

Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021 – Match 4

12:15 pm – #2 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb vs. #3 Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson

Head to Head

- Taylor Crabb / Gibb won the first 4 meetings (all by sweeps), but then Budinger / Patterson won 22-20, 21-18 in the last meeting (in Hawai'i 2019)

Taylor Crabb / Gibb are playing together for the 22nd time on the AVP Tour and for the 55th time overall... The pair has won 8 AVP titles and 1 FIVB title

- In their partnership on the AVP Tour, they are 84-23 (78.5%) in matches, 72-6 (92.3%) when winning the first set, 10-17 (37.0%) when losing the first set, and 20-9 (69.0%) in three-set matches

Taylor Crabb – age 29 – 6'0" – hometown Honolulu – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Taylor Crabb's 38th AVP event, and he has won 8 AVP titles plus 1 FIVB win (all with Gibb)... he has now advanced to the semifinals 29 times in his career (76% of the tournaments) and has reached the semifinals in 28 of his last 31 AVP tournaments
- In 2020, Taylor Crabb tied for the Tour lead in digs per set (5.5) and was 5th in hitting percentage (.422)

Jake Gibb – age 45 – 6'7" – hometown Bountiful, Utah – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Utah

- Gibb is playing in his 163rd AVP Tournament, with 34 AVP wins plus 7 FIVB wins... Gibb has won with 5 different partners... He is the only player who has won multiple AVP titles in each of the 7 seasons from 2013 to 2019
- In 2020, Gibb was 2nd on the Tour in blocks per set (1.9) and in aces (0.8)
- Gibb has played in Atlanta 3 times previously, all with Sean Rosenthal... he finished 7th in 2006 then had wins in both 2007 and 2008... he has a 15-4 match record in Atlanta

Budinger / Patterson are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour and 20th time overall... they have 1 AVP win (Hermosa Beach 2019)

- The duo played 7 times on the AVP Tour in 2019, then went with different partners for the three Long Beach events in 2020... they ended up playing each other in all three Long Beach events, with Budinger winning twice and Patterson once
- The pair has been in the semifinals in 7 of their 8 AVP tournaments, with the only exception coming in New York City 2019 (5th place)... in their AVP partnership, the duo is 30-9 in matches, 29-1 when winning the first set, and 8-2 in three-set matches

Chase Budinger – age 33 – 6'7" – hometown Encinitas, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Arizona

- This is Budinger's 17th AVP event... he has won 1 time, placed 2nd 3 times, and placed 3rd 5 times... he has now advanced to the semifinals in 10 events (59% of the tournaments entered)
- Budinger played in the championship match of 4 of his first 11 AVP events, but hasn't in his last 5 tournaments
- In his NBA career, Budinger played 5 times at Atlanta (1-4 in those)... he averaged 3.8 ppg in those games

Casey Patterson – age 41 – 6'6" – hometown Manhattan Beach – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Patterson is playing in his 103rd AVP Tournament, with 15 wins, 5 2nd-place finishes, and 16 3rd-place finishes
- Patterson has played twice in Atlanta previously, finishing 25th in 2007 and 13th in 2009... his trip to Atlanta in June 2007 marked his first AVP tournament outside of California and Arizona
- Patterson recorded his first ever AVP main draw win in Miami 2008 against Kevin Wong (and Matt Olson), winning 15-13 in the third set