

Chicago Miscellaneous Notes from Friday

MEN

- 9 of the 12 men's matches were sweeps... teams winning the first set were a perfect 12-0
- 2 of the 12 matches were upsets (14 beat 3 and 12 beat 5)
- Three players had a hitting error of at least .600 on Friday... Miles Partain (.702), Troy Field (.619) and Chase Budinger (.605)
- Theo Brunner has the most aces (7) and the highest average (1.75 aces per set)
- Andy Benesh (12), Djordje Klasnic (11) and Paul Lotman (10) all had double digit block totals, with Lotman leading in average (2.5 per set)
- Avery Drost (23), Tim Bomgren (21) and Silila Tucker (20) were the dig leaders in totals, while Alvaro Filho (6.00 per set) and Hagen Smith (5.50) led in averages
- Andy Benesh / Miles Partain are playing in just their 3rd AVP event ever, but on Saturday will face Chase Budinger / Miles Evans for the 4th time this season (it will mark their 4th time playing them in 14 AVP matches together)
- In the battle of the bigs, Phil Dalhausser will face off against Theo Brunner, which will be the 28th time these block-happy players have met... Dalhausser leads 22-5 in those meetings, but Brunner is 2-0 in the head-to-heads this season

Women

- 4 of the 12 matches went to a third set... teams winning the first set were 11-1 (only exception were the comeback kids, Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles lost the first set 21-14 against Sarah Pavan / Geena Urango but won the match)
 - Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles had both matches go three sets, the only team to do so (last event in Manhattan Beach the duo played 9 matches after losing in the first round of a 32-team event)
- 2 of the 12 matches were upsets (12 beat 5 and 10 beat 7)
 - The AVP seems to be taking after March Madness as in both genders the 12 beat the 5
- Like the men, 3 women hit at least .600 on Friday... Aleksandra Wachowicz hit .700, Kristen Nuss hit .696 and Sara Hughes hit .609
- Betsi Flint led all players with 9 aces, followed by Brook Bauer with 7... Bauer had the highest average (1.75 per set), followed by Flint (1.50) and Sarah Schermerhorn (1.50)
- Sarah Pavan stood tall with 11 blocks (4 more than the next player) in addition to 7 control blocks... her 2.20 blocks per set average is the highest so far, followed by Kelly Cheng and Taryn Kloth (1.75 each)

- Betsi Flint (31 digs) to lead the field in totals, while Kimberly Hildreth (7.33 digs per set) and Kristen Nuss (6.75) lead in average
- Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss will play Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles in a match to get into the semifinals... Kloth / Nuss are 2-0 in head to head meetings internationally but Flint / Scoles won the only previous AVP meeting (a three-set match in the Huntington Beach semifinals)
- In the other match to reach the semifinals, Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes plays Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson... 3 of those players competed in the Tokyo Olympics, and Wilkerson eliminated Cheng in the first round of the elimination bracket 22-24, 21-18, 15-13