

Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021 – Match 7

3:30 pm – #7 Megan Rice / Sarah Schermerhorn vs. #14 (Q4) Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- None of these players have ever faced their opponents before

Rice / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour

- In their first round match in Atlanta, the duo had to beat some ex-partners... Rice had played one event with Kimberly Hildreth (finished 5th in Seattle 2015 on the NVL Tour) and once with Kathryn Hogan (finished 2nd in Hermosa Beach 2019 as the #13-seeded qualification team)... Schermerhorn had played 18 AVP tournaments with Hildreth, with a best of 2nd in Austin 2019 as the #7 qualification team
- Both of their first two matches in Atlanta have needed a third set to decide the winner
- Before Atlanta the last time Rice played on the AVP Tour was in Chicago 2019, and she was eliminated by Schermerhorn (and Kimberly Hildreth)

Megan Rice – age 27 – 5’11” – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Boca Raton, Fla. – Florida / Florida Atlantic

- This is Rice’s 13th AVP event... she has a best of 2nd (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Kathryn Hogan)
- Rice has already guaranteed herself her second best AVP finish ever
- Rice did not play on the AVP Tour in 2020... in 2019 she played 7 events with 5 different partners

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 32 – 6’1” – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 22nd AVP Tournament, with a best of 2nd place (Austin 2019 with Kimberly Hildreth)
- This is just the 4th AVP tournament in her career playing with a partner other than Kimberly Hildreth... the other 3 events came in her first 3 AVP tournaments ever (in 2016 and 2017)
- From 2018 to 2020, Schermerhorn played exclusively with Kimberly Hildreth... in 2021 has played 4 FIVB events with Aurora Davis (and signed up to play in the Czech Republic in the week between Manhattan Beach and Chicago)

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour

- Yesterday they swept all three qualifier matches, never giving up more than 14 points in any of the 6 sets
- 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
- If Kloth / Nuss advance to the semifinals, it will mark the 5th time in the last 14 events (including Atlanta) in which a team from the qualifier advanced to the semifinals

Taryn Kloth – age 24 – 6’4” – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State

- This is Kloth’s first ever pro beach volleyball tournament
- Speaking of firsts, Kloth was ranked 18th on PrepVolleyball.com’s Senior Aces list, believed to be the first player from South Dakota to rank that high on the list
- 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 bvbinform.net database of 20,238 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

Kristen Nuss – age 23 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss’ 6th AVP event, and the 3rd time she has played in the main draw... she is already guaranteed of a career best AVP finish as both of the first two main draws came in events with bigger fields