

Austin – May 19, 2019 – Women’s Championship Notes

3:30 pm – #4 Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon vs. #14 (Q7) Kimberly Hildreth / Sara Schermerhorn

- **Cook / Pardon** are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP, after placing 5th at the season-opener at Huntington Beach with a 4-2 record. Won their first two matches before battling back through the contenders bracket. Lost in three sets to Day/Flint for right to go to semifinals.

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/2-5/2019	Huntington Beach Open	11	5	630	\$6,200.00

Cook / Pardon Austin Matches:

Fri, 5/17/2019	Winner 1	Mackenzie Ponnet / Sheila Shaw (13, Q3)	Won 21-17, 21-12	0:40
Fri, 5/17/2019	Winner 2	Terese Cannon / Irene Pollock (5)	Lost 11-21, 21-18, 8-15	0:45
Sat, 5/18/2019	Contender 2	Amanda Dowdy / Corinne Quiggle (7)	Won 21-17, 21-14	0:43
Sat, 5/18/2019	Contender 3	Brittany Howard / Kelly Reeves (3)	Won 21-14, 21-23, 15-13	0:52
Sat, 5/18/2019	Contender 4	Meghan Mannari / Taylor Nyquist (15, Q8)	Won 13-21, 21-14, 15-11	0:45
Sun, 5/19/2019	Semi-Finals	Terese Cannon / Irene Pollock (5)	Won 21-17, 21-14	0:39

2019 Season Stats								<u>Service</u>
<u>Player</u>	<u>Attacks</u>	<u>Kills</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Hit %</u>	<u>Blocks</u>	<u>Digs</u>	<u>Aces</u>	<u>Errors</u>
Karissa Cook	322	183	36	.457	12	97	14	26
Jace Pardon	321	166	35	.408	9	124	18	9

- Cook / Pardon have a 9-3 match record this season, including 2-2 in three-set matches... 5 of their wins this season are against teams seeded 7th or better
- In 2018 Cook and Pardon played against each other in Austin, with Pardon winning the match (but Cook rebounded to finish with a career best 3rd place)
- This marks the 2nd career semifinal appearance for Cook, and both have come in Austin... last year she and Katie Spieler finished 3rd after losing their first round match... in her last 2 times playing here (2018 and 2019), she has a 7-0 record in contender’s bracket matches

Karissa Cook – age 28 – 5’11” – hometown Santa Cruz, Calif. – currently Palo Alto, Calif. – Stanford & Hawaii

- Playing in her 22nd career AVP tournament... her best AVP finish before this event came here last year as she tied for 3rd at the Austin tournament with Katie Spieler
- Finished at least 7th or better in 6 of 7 tournaments in 2018 with partner Katie Spieler

Jace Pardon – age 25 – 5’10” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Florida St

- Playing in her 21st career AVP tournament and 3rd Austin event... her best AVP finish before this year came at Austin in 2018 (9th with Brittany Tiegs)... They won their first match of last year’s tournament against current partner Karissa Cook (and Katie Spieler)
- Opened 2019 with a career best of 5th in Huntington Beach and now set a new best this event

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Hildreth / Schermerhorn are playing their 9th AVP event together and 9th overall event. Their best finish was a 13th in San Francisco 2018 before this event.

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/2-5/2019	Huntington Beach Open	Q6	25	168	\$0.00
AVP	8/30-9/2/2018	AVP Gold Series The Championships	Q7	25	216	\$0.00
AVP	8/16-19/2018	AVP Gold Series Manhattan Beach	23, Q7	17	342	\$1,000.00
AVP	7/26-29/2018	AVP Hermosa Beach	Q6	25	120	\$0.00
AVP	7/5-8/2018	AVP San Francisco	16, Q10	13	240	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/21-24/2018	AVP Seattle	Q9	29	100	\$0.00
AVP	6/7-10/2018	AVP Gold Series NYC	Q14	21	210	\$0.00
AVP	5/17-20/2018	AVP Austin	Q17	21	150	\$0.00

Hildreth / Schermerhorn Austin Matches:

Thu, 5/16/2019	Qualifier 2	Delaney Clesen / Jessica Jendryk (Q26)	Won 21-15, 21-14	
Thu, 5/16/2019	Qualifier 3	Cecilia Agraz / Agnieszka Pregowska (Q10)	Won 21-16, 21-18	
Thu, 5/16/2019	Qualifier 4	Sara Putt / Payton Rund (Q31)	Won 18-21, 23-21, 15-11	
Fri, 5/17/2019	Winner 1	Brittany Howard / Kelly Reeves (3)	Won 21-19, 21-17	0:45
Fri, 5/17/2019	Winner 2	Kim DiCello / Katie Spieler (6)	Won 26-24, 21-18	0:44
Sat, 5/18/2019	Winner 3	Meghan Mannari / Taylor Nyquist (15, Q8)	Won 22-20, 21-15	0:36
Sun, 5/19/2019	Semi-Finals	Falyn Fonoimoana / Nicolette Martin (10)	Won 21-18, 21-19	0:47

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Kimberly Hildreth	112	53	14	.348	0	53	9	4
Sarah Schermerhorn	116	54	12	.362	17	22	5	10

- Their career AVP match record is 21-10 (5-4 in main draws)... this season they are 8-1 (4-0 in main draws)... This year they have swept all their main draw matches, but last year they were 0-3 in third sets in the main draw

Kimberly Hildreth – age 28 – 5’8” – hometown Novi, Mich. – currently Tampa – Eastern Michigan / North Florida

- Hildreth is playing in her 11th AVP tournament, with a best of 13th (San Francisco 2018 with Sarah Schermerhorn) before this tournament
- In 2017 Hildreth played 2 AVP events with 2 different partners (lost in the qualifier both times), but since then has only played with Schermerhorn
- This is the 2nd time Hildreth has ever played in Austin (21st in 2018 with Sarah Schermerhorn)

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 30 – 6’1” - hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Tampa – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 12th AVP tournament, with a best of 13th (San Francisco 2018 with Kimberly Hildreth) before this tournament
- In 2016 and 2017 Schermerhorn played 3 AVP events with 2 different partners (lost in the qualifier each time), but since then has only played with Schermerhorn
- Schermerhorn’s AVP partners have been named Kelly, Kaley and now Kimberly

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General AVP Championship Notes

- Hildreth / Schermerhorn became just the 4th team seeded as low as 14th to reach the championship match (#14 Emily Day / Summer Ross won in Cincinnati 2013, #15 Nicole Branagh / Brandie Wilkerson placed 2nd in Manhattan Beach 2017, and #14 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan were 2nd in Huntington Beach earlier this month)
- Hildreth / Schermerhorn are the 4th team in AVP women’s history to advance from the qualifier into the championship match... just once did a team manage to win the tournament (the 2013 Cincinnati event won by #14 Emily Day / Summer Ross)... all 3 of the previous teams had been seeded #1 in the qualifier, meaning that Hildreth / Schermerhorn is the lowest seeded qualifier team to ever reach an AVP women’s championship match
- Starting with the 2016 season opener in New Orleans, just 2 of the 20 title matches on the women’s side was an upset (the lower seeded team won), but now 3 of the last 4 AVP women’s championships have been upsets
- In the last 6 AVP championships, 5 have required a third set to determine the winner... In 4 of those, the team losing the first set came back to win the title
- The total of the seeds in the championship (18) is highest in AVP women’s history... The biggest was 17 in Manhattan Beach 2017, followed by 16 in Cincinnati 2013... In Santa Barbara 2001, Chicago 2017 and Huntington Beach 2019 the seed total was 15

Head to Head Results – 1st meeting between the teams