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 53rd AVP event with 6 different partners
- Flint has 7 AVP wins with 4 different partners, and her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019, 2022 and 2023... she has won with each of her partners that she has played more than 1 tournament with
- Her wins came in Mason 2015 (with Kelley Kolinske), San Francisco 2017 (with Kolinske), Seattle 2018 (with Emily Capers), San Francisco 2018 (with Capers), Hermosa Beach 2019 (with Capers), New Orleans 2022 (with Kelly Cheng) and Manhattan Beach 2023 (with Julia Scoles)
- Flint was the AVP Newcomer of the Year in 2015 and is a three-time Best Server (2019, 2022, 2023)
- She finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske, which marked the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw

- This marks the 10th time Flint is playing in Chicago (all domestic tours), the most of any player here... she is tied with Geena Urango for the most AVP events here (9) among players in this year's field... her first pro beach event in Chicago came in 2012 (on a different tour)
- Flint is playing an AVP event in Chicago for the 9th time in her career, and has advanced to the semifinals 4 times with 4 different partners.. she placed 2nd with Kelley Kolinske in 2016, 2nd with Emily Capers in 2019, 3rd with Kelly Cheng in 2022 and 3rd with Julia Scoles in 2023
- This season Flint has had 10+ digs in 9 of her 11 completed matches... in Manhattan Beach she had 4+ aces in 3 different matches

Julia Scoles – age 27 – 6'1" – hometown Mooresville, N.C. – currently Mooresville, N.C. – North Carolina / Hawai'i / USC

- This is Scoles' 19th AVP tournament with 6 different partners
- She has 2 wins (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango and Manhattan Beach 2023 with Betsi Flint), 5 seconds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Urango, in Fort Lauderdale 2022 with Urango, in Miami 2023 with Betsi Flint, in Huntington Beach 2023 with Flint and in Manhattan Beach 2024 with Flint)... she also has 5 thirds (twice with Urango, 3 times with Flint)
- Scoles was the 2022 AVP Rookie of the Year and the 2023 Most Improved Player of the Year
- Her first 4 AVP events came with 4 different partners, and she lost in the qualifier 3 times then placed 17th... since then, she has advanced to the semis in 12 of her last 14 AVP tournaments entering Chicago
- Since the start of the 2022 season, she has been eliminated from 12 AVP events and 11 times the other team had an Olympian on it
- Scoles has had 10+ kills in 10 of her 11 completed matches this season entering Chicago, including 29 in the Manhattan Beach finals (which was the most in an AVP championship match since Atlanta 2021)

Chicago – Women – #5 Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft

Cannon / Megan Kraft are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP and the 11th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo is currently 4th in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard, which entering Chicago would get them into the League... they need to reach the semifinals in order to improve their total... without a point improvement there are 6 teams which could catch or pass them this weekend**
- The duo made their debut last fall in an Elite 16 event in Paris, finishing 13th, then placed 9th in the Beach Volleyball World Championships... on the AVP Tour they placed 5th in the season opener in Huntington Beach and then 5th again in Manhattan Beach
- Internationally they won a NORCECA event in Puerto Rico, defeating Molley McBain and Sarah Pavan in the gold medal match, and more recently won a silver medal and a bronze medal in Elite16 events
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together on the AVP the duo has a 6-4 match record... they are 5-1 when winning the first set and 1-3 when losing the first set ... they are 2-1 in three-set matches... all 4 of their match losses have come against teams which were 2024 Olympians
- The two players were raised and live in cities about as far apart as possible in the continental U.S. (Cannon in Pittsford, N.Y. and Kraft in San Diego)... although they didn't overlap they do have playing at Southern Cal as a common denominator... Cannon played 2016-2019 at USC while Kraft played 2021-2023
- Both players are twins... Cannon has a twin sister (Maryn) while Kraft has a twin brother (Brian)
- Kraft has an aunt named Terese who played volleyball at CSU-Dominguez Hills
- Both players have played on the AVP Tour with recently retired Emily Stockman... Cannon played once with Stockman (finished 13th in Manhattan Beach 2021) while Kraft played 8 times (in 2022 and 2023)
- With this being their first year competing together, they have played just 10 matches against the rest of the field combined, and trail 3-7 overall (2-4 on the AVP Tour)... they lead in 3 series and trail in 3 series
- In 2023 these two players faced each other twice on the AVP Tour, with Cannon (and Sarah Sponcil) eliminating Kraft (and Emily Stockman) both times, in Huntington Beach and Atlanta

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	4	5th	2095	\$9,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	6	5th	2095	\$5,200.00

Terese Cannon – age 28 – 6'3" – hometown Pittsford, N.Y. – currently Pittsford, N.Y. – Georgetown / Southern Cal

- This is Cannon's 40th AVP event with 10 different partners
- She has 1 win (Hermosa Beach in 2022 with Sarah Sponcil), 1 second (Atlanta 2022 with Sponcil) and 9 thirds
- Entering this season Cannon had been in the semifinals in 8 of her previous 10 AVP tournaments, but she has placed 5th both times this season
- Of her 12 AVP semifinals, 9 came alongside Sarah Sponcil but she has reached the semis with a total of 4 different players
- Cannon was the 2022 AVP Most Improved Player
- This is her 5th time playing in Chicago, as she finished 3rd in 2018 with Sarah Sponcil, 17th in 2019 with Kelly Reeves, 7th in 2021 with Molly Shaw, and 3rd in 2022 with Sponcil
- In 8 of her 10 matches this season, Cannon has registered at least 10 kills

Megan Kraft – age 21 – 6'0" – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Kraft is playing in her 17th AVP event with 5 different partners
- Her best finishes have been a pair of 3rd-places, both with Emily Stockman (in the 2022 season opener in New Orleans and in Manhattan Beach 2023)
- In Huntington Beach 2019 Kraft and Delaynie Maple became the youngest team to ever advance from the qualifier on the AVP Tour... the high school teammates (and later college teammates) were both 16 years old... the duo beat three tandems of sisters, including two sets of twins, and placed 13th
- Kraft is striving to become the 3rd female player to win an AVP event before turning 22 years old... Sandra Pires did it 3 times in 1994 (in Milwaukee, Belmar and San Diego), then Kelly Cheng did it in Chicago in 2017
- This is Kraft's 2nd AVP tournament in Chicago... she was 9th with Emily Stockman in 2022
- Kraft had 5 aces in her 5 matches in Huntington Beach, then had 7 aces in her first Manhattan Beach match alone... she ended Manhattan with 16 aces (2nd most of any player and her 1.33 per set average tied for 2nd highest)

Chicago – Women – #6 Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango

Rodriguez / Urango are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP (including 1 Contender Series event)

- **AVP League: The duo is currently 3rd in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard, which entering Chicago would get them into the League... they are in a strong position given that they can improve their score beginning with a 7th place finish... a finish of 5th place or better guarantees that they will at least be in a tie for the 4th most points (and a spot in the League)**
- The duo teamed up in the season opener in Huntington Beach... they have improved their finish each time, going from 9th in Huntington Beach to 5th in Virginia Beach (Contender Series) to a 3rd last event in Manhattan Beach
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together on the AVP the duo has a 9-5 match record... they are 8-0 when winning the first set and 1-5 when losing the first set ... they are 3-2 in three-set matches... 3 of their 5 match losses have come against Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss
- Both of these players have had their best AVP finish in the past 2 seasons (Urango got her first win in Atlanta 2022 while Rodriguez had a 2nd in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series)
- Urango eliminated Rodriguez in Atlanta 2023 in their only head-to-head meeting
- With this being their first year as partners, they are just 3-5 against other teams in the field entering Chicago... they lead in 3 series and are tied in 3 series

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	8	3rd	2321	\$12,000.00
AVP	8/2-4/2024	Virginia Beach Contender Series	2	5th	1390	\$800.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	9	9th	1891	\$2,500.00

Toni Rodriguez – age 27 – 6’1” – hometown St. Amant, La. – currently Torrance, Calif. – LSU

- Rodriguez is playing in her 17th career AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Her career best finish on the Tour Series is her 2nd place in Denver 2023 with Savvy Simo, while outside of the Tour and Contender Series her best finish was last event in Manhattan Beach 2ith Geena Urango
- In her AVP career she played 36 matches (including qualifiers and forfeited matches) before finally losing to a team seeded worse than her
- Her AVP debut came in Hermosa Beach 2019 and her first ever match (in the qualifier) was against current AVP streaming announcer Victoria Dennis
- Her first ever AVP main draw match came in Manhattan Beach 2019 where she lost to current AVP streaming announcer Corrine Quiggle
- This is the 3rd time Rodriguez has played in Chicago... she was 21st in 2021 with Aurora Davis and 9th in 2023 with Deahna Kraft
- Entering Chicago Rodriguez has played in 10 matches on the Heritage Series... she has had 3+ blocks in 5 of her 10 matches

Geena Urango – age 35 – 5’11” – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 74th AVP tournament with her 19th different partner
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 9 seconds and 10 thirds
- Urango has advanced to the championship match with 5 different partners... 5 of her title matches came between 2015 and 2018, then her other 5 came in 2022 and 2023

- In her career she has partnered with 4 beach Olympians (Alix Klineman, Lauren Fendrick, Sarah Pavan and Sara Hughes)... plus she played with the niece of a beach Olympian, Falyn Fonoimoana (whose uncle Eric won a gold medal in Sydney in 2000)... her AVP debut came alongside Alix Klineman in Manhattan Beach 2006
- Her AVP career has spanned 16 different states, and she has advanced to a semifinal (including Tour and Contender Series) in 11 different states and to the finals 7 different states
- This is Urango's 9th AVP event in Chicago with her 8th different partner... her best finish here came in 2016 with Ali McColloch, in what was their first event together
- Urango has had 5 sets this season with at least 10 digs, including in 3 of her last 6 sets played entering Chicago

Chicago – Women – #7 Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward

Deberg / Harward are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP and the 12th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo is currently tied for 5th in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard, which entering Chicago would get them into the League... with a finish of at least 7th place they will improve their point totals**
- The duo placed 5th in the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach and then 9th in Manhattan Beach 2024
- Their first 6 tournaments together were evenly split between the World Beach Volleyball Tour and NORCECA... in total they have played 3 AVP events (including Chicago) and 9 international tournaments
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together on the AVP the duo has a 5-4 match record... they are 3-2 when winning the first set and 2-2 when losing the first set ... they are 3-3 in three-set matches... in Huntington Beach they won the first set in all 4 of their matches but in Manhattan Beach they lost the first set in 4 of their 5 matches
- Deberg's last AVP event of 2023 was in Manhattan Beach, where she set a career best for a non-Tour Series event (7th place with Alaina Chacon)... in that tournament her last match was a loss against Harward
- Deberg began the 2023 AVP season with a loss in her first main draw match against Harward and also ended with her last main draw match with a loss against Harward
- In April in China, the duo won a pool play match against the top-seeded team from Germany, Louisa Lippmann / Laura Ludwig, in three sets
- Entering Chicago the duo has a 3-4 record against the field... they lead in 3 series and trail in 3 series

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	6	9th	1891	\$4,300.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	10	5th	2095	\$5,200.00

Kylie Deberg – age 25 – 6'4" – hometown Hudson, Iowa – currently Hudson, Iowa – Illinois / Missouri / Louisiana State

- Deberg is playing in her 10th career AVP tournament with her 3rd different partner
- She has one win on the Tour Series (Wauapaca 2023 with Alaina Chacon) and one 3rd place finish (in Wauapaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Kahlee York)
- In her short career she has played in 5 different states and in 10 different countries (outside of the U.S.)
- This is Deberg's first time playing in Chicago
- Deberg has had 4+ blocks in 6 of her 9 matches this season entering Chicago

Hailey Harward – age 26 – 5'9" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Long Beach State / Southern Cal

- Harward is playing in her 23rd AVP event with her 12th different partner... she has played more than 2 tournaments with just one partner (6 with Kelley Kolinske)
- She has 1 Pro Series win (with Tina Graudina in Fort Lauderdale 2022), one Tour Series win (with Kelley Kolinske in Denver 2023)... she also has 1 second (in Manhattan Beach 2023 with Kolinske) and 1 third (with Emily Capers in New Orleans 2022)
- In her 4 tournaments in which she reached the semifinals, she had a total of 21 main draw match wins... in her other 18 AVP events (including Tour Series) entering Chicago she has won 23 main draw matches
- Harward has played in 9 different states on the AVP Tour... internationally she has played in 16 different countries besides the U.S.

- This is Harvard's 2nd time playing in Chicago... she was 5th in 2023 with Kelley Kolinske
- In 9 matches this season entering Chicago, Harvard has had at least 16 digs 6 times

Chicago – Women – #7 Savvy Simo / Abby Van Winkle

Simo / Van Winkle are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP and the 12th time overall

- **AVP League: The duo is currently tied for 5th in points among teams outside of the automatic berths and/or wildcard, which entering Chicago would get them into the League... with a finish of at least 7th place they will improve their point totals**
- The duo has won twice this season, both on the Contender Series... they won in Denver in early July, then won again in Virginia Beach in early August
- Outside of the Contender Series the tandem advanced from the qualifier in Huntington Beach to place 9th, then finished 5th in Manhattan Beach
- The duo has an on-again, off-again relationship... they played once in 2021 (in Chicago), once in 2022 (in Denver on the Tour Series) and then in all 6 events this year
- Entering Chicago in 3 seasons together on the AVP (including Tour and Contender Series and qualifiers) the duo has a 26-8 match record... they are 23-3 when winning the first set and 3-5 when losing the first set ... they are 6-5 in three-set matches
- They are the only women's team to have played in all 6 AVP tournaments this season
- Entering Chicago the duo has a 6-4 record against the field... they lead in 6 series and trail in 4 series

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	10	5th	2095	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/2-4/2024	Virginia Beach Contender Series	3	1st	1706	\$6,500.00
AVP	7/10-12/2024	Waupaca Contender Series	1	3rd	1540	\$1,800.00
AVP	7/5-7/2024	Denver Contender Series	2	1st	1706	\$6,500.00
AVP	5/16-19/2024	Huntington Beach Heritage Series	13, Q1	9th	1891	\$2,500.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Tour Series	9	9th	1390	\$500.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	Q8	21st	210	\$0

Chicago – Women – #14 Piper Ferch / Molly Shaw

Ferch / Shaw are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP

- **AVP League: The duo's only path to getting into the League is to win in Chicago**
- The duo's only previous tournament together was in Virginia Beach on the Contender Series in August
- In Virginia Beach, the duo placed 5th, which earned them a berth into this week's tournament in Chicago... their two losses came to teams seeded 2nd and 3rd
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together on the AVP (including Contender Series) the duo has a 2-2 match record... they are 2-0 when winning the first set and 0-2 when losing the first set ... they are 0-1 in three-set matches
- The duo is 1-2 against the other teams in Chicago... they lead in 1 series and trail in 2 series

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/2-4/2024	Virginia Beach Contender Series	11	5th	1390	\$800.00

Piper Ferch – age 21 – 5'10" – hometown Redmond, Wash. – currently Redmond, Wash. – Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

- Ferch is playing in her 8th career AVP tournament with her 6th different partner
- Her best finish was a 3rd place with Lindsey Sparks in Denver 2024 on the Contender Series... in that event she was the 17th-seeded qualification team and managed to sweep the #1 seed in the main draw
- Ferch has never played consecutive AVP tournaments with the same partner
- Ferch made her pro beach volleyball debut in Seattle in 2019 one month before turning 16 years old... she played in 3 qualifiers from 2019-2023 without advancing to the main draw... Chicago marks her 5th tournament this season
- Manhattan Beach 2024 marked the first time she played in a main draw outside of the Tour and Contender Series... she and Sparks were seeded 27th and finished in 17th place
- Ferch had 4 aces in her loss against Alix Klineman / April Ross in Manhattan Beach

Molly Shaw – age 28 – 5'8" – hometown Naperville, Ill. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Grand Canyon University

- Shaw is playing in her 50th AVP event with 22 different partners
- Her best career finish is 3rd place, which she has done 3 times... the first time was in Atlanta 2021 with Terese Cannon (defeated the #1 seeds and had 2 losses against Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss)... she and Kaitlyn Malaney finished 3rd in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series... in Hermosa Beach 2023 Shaw and Madelyne Anderson placed 3rd
- Shaw is 1 of 6 women to play in all 6 AVP events this season (also Savvy Simo, Abby Van Winkle, Carly Kan, Devanne Sours and Kahlee York)
- This is the 6th time that Shaw has played in Chicago... in 2018 she was 13th with Cassie House, in 2019 she was 9th with Brittany Howard, in 2021 she was 7th with Terese Cannon, in 2022 she was 13th with Carly Skjodt and in 2023 she was 13th with Aleksandra Wachowicz
- Despite losing both matches in Manhattan Beach 2024, Shaw posted some impressive numbers... she had 25 kills with just 6 hitting errors (.404)... she had 26 digs in the two matches and her 8 aces in the 6 sets tied her for the highest per set average in the tournament with Megan Kraft (1.33 per set)

Chicago – Women – #15 Madelyne Anderson / Marine Kinna

Anderson / Kinna are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP

- **AVP League: The duo's only path to getting into the League is to win in Chicago**
- The duo began playing together all the way back on August 2, 2024 in Virginia Beach on the Contender Series
- In their debut in Virginia Beach, the duo placed 5th, which earned them a berth into this week's tournament in Chicago
- The pair then played in Manhattan Beach in the middle of August, winning three qualifier matches to advance to the main draw... they won their first match and then lost their next two in three sets to finish 17th
- Kinna has played 2 events this season on the World Beach Volleyball Tour, and has faced Anderson both times... the two players have split their matches
- The duo is 0-3 against the other teams in Chicago... they trail in 3 series

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	21, Q3	17th	1540	\$1,200.00
AVP	8/2-4/2024	Virginia Beach Contender Series	13	5th	1390	\$800.00

Madelyne Anderson – age 22 – 6'1" – hometown Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – currently Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Florida State

- Anderson is playing in her 9th career AVP tournament with her 5th different partner
- Her best finish was a 3rd place with Molly Shaw in Hermosa Beach 2023... their only two losses in that tournament came against teams seeded 2nd and 6th while they had 3 wins against teams seeded 10th or better
- Anderson's first main draw came in Huntington Beach 2023 with Molly Shaw... in that event they had to win 3 qualifier matches, with the final one coming against Anderson's former collegiate partner in beach volleyball, former assistant coach of hers at Florida State and current partner on the World Beach Volleyball Tour, Brook Bauer... Anderson is 3-1 against Bauer in her career
- In her short career this will mark her 9th AVP tournament compared to 11 international events (including an Age Group World Championships and a NORCECA event)
- Anderson's 2024 summer: Huntington Beach with Carly Kan on 5/16, Switzerland with Kan on 5/29, Bulgaria with Kan on 6/6, Belgium with Brook Bauer on 7/18, Virginia Beach with Marine Kinna on 8/2, Manhattan Beach with Kinna on 8/15, Halifax, Canada with Bauer on 8/21, Chicago with Kinna on 8/30 (next up Spain with Bauer on 9/18)

Marine Kinna – age 25 – 5'11" – hometown Guethary, France – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Otero Junior College / Lynn University / Loyola Marymount

- Kinna is playing in her 7th AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Her best career finish was the 5th place in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Contender Series with Madelyne Anderson which earned them a berth in this week's Chicago event
- Prior to this weekend, Kinna has played in 3 AVP main draws (excluding Tour and Contender Series) with 3 different partners
- Like Anderson, Kinna has played more times internationally (10) than domestically (7 including Chicago)

Chicago – Women – #16 Xolani Hodel / Kahlee York

Hodel / York are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP

- **AVP League: The duo's only path to getting into the League is to win in Chicago**
- The pair has played 5 Tour and Contender Series events, with a best of 2nd in Waupaca 2024 to go with three 5th-place finishes... outside of those they were 13th in Atlanta 2023 and 17 in Manhattan Beach 2024
- In Virginia Beach 2024 the duo placed 5th, which earned them a berth into this week's tournament in Chicago... in that tournament they were 0-2 against a team with a Megan Rice on it, and 2-0 against a team that did not have a player named Megan Rice
- In their 2nd event together, in Waupaca 2023, the duo was seeded #1
- Entering Chicago in 2 seasons together on the AVP (including Tour and Contender Series as well as qualifiers) the duo has a 13-13 match record... they are 13-2 when winning the first set and 0-11 when losing the first set ... they are 5-4 in three-set matches
- Including their first match in Chicago, in their 8 AVP events they were seeded first once and had to play the #1 seed in 5 of the other 7 tournaments
- The duo is 2-4 against the other teams in Chicago... they lead in 1 series, trail in 2 series and are tied in 1

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2024	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	18	17th	1540	\$1,200.00
AVP	8/2-4/2024	Virginia Beach Contender Series	8	5th	1390	\$800.00
AVP	7/10-12/2024	Waupaca Contender Series	5	2nd	1621	\$3,500.00
AVP	7/5-7/2024	Denver Contender Series	7	5th	1390	\$800.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	16	13th	1706	\$4,000.00
AVP	7/5-7/2023	Tour Series Waupaca Open	1	9th	1192	\$0.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	12	5th	1320	\$500.00

Xolani Hodel – age 22 – 6'1" – hometown Huntington Beach, Calif. – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- Hodel is playing in her 15th career AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Her best finish was a 2nd place with Kahlee York in Waupaca 2024 on the Contender Series... her 4 best finishes have all come alongside York
- Outside of the Tour and Contender Series, her best finish was a 7th in Hermosa Beach 2022 with Kimberly Hildreth
- Hodel is playing for the 8th time with York, while her other 7 AVP events have come with 6 different partners
- This season Hodel has played 1 Heritage Series event, in Manhattan Beach... she has at least 1 block in 5 of her 7 sets played, and had 6 blocks in a three-set match

Kahlee York – age 25 – 5'11" – hometown Lakewood Ranch, Fla. – currently Bradenton, Fla. – Louisiana State

- York is playing in her 27th AVP event with 9 different partners
- She has reached 2 semifinals; a 2nd place with Xolani Hodel in Waupaca 2024 on the Contender Series and a 3rd place with Kylie Deberg in Waupaca 2023 on the Tour Series
- Outside of the Tour and Contender Series, she has a 3-14 main draw match record... Chicago will give her at least a tie for her best finish (13th)
- York is 1 of 6 women to play in all 6 AVP events this season (also Savvy Simo, Abby Van Winkle, Carly Kan, Devanne Sours and Molly Shaw)