

Atlanta Miscellaneous Notes from Sunday

GENERAL

- Both the men's and the women's finals were rematches from earlier in the tournament
- The men's final had not one, but two lightning delays... the championship match started at 1:00 pm, then was halted at 1:19 pm (with Benesh / Partain leading 17-10)... play resumed at 4:07 pm, then again halted at 4:14 pm (with Budinger / Evans leading 3-1), then was resumed again at 6:05 pm

MEN

- In total 12 of the 29 matches were three-set matches... teams winning the first set were 24-9
- In the tournament 7 of the 29 matches were upsets
- Two players are had a hitting percentage of at least .600 this weekend... Cody Caldwell (.667) and Taylor Sander (.610)
- Paul Lotman has the most aces (10) and Chase Budinger (10) tied for the lead in most aces, but Lotman was the clear leader in average (1.25 per set)
- The 3 B's tied for the lead in blocks (Chase Budinger, Andy Benesh and Tri Bourne all ended with 20, while Tri Bourne and Andy Benesh tied for the lead in average (1.82 per set)
- The Miles had the most digs in the tournament... Miles Evans had 63, while Miles Partain had 59... in average though, John Hyden had 6.75 per set
- Andy Benesh / Miles Partain became the only team this season to win multiple times thus far (including the Tour Series)... the AVP has held 8 tournaments and there have been 7 different winning teams
- Benesh / Partain became the first winning team of a Gold Series event (started in 2017, 16 total have been held to date) that did not feature at least one player who competed in the Olympics (either beach or indoors)
- Miles and Miles: Miles Evans and Miles Partain have now played each other 8 times, and 4 of those meetings have come in Atlanta (once in 2021, once in 2022, twice in 2023)... both players have won 4 times

**** 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

- After having 5 matches on Friday go 3 sets (out of 10 played), only 1 more on Saturday and Sunday went to a third set (out of 19 total played)... teams winning the first set were 26-3

- A total of 7 of the 29 matches were upsets
- Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes, the #1 seeded team, had their 24-match winning streak ended (dates back to September 2017 on the AVP Tour) with their semifinal loss to Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson
- 2 women ended with a hitting percent at least .500 in the tournament, and they happen to be on the same team... Terese Cannon hit .531 (147 attempts, 91 kills, 13 hitting errors) and Sarah Sponcil hit .503 (147 attempts, 85 kills, 11 hitting errors)
- Brook Bauer lead the field in both total aces (10) as well as average (1.11 per set)
- Sarah Pavan leads in total blocks (21) as well as average (2.10 per set)
- Kristen Nuss led the field in both total digs (83) and digs per set (8.30)
- Like the men, the women have now had 7 different winning teams in the 8 events so far (including Tour Series)