

# Austin – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, May 8, 2022 – Women’s Championship Match

## 2:00 pm – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan vs. #6 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

### Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams and none of these players have ever faced their opponents before

### Title Tidbits

- Just 1 of the last 18 winners on the AVP Tour has come from the contender’s bracket (as Kloth /Nuss are doing this tournament)... that one exception just happened to come the last time the AVP was in Austin (2019) when #4 Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon defeated #14 Kimberly Hildreth / Sarah Schermerhorn
- 11 of the last 13 AVP title matches have been sweeps... in each of the last 13 AVP championship matches, the team winning the first set won the match
- 5 of the last 6 AVP winning teams were seeded #1 (the exception in that span was in Atlanta 2021 when Kloth / Nuss won)

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- Playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour (2 wins, 2 seconds, 2 thirds), but the first time since 2020
- In the 3 AVP tournaments in 2020, the pair lost 4 matches (two to Alix Klineman / April Ross and two to Kelly Cheng / Sarah Sponcil)
- The duo’s record by year on the AVP Tour: 3-3 in 2018; 19-3 in 2019; 7-4 in 2020; 4-0 in 2022 (33-10 overall)
- In their last 5 FIVB events together, the duo won a silver, a bronze, finished 4th and placed 5th twice (including in the Tokyo Olympics)
- Austin marks the 5th straight AVP tournament the team has advanced to the semifinals

**Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 29 – 5’9” – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Toronto, Ontario**

- Playing in her 10th career AVP tournament, all with Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 2 seconds and 2 thirds
- Has played in 70 FIVB tournaments (6 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes, all medals with Sarah Pavan)

**Sarah Pavan – age 35 – 6’5” – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Kitchener, Ontario - Nebraska**

- Playing in her 15th career AVP tournament with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019, both with Humana-Paredes)... she has played 5 other AVP events with 4 partners other than Humana-Pardes (best of 3rd in those)
- Has also played in 79 FIVB events (6 golds, 10 silvers, 5 bonzes) competing with Heather Bansley for 38 events and then Humana-Paredes for 41

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**Kloth / Nuss** are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour 6th time overall

- The duo won in their debut as a team (in Atlanta in 2021), then placed 5th in Manhattan and 3rd in Chicago
- While this is their 4th AVP tournament, the title match will be their 27th match (21-5 in those)... this is the 3rd match of the day for the youngsters, the 3rd time in their 4 events that they have had to play 3 matches in a single day
- Kloth and Nuss won their first international event they played together as well, winning in Coolangatta, Australia in April 2022 after advancing from the qualifier as the 11th-seeded QT team
- 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
- Since the start of the 2001 season, there have been 176 AVP women’s team tournaments completed, and just 9 have had a winner seeded 6th or lower... Kloth and Nuss were the last to join that list (seeded 14th in Atlanta 2019) and look to add to the list today

**Taryn Kloth – age 25 – 6’4” – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State**

- This is Kloth’s 4th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and her 3rd time in the semifinals (and 2nd in a title match)
- 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 Franca won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- Speaking of firsts, Kloth was ranked 18th on PrepVolleyball.com’s Senior Aces list, believed to be the first player from South Dakota to rank that high on the list
- 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 20,621 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

**Kristen Nuss – age 24 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State**

- This is Nuss’ 9th AVP event, and the 3rd time she has played semifinals... this marks her 2nd title match appearance... she played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth
- Nuss had 139 career wins at LSU, the most in program history