

Huntington Beach – Women – #1 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP Tour and the 39th time overall

- The duo won 6 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, Austin 2022, Chicago 2022, Phoenix 2022, Atlanta 2023 and Chicago 2023)
- Entering Huntington Beach 21 of their last 30 matches have come against teams seeded 5th or better
- Entering Huntington Beach in 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 58-17 in matches... they are 50-5 when winning the first set, 7-10 when losing the first set, and 0-2 in one-set matches and one win by forfeit...they are 17-7 in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, 13 of their 17 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 season the duo has played 3 times internationally... they were 2-6 in matches the first 2 tournaments, but then went 5-1 in winning a silver medal in Brazil earlier this month
- Kloth and Nuss were the AVP Team of the Year in both 2022 and 2023
- Despite being seeded first this weekend, the duo enters Huntington Beach with just a 12-13 lifetime record against all the other teams competing here (and has a winning record against only Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson and Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft)
- The only previous time the duo was seeded first was in Chicago 2023, which they won
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has won 4 of their last 6 AVP tournaments played... one exception was the 3rd-place finish here last year

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	1	1	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	2	1	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	4	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	4	1	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	6	1	2321	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	6	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	2	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	6	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	9	3	756	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	9	5	810	\$7,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	14, Q4	1	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 15th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 10 times, the finals 7 times, and has 6 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

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

- This is Nuss' 20th AVP event, and she has been to 9 semifinals, 6 championship matches, and has 5 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

Huntington Beach – Women – #2 Alix Klineman / April Ross

Klineman / Ross are playing together for the 18th time on the AVP Tour and 45th time overall

- This is their first tournament together since October 2021 (internationally)... they enter Huntington Beach having won their last 5 AVP tournaments together (22-0 in matches in that span), and 14 consecutive AVP tournaments reaching the title match
- Their last match loss on the AVP Tour was on 9/22/19 in Honolulu to Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan in the finals... they have never lost an AVP match prior to the semifinals
- The duo has won 12 times on the AVP Tour, to go with 3 second-place finishes and 2 third-place finishes... they are 15-2 in semifinal matches and have won the last 14
- They have also won 6 FIVB titles including the Tokyo Olympics
- Entering Huntington Beach in 4 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 76-5 (94%) in matches, 65-2 (97%) when winning the first set, 10-3 (77%) when losing the first set, and 19-3 (86%) in three-set matches... they have won the last 54 times matches when winning the first set (last loss was in the 2018 Hermosa Beach finals against Sara Hughes / Summer Ross)

Alix Klineman – age 34 – 6’5” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- This is Klineman’s 30th AVP event... she has won 12 times, all with Ross
- Prior to her partnership with Ross, Klineman had reach 2 AVP semifinals in 12 AVP outings... both came with Lane Carico, including a 2nd place and a 3rd place finish (both in 2017)
- Klineman played in her first AVP main draw in Huntington Beach in 2017 after advancing from the qualifier with Jace Pardon... in her first main draw match she was swept by top-seeded Emily Capers / Brittany Hochevar
- This is the 3rd time she has played in AVP event in Huntington Beach... she placed 7th with Jace Pardon in 2017 and won in 2019 with April Ross

April Ross – age 41 – 6’1” – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Ross is playing in her 109th AVP Tournament... she has 41 wins with 6 different partners
- She has had 12 AVP wins with 3 different partners (Jennifer Kessy, Kerri Walsh Jennings and Alix Klineman)
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 79 of her 108 AVP tournaments (73% of tournaments entered)
- Since getting her first AVP win in 2009, she has won an AVP title in 11 straight years (excluding 2011, 2022 and 2023 when she did not play on the AVP)... she has led or tied for the most AVP victories in 9 of those seasons
- Ross has won 37 of her last 52 AVP tournaments entered (and one of those the final was never played)
- Ross is playing an AVP tournament in Huntington Beach for the 11th time...she has won here 5 times (in 2010 with Jennifer Kessy, in 2014 with Kerri Walsh Jennings, in 2015 with Lauren Fendrick, in 2015 with Kerri Walsh Jennings, and in 2019 with Alix Klineman)... she has advanced to the semifinals 8 straight times in Huntington Beach
- Her 5 wins in Huntington Beach mark the most she has had in any one city on the AVP Tour

Huntington Beach – Women – #3 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes

Cheng / Hughes are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP Tour and 51st time overall

- 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 five 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 Huntington Beach including qualifiers and Tour Series, in 6 seasons the pair has a 58-17 match record... they are 53-5 when winning the first set and 5-12 when losing the first set... they are 12-8 in three-set matches... they won 4 straight AVP tournaments together (one in 2017, one in 2022 on Tour Series, two in 2023) and had won 24 consecutive matches (and each of their last 6 third sets) before losing in the semifinals in Atlanta... prior to that their last loss was in the 2017 Manhattan Beach semifinals against Emily Capers / Brittany Hochevar (losing 16-14 in the third set)

All AVP Results

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

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

- This is Cheng’s 40th 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 18 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 31 of her 39 AVP events entering Huntington Beach (79% 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)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)
- This is the 4th time she has played in Huntington Beach on the AVP Tour... she was 7th in 2019 with Brandie Wilkerson, then won in both 2022 (on the Tour Series) and 2023 with Sara Hughes

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

- This is Hughes' 40th AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 6 wins (plus one Tour Series win), 4 seconds and 14 thirds
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 25 of her 39 AVP events (64%) entering Huntington Beach, and in the championship match 11 times (28%)
- 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 4th AVP tournament she has played in Huntington Beach and she has been in the semifinals each time so far... she was 3rd in 2019 with Summer Ross, then won in 2022 (on the Tour Series) and again in 2023 with Kelly Cheng

Huntington Beach – Women – #4 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and 21st time overall

- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has advanced to the finals 5 of their first 6 AVP tournaments together... they have 1 win (Miami in the 2023 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 Huntington Beach in 2 seasons on the AVP Tour the pair has a 24-10 match record... they are 21-2 when winning the first set and 3-8 when losing the first set... they are 7-4 in three-set matches
- Entering Huntington Beach they are 7-6 all time against teams seeded 4th or better

All AVP Results

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

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

- This is Humana-Paredes’ 17th 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
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 12 of her 16 completed AVP events and to the championship match 10 times entering Huntington Beach
- In her 10 AVP title matches she was the #1 seed twice... in the other 8 finals she played against the #1 seed 6 times
- She won 2 AVP awards, both in 2019 (Best Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year)
- She has played in 87 FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro tournaments (9 golds, 8 silvers, 3 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan before getting her first with Brandie Wilkerson in June
- This is the 3rd time Humana-Paredes has played an AVP event in Huntington Beach... she was 2nd in 2019 with Sarah Pavan and 5th in 2023 with Brandie Wilkerson

Brandie Wilkerson – age 31 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Wilkerson is playing in her 26th AVP tournament with 7 different partners (5 of whom have been Olympians)
- Won her first AVP title in the 2023 season opener in Miami... her other best career AVP finishes have been second 6 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 7)
- 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 Huntington Beach she has advanced to the semifinals in each 7 of her last 8 AVP outings
- In total she has been in the semifinals 13 times in her 25 AVP tournaments entering Huntington Beach... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones
- This is the 4th time Wilkerson has played in Huntington Beach on the AVP Tour, placing 17th in 2017 with Branagan Fuller, 7th in 2019 with Kelly Cheng and 5th in 2023 with Melissa Humana-Paredes

Huntington Beach – Women – #5 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles

Flint / Scoles are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and 19th time overall

- They have 1 win (in Manhattan Beach 2023), two 2nds and two 3rds on the AVP
- 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 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
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has an 23-8 match record... they are 16-2 when winning the first set and 5-6 when losing the first set with 2 forfeit wins... they are 10-4 in three-set matches (won 8 of the last 10 entering Huntington Beach)... all 4 of their matches in Chicago 2023 went to a third set

AVP Results

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

Betsi Flint – age 31 - 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 51st AVP event with her 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
- Flint is playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach for the 6th time in her career, and has advanced to the semifinals in each of the last 3 with 3 different partners... she played with Kelley Kolinske 3 times (5th in 2015, 7th in 2016 and 2nd in 2017), with Emily Capers in 2019 (3rd) and with Julia Scoles in 2023 (2nd)

Julia Scoles – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Mooresville, N.C. – currently Mooresville, N.C. – North Carolina / Hawai'i / USC

- This is Scoles' 17th AVP tournament with 6 different partners
- She has 2 wins (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango and Manhattan Beach 2023 with Betsi Flint), 4 seconds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Urango, in Fort Lauderdale 2022 with Urango, in Miami 2023 with Betsi Flint and in Huntington Beach 2023 with Flint)... she also has 4 thirds (twice with Urango, twice 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 10 of her last 12 AVP tournaments entering Huntington Beach
- Since the start of the 2022 season, she has been eliminated from 10 AVP events and 9 times the other team had an Olympian on it

Huntington Beach – Women – #6 Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft

Cannon / Megan Kraft are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP and the 5th time overall

- 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
- 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)
- In their last outing the duo won a NORCECA event in Puerto Rico, defeating Molley McBain and Sarah Pavan in the gold medal match
- 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

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
NORCECA	12/15-17/2023	NORCECA Juan Dolio (Final)	2	1	800	US\$2,000.00
FIVB	11/30-12/3/2023	Challenge Nuvali	9	5	600	US\$3,750.00
FIVB	10/6-15/2023	Beach Volleyball World Championships	16	9	800	US\$11,000.00
FIVB	9/27-10/1/2023	Elite16 Paris	15, Q7	13	460	US\$5,000.00

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

- This is Cannon's 38th AVP event with 10 different partners
- She has 1 win (Hermosa Beach in 2022 with Sarah Sponcil), 1 second (Atlanta 2022 with Sponcil) and 6 thirds
- Entering Huntington Beach Cannon has been in the semifinals in 7 of her last 8 AVP tournaments
- 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 2nd time playing in Huntington Beach, as she finished 3rd in 2023 with Sarah Sponcil

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

- Kraft is playing in her 15th 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, which was her last AVP tournament prior to this weekend)
- 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 3rd AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... in 2019 she was 13th with Delaynie Maple and in 2023 she was 7th with Emily Stockman

Huntington Beach – Women – #7 Brook Bauer / Megan J. Rice

Bauer / Megan J. Rice are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP

- The duo made their debut last year in Manhattan Beach, finishing in 7th place... then they placed 2nd in the season finale in Laguna Beach on the Tour Series
- In Manhattan Beach 2023 they went 4-2 in matches, with the losses coming against teams seeded 1st and 3rd
- In 1 season on the AVP Tour the duo has a 8-4 match record... they are 4-0 when winning the first set and 4-4 when losing the first set... they are 6-2 in three-set matches... 8 of their 12 matches entering Huntington Beach have gone 3 sets
- Although they are both 25 years old, Bauer is playing in her 31st pro beach event while Rice is playing in just her 10th
- Rice reached her first AVP final in her 5th AVP tournament ever... in that event she defeated Brook Bauer to reach the semifinals

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	10/13-15/2023	Tour Series Laguna Beach Open	2	2	1621	\$2,400.00
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	14	7	1990	\$6,400.00

Brook Bauer – age 25 – 6’0” – hometown Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – currently Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Pepperdine / Florida State

- This is Bauer’s 26th AVP event with 8 different partners
- Her best finishes on the AVP Tour have been 2nd place finishes (with Katie Horton in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and in the 2023 season finale in Laguna Beach with Megan J. Rice)
- There were 310 women who played on the AVP Tour in 2023 and Bauer was the only one who played in 10 different events
- In 2023 she played with 3 different partners (the first 7 AVP events with Katie Horton, then with Rice, Tina Gaudina and Rice again)
- Bauer made her AVP debut in 2016 in New Orleans... she advanced from the qualifier to place 9th... however after that she was eliminated in the qualifier in 6 consecutive AVP tournaments and did not play in the main draw again until 2022 (also in New Orleans)
- This is her 3rd time playing in Huntington Beach, as she finished 2nd in 2022 on the Tour Series with Katie Horton and then placed 17th in 2023 with Horton

Megan J. Rice – age 25 – 6’0” – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara / Loyola Marymount

- Rice is playing in her 10th AVP event with 7 different partners
- Her best finishes have been a pair of 2nd-places, with Savvy Simo in Hermosa Beach 2023 and with Brook Bauer in Laguna Beach 2023 on the Tour Series
- Rice was the AVP Rookie of the Year in 2023
- In 2023 Rice played in 9 AVP events (tied for the second most among all women)... her first two events were with Kahlee York (lost in the qualifier in both)... those were the only times she played consecutive AVP events with the same partner
- This is Rice’s 2nd AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... she finished 21st in 2023 with Kahlee York in what was her 2nd pro beach tournament ever

Huntington Beach – Women – #8 Emily Capers / Zana Muno

Capers / Muno are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP

- Capers made her AVP debut in 2007 in Long Beach when Muno was 11 years old (Capers first AVP match came against Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh Jennings)
- Last season Capers was announcing (on AVP streaming) during Muno's matches and now this season they are teammates
- Muno's first ever AVP semifinal came in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Crissy Jones... they had to win 4 qualifier matches to advance to the main draw, and then in the semifinals they were eliminated by Emily Capers (and Betsi Flint)

Emily Capers – age 36 – 6'1" – hometown Torrance, Calif. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Capers' 74th AVP event with her 19th different partner
- She has won 9 AVP titles with 4 different partners... she won once in 2013, once in 2015, once in 2016, 3 times in 2017, twice in 2018 and once in 2019
- Capers had played at least one domestic event every year since 2007 before last season (and at least one international event each year since 2011 before last season as well)
- Capers was the AVP's 2013 Most Improved Player and part of the AVP Team of the Year in 2017 (with Brittany Hochevar)
- She has won an AVP title in 4 different California cities (Hermosa Beach, Huntington Beach, Manhattan Beach, San Francisco)
- This is her 8th time playing an AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... she was 17th in 2009 with Heather Lowe, 13th in 2010 with Claire D'Amore, 3rd in 2013 with Summer Ross, 5th in 2-14 with Ross, 3rd in 2015 with Jennifer Kessy, 1st in 2017 with Brittany Hochevar, and 3rd in 2019 with Betsi Flint

Zana Muno – age 28 – 5'10" – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – UCLA

- Muno is playing in her 27th AVP event with her 12th different partner
- She has advanced to 6 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners
- Muno has partnered with five different Olympians (beach and indoors) in her career... Lauren Fendrick, Carli Lloyd, Sarah Pavan, Sarah Sponcil and Brandie Wilkerson
- Muno's AVP debut came in 2013 in Huntington Beach with Sarah Sponcil
- In her last two AVP events of 2023, Muno played 3 consecutive matches against Megan Rice (well technically against Megan J. Rice, then two against Megan Rice)

Huntington Beach – Women – #9 Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango

Rodriguez / Urango are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP

- 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

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

- Rodriguez is playing in her 15th career AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Her career best finish (outside the Tour Series) was ironically set in the tournament in which she was injured and had to withdraw... she and Savvy Simo placed 5th in New Orleans 2022... she equaled that mark in New Orleans 2023 with another 5th-place finish, also with Simo... and the duo again got a 5th in Manhattan Beach 2023... on the Tour Series she has a best of 2nd place in Denver 2023 with Simo
- 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 2nd time Rodriguez has played in Huntington Beach... she was 13th with Savvy Simo in 2023

Geena Urango – age 34 – 5'11" – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 70th AVP tournament with her 18th different partner
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 9 seconds and 9 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 3 beach Olympians (Alix Klineman, Lauren Fendrick and Sarah Pavan)... 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 Series) in 10 different states and to the finals 7 different states
- This is Urango's 7th AVP event in Huntington Beach with her 5th different partner... she played 4 times with Angela Bensed (9th in 2014, 9th in 2015, 2nd in 2016 and 9th in 2017), with Caitlin Ledoux in 2019 (13th) and with Carly Skjodt in 2023 (9th)

Huntington Beach – Women – #10 Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward

Deberg / Harward are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP and the 7th time overall

- Their previous 6 tournaments together have been evenly split between FIVB and NORCECA... this will be their 6th event since April 1 of this year
- The duo won their first NORCECA tournament in April as well as a NORCECA event last weekend
- Huntington Beach marks their first tournament on U.S. soil as partners
- 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

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
NORCECA	5/8-10/2024	NORCECA Juan Dolio	2	1	320	US\$0.00
NORCECA	5/3-5/2024	NORCECA Varadero	2	3	256	US\$0.00
FIVB	4/25-28/2024	Challenge Xiamen	24, Q14	9	460	US\$2,500.00
FIVB	4/11-14/2024	Challenge Guadalajara	Q11	25	220	US\$0.00
NORCECA	4/5-7/2024	NORCECA Santo Domingo	2	1	320	US\$0.00
FIVB	12/27-30/2022	The Hague Futures	8	9	180	€ 200.00

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

- Deberg is playing in her 8th 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 4 different states and in 4 different countries (outside of the U.S.)
- This is Deberg's first time playing in Huntington Beach

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

- Harward is playing in her 21st 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 16 AVP events (including Tour Series) entering Huntington Beach she has won 18 main draw matches
- Harward has played in 9 different states on the AVP Tour... internationally she has played in 11 different countries besides the U.S.
- This is Harward's 3rd time playing in Huntington Beach... she was 7th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Kelly Reeves and 9th in 2023 with Kelley Kolinske

Huntington Beach – Women – #11 Lexy Denaburg / Deahna Kraft

Denaburg / Deahna Kraft are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP

- The now teammates grew up about as far apart as possible within the continental U.S... Denaburg is from Merritt Island, Fla., while Kraft is from Seattle, Wash.
- These two players have faced off against each other twice, with Deahna Kraft winning both times in three-set matches... they played against each other in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and again in 2023 in Hermosa Beach

Kylie Deberg – age 22 – 6'0" – hometown Merritt Island, Fla. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – UCLA

- Deberg is playing in her 11th career AVP tournament with her 6th different partner
- Her best finishes came last year with Carly Kan... she was 3rd in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series and 3rd in Hermosa Beach 2023
- In the Hermosa Beach 2023 event, she lost her first match to Deahna Kraft (and Zana Munro), then bounced back to win 4 consecutive contender matches, including defeating the top two seeds in the tournament in three-set matches
- This is Deberg's 2nd time playing in Huntington Beach, as she was 29th in 2023 with Maria Clara Salgado

Deahna Kraft – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Seattle, Wash. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine / Wisconsin

- Kraft is playing in her 25th career AVP tournament with her 10th different partner
- She has 1 win, with Allie Wheeler in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kraft has 3 other AVP semifinals, finishing in 3rd place each time... two came with Wheeler on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Atlantic City), and then in Manhattan Beach 2023 with Toni Rodriguez
- Kraft did the reverse of many players in college, as she played beach volleyball first (at Pepperdine), then transferred to Wisconsin to play one season of indoor volleyball
- This weekend will be her 12th AVP event in the state of California, while her other 13 tournaments have come in 9 different states
- Including Huntington Beach, she has played 9 times with Allie Wheeler and the other 16 events with 9 different partners
- This is the 3rd time Kraft has played in Huntington Beach... in 2022 she finished 9th with Allie Wheeler on the Tour Series and in 2022 she finished 7th with Zana Munro
- The 2023 Huntington Beach event was notable for Kraft in that she had a pair of three-set wins against past Olympians (Sarah Pavan and Larissa Maestrini)

Huntington Beach – Women – #12 Kimberly Hildreth / Teegan Van Gunst

Hildreth / Van Gunst are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP and 17th time overall

- Their best finish was a 3rd in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series when they were seeded #1 and then again in the 2023 season finale in Laguna Beach... their next best finish was a 5th in the 2023 season opener in Miami in their debut... their only 2 losses in that event were to the teams seeded #1 and #2
- Entering Huntington Beach in 1 season together (including qualifiers and the Tour Series) they have a 21-18 match record... they are 20-3 when winning the first set and 1-15 when losing the first set... they are 4-8 in three-set matches
- The duo has kept busy on the court... starting with the 2023 season opener in Miami, they have played a tournament in every month with the exception of January and February 2024
- The two players have faced each other 4 times, alternating wins... in Chicago 2018 Van Gunst defeated Hildreth in the qualifier in three sets... on the FIVB Tour in Guam 2020, Hildreth swept Van Gunst in the qualifier... Van Gunst won a three-set match in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series... in the 2022 season finale in Tevares, Hildreth eliminated Van Gunst

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	10/13-15/2023	Tour Series Laguna Beach Open	5	3	1540	\$1,200.00
AVP	9/1-3/2023	Gold Series Chicago Open	13	7	1990	\$7,600.00
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	11	9	1891	\$4,300.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	8	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	7	9	1192	\$0.00
AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	1	3	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	14, Q2	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	14, Q2	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	10	5	1796	\$4,200.00

Kimberly Hildreth – age 33 - 5'8" – hometown Novi, Mich. – currently Novi, Mich. – Eastern Michigan / North Florida

- This is Hildreth's 43rd AVP event with 8 different partners
- Her best finish of 2nd came in Austin 2019 with Sarah Murphy... she also had a 3rd place with Karolina Marciniak in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and 3rd-place finishes in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series as well as Laguna Beach 2023 with Teegan Van Gunst
- Including Huntington Beach she played 28 times with Sarah Murphy and Van Gunst and 15 times with her other 6 partners
- This is the 4th time Hildreth has played in Huntington Beach...she was 25th with Sarah Murphy in 2019, 3rd with Karolina Marciniak in 2022 on the Tour Series, and 13th with Teegan Van Gunst in 2023

Teegan Van Gunst – age 29 – 6'0" – hometown Fayetteville, Ga. – currently Santa Ana, Calif. – Georgia Tech / Georgia State

- Van Gunst is playing in her 30th AVP tournament with just 3 different partners
- Her best career finish was a 2nd place in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series with Aurora Davis.... she also had a 3rd place finish with Davis in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in both Virginia Beach 2023 and Laguna Beach 2023 on the Tour Series with Kimberly Hildreth
- She played 11 events with her twin sister Annika Rowland, then 9 times with Aurora Davis
- This marks the 3rd time she has played in Huntington Beach... she was 33rd in 2019 with her twin sister Annika Rowland and 13th in 2023 with Kimberly Hildreth