

Austin – May 17-19, 2019 – Semifinal Notes

MEN

- In the season opening tournament in Huntington Beach, Jake Gibb joined Karch Kiraly and John Hyden as the only players to ever win an AVP title at the age of 43 or older... From the Cincinnati event in September 2015 through Huntington Beach, there have been 26 AVP events and 13 of the men's titles have been won by a player age 40 or older... In those 26 championship matches, at least one player has been over the age of 40 a total of 18 times... Gibb is the only Austin semifinalist who is over 40 years old
- Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk have yet to lose a set in Austin (6-0)... no team has won an AVP title without dropping a single set since Austin in 2018, when Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena went 10-0 in sets
- Of the semifinalists, Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena (11 AVP titles) and Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb (5 AVP titles) have both won as partners while the other 4 players have yet to win on the AVP Tour... Troy Field is the only player amongst the group who has yet to reach an AVP championship match (career best is 3rd).
- #1 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb
 - Have now advanced to the semifinals in 11 of their 14 AVP events as partners
 - In their first 8 AVP semifinals, the duo went undefeated in reaching the semifinals... this marks the 3rd straight time they had to come through the contender's bracket to reach the semis (Chicago 2018, Huntington Beach 2019 and now Austin)
 - Became just the 3rd team seeded #1 to lose in the first round to a #16 seed (others were Seattle 2016 and New York 2017)
- #2 Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena
 - Returning to the site of their first career victories (in 2005), the duo has now won its last 18 matches played in Austin, including 9 against teams seeded 5th or better
 - Dalhausser is looking to win his 7th straight title when playing in the state of Texas... he has won his last 33 consecutive matches played in Texas
 - Lucena has won 3 titles in Manhattan Beach and 3 in Austin, the most of any site he has played in
- #4 Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk
 - In their short partnership together (this is 2nd event), the semifinal meeting against Bomgren / Field will mark the 3rd time they have played against Bomgren / Field (3rd match out of 8 total played)
 - Casebeer is 1-8 all-time in AVP semifinals... this marks his 3rd different partner he has reached the semifinals with
 - Schalk's only previous AVP championship match appearance came when playing alongside Bomgren (in Chicago)
- #5 Tim Bomgren / Troy Field
 - Duo is playing together for the 2nd time ever, and both times have resulted in semifinal appearances
 - Both of their tournaments this year have been alike, losing in their second match and winning 3 straight contender's bracket matches to reach the semifinals
 - This is Bomgren's 6th AVP semifinal with a 4th different partner... Field has at least tied a career best, as his best finish in his first 9 AVP tournaments was 9th place (three times) before finishing 3rd in the 2019 season opener in Huntington Beach

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- This is just the 3rd time in AVP history in which the semifinals have featured two teams seeded 10th or lower (2015 Huntington Beach with #11 and #12 and 2017 Manhattan Beach with #15 and #23)... the combined total of the seeds of the four semifinalists (33) is the 2nd highest ever, trailing only the 2017 Manhattan Beach Open (41)
- Austin becomes the 9th AVP event ever with a women's team seeded 14th or lower in the semifinals, but it has now happened in each of the last 3 open events (#18 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil advanced from the qualifier into the semifinals in Chicago 2018, then in the 2019 season opener in Huntington Beach #14 Melissa Humana-Parades / Sarah Pavan advanced to the semifinals).
- Hildreth / Schermerhorn are seeking to become 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 9th team in AVP women's history to advance from the qualifier into the semifinals... Only 3 of those teams have been able to reach the championship match, and just once did a team manage to win the tournament (the 2013 Cincinnati event won by #14 Emily Day / Summer Ross)
- None of the 8 players has ever competed in an AVP final, and only 3 have been to a semifinal previously (Pollock twice, Cannon and Cook)
- #4 Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon
 - This is their 2nd tournament together, and they have an 8-3 match record with 4 of the wins coming against teams seeded 7th or better
 - 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
 - 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)
- #5 Terese Cannon / Irene Pollock
 - This duo is striving to win a title in the first AVP tournament as partners... last season two women's teams accomplished that (Alix Klineman / April Ross in Austin and Summer Ross / Sara Hughes in New York)... prior to that, the last time was Huntington Beach 2015 (Lauren Fendrick / April Ross)
 - All 3 of their matches have gone three sets... Pollock has now won her last 8 AVP matches that have required a third set (last loss was in her first event of 2017 in Austin)
 - Cannon has now reached the semifinals in 2 straight AVP open events, as she and Sarah Sponcil advanced from the qualifier then won 5 contender's bracket matches to place 3rd in Chicago in September 2018
- #10 Falyn Fonoimoana / Nicolette Martin
 - Knocked the #1 seeds (Emily Day / Betsi Flint) out of the tournament, which marked just the 3rd time in AVP history the top-seeded women's team finished in 7th place (has never finished lower)... the other two times were in Brooklyn 2009 and Austin 2017
 - Fonoimoana's first AVP main draw came in Austin in 2018, when they defeated Meghan Mannari / Taylor Nyquist in the qualifier to reach the main draw... this year in Austin, Mannari / Nyquist has been the only team to defeat Fonoimoana / Martin
 - Last year in Austin Martin set her career best (5th place, later tied in Seattle), made possible by defeating Hildreth / Schermerhorn in the qualifier

- #14 (Q7) Kimberly Hildreth / Sarah Schermerhorn
 - With a win in the semifinals, the pair would become the lowest seeded qualifying team (#7) to ever reach an AVP title match, as the other 3 teams to play in the qualifier and then in the championship match were all seeded #1 in the qualifier
 - Including the qualifier, the duo is 6-0 this week in Austin matches (had a career 14-10 record entering the tournament)
 - Of the four semifinalists, this is the most experienced partnership as this is their 9th event together... none of the other three teams had played together before this season