



# 2022 AVP PRO BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR

## Season Event #1 • Pro Series #1

Austin, Texas • May 6 – 8, 2022

**ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT** – Austin serves as the location for the season opener of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, which is beginning its 39th season. Total prize money for this tournament will be \$125,000, with equal payouts for men and women, and the season payout totals \$1,975,000.

- The main draw will be a 16-team, double elimination format. Ten teams from each gender are granted entry directly into the main draw from having sufficient points (from the best four events points totals from their last five AVP and AVPNext tournaments) plus up to two wild cards. The remaining four teams in each gender earned a spot via the qualifier tournament, a single elimination event in Panama City, Fla. on April 9-10. The main draw begins on Friday, May 6 and concludes on Sunday, May 8, and will be played on three courts at Krieg Fields. General admission costs \$20 per day and are available at [avp.com](http://avp.com). The championship matches will be around 2:00 pm CT for the women and 3:00 pm CT for the men.

- Live streaming of both stadium court and court 1 takes place Friday through Sunday. Camryn Irwin, Kyle Friend, Matt Bishop and Mark Schuermann will combine to handle the announcing duties. The finals will be broadcast on a tape-delayed basis on two networks, Tuesday May 10, 10 p.m.-12 a.m. ET on FS1 and Tuesday, May 17, 10 p.m.-12 a.m. ET on Bally Sports regional networks.

**TOP TEXAS TEAMS** – The top-seeded men's team, Tri Bourne and Trevor Crabb, enter Austin having won two of the last four events on the AVP Tour and have been in the semifinals in all six tournaments in 2020 and 2021. Previously the highest seed the pair has had was third. Individually, Bourne has held the top seed twice before, both times with John Hyden in 2014 and he finished third both times. Crabb was seeded first in New York in 2016 with his brother Taylor Crabb (placed third), the only previous time in his career. Seven of the last 10 season openers have been won by the top-seeded team.

- For the women, Melissa Humana-Paredes and Sarah Pavan have earned the top seed. This marks their 10th AVP event together and the first time as the number one seeds both as individuals as well as a team. The duo has two AVP wins, two seconds and two thirds. The Austin tournament marks their third AVP event played somewhere other than California or Hawai'i, and they finished 17th in New York in 2018 and fifth in Chicago in 2019. The good news for the team is that in the six AVP tournaments the past two years, the number one seeded team has won five times.

**SEASON OPENERS** – This is the third time in the history of the AVP that the season opener is taking place in the state of Texas, and there have been 13 different states to host a season-opening tournament. Florida leads the pack with 15 of the 39 openers (including this year), followed by California with six, including in both 2019 and 2020. Texas now joins Hawai'i with three season openers in becoming the only other states with more than two on that list. In 1988 the AVP opened the year in South Padre Island (men only), then in 2018 both genders began their season in Austin. The player with the most victories in season debuts is Phil Dalhausser, who won seven times. In addition, Dalhausser was slated to play in the finals of the 2010 opener in Ft. Lauderdale, which was never held due to weather. Karch Kiraly tallied six wins, with Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos getting five wins in the first event of a year.

- All of the AVP season-opening events since the start of the 2001 have been dual-gender. Excluding 2011, when there were no seeds for the four-team tournament, and last season in Atlanta, either the number one or number two seed has won each of the women's season debuts. The top-seeded team has won six of the last seven, and 14 overall in that span, while the number two team has won five times. Just because the top teams had success doesn't mean it came easy, as 11 of the finals in that span have gone three sets. April Ross has claimed the title seven times, including three of the last four, all in the span from 2012-2020. That figure ties Kerri Walsh Jennings for the most, just ahead of Misty May-Treanor's six victories on opening day.

**FABULOUS 40's** – In seven of the last nine AVP tournaments, at least one player from the men's winning team has been 40 or older. From the Cincinnati event in September 2015 through the end of last year, there have been 39 AVP events and 21 of the men's titles have been won by a player age 40 or older. In those 18 championship matches won in which both winners were 39 or younger, at least one player on the second-place team has been over the age of 40 a total of eight times. In Austin there are five men's competitors who have turned 40 already.

**DIVERSITY DEVELOPING** – In the past 17 AVP tournaments, Alix Klineman and April Ross have won 11 times. With both players missing this event, that opens the door for new teams to win. During that span, there have been five other teams claim a title, with Melissa Humana-Paredes and Sara Pavan the only team to win twice in that period. Seven of the 10 players beside Klineman and Ross who won in that time frame got their first career AVP titles.

**SCHEDULE SNAPSHOT** – The 2022 AVP schedule looks vastly different than years past in several regards. This season's slate has 16 tour stops, the most the AVP has had since 2009 (also 16 that year), and more than the past 3 years combined. While there have been several years with more men's events, the 16 women's tournaments has been surpassed just twice (18 in both 2007 and 2008). The 12 different states that the Tour is visiting is the most since the 2008 season (also 12 different states). Two tournaments will be held in November, which marks a first for the AVP Tour, as previously October was the latest that an event has ever been held up to this point. Three locations are slated to have night sessions (New Orleans, Atlanta, and Phoenix). The combined total of \$1,975,000 in prize money also features the most the Tour has distributed since 2009.

- The Tour is divided into four different classifications. One level is the Tour Series, which comprises seven different events in seven different states from June to November. These events will all have on-site qualifiers the day before the main draw begins. The Pro Series has five events from May through September, including the Tour's first two tournament of the year. Unlike in years past, these tournaments will not have an on-site qualifier. Instead, the first two events will use AVPNext tournaments to round out the field, while the last three will rely on specific Tour Series tournaments to determine the final teams. Once again the Gold Series, with three events, will be held towards the end of the season, as the three this year will be in August and September. Each of the three will have a different manner of qualifying. Atlanta will use a Tour Series event, Manhattan Beach will have an on-site qualifier the day before, and Chicago will use an AVPNext tournament. The last type of event is the AVP championships, which will be held in Phoenix in September. Entry for the six-team draws will be based on the best two out of the three results in Gold Series events.

### 2022 AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Schedule

Event Dates	Location	Tournament Format	Prize \$ - TV
<b>May 6 - 8</b>	<b>Austin, Texas</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>AVP has season opener in Austin for second time in last five years</i>		
<b>May 27 - 29</b>	<b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>Both men's and women's top-seeded teams won in 2015 and 2016, the last two times the AVP played here</i>		
<b>June 10 - 12</b>	<b>Muskegon, Michigan</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>First Tour Series event; AVP's first time playing in Michigan since 2009</i>		
<b>July 1 - 3</b>	<b>Denver, Colorado</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>Only previous AVP event in Denver was in 1987; this will be first time in Colorado since 2008</i>		
<b>July 6 - 8</b>	<b>Oshkosh, Wisconsin</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>All previous AVP tournaments in Wisconsin have been in Milwaukee; this is first new AVP city since 2013</i>		
<b>July 8 - 10</b>	<b>Hermosa Beach, California</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>Just the fourth time since 2011 that the AVP is playing in Hermosa Beach</i>		
<b>July 22 – 24</b>	<b>Atlantic City, New Jersey</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>AVP last played in Atlantic City in 2014; New Jersey is fifth in terms of total AVP tournaments hosted</i>		
<b>July 29 – 31</b>	<b>Ft. Lauderdale, Florida</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>Three of the first six AVP tournaments ever were held in the state of Florida</i>		
<b>Aug 5 – 7</b>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>	16-team double elimination	\$300,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>First Gold Series event of 2022; one of three 2022 locations to have night sessions</i>		
<b>Aug 18 – 21</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach, California</b>	32-team double elimination	\$300,000–FS1, Bally's, Tennis Ch.
	<i>Biggest event on the schedule in terms of both main draw and qualifier sizes; Gold Series event #2</i>		
<b>Aug 26 – 28</b>	<b>Virginia Beach, Virginia</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>Just the second time since 2002 that the AVP has a tournament in Virginia (along with 2010 in Virginia Beach)</i>		
<b>Sep 2 – 4</b>	<b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	16-team double elimination	\$300,000–FS1, Bally's, Tennis Ch.
	<i>Chicago trails only Manhattan Beach on list of most frequented stops in AVP history; Gold Series event #3</i>		
<b>Sep 16 – 18</b>	<b>Atlantic City, New Jersey</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000–FS1, Bally's, Tennis Ch.
	<i>Only city on the 2022 schedule to host two events; first time in AVP history a city outside of California hosts twice</i>		
<b>Sep 23 – 24</b>	<b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	6-team double elimination	\$100,000 – FS1 and Bally's RSN
	<i>Only invitational on schedule; AVP last played in Arizona in 2009; inaugural AVP event in 1984 was in Arizona</i>		
<b>Nov 11 – 13</b>	<b>Huntington Beach, California</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>Huntington Beach is fourth most frequented stop in AVP history; third California stop on 2022 Tour</i>		
<b>Nov 18 – 20</b>	<b>Clearwater, Florida</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
	<i>Latest date an AVP tournament has ever been held; Florida held second most AVP events behind California</i>		

**AUSTIN HISTORY** – This marks just the eighth time ever that a men's event is being held in Austin, with this being the fourth time in the past six years. The women have had 13 prior tournaments here, including six on the AVP Tour. Like the men, 2005 was the last time the women competed here prior to 2017.

- In 1992 and 1993, Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes won the men's titles. Their win in 1992 was nothing unusual as the duo won 16 of their 19 events that season. The 1993 event kicked off a three-week swing with tournaments in Austin, San Antonio then Fort Worth. Kiraly and Steffes stood atop the podium 18 times in 1993, the most wins a single team has ever had in one year domestically. The men did not return to Austin until 2004, a tournament won by Jake Gibb and Adam Jewell, the first career victory for Gibb and only one of Jewell's 15-year career. Seeded 12th, they became the second-lowest seed to ever win an AVP event (since tied), defeating four of the event's top five seeds in the process. In 2005 two more players chalked up their first career wins in Austin, with 10th-seeded Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena winning. Their victory marked one of just five AVP events in history (to this date) won by a team seeded 10th or lower. Having split up and then reuniting in 2015, Dalhausser and Lucena again won in Austin in 2017, and then claimed another title by winning here in 2018.

- The women had eight tournaments in Austin between 1991-97, with seven of those on the WPVA Tour and one on the AVP Tour. Then in 2004 and 2005 the women played in conjunction with the men on the AVP Tour. In the first ever Austin tournament, in 1991, Angela Rock secured the first of her 27 career victories, playing alongside Karolyn Kirby. In 2004 Kerri Walsh Jennings and Misty May-Treanor won here in what marked their 11th consecutive AVP win together (a streak which would end after 12 events). The title match improved their career AVP match record as a team to 54-0. Walsh Jennings and May-Treanor also won in 2005. April Ross won for the 28th time on the AVP Tour in 2017 alongside Whitney Pavlik, who claimed her second such title. In 2018 Alix Klineman got her first career AVP victory, playing alongside Ross in what was their domestic debut together. In 2019 both Karissa Cook and Jace Pardon got their first career wins in Austin.

- Here are the results of all of the tournaments held in Austin:

#### MEN – AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1992	Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes	Sinjin Smith / Randy Stoklos	Brian Lewis / Pat Powers	Adam Johnson / Ricci Luyties
1993	Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes	Brent Frohoff / Ricci Luyties	Sinjin Smith / Randy Stoklos	Eduardo Bacil / Jose Loiola
2004	Jake Gibb / Adam Jewell	Todd Rogers / Sean Scott	Dax Holdren / Stein Metzger	[3rd] Dain Blanton / Jeff Nygaard
2005	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena	Jake Gibb / Stein Metzger	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] Dax Holdren / Jeff Nygaard
2017	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena	Trevor Crabb / Sean Rosenthal	Billy Allen / Stafford Slick	[3rd] Jeremy Casebeer / John Mayer
2018	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena	Tim Bomgren / Taylor Crabb	Jeremy Casebeer / Reid Priddy	[3rd] Casey Patterson / Stafford Slick
2019	Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb	Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena	[3rd] Tim Bomgren / Troy Field

#### WOMEN – AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1993	Linda Chisholm / Jackie Silva	Cammy Ciarelli / Angela Rock	Linda Hanley / Nancy Reno	Rita Crockett / Holly McPeak
2004	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	Lisa Arce / Leanne McSorley	[3rd] Holly McPeak / Elaine Youngs
2005	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Linjin Ji / Wehnui You	Jennifer Kessy / Holly McPeak	[3rd] Rachel Scott / Elaine Youngs
2017	Whitney Pavlik / April Ross	Kim DiCello / Emily Stockman	Angela Benseid / Geena Urango	[3rd] Amanda Dowdy / Irene Pollock
2018	Alix Klineman / April Ross	Lauren Fendrick / Sarah Sponcil	Lane Carico / Karolina Marciniak	[3rd] Karissa Cook / Katie Spieler
2019	Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon	Kimberly Hildreth/Sarah Schermerhorn	Falyn Fonoimoana / Nicolette Martin	[3rd] Terese Cannon/Irene Pollock

#### WOMEN – non AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1991	Karolyn Kirby / Angela Rock	Gail Castro / Lori Forsythe	Lisa Strand-Ma'a / Kelly Van Winden	Linda Chisholm / Janice Harrer
1992	Karolyn Kirby / Angela Rock	Patty Dodd / Elaine Roque	Cammy Ciarelli / Jackie Silva	Barbra Fontana / Deb Richardson
1993	Barbra Fontana / Lori Forsythe	Janice Harrer / Deb Richardson	Karolyn Kirby / Liz Masakayan	Gail Castro / Elaine Roque
1994	Karolyn Kirby / Liz Masakayan	Deb Richardson/Dennie Shupryt Knoop	Barbra Fontana / Lori Forsythe	Gail Castro / Elaine Roque
1995	Holly McPeak / Nancy Reno	Gail Castro / Elaine Roque	Barbra Fontana / Lori Forsythe	Karolyn Kirby / Liz Masakayan
1996	Holly McPeak / Nancy Reno	Lisa Arce / Karolyn Kirby	Barbra Fontana / Linda Hanley	Patty Dodd / Angela Rock
1997	Lisa Arce / Holly McPeak	Barbra Fontana / Linda Hanley	Karrie Poppinga / Angela Rock	Elaine Roque/Dennie Shupryt Knoop

**SWING YOUR PARTNER ROUND AND ROUND** – The AVP was last in Austin three years ago, but sometimes that is a lifetime in terms of partnerships. On the men's side, none of the 16 teams competing in 2022 were playing together in 2019, although 21 of the 32 players this season did play in that event. For the women, Jessica Gaffney and Molly Turner finished 17th in 2019 and return this year as a team, the only one that can make that claim. Just 14 of the 32 competitors this season played here in 2019

**WEATHER OR NOT** – Texas was the site of one of the few places in which an AVP tournament was never completed. In June 1996 there was a men's only event in Dallas. The tournament was not able to finish due to weather, as 70-mile an hour winds ripped through the area on the second day of competition.

**AUSTIN SAND BITS** – Of the 32 men's players competing this weekend, there is one teenager competing (19-year old Caleb Kwekel) and just six players in their 20's, while five players are 40 or older, led by 49-year old John Hyden and 45-year old Ed Ratledge. Of the heights known, the shortest are Eric Beranek, Taylor Crabb and Skylar del Sol (all 6'0") while at the other end of the spectrum are two 6'9" players (Andy Benesh and Phil Dalhausser) who just happen to be playing on the same team. Silila Tucker, who is from Houston, is the only player who is originally from Texas, while no players list Texas as their current residence (21 of the 32 list California). Three players have played in at least 200 events, Phil Dalhausser, John Hyden and Casey Patterson, while the least experienced players are Taylor Sander (who is making his AVP debut and playing in just his third pro beach tournament) and Caleb Kwekel (competing in his fifth AVP tournament and second main draw ever). Phil Dalhausser, with 59 AVP titles, has the most of any player here, followed by Casey Patterson (17) and John Hyden (13). Out of 16 partnerships, 10 are competing together for the very first time and only two have played together six or more times before Austin (Tri Bourne and Trevor Crabb 35 previous events and Theo Brunner and Chaim Schalk 16 previous events). Just one team here has previously won an AVP title as Tri Bourne and Trevor Crabb have a pair of AVP victories, with one in each of the last two seasons.

- There are 32 women playing this weekend, and the three youngest are 23-year old Savvy Simo and a pair of 24-year olds, Kristen Nuss and Carly Skjodt. On the flip side, Larissa Maestrini (40) is the oldest, followed by 38-year old Maria Clara Salgado. The six oldest players are at least 34 years old, and five of them were born outside of the U.S. Katie Spieler (5'5") and Kristen Nuss (5'6") are the shortest competitors, while at the other end of the spectrum are 6'5" Sarah Pavan, 6'4" Taryn Kloth and 6'3" Terese Cannon. Carly Skjodt is playing in her third AVP event while Taryn Kloth and Savvy Simo are both competing for the sixth time. The most experienced players are Maria Clara Salgado and Emily Day, both of whom have played in more than 180 tournaments. Larissa Maestrini is the all-time FIVB wins leader with 62 titles, but the individual with the most career AVP victories is Emily Day (nine AVP titles). Nine of the 16 women's tandems are playing alongside each other for the first time and just one has played together at least six times previously (Melissa Humana-Paredes and Sarah Pavan 51 times). The two teams competing here which have previously won an AVP title as partners are Melissa Humana-Paredes (two AVP wins) and Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss (one AVP title).

**2022 QUALIFIER LIST** – Here's a look at the teams who have qualified this season (qualification tournament seed) and how they finished in the main draw:

AUSTIN - Men (qualifier in Panama City, Fla.)

Caleb Kwekel / Marty Lorenz (2nd in QT) - TBD

Mark Burik / Dave Palm (finished 3rd in QT) – TBD

*Burik replaced by Roberto Rodriguez in MD*

Raffe Paulis / Jeff Samuels (5th in QT) – TBD

Lev Priima / Silila Tucker (5th in QT) – TBD

AUSTIN - Women (qualifier in Panama City, Fla.)

Kaitlyn Leary / Carly Kan (2nd in QT) – TBD

Jessica Gaffney / Molly Turner (3rd in QT) – TBD

Toni Rodriguez / Savvy Simo (3rd in QT) – TBD

Aurora Davis / Teegan Van Gunst (5th in QT) – TBD

Carly Skjodt / Geena Urango (5th in QT) – TBD

*Skjodt / Urango replaced MD team*

**TEAM TALL** – A pair of 6'9" players, Andy Benesh and Phil Dalhausser, will be on the same team in Austin. They will become the first domestic team to ever have both players at least 6.9" tall, although there have been some taller tandems in terms of combined height (Ryan Doherty at 7'1" and Casey Patterson at 6'6" have the distinction of being the tallest). Internationally, The Netherlands' Robert Meeuwsen (6'9") and Christiaan Varenhorst (6'11") played together in a country quota in 2010, and are the tallest in terms of combined height. There have only been two other international pairs which have had both players of 6'9" or taller. Fellow Dutchmen teammates Emiel Boersma and Joppe Paulides are both 6'9" as are Germany's Julius Thole and Alexander Walkenhorst.

**TRYING FOR TEN** – Emily Day is striving to become the 11th player to record 10 career AVP victories. The top two on the list, Kerri Walsh Jennings (77) and Misty May-Treanor (66) have comfortable leads over the rest of the field. Ranking third all-time, but with the most among active AVP players, is April Ross (41). The other women in the double-digit win club include Elaine Youngs (34), Holly McPeak (28), Nicole Branagh (17), Jennifer Kessy (15), Linda Hanley (15), Cammy Ciarelli (13) and Alix Klineman (12).

**WIN EARLY AND OFTEN** – On the women's side, 23 of the last 25 winners of AVP tournaments have come from the winner's bracket, meaning they finished the event undefeated. The only exceptions in that span came in San Francisco 2018 and Austin 2019 (when Karissa Cook and Jace Pardon overcame a second-round loss to win four straight elimination matches to reach the title match).

- On the men's side it is quite a different story. In fact, last season all three AVP champions had come through the contender's bracket. In the last 18 AVP tournaments, nine have been won by undefeated teams and nine by teams that had to bounce back from an earlier loss.

**DALHAUSSER'S DOMINANCE** – Phil Dalhausser's seven wins in season openers is the most in AVP history (won in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2020). A win this weekend would be the 60th AVP title in his career. Just five others have reached that mark (Karch Kiraly, Kent Steffes, Randy Stoklos, Sinjin Smith and Mike Dodd), but they all played in an era that saw 20-27 tournaments a year while the AVP has had 69 total events since the start of the 2010 season. Among the top six in AVP victories, Dalhausser has won 41% of all the tournaments entered (trails only Kent Steffes in that category), and his 73.8% winning percentage in championship matches is second only to Steffes at 76.1%. One side note about the victory tally is that the AVP has had six tournaments which were never completed due to weather, and four of those (including one in which Dalhausser was slated to play in the finals) gave ties without crediting any wins for players. But twice the AVP gave wins to multiple players, so Dodd, Sinjin and Stoklos all got two wins when there were four teams in those two events credited with victories.

- Entering Austin Dalhausser has compiled a career AVP main draw match record of 560-142 (.798). More impressively, since the start of the 2006 season (his fourth year on the Tour), he is 487-88 (.847). Dalhausser had to pull out of the tournament in Atlanta to begin the 2021 AVP season, which marked the sixth time in his AVP career that his event ended in a forfeit loss. Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser had won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in each of the past 16 seasons until that streak ended in 2021.
- Here is a look at the top six players on the AVP's all-time wins list, both with totals and then by percentages of tournaments entered:

	<b>Wins</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Finals</b>	<b>Semis</b>	<b>Events</b>
Karch Kiraly	122	52	43	12	174	229	301
Kent Steffes	102	32	20	12	134	166	218
Randy Stoklos	96	74	43	21	170	234	307
Sinjin Smith	92	54	30	10	146	186	241
Mike Dodd	62	73	63	32	135	230	309
Phil Dalhausser	59	21	21	1	80	102	144

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Karch Kiraly	40.5%	17.3%	14.3%	4.0%	57.8%	76.1%	301
Kent Steffes	46.8%	14.7%	9.2%	5.5%	61.5%	76.1%	218
Randy Stoklos	31.3%	24.1%	14.0%	6.8%	55.4%	76.2%	307
Sinjin Smith	38.2%	22.4%	12.4%	4.1%	60.6%	77.2%	241
Mike Dodd	20.1%	23.6%	20.4%	10.4%	43.7%	74.4%	309
Phil Dalhausser	41.0%	14.6%	14.6%	0.7%	55.6%	70.8%	144

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – This weekend there is both a men's and women's FIVB Challenger event in Doha, Qatar. Just one men's team, Cody Caldwell and Adam Roberts, is competing for the United States, while there are two women's teams from America in the competition. Corinne Quiggle and Sarah Schermerhorn, who would have been in the main draw in Austin, are in Qatar as well as Tambre Nobles and Melissa Powell.

- Here is a look at USA teams which have been in the semifinals of an FIVB event this year.

#### MEN

Andy Benesh / Miles Evans – Silver Medal – Songkhla, Thailand – April 17

#### WOMEN

Kelly Cheng / Betsi Flint – 4th Place – Rosarito, Mexico – March 27

Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss – Gold Medal – Coolangatta, Australia – April 3

Zana Muno / Toni Rodriguez – Bronze Medal – Coolangatta, Australia – April 3

Sara Hughes / Kelley Kolinske – Gold Medal – Itapema, Brazil – April 17

**NEXT UP** – The next tournament on the AVP schedule is a Pro Series event in New Orleans from May 27-29. Both genders will have a 16-team main draw, with four teams advancing from the qualifier in San Antonio on May 21-22.