

Atlanta Miscellaneous Notes from Friday

MEN

- 10 of the 16 men's matches were sweeps... teams winning the first set were 13-3
- 3 of the 16 matches were upsets (11 beat 6, 5 beat 4 and 15 beat 10)
- Three players had just one hitting error in two matches on Friday... Cody Caldwell (36 attempts), Phil Dalhausser (29 attempts) and Theo Brunner (27 attempts) all had just one hitting error
- Chase Budinger has the most aces (7) followed by Paul Lotman (6)
- Tri Bourne logged 12 termination blocks as well as 11 control blocks in his two matches
- Two of the three oldest players had the most digs... John Hyden had 27 digs while Billy Allen had 20 (tied with two other players)
- In the first round of the contender's bracket, 23-year old Tim Brewster (and Kyle Friend) eliminated 50-year old John Hyden (and Billy Kolinske)... when Brewster was six months old Hyden was playing in his second indoor Olympics
- Brothers play brothers... Gage and Lars Basey played their first match of the tournament against Trevor Crabb, and then on Saturday will play against Taylor Crabb in an elimination match

**** Note: there is men's match (Budinger / Evans vs Smith / Webber) that needs stat corrections, so it is throwing off what you see on avp.com – all other players' stats should be good*

Women

- 5 of the 16 matches went to a third set... teams winning the first set were 14-2
- 4 of the 16 matches were upsets... this is the 2nd straight AVP tournament that the #13 seed has won its first two matches... in Hermosa Beach it was Megan J. Rice / Savvy Simo won their first 4 matches in route to the finals while here in Atlanta Brook Bauer / Katie Horton are 2-0 after Friday's play
- Deahna Kraft / Zana Muno and Megan Kraft / Emily Stockman are both in the contender's bracket, and with wins early Saturday afternoon will face each other... the only other time the two Krafts (no relation) played against each other was here in Atlanta in 2022, when Deahna Kraft / Allie Wheeler defeated Megan Kraft / Emily Stockman 15-21, 22-20, 15-13 in the contender's bracket
- #2 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss will play against #3 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson with the winner going to the semifinals... those two teams are 3-3 in head to head matches in their careers, and played just last week in Montreal (Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson won 21-15, 14-21, 15-8)
- 2 women hit at least .500 on Friday... Sarah Sponcil hit .575 (40 attempts, 26 kills, 3 hitting errors) and Brandie Wilkerson (72 attempts, 41 kills, 5 hitting errors)

- Brook Bauer had 7 aces, the most of any woman
- A case of fresh legs??... a player who was a last minute substitution, Megan J. Rice (11 blocks), and a player who had to sit out of the Hermosa Beach due to injury, Toni Rodriguez (9 blocks), are the two leaders in total blocks so far
- Zana Muno (43 digs) and 5'6" (shortest player here) Kristne Nuss (39 digs) are the two leaders