

## Chicago Miscellaneous Notes from Saturday

### MEN

- So far a total of 17 of the 24 men's matches were sweeps
- Teams winning the first set are now 22-2
- 2 of the 24 matches were upsets (14 beat 3 and 12 beat 5) – no upsets happened on Saturday
- Two players had a hitting error of at least .600 through Saturday... Miles Partain (.683) and Chase Budinger (.625)
- Taylor Sander has the most aces (11) and the highest average (1.22 aces per set), just ahead of Theo Brunner (1.17)
- The B's are the blockers... Andy Benesh (20), Tri Bourne (18), Theo Brunner (15) and Taylor Sander (15) lead the field in total blocks... Benesh (2.86 per set), Brunner (2.50) and Bourne (2.00) are the leaders in average
- Chaim Schalk (45) and Hagen Smith (45) were tied as the dig leaders in totals, while Trevor Crabb (5.50 per set) and Avery Drost (5.14) led in averages
- The 6 teams left playing on Sunday are the teams seeded 1-6... the last time the AVP had a tournament with more than 8 teams that saw teams seeded 1st through 6th all finish in the top 5 of a event was in Hermosa Beach 2018, then #1 Theo Brunner / John Hyden won

### Women

- On Saturday 7 of the 12 matches went to a third set, bringing the total to 11 of the 24 matches
  - #13 Kimberly Hildreth / Teegan Van Gunst have been eliminated, but note before having 3 of their 4 matches go three sets
- Teams winning the first set are now 21-3 (only exceptions were the comeback kids, Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles, who have now twice lost the first set but won the match, as well as Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes)
- On Saturday 5 of the 12 matches were upsets, bringing the total to 7 of the 24 matches
- Hitting percentage fell Saturday, and now just 4 players are hitting at least .500 for the tournament... Kristen Nuss (.554) and Sara Hughes (.531) lead the field
- 4 players have double-digit aces so far, led by Brook Bauer (12) and Carly Kan (11)... those two also lead in average (Bauer 1.50 per set and Kan 1.38)
- Sarah Pavan has 20 blocks while the next most is 12... her 2.00 blocks per set average is the highest so far, followed by Kelly Cheng (1.43)

- There are 3 players who are far outpacing the rest of the field in digs (Kimberly Hildreth 71, Hailey Harward 68 and Geena Urango 65)... Corinne Quiggle (7.20 digs per set) leads in average
- Sunday the top 4 seeds, plus #6 and #8 are still alive... with #2 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes and #4 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles reaching the semifinals through the winner's bracket, those two teams have the advantage... in the 15 Chicago events in which seeds and match data were known (since 2002), just 3 times did the winner come from the contender's bracket