

## Chicago – Aug. 29 – Sep. 1, 2019 – Women’s Championship Notes

**3:30 pm – #1 Alix Klineman / April Ross vs. #2 Emily Day / Betsi Flint**

**Klineman / A. Ross are playing for 11th time on AVP Tour (won 6 times) and 28th time overall**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2019	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	1	2	1408	\$21,000.00
AVP	6/6-9/2019	Gold Series NYC Open	1	1	1650	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/2-5/2019	Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1050	\$20,000.00
AVP	9/15-16/2018	Hawaii Invitational	3	1	0	\$20,000.00
AVP	8/30-9/2/2018	AVP Gold Series The Championships	3	1	1350	\$25,000.00

**Klineman / A. Ross Chicago Matches:**

Fri, 8/30/2019	Winner 2	Crissy Jones / Susannah Muno (16)	<b>Won</b> 21-8, 22-20	0:37
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 3	Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan (8)	<b>Won</b> 21-8, 21-19	0:39
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 4	Kelly Claes / Sarah Sponcil (5)	<b>Won</b> 21-10, 21-16	0:43
Sat, 8/31/2019	Semi-Finals	Sara Hughes / Brandie Wilkerson (3)	<b>Won</b> 21-15, 21-17	

- Have won 5 of their last 6 AVP tournaments and enter the finals having won 34 of their last 35 AVP matches (25 by sweeps)...they are 49-4 all time in their partnership on the AVP
- In their AVP career as partners, the duo is 13-3 in third sets and 42-2 when winning the first set
- Their 4 career losses have come twice in the semifinals and twice in the finals

**Alix Klineman** – age 29 – 6’5” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- Klineman is playing in her 23rd AVP Tournament, with 6 wins (Austin, Manhattan Beach, Chicago and Honolulu all in 2018, Huntington Beach in 2019, New York City 2019), 3 seconds, and 3 thirds
- Klineman is 6-3 in AVP championship matches (6-2 with April Ross, 0-1 with Lane Carico)

**April Ross** – age 37 – 6’1” – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Ross is playing in her 102nd AVP tournament... she has won 35 times with 6 different partners... she also has 16 seconds and 21 thirds
- Ross is 35-16 in AVP championship matches (12-0 with Kerri Walsh Jennings, 12-13 with Jennifer Kessy, 6-2 with Alix Klineman, 2-0 with Lauren Fendrick, 2-0 with Jennifer Fopma, 1-0 with Whitney Pavlik, 0-1 with Caitlin Ledoux)... she had won 27 consecutive AVP title matches before losing in Seattle last year
- Ross has recorded at least two AVP titles in each of the last 10 seasons which she has played on the AVP Tour (2009-2010 and 2012-2019)... Has claimed 25 FIVB titles as well
- Ross is playing in Chicago for the 7th time, winning in 2018 with Alix Klineman and finishing 2nd in 2009 with Jennifer Kessy

### **General AVP Championship Notes**

- This marks the first time since New York City in 2016 in which the AVP title match featured the top two seeds... since then there were 25 straight tournaments that had other matchups
- With both teams entering the finals with an undefeated record, this will make 10 of the last 11 AVP champions having an undefeated record
- Each of the last 6 AVP finals has been won by the higher (better) seeded team... the last upset in an AVP championship match came in the 2018 season finale in Honolulu
- A win by Day / Flint would give Day her 10th AVP victory in her career, and she would become the 10th different women’s player to reach double figures in Tour wins
- This championship pairing is unique for 2019 as these two teams have not faced off for the title this year... with this being the 7th tournament, there have been 6 different finals matchups so far

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3:30 pm – #1 Alix Klineman / April Ross vs. #2 Emily Day / Betsi Flint

**Day / Flint are playing for 12th time on AVP Tour and 29th time overall... they have 3 AVP wins and 1 FIVB gold**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/15-18/2019	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	2	5	990	\$9,000.00
AVP	7/25-28/2019	Hermosa Beach Open	1	1	1050	\$20,000.00
AVP	6/20-23/2019	Seattle Open	3	2	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/6-9/2019	Gold Series NYC Open	4	5	990	\$10,000.00
AVP	5/16-19/2019	AVP Austin Open	1	7	370	\$3,800.00
AVP	5/2-5/2019	AVP Huntington Beach Open	4	3	756	\$8,400.00

- This season the duo is 24-10 in AVP matches, 20-4 when winning the first set, and 6-6 in three-set matches
- In their careers the duo is 41-17 in AVP matches, 34-5 when winning the first set, and 13-10 in three-set matches
- This championship match marks just the 2nd time all year Day / Flint have faced a team seeded 1st (other time was against Klineman / Ross in the season opener in Huntington Beach, with Klineman / Ross winning)
- This year the duo has 6 losses to teams seeded No. 5 or better and 4 losses to No. 10 or worse... 6 of the 10 losses have been 3-set decisions

**Day / Flint Chicago Matches:**

Fri, 8/30/2019	Winner 2	Falyn Fonoimoana / Alexa Strange (18, Q2)	Won 21-16, 21-18	0:47
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 3	Caitlin Ledoux / Maria Clara Salgado (10)	Won 21-12, 21-11	0:35
Sat, 8/31/2019	Winner 4	Sara Hughes / Brandie Wilkerson (3)	Won 21-18, 21-12	0:42
Sat, 8/31/2019	Semi-Finals	Kelly Claes / Sarah Sponcil (5)	Won 20-22, 21-17, 15-7	

**Emily Day – age 32 – 6’1” – hometown Torrance, Calif. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Loyola Marymount**

- Playing her 58th career AVP tournament with 9 career AVP wins
- Day is 9-5 all-time in AVP championship matches (4-0 with Brittany Hochevar, 3-1 with Betsi Flint, 1-3 with Summer Ross, and 1-1 with Jennifer Kessy)
- Day has won at least one AVP title in each of the last 5 years and in 6 of the last 7 seasons

**Betsi Flint – age 26 – 5’10” – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount**

- Playing in her 32nd career AVP tournament with 5 AVP wins
- Flint is 5-4 all time in AVP title matches (3-1 with Emily Day and 2-3 with Kelley Larsen)

### **Head to Head Notes**

- Klineman/Ross lead the series 3-1, including are 2-0 when playing on the AVP Tour
- All 4 matches have been decided in sweeps

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
5/4/19	AVP	Huntington Beach Open	Winner 4	<b>Klineman/Ross</b>	1	Day/Flint	4	21-17, 21-15	0:45
10/12/18	FIVB	Yangzhou Four Star	Pool B	<b>Day/Flint</b>	15, Q2	Klineman/Ross	2	21-18, 21-19	0:34
8/18/18	AVP	AVP Gold Series Manhattan Beach	Winner 4	<b>Klineman/Ross</b>	3	Day/Flint	2	21-11, 21-16	0:43
5/3/18	FIVB	Huntington Beach Four Star	Winner 2	<b>Klineman/Ross</b>	7	Day/Flint	26	21-13, 21-10	0:32