

Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Aug. 13, 2021 – Match 5

1:20 pm – #9 Eric Beranek / Troy Field vs. #16 (Q12) Michael Groselle / David Vander Meer

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Groselle has never played against either Beranek or Field previously
- Vander Meer has played once before against Beranek... Vander Meer won in the qualifier in Huntington Beach 2017 (21-15, 21-18)
- Vander Meer has played twice against Field, winning both times (21-19, 21-15 in Huntington Beach 2018 on the FIVB Tour and 21-16, 21-16 in Hermosa Beach in 2018)

Beranek / Field are playing together for the 1st time ever

Eric Beranek – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Redondo Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Orange Coast College

- This is Beranek's 24th AVP event and he is playing with his 13th different partner
- He did not advance from the qualifier in any of his first 9 AVP tournaments, but since then has played in the main draw in 10 of his last 15 AVP events (including Atlanta)
- His career best came in Manhattan Beach 2019 when playing alongside Billy Kolinske... after winning 3 qualifier matches, the duo lost in the first round before winning 6 straight contender's bracket matches to reach the semifinals... in all, the pair won 9 win-or-go-home matches over the weekend

Troy Field – age 27 – 6'4" – hometown Laguna Beach, Calif. – currently Mission Viejo, Calif. – Saddleback Community College

- Field is playing in his 21st AVP Tournament, with 3 semifinal appearances (all with Tim Bomgren) – one 2nd place and two 3rd place finishes
- Field advanced from the qualifier in his 2nd ever AVP tournament (in Manhattan Beach 2017)
- The last time Field played on the AVP Tour with a partner other than Tim Bomgren was in Chicago in September 2018

Groselle / Vander Meer are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour

- Yesterday they swept all three qualifier matches, giving up more than 15 points in 2 of the 6 sets
- Seeded 12th in the qualifier, they were the lowest seeded team to advance

Michael Groselle – age 30 – 6'8" – hometown Plano, Texas – currently Lakewood, Colo. – The Citadel

- This is Groselle's 12th AVP event, and his first time in AVP main draw
- Groselle was a basketball player at The Citadel, leaving the program with the most double-doubles in program history, second in total rebounds, second in career field goal percentage, and seventh in points

David Vander Meer – age 29 – 5'9" – hometown Grand Rapids, Mich. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Ball State

- This is Vander Meer's 25th AVP event and his 16th different partner
- Atlanta marks the 9th time he has played in an AVP main draw and he has won a main draw match in 5 of the previous 8 tournaments he has been in the main draw... he has already tied for his career best on the AVP Tour
- Vander Meer has a career best of 9th in Austin 2018 when he and Troy Field narrowly lost their first round match to #2 Theo Brunner / John Hyden (16-14 in the third), then eliminated #10 Chase Budinger / Sean Rosenthal