

Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021 – Match 1

9:00 am – #3 Sara Hughes / Brandie Wilkerson vs. #11 Delaney Mewhirter / Brooke Sweat

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Hughes is 3-0 against Mewhirter, all by sweeps from 2016 to 2018... Hughes is 5-5 against Sweat all time
- Wilkerson is 2-0 against Mewhirter... Wilkerson is 2-2 against Sweat

Hughes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour

- The team has advanced to the semifinals in 4 of their 5 AVP tournaments together (only exception was a 5th-place finish in the 3rd Long Beach event of 2020)
- 5 of their 11 match losses on the AVP Tour have come against teams seeded either first or second
- As partners on the AVP Tour, the duo has a 14-11 match record, is 12-1 when winning the first set, and is 4-2 in three-set matches

Sara Hughes – age 26 – 5'10" – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern California

- This is Hughes' 25th AVP event... she has 3 wins, 4 seconds and 8 thirds
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 15 of her 24 AVP events (63% of the tournaments entered), and in the championship match 7 times (29% of the time)
- Hughes' AVP career began with 3 events losing in the qualifier, then she advanced to the semifinals in 4 of her next 7 AVP tournaments, then she won 3 consecutive times, then reached the semifinals in 8 of her past 11 AVP events
- In 2020 Hughes ranked 5th on the Tour in digs (6.73 per set)

Brandie Wilkerson – age 29 – 5'10" – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Canada

- Wilkerson is playing in her 13th AVP Tournament, with 3 2nd-place finishes and 3 3rd-place finishes
- Wilkerson did not advance from the qualifier in either of her first two AVP events, then placed second in Manhattan Beach 2017 with Nicole Branagh... in that tournament they had to win 5 contender's bracket matches to reach the semifinals
- In her AVP career, Wilkerson has lost 21 main draw matches, 11 of which have come against teams seeded first or second
- In 2020 Wilkerson led the Tour in blocks (1.69 per set) and aces (0.92 per set)

Mewhirter / Sweat are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 2nd time overall

- In their only other tournament together, the duo lost in the country quota in Gstaad, Switzerland in July to Terese Cannon / Molly Turner

Delaney Mewhirter – age 25 – 5'10" – hometown Valencia, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Mewhirter's 33rd AVP tournament, with a best of 7th place (Manhattan Beach 2019 with Katie Spieler)
- She has played with 12 different partners on the AVP Tour, including one event with her sister, Lindsey Knudsen

Brooke Sweat – age 35 – 5'8" – hometown Fort Myers, Fla. – currently Estero, Fla. – Florida Gulf Coast University

- This is Sweat's 48th AVP event, and she has 3 wins, 9 2nd-place finishes and 6 3rd-place finishes... she also has 1 FIVB victory
- Her 4 wins (on both AVP and FIVB) have come with 4 different partners
- Since the end of the 2017 season, Sweat has played just one AVP tournament before Atlanta (placed 7th in New York City in 2019)