

Chicago – Aug. 30 – Sep. 1, 2019 – Men’s Championship Notes

1:30 pm – #2 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb vs. #3 Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena

Crabb / Gibb are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour and for the 41st time overall... The pair has won 6 AVP titles, including Chicago last year and twice this season (Huntington Beach 2019, Austin 2019)

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/20-23/2019	Seattle Open	1	2	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/6-9/2019	Gold Series NYC Open	1	3	1188	\$13,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2019	Austin Open	1	1	750	\$15,000.00
AVP	5/2-5/2019	Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1050	\$20,000.00

- In 2017 Crabb and Gibb were partners for 6 AVP events (3rd, 1st in New York, 3rd, 1st in Hermosa Beach, 5th, 5th)
- Last season the pair had a 23-6 match record on the AVP
- This season Crabb / Gibb have a 23-6 match record on the AVP, including 8-3 in three-set matches... When they win the first set, they are 19-2, while when losing the first set they are 3-4
- Last year in Chicago Crabb / Gibb won after losing in the fourth round to the number 3 seed (just as they did this year)... Crabb and Gibb are striving to become the first team to win consecutive AVP titles in Chicago since 2006-07 (Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger)

Crabb / Gibb Chicago Matches:

Fri, 8/30/2019	Winner 2	Michael Brunsting / Ian Satterfield (15)	Won 21-14, 21-13	0:37
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 3	Ryan Doherty / Miles Evans (7)	Won 21-11, 21-17	0:39
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 4	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena (3)	Lost 19-21, 21-15, 11-15	0:58
Sun, 9/1/2019	Contender 5	Maddison McKibbin / Riley McKibbin (14)	Won 26-24, 21-18	0:51
Sun, 9/1/2019	Semi-Finals	Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson (1)	Won 22-20, 21-15	

Taylor Crabb – age 27 – 6’0” – hometown Honolulu – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Crabb’s 33rd AVP event, and he has won 6 AVP titles (all with Gibb) ... He is 0-4 in finals with partners other than Gibb
- Including Chicago, Crabb has reached the semifinals in 23 of his last 26 AVP tournaments

Jake Gibb – age 43 – 6’7” – hometown Bountiful, Utah – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Utah

- Gibb is playing in his 158th AVP Tournament, with 32 AVP wins (plus 6 FIVB wins)... Gibb has won with 5 different partners... He is the only player who has won multiple AVP titles in each of the last 7 seasons (including 2019)
- Gibb is looking to get his 10th victory since turning 40,,, Since he had his 40th birthday, the only players with more AVP wins have been Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena (10 titles each in that span).
- Gibb is 32-31 in AVP championship matches (13-3 with Casey Patterson, 8-19 with Sean Rosenthal, 6-3 with Taylor Crabb, 4-2 with Stein Metzger, 1-1 with Adam Jewell and 0-3 in individual events)

General AVP Championship Notes

- 7 of the last 8 men’s title matches have been sweeps.
- Only once in the last 10 AVP championship matches has there been an upset in the finals, and that happened earlier this year in Seattle.
- This will end a streak of three straight AVP events in which at least one player won his first ever AVP title.
- 21 of the last 23 AVP championships have been won by the team winning the first set... the 2 exceptions were both in Manhattan Beach (2017 and 2018).

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- **Dalhausser / Lucena** are playing 50th time on the AVP Tour and for the 93rd time overall... The pair has won 12 AVP titles, including 1 time in Chicago (2016)

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2019	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	1	3	1188	\$12,000.00
AVP	6/6-9/2019	Gold Series NYC Open	2	1	1650	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2019	Austin Open	2	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	5/2-5/2019	Huntington Beach Open	2	5	630	\$6,200.00

Dalhausser / Lucena Chicago matches:

Fri, 8/30/2019	Winner 2	Maddison McKibbin / Riley McKibbin (14)	Won 21-15, 21-16	0:45
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 3	Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk (6)	Won 28-30, 21-19, 17-15	1:29
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 4	Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb (2)	Won 21-19, 15-21, 15-11	0:58
Sun, 9/1/2019	Semi-Finals	Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk (6)	Won 15-21, 21-15, 16-14	

- Since reuniting in 2015, they have been in the finals of 15 of the 23 AVP events (including Chicago), winning 11 times... Of the 7 events in which they did not play in the championship, they have forfeited 3 times (Huntington Beach 2016, Manhattan Beach 2016, New York 2017)
- Last season the pair had a 26-4 match record on the AVP while in 2019 entering the Chicago finals they are 18-4 (4-2 in third sets this season and 15-1 when winning the first set)
- This is the 7th time the duo has played in Chicago, winning in 2016 and finishing 2nd in 2017

Phil Dalhausser – age 39 – 6’9” – hometown Baden, Switzerland – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Central Florida

- This is Dalhausser’s 138th AVP event, winning 57 titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 19 seconds, 21 thirds and 1 fourth... he has now been in the finals in 77 of his 138 AVP tournaments (56%)
- Dalhausser is 57-19 (75%) in AVP championship matches (42-10 with Todd Rogers, 12-4 with Nick Lucena, 2-4 with Sean Rosenthal, and 1-1 in individual events)
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser has won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in each of the past 15 seasons (including 2019)

Nick Lucena – age 39 – 6’1” – hometown Davie, Fla. – currently Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida State

- Lucena is playing in his 141st AVP Tournament, with 14 wins (plus 9 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)
- Lucena is 14-18 in AVP championship matches (12-4 with Phil Dalhausser, 1-2 with Theo Brunner, 1-2 with Matt Fuerbringer, 0-6 with Sean Scott, 0-3 with Ryan Doherty, 0-1 with Brad Keenan)
- Lucena has the second longest streak of reaching the semifinals (having done so at least once each year since 2007)

General AVP Championship Notes

- Crabb and Gibb have come through the contender’s bracket to reach the title match... each of the last 4 winners on the AVP Tour have been undefeated (as Dalhausser / Lucena currently are).
- This will mark the 11th straight AVP tournament in which a team seeded 4th or better has won the championship.
- The AVP Tour has seen 5 different winning teams in the first 6 events... both of these teams have already in 2019 though, so either Crabb / Gibb will guarantee themselves the most victories for the year (with a 3rd title), or Dalhausser / Lucena will tie Crabb / Gibb for the lead at 2 with just Hawai’i left on the schedule.

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Head to Head

- Dalhausser/Lucena lead the series 7-6, including the win yesterday
- This is the 4th time these two teams have played for an AVP title (Dalhausser / Lucena won in New York 2018 and Manhattan Beach 2018, while Crabb / Gibb won in Seattle 2018)
- Dalhausser / Lucena lead 5-3 when playing on the AVP Tour

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
8/31/19	AVP	Gold Series Championships	Winner 4	Dalhausser/Lucena	3	Crabb/Gibb	2	21-19, 15-21, 15-11	0:58
7/19/19	FIVB	Espinho Four Star	Pool D	Crabb/Gibb	13	Dalhausser/Lucena	4	21-18, 22-20	0:37
7/10/19	FIVB	Gstaad Major Series	Pool D	Dalhausser/Lucena	4	Crabb/Gibb	13	21-16, 21-19	0:36
6/9/19	AVP	Gold Series NYC Open	Semi-Finals	Dalhausser/Lucena	2	Crabb/Gibb	1	23-25, 21-16, 18-16	1:23
5/19/19	AVP	Austin Open	Semi-Finals	Crabb/Gibb	1	Dalhausser/Lucena	2	16-21, 21-19, 15-13	1:15
5/4/19	AVP	Huntington Beach Open	Contender 5	Crabb/Gibb	1	Dalhausser/Lucena	2	21-13, 15-21, 17-15	1:12
8/19/18	AVP	AVP Gold Series Manhattan Beach	Finals	Dalhausser/Lucena	1	Crabb/Gibb	3	12-21, 22-20, 15-13	1:15
7/11/18	FIVB	Gstaad Major	Pool E	Crabb/Gibb	21	Dalhausser/Lucena	5	22-24, 21-17, 15-13	0:50
6/24/18	AVP	AVP Seattle	Finals	Crabb/Gibb	3	Dalhausser/Lucena	1	21-16, 21-19	0:51
6/10/18	AVP	AVP Gold Series NYC	Finals	Dalhausser/Lucena	1	Crabb/Gibb	3	21-16, 21-17	0:48
3/7/18	FIVB	Doha Four Star	Pool A	Crabb/Gibb	16	Dalhausser/Lucena	1	21-18, 21-12	0:31
9/3/17	AVP	Chicago Championships	Contender 5	Dalhausser/Lucena	1	Crabb/Gibb	3	21-19, 21-17	0:41
7/15/17	Other	Long Beach Presidents Cup	Winner 1	Dalhausser/Lucena	3	Crabb/Gibb	5	21-18, 17-21, 15-11	1:00

