

Atlanta – Women – #1 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes

Cheng / Hughes are playing together for the 13th time on the AVP Tour and 42nd time overall

- The duo has won 4 times on the AVP Tour (Chicago 2017, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023)... they also have one 2nd place finish and three 3rds together
- The two began playing together in 2013 at the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Portugal (won bronze medal)... in 2014 they lost in an AVP qualifier, and won a bronze medal in the FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... in 2015 they formed a partnership at Southern Cal as sophomores... they competed together on the AVP through the end of the 2017 season before reuniting in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng and Hughes became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title in Chicago 2017... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22
- Entering Atlanta including qualifiers and Tour Series, in 6 seasons the pair has a 52-15 match record... they are 48-4 when winning the first set and 4-11 when losing the first set... they are 11-7 in three-set matches... they have won 4 straight AVP tournaments together (one in 2017, one in 2022 on Tour Series, two in 2023) and have won 21 consecutive matches (and each of their last 6 third sets)... they have won 27 of their last 28 matches, with their last loss in the 2017 Manhattan Beach semifinals against Emily Capers / Brittany Hochevar (losing 16-14 in the third set)
- Entering Atlanta and including Tour Series and international events, they have won 7 of the 13 events played since reuniting

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Tour Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	8/31-9/3/2017	Chicago Championships	12	1	1200	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2017	Manhattan Beach Open	23	3	864	\$9,000.00
AVP	6/22-25/2017	Seattle Open	7	9	300	\$2,500.00
AVP	6/8-11/2017	New York City Open	13	7	444	\$4,400.00
AVP	6/23-26/2016	AVP San Francisco Open	13, Q1	2	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/16-19/2016	AVP New York City Open	14, Q5	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/13-16/2015	AVP Manhattan Beach Open	14	9	300	\$3,000.00
AVP	7/16-19/2015	AVP New York City Open	16, Q10	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/14-17/2014	Manhattan Beach Open	Q12	33	120	\$0.00

Kelly Cheng – age 27 – 6’2” – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng’s 38th AVP event with 5 different partners... she has been to the finals with 4 of them
- Cheng has won 4 times (Chicago 2017, New Orleans 2022, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023) plus a win in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series ... she has also placed 2nd 8 times, and placed 3rd 16 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 29 of her 37 AVP events entering Atlanta (78% of the tournaments)
- Cheng has played in 10 different states on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them, and to the championship match in 6 different states (including Georgia)
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 8 seasons (2016-2023)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)
- This is the 3rd time she has played in Atlanta... she was 2nd in 2021 with Sarah Sponcil and 7th in 2022 with Betsi Flint

Sara Hughes – age 28 – 6’2” – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Hughes’ 38th AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 6 wins (plus one Tour Series win), 4 seconds and 12 thirds

- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 23 of her 37 AVP events (62%) entering Atlanta, and in the championship match 11 times (30%)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Hughes has 4 partners with whom she has only played one tournament with... the other 4 partners she has played at least 6 times, and has been to a championship match with each of them
- This is the 3rd time she has played in Atlanta... she was 7th in 2021 with Brandie Wilkerson and 3rd in 2022 with Kelley Kolinske

Atlanta – Women – #2 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 13th time on the AVP Tour and the 29th time overall

- The duo won 4 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, in Austin 2022, in Chicago 2022 and Phoenix 2022)
- Entering Atlanta 15 of their last 19 matches have come against teams seeded 5th or better
- Entering Atlanta in 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 48-16 in matches... they are 41-4 when winning the first set, 6-10 when losing the first set, and 0-2 in one-set matches and one win by forfeit...they are 15-6 in three-set matches
- They won 38 of their first 39 matches in their partnership when winning the first set, but in the first two tournaments this season they have already lost 3 times when winning the first set
- In their AVP careers, 13 of their 16 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- 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
- The duo won a gold medal in Brazil at the end of April, their first Elite16 gold medal

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	4	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	4	1	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	6	1	2321	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	6	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	2	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	6	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	9	3	756	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	9	5	810	\$7,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	14, Q4	1	1050	\$20,000.00

Taryn Kloth – age 26 – 6’4” – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Sioux Falls, S.D. – Creighton / Louisiana State

- This is Kloth’s 13th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 8 times, the finals 5 times, and has 4 wins
- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009 Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- 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 bvbinfo.net database of 22,000 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

Kristen Nuss – age 25 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss’ 18th AVP event, and she has been to 8 semifinals, 5 championship matches, and has 4 wins
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments... in 4 of her first 5 AVP tournaments, Nuss was eliminated in a three-set match
- All 4 of her career partners on the AVP Tour were teammates of hers at LSU

Atlanta – Women – #3 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 5th time on the AVP Tour and 11th time overall

- The duo advanced to the finals in each of their first 3 AVP tournaments together, winning in Miami 2023
- In their debut in Chicago 2022, the pair lost in the second round and had to win 4 straight must-win matches (including 2 three-setters) to reach the championship match
- In the 2023 season opener in Miami, the pair lost in the third round but then swept 3 three straight opponents to win the title
- The duo began the season 11-2 in matches but have lost their last 2 matches entering Atlanta
- Entering Atlanta the pair has a 16-6 match record... they are 13-1 when winning the first set and 3-5 when losing the first set... they are 4-2 in three-set matches
- Entering Atlanta they are 5-2 all time against teams seeded 4th or better

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	3	5	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	2	2	2095	\$8,500.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	3	2	2205	\$22,000.00

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 30 – 5’9” – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes’ 15th AVP event with 2 different partners... she played her first 10 with Sarah Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 3 seconds and 2 thirds... she won in the 2023 season opener in Miami with Brandie Wilkerson
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 10 of her 14 completed AVP events and to the championship match 8 times entering Atlanta
- In her 8 AVP title matches she was the #1 seed twice... in the other 6 finals she played against the #1 seed 5 times
- She has played in 80 FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro tournaments (9 golds, 7 silvers, 3 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan before getting her first with Brandie Wilkerson in June
- This is the first time Humana-Paredes has played in Atlanta

Brandie Wilkerson – age 31 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Wilkerson is playing in her 24th AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Won her first AVP title in the 2023 season opener in Miami... her other best career AVP finishes have been second 5 times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes, 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes and 2023 New Orleans with Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
- Her appearance in the title match in New Orleans 2023 marked the first time in her AVP career that she has reached the finals through the winner’s bracket (she came through the contender’s bracket in the other 5)
- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments... then she played in 6 consecutive AVP events without reaching the semifinals... entering Atlanta she has advanced to the semifinals in each 5 of her last 6 AVP outings
- In total she has been in the semifinals 11 times in her 23 AVP tournaments entering Atlanta... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones
- Wilkerson has played 48 sets alongside Humana-Paredes entering Atlanta, and has at least 1 block in in 37 of them (total of 69 blocks in those 48 sets)
- This is the 3rd time Wilkerson has played in Atlanta on the AVP Tour, placing 7th with Sara Hughes in 2021 and 3rd in 2022 with Zana Muno

Atlanta – Women – #4 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil

Cannon / Sponcil are playing together for the 13th time on the AVP Tour and 31st time overall

- The duo played 2 AVP tournaments to close out the 2018 season, emerging from the qualifier and placing third in their inaugural event (Chicago 2018)... then they reunited in 2022
- They won last year in Hermosa Beach and placed 2nd in Atlanta... they have been in the semifinals in 7 of their 12 completed events entering Atlanta
- In 3 seasons as partners (including qualifiers), they are 36-18 in matches... they are 26-2 when winning the first set and 9-16 when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in one-set matches and 13-7 in three-set matches
- They were seeded #1 in Fort Lauderdale 2022 but placed 9th, the lowest finish by a women's top seed since seedings were known... previously a #1 seed finished 7th three times
- Entering Atlanta they have 9 match losses in their last 6 AVP tournaments, all of which have come to teams seeded 4th or better... in their last 15 matches entering Atlanta, the duo has won the first set just 6 times... 5 of their 6 matches in Huntington Beach went to a third set

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	5	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	5	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	2	4	1621	\$7,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	2	3	2095	\$13,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	1	3	2095	\$12,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	1	2	2205	\$22,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	1	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	7/8-10/2022	Hermosa Beach Open	1	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	3	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	8/30-9/2/2018	AVP Gold Series The Championships	18, Q2	3	972	\$10,500.00
AVP	9/15-16/2018	Hawaii Invitational	8	7	0	\$5,000.00

Terese Cannon – age 27 – 6'3" – hometown Pittsford, N.Y. – currently Pittsford, N.Y. – Georgetown / Southern Cal

- This is Cannon's 37th AVP event with 9 different partners
- Cannon has advanced to 11 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners (Kelly Reeves, Irene Pollock, Sarah Sponcil and Molly Turner)... she has 1 win (Hermosa Beach 2022 with Sarah Sponcil)
- Cannon had been to 4 semifinals in her first 27 AVP events, and entering Atlanta has advanced to 7 semifinals in her past 9 tournaments
- She has played AVP events in 10 states, and Georgia is the only one in which she has advanced to the semifinals each time (3rd in 2021 with Molly Turner and 2nd in 2022 with Sarah Sponcil)

Sarah Sponcil – age 26 – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Loyola Marymount / UCLA

- Sponcil is playing in her 27th AVP tournament with just 4 different partners
- Entering Atlanta she has advanced to 17 semifinals (65% of the tournaments), with 1 win, 5 seconds, 10 thirds and 1 fourth
- Sponcil played in one AVP qualifier in 2013 (at the age of 17), then not again until 2018... she has reached at least one AVP championship match in each of the 5 seasons since then (2018-2022)
- Her championship match appearances have come in 2018 (in Austin with Lauren Fendrick), in 2019 (in New York City with Kelly Cheng), in 2020 (in Long Beach #3 with Kelly Cheng), in 2021 (in Atlanta with Kelly Cheng) and in 2022 (in Hermosa Beach with Terese Cannon and in Atlanta with Terese Cannon)
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 9 of the 10 states she has played in (all but Louisiana)... she has played in the title match in Atlanta both previous times... in 2021 she was 2nd with Kelly Cheng and in 2022 she was 2nd with Terese Cannon

Atlanta – Women – #5 Corinne Quiggle / Sarah Schermerhorn

Quiggle / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 11th time on the AVP and the 24th time overall

- The duo is coming off a win in Hermosa Beach... prior to that their best was 3rd (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series) followed by a 5th in Atlanta 2022
- Entering Atlanta in 2 seasons together on the AVP they have a 24-17 match record (including Tour Series)... they are 21-5 when winning the first set and 3-11 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 8-5 in three-set matches
- Atlanta will mark their 22nd tournament (AVP and international) since May 2022... those 22 events have come in 11 different countries on 5 different continents
- This season the duo began with an 0-2 match record in Huntington Beach... since then they have won 9 of their 10 matches (in Denver on the Tour Series and in Hermosa Beach)

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	6	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	5	3	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	9	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	2	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	10	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	9	9	1706	\$4,300.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	10	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	9	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	2	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	7	7	1621	\$3,000.00

Corinne Quiggle – age 26 – 5’10” – hometown Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Quiggle’s 40th AVP event with 11 different partners
- Quiggle got her first win last event in Hermosa Beach with Sarah Schermerhorn, which was her first appearance in a finals on the AVP Tour
- Prior to that her career best finish on the AVP Tour was a 3rd place in Muskegon 2022 with Sarah Schermerhorn on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series with Schermerhorn... her best outside of the Tour Series was a 5th place done 4 times (in Manhattan Beach 2018 with Kimberly Smith, in Seattle 2019 with Amanda Lawson, in Honolulu 2019 with Lawson, and in Atlanta 2022 with Schermerhorn)
- This is her 3rd time playing in Atlanta... she was 13th in 2021 with Allie Wheeler and 5th in 2022 with Sarah Schermerhorn

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 34 – 5’1” – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 35th AVP event with her 5 different partners
- She got her first win last event in Hermosa Beach with Corinne Quiggle... that was her 2nd championship match appearance as she had a 2nd place finish with long-time partner Kimberly Hildreth in Austin 2019
- This is the 3rd time she has played in Atlanta... she was 5th in 2021 with Megan Rice and 5th in 2022 with Corinne Quiggle
- The 2019 Hermosa Beach even marked the first event of her career that she was seeded directly into the main draw, and she finished in 5th place with Kimberly Hildreth... since then, she has never had to play in an AVP qualifier

Atlanta – Women – #6 Megan Kraft / Emily Stockman

Kraft / Stockman are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and the 25th time overall

- The duo began their partnership in May 2022 and in their second international event they won a gold medal in a Futures event in June 2022
- They have had 5 different placings in their 6 tournaments on the AVP Tour with a 3rd in New Orleans, 13th in Atlanta, 5th in Manhattan Beach, 9th in Chicago (all last season), a 7th in Huntington Beach 2023 and a 5th in Hermosa Beach 2023
- In 2 seasons together on the AVP, they have a 12-12 match record... they are 9-2 when winning the first set and 3-10 when losing the first set... they are 5-5 in three-set matches... in total they are 29-29 in sets and 1055-1058 in points scored / allowed entering Atlanta
- Since May 2022 they have played in 16 different countries (including playing in 3 different time zones in the U.S.) and on 5 different continents
- Since Hermosa Beach they have played in two international events... their last 5 matches have all gone to a third set
- Entering Atlanta the duo has played 10 of their 24 AVP matches against teams seeded 5th or better

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	2	5	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	8	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	9	9	1706	\$5,200.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	13	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	11	13	1540	\$4,000.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	5	3	1891	\$6,000.00

Megan Kraft – age 20 – 6’0” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Kraft is playing in her 13th AVP event with 4 different partners
- In her short AVP career Kraft has a 6-6 match record against teams seeded 1st through 4th
- All of the AVP events this season (with the except of the Tour Series event in Laguna Beach in October) happen before Kraft turns 21... Summer Ross in Cincinnati 2013 is the only female to win an AVP tournament before turning 21 (Kraft is already slightly older than Ross was when she won)
- Entering Atlanta she has as many main draw match wins on the AVP (20) as her age
- This is the 3rd time that Kraft has played in Atlanta... she was 7th in 2021 with Savvy Simo, then 13th in 2022 with Emily Stockman
- Last year in Atlanta Kraft was eliminated by Kraft (Deahna Kraft)

Emily Stockman – age 35 – 6’0” – hometown Colorado Springs, Colo. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Winthrop / Wichita State

- This is Stockman’s 52nd AVP event with 14 different partners
- She has 1 AVP win (Seattle 2019 with Kelley Kolinske) and 1 second (Austin 2017 with Kim DiCello)... she has 8 third-place finishes... in all, her 10 AVP semifinals have come with 6 different partners
- Stockman has played more times internationally (73 on the FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour) than on the AVP (Atlanta will be her 52nd event)
- She has played one other time in Atlanta, finishing in 13th place with Megan Kraft
- Stockman played in New Orleans 2023 with Sarah Pavan, finishing in 5th place after a three-set loss in the match to get into the semifinals

Atlanta – Women – #7 Betsi Flint / Megan J. Rice

Flint / Rice are playing together for the 1st time overall

- The duo formed late this week due to an injury to Julia Scoles, Flint's usual partner
- Flint and Rice both went to Loyola Marymount... Rice played her freshman season at Cal Santa-Barbara (indoors) and then transferred to Loyola Marymount to play beach volleyball, which she did for 4 years... in that time Flint was an assistant coach at LMU the entire time

Betsi Flint – age 30 - 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 48th AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Flint has 6 AVP wins with 3 different partners, and her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019 and 2022... she has won with each of her partners that she has played more than 3 tournaments with
- Her wins came in Mason 2015 (with Kelley Kolinske), San Francisco 2017 (with Kolinske), Seattle 2018 (with Emily Capers), San Francisco 2018 (with Capers), Hermosa Beach 2019 (with Capers) and New Orleans 2022 (with Kelly Cheng)
- Outside of Larissa Maestrini (who won in Glendale 2009) she and Kelley Kolinske have the earliest AVP win of all players entered here with their September 2015 victory in Mason
- She finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske, which marked the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw
- Flint is playing an AVP event in Atlanta for the 3rd time in her career... she and Emily Capers were 5th in 2021, then she was 7th in 2022 with Kelly Cheng
- Flint's 6 AVP titles is tied for the most of any women's player competing this weekend (Sara Hughes has 6 AVP titles plus a Tour Series win)
- Flint won 3 AVP titles and 2 FIVB gold medals with current announcer Emily (Day) Capers

Megan J. Rice – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara / Loyola Marymount

- Rice is playing in her 6th career AVP tournament with her 5th different partner
- She is coming off her career best 2nd-place finish in Hermosa Beach with Savvy Simo... that tournament was her first main draw other than a Tour Series event in June in Virginia Beach with Allie Wheeler
- In Hermosa Beach Rice was part of history as in the second round she played against another player named Megan Rice (the first known time that two players with the same name played against each other in pro beach volleyball)... Megan J. Rice won that match in three sets
- This is her first season playing pro beach volleyball

Atlanta – Women – #8 Hailey Harward / Kelley Kolinske

Harward / Kolinske are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP and the 12th time overall

- The duo placed 9th in Huntington Beach in their AVP debut, then won in Denver on the Tour Series, then placed 9th in Hermosa Beach
- They have a best of 9th (4 times) in Challenge events internationally... they also won a silver medal on the NORCECA Tour
- In 1 season on the AVP Tour (including Tour Series) they have an 8-4 match record... they are 7-2 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 3-2 in three-set matches
- In their first 2 tournaments together they were 7-0 when winning the first set and 0-2 when losing the first set, but then in Hermosa Beach they were 0-2 when winning the first set and 1-0 when losing the first set
- Entering Atlanta each of their last 4 matches on the AVP Tour has gone to a third set

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	1	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	1	1	1621	\$3,800.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	6	9	1621	\$2,000.00

Hailey Harward – age 25 – 5’9” – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Long Beach State / Southern Cal

- Harward is playing in her 18th AVP event with 11 different partners... Hermosa Beach was the first time she has played with any partner more at least 3 times
- She has 1 Pro Series win (with Tina Graudina in Fort Lauderdale 2022), one Tour Series win (with Kelley Kolinske in Denver 2023) and 1 third (with Emily Capers in New Orleans 2022)
- In her 3 tournaments in which she reached the semifinals, she had a total of 15 main draw match wins... in her other 14 AVP events (including Tour Series) entering Atlanta she has won a total of 14 main draw matches
- Including international events, Atlanta marks her 11th tournament since the middle of March
- This is Harward’s 2nd time playing in Atlanta, having placed 13th in 2022 with Lauren Fendrick

Kelley Kolinske – age 31 – 6’2” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Jamul, Calif. – Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 43rd AVP Tournament with 5 different partners... she has 5 wins (including 1 Tour Series), 3 seconds, 8 thirds... her victories came in 2015 (Mason), 2017 (San Francisco), 2019 (Seattle) and 2022 (Manhattan Beach), and then in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series
- Kolinske played just once in 2014 (9th place), but since then has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of the last 9 seasons (through 2023), including to a championship match in 6 different years (including a Tour Series title match this season)
- Billy Kolinske proposed to Kelley Larsen on stadium court in Chicago in August 2019... they were then married in 2020
- Outside of Larissa Maestrini (who won in Glendale 2009) she and Betsi Flint have the earliest AVP win of all players entered here with their September 2015 victory in Mason
- Entering Atlanta she has been in the semifinals in 8 of her last 12 AVP tournaments (exceptions were Austin 2022, Chicago 2022 and Huntington Beach 2023)
- This is Kolinske’s 2nd time playing in Atlanta, having placed 3rd in 2022 with Sara Hughes

Atlanta – Women – #9 Toni Rodriguez / Savvy Simo

Rodriguez / Simo are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and the 13th time overall

- The pair finished in 7th place in the 2022 season opener in Austin, then won their first 2 matches in New Orleans 2022 (guaranteeing a 5th-place finish) when in the first set against LSU alums Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss Rodriguez injured her knee and had to withdraw from the tournament
- After 8 months off, the pair resumed play in February 2023 internationally... they competed in an event in February, March and April, including winning a silver medal in La Paz Mexico in a Challenge event (lost in the finals to Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss)
- The duo placed 5th in New Orleans 2023 after losing the first match and winning 3 straight contender's bracket matches... after a 13th place finish in Huntington Beach the duo placed 2nd in Denver on the Tour Series
- Entering Atlanta, in 2 seasons together (including the Tour Series) they have a 12-9 match record... they are 10-2 when winning the first set and 2-5 when losing the first set and have 2 losses by forfeit... they are 6-4 in three-set matches... entering Atlanta 10 of their 19 completed matches have gone to a third set
- In college the two players met on 3/9/19, with Simo winning in a sweep... the two players have never played against each other in pro beach volleyball

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	6	2	1540	\$2,200.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	12	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	12	5	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	11	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	14	7	1621	\$3,000.00

Toni Rodriguez – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown St. Amant, La. – currently Torrance, Calif. – LSU

- Rodriguez is playing in her 11th career AVP tournament with 5 different partners
- Her career best finish was ironically the tournament which she was injured and had to withdraw... she and Savvy Simo placed 5th in New Orleans 2022... she equaled that mark in New Orleans 2023 with another 5th-place finish, also with Simo... on the Tour Series she has a best of 2nd place in Denver 2023 with Simo
- In her AVP career entering Atlanta, she has played 34 matches (including qualifiers and forfeited matches) and she has never lost to a team seeded worse than her
- Excluding the 2 matches she had to forfeit in New Orleans 2022, Rodriguez has played in 19 main draw matches on the AVP Tour since the start of the 2022 season... 6 of her 7 match losses have come to teams seeded 5th or better

Savvy Simo – age 24 – 5'10" – hometown Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. – currently Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. – UCLA

- Simo is playing in her 19th AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- Her career best finish is 2nd place, which she has done twice, in both of her last 2 AVP tournaments... she was 2nd in Denver on the Tour Series with Toni Rodriguez and then placed 2nd in Hermosa Beach with Megan J. Rice
- Her first ever AVP main draw match came in Atlanta 2021 with Megan Kraft, and they defeated second-seeded Kelly Cheng / Sarah Sponcil in three sets
- Entering Atlanta, in her AVP career (including Tour Series), Simo has a 7-9 record against teams seeded 4th or better (excluding forfeits)

Atlanta – Women – #10 Deahna Kraft / Zana Muno

Kraft / Muno are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and 6th time overall

- The duo placed 7th in Huntington Beach 2023 in their debut, then placed 5th in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series and 9th in Hermosa Beach
- Entering Atlanta in 1 season as partners on the AVP Tour (including Tour Series), they have a 5-6 match record... they are 5-1 when winning the first set and 0-5 when losing the first set...they are 4-1 in three-set matches
- These two players have played against each other 3 times in their careers... Muno won in a qualifier match in Hermosa Beach 2019... Muno won in Hermosa Beach 2022, then won again in Fort Lauderdale 2022

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	7/20-23/2023	Challenge Edmonton	Q25	33	140	US\$0.00
FIVB	7/13-16/2023	Challenge Portugal	Q20	25	220	US\$0.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	3	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	2	5	1320	\$500.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	10	7	1706	\$3,000.00

Deahna Kraft – age 24 – 6’0” – hometown Seattle, Wash. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine / Wisconsin

- Kraft is playing in her 21st career AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- She has 1 win, with Allie Wheeler in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kraft has 2 other AVP semifinals, both with Wheeler on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Atlantic City)
- Outside of Tour Series events, Kraft has a best of 7th place done 3 times (with Allie Wheeler in Atlanta 2022, with Kaitlyn Malaney in Miami 2023 and in Huntington Beach 2023 with Zana Muno)
- She has played 9 AVP events in the state of California, while her other 12 tournaments (including Atlanta) have come in 8 different states
- Including Atlanta, she has played 9 times with Allie Wheeler and the other 12 events with 7 different partners
- Kraft began the season with a pair of events alongside Kaitlyn Malaney, placing 7th in Miami and 13th in New Orleans
- Kraft played once before in Atlanta, finishing 7th in 2022 with Allie Wheeler

Zana Muno – age 27 – 5’10” – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – UCLA

- This is Muno’s 23rd AVP event with 10 different partners
- Muno has advanced to 5 AVP semifinals (with Crissy Jones in Hermosa Beach 2019, with Jones in Atlanta in 2021, with Kelley Kolinske in Chicago 2021 and with Brandie Wilkerson in Atlanta 2022 and Manhattan Beach 2022)
- Last season Muno played with 3 different partners on the AVP Tour and each of those partners has competed in beach Olympics
- Since August 10, 2022, she has played in 14 AVP and international combined tournaments (including Hermosa Beach) with 6 different partners
- Entering Atlanta, all time in AVP main draws Muno is 16-8 in three-set matches
- Muno is signed up to play with Kerri Walsh Jennings in an Elite 16 event in Hamburg in mid-August (they are on the reserve list)

Atlanta – Women – #11 Sarah Pavan / Geena Urango

Pavan / Urango are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The two players have played against each other 3 times, and all 3 meetings were sweeps by Pavan... the first time was in Seattle 2017, with Pavan winning in a contender's bracket match... in Austin 2022 they met in the first round and Pavan won... in Phoenix 2022 they met in the 5th/6th place match, with Pavan winning

Sarah Pavan – age 36 – 6'5" – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Nebraska

- This is Pavan's 21st AVP event with her 10th different partner... she has played 10 times with Melissa Humana-Paredes and the other 11 events with 9 different partners (including Atlanta)
- Pavan has 2 AVP wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), both with Melissa Humana-Paredes
- Pavan's AVP career: 1 semifinal in her first 6 AVP events, then advanced to the semifinals in 7 of 9 tournaments, now has finished 5th or worse in 5 straight AVP events entering Atlanta
- Atlanta will mark Pavan's 7th different partner in her last 7 AVP tournaments
- Pavan turns 37 in a couple weeks (August 16)
- Pavan is the tallest player in the tournament and the 2nd oldest
- This is her first time playing in Atlanta

Geena Urango – age 34 – 5'11" – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 66th AVP tournament with her 16th different partner
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 9 seconds and 8 thirds
- Urango has advanced to the championship match with 5 different partners... 5 of her title matches came between 2015 and 2018, then her other 5 came last season and this year
- In her career she has partnered with 3 beach Olympians (Alix Klineman, Lauren Fendrick and now Sarah Pavan)... plus she played with the niece of a beach Olympian, Falyn Fonoimoana (whose uncle Eric won a gold medal in Sydney in 2000)
- Urango just turned 34 earlier this week (on August 2)
- This is Urango's 3rd AVP event in Atlanta... she was 13th in 2021 with Falyn Fonoimoana then in 2022 she and Julia Scoles won

Atlanta – Women – #13 Brook Bauer / Katie Horton

Bauer / Horton are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP and the 20th time ever

- The duo had their career best in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series when they placed 2nd... they lost in the second round and then had to win 6 straight must-win matches (3 of those in three-set matches) in order to reach the title match
- They also had a fifth place finish in Miami 2023 as well as in Hermosa Beach 2023, their best in a non-Tour Series event...in Miami they upset two teams while their two losses were to the teams seeded #1 and #3 while in Hermosa Beach they knocked off the top-seeded team
- Entering Atlanta in 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers and Tour Series) they have a 36-26 match record... they are 27-6 when winning the first set and 9-20 when losing the first set... they are 10-10 in three-set matches
- Atlanta marks the duo's 7th AVP event of the season, which is the most among all teams (and the most possible as Wuapaca and Hermosa Beach overlapped)

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AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	9	5	1796	\$4,200.00
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AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	2	5	1320	\$500.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	Q3	17	1320	\$0.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	13, Q1	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	9	5	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	8	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Huntington Beach Open	9	2	1796	\$5,000.00
AVP	8/26-28/2022	Virginia Beach Open	9	7	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	23, Q3	17	1390	\$1,200.00
AVP	7/22-24/2022	Atlantic City Open	9	9	1390	\$500.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	16, Q1	13	1254	\$0.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	10	13	1254	\$0.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	16	9	1540	\$2,000.00

Brook Bauer – age 24 - 6'0" – hometown Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – currently Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Pepperdine / Florida State

- This is Bauer's 22nd AVP event with 6 different partners
- She has played 15 times (including Atlanta) with Katie Horton, and the other 7 tournaments with 5 different partners
- Her career best was a 2nd place with Katie Horton in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- She has played in 10 different states already, with California (8) and Louisiana (3) the most frequent
- This is the 1st time that Bauer has played in Atlanta

Katie Horton – age 28 – 6'1" – hometown Westland, Mich. – currently Westland, Mich. – Ohio / Florida State

- Horton is playing in her 25th AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- Her career best was a 2nd place with Brook Bauer in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Including Atlanta, she has played 15 tournaments with Bauer and the other 10 with 7 different partners... she made just 1 main draw with her 10 events with those other 7 partners, while making the main draw in 14 of her 15 tournaments with Bauer
- This is the 2nd time she has played in Atlanta, finishing in 17th place in 2021 with Carly Kan