

Chicago – Women – #1 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 14th time on the AVP Tour and the 30th time overall

- The duo won 5 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, Austin 2022, Chicago 2022, Phoenix 2022, Atlanta 2023)
- Entering Chicago 18 of their last 24 matches have come against teams seeded 5th or better
- Entering Chicago in 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 53-16 in matches... they are 46-4 when winning the first set, 6-10 when losing the first set, and 0-2 in one-set matches and one win by forfeit...they are 15-6 in three-set matches
- They won 38 of their first 39 matches in their partnership when winning the first set, but in the first two tournaments this season they already lost 3 times when winning the first set
- In their AVP careers, 13 of their 16 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- 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
- The duo won a gold medal in Brazil at the end of April, their first Elite16 gold medal
- Internationally they have lost to Brazil's Duda / Ana Patricia in 5 of their last 6 tournaments (did not play them in Montreal)
- Kloth and Nuss were the AVP Team of the Year in 2022
- The duo has played twice before in Chicago, placing 3rd in 2021 and winning in 2022... entering this weekend they have a career 9-3 match record in Chicago, with 2 losses to Alix Klineman / April Ross
- In their win in Atlanta they swept all 5 opponents, including 3 matches against teams seeded 4th or better

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	2	1	2572	\$30,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	4	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	4	1	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	6	1	2321	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	6	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	2	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	6	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	9	3	756	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	9	5	810	\$7,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	14, Q4	1	1050	\$20,000.00

Taryn Kloth – age 26 – 6'4" – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Sioux Falls, S.D. – Creighton / Louisiana St.

- This is Kloth's 14th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 9 times, the finals 6 times, and has 5 wins
- 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 Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- 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 22,000 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

Kristen Nuss – age 25 – 5'6" – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss' 19th AVP event, and she has been to 9 semifinals, 6 championship matches, and has 5 wins
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments... in 4 of her first 5 AVP tournaments, Nuss was eliminated in a three-set match
- All 4 of her career partners on the AVP Tour were teammates of hers at LSU

Chicago – Women – #2 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes

Cheng / Hughes are playing together for the 14th time on the AVP Tour and 44th time overall

- The duo has won 4 times on the AVP Tour (Chicago 2017, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023)... they also have one 2nd place finish and four 3rds together
- The two began playing together in 2013 at the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Portugal (won bronze medal)... in 2014 they lost in an AVP qualifier, and won a bronze medal in the FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... in 2015 they formed a partnership at Southern Cal as sophomores... they competed together on the AVP through the end of the 2017 season before reuniting in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng and Hughes became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title in Chicago 2017... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22
- Entering Chicago including qualifiers and Tour Series, in 6 seasons the pair has a 55-16 match record... they are 51-4 when winning the first set and 4-12 when losing the first set... they are 11-7 in three-set matches... they won 4 straight AVP tournaments together (one in 2017, one in 2022 on Tour Series, two in 2023) and have won 24 consecutive matches (and each of their last 6 third sets) before losing in the semifinals in Atlanta... prior to that their last loss was in the 2017 Manhattan Beach semifinals against Emily Capers / Brittany Hochevar (losing 16-14 in the third set)
- Entering Atlanta and including Tour Series and international events, they have won 7 of the 15 events played since reuniting

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	1	3	2321	\$13,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Tour Series Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	8/31-9/3/2017	Chicago Championships	12	1	1200	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2017	Manhattan Beach Open	23	3	864	\$9,000.00
AVP	6/22-25/2017	Seattle Open	7	9	300	\$2,500.00
AVP	6/8-11/2017	New York City Open	13	7	444	\$4,400.00
AVP	6/23-26/2016	AVP San Francisco Open	13, Q1	2	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/16-19/2016	AVP New York City Open	14, Q5	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/13-16/2015	AVP Manhattan Beach Open	14	9	300	\$3,000.00
AVP	7/16-19/2015	AVP New York City Open	16, Q10	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/14-17/2014	Manhattan Beach Open	Q12	33	120	\$0.00

Kelly Cheng – age 27 – 6'2" – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng's 39th AVP event with 5 different partners... she has been to the finals with 4 of them
- Cheng has won 4 times (Chicago 2017, New Orleans 2022, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023) plus a win in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series ... she has also placed 2nd 8 times, and placed 3rd 17 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 30 of her 38 AVP events entering Chicago (79% of the tournaments)
- Cheng was named both the AVP Best Offensive Player and the Most Valuable Player in 2022
- Cheng has played in 10 different states on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them, and to the championship match in 6 different states (including Illinois)
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 8 seasons (2016-2023)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)
- This is the 6th time she has played in Chicago... she won in 2017 with Sara Hughes, was 3rd in 2018 with Brittany Hochevar, 3rd in 2019 with Sarah Sponcil, 7th in 2021 with Sponcil, and 3rd in 2022 with Betsi Flint

Sara Hughes – age 28 – 6'2" – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Hughes' 39th AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 6 wins (plus one Tour Series win), 4 seconds and 13 thirds
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 24 of her 38 AVP events (63%) entering Chicago, and in the championship match 11 times (29%)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Hughes has 4 partners with whom she has only played one tournament with... the other 4 partners she has played at least 6 times, and has been to a championship match with each of them
- This is the 6th time she has played in Chicago... she won in 2017 with Kelly Cheng, was 2nd in 2018 with Summer Ross, 3rd in 2019 with Brandie Wilkerson, 5th in 2021 with Wilkerson, and 5th in 2022 with Kelley Kolinske

Chicago – Women – #3 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and 13th time overall

- The duo advanced to the finals in each of their first 3 AVP tournaments together, winning in Miami 2023, then following a fifth in Huntington Beach they placed 2nd in Atlanta
- In their debut in Chicago 2022, the pair lost in the second round and had to win 4 straight must-win matches (including 2 three-setters) to reach the championship match
- In the 2023 season opener in Miami, the pair lost in the third round but then swept 3 three straight opponents to win the title
- The duo began the season 11-2 in matches but have gone 4-4 in their last 8 matches entering Chicago
- Entering Chicago the pair has a 20-8 match record... they are 17-1 when winning the first set and 3-7 when losing the first set... they are 5-2 in three-set matches
- Entering Chicago they are 6-4 all time against teams seeded 4th or better

All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	3	2	2444	\$22,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	3	5	1796	\$4,200.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	2	2	2095	\$8,500.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	3	2	2205	\$22,000.00

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 30 – 5'9" – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes' 16th AVP event with 2 different partners... she played her first 10 with Sarah Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 3 seconds and 2 thirds... she won in the 2023 season opener in Miami with Brandie Wilkerson
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 11 of her 15 completed AVP events and to the championship match 9 times entering Chicago
- In her 9 AVP title matches she was the #1 seed twice... in the other 7 finals she played against the #1 seed 5 times
- She won 2 AVP awards, both in 2019 (Best Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year)
- She has played in 80 FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro tournaments (9 golds, 7 silvers, 3 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan before getting her first with Brandie Wilkerson in June
- This is the 3rd time Humana-Paredes has played in Chicago... she was 5th in 2019 with Sarah Pavan and 2nd in 2022 with Brandie Wilkerson

Brandie Wilkerson – age 31 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Wilkerson is playing in her 25th AVP tournament with 7 different partners
- Won her first AVP title in the 2023 season opener in Miami... her other best career AVP finishes have been second 6 times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes, 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes, 2023 New Orleans with Humana-Paredes and 2023 Atlanta with Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
- Her appearance in the title match in New Orleans 2023 marked the only time in her AVP career that she has reached the finals through the winner's bracket (she came through the contender's bracket in the other 6)
- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments... then she played in 6 consecutive AVP events without reaching the semifinals... entering Chicago she has advanced to the semifinals in each 6 of her last 7 AVP outings
- In total she has been in the semifinals 12 times in her 24 AVP tournaments entering Chicago... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones

- Wilkerson has played 60 sets alongside Humana-Paredes entering Atlanta, and has at least 1 block in 48 of them (total of 84 blocks in those 60 sets)
- This is the 5th time Wilkerson has played in Chicago on the AVP Tour, placing 5th in 2017 with Nicole Branagh, 3rd in 2019 with Sara Hughes, 5th in 2021 with Sara Hughes and 2nd in 2022 with Melissa Humana-Paredes

Chicago – Women – #4 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles

Flint / Scoles are playing together for the 5th time on the AVP Tour and 16th time overall

- They have 1 win (in Manhattan Beach 2023), two 2nds and one 3rd on the AVP
- In their AVP debut (2023 season opener in Miami), the pair advanced to the championship match with their only 2 match losses coming to the #1 and #2 seeds in the event
- The duo then placed 3rd in New Orleans 2023 despite losing their first round match, winning 4 straight contender's bracket matches to reach the semis
- In Manhattan Beach they became the first team to ever be seeded #1 and lose to a #32 seed, but then they fought back through the contender's bracket to win the title, winning 8 straight matches in claiming the title
- Their first 3 tournaments as partners came on 3 different tours (AVP, World Beach Pro Tour and NORCECA)
- They won a silver medal internationally and then a gold on the NORCECA Beach Tour Final in December
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has an 20-7 match record... they are 15-2 when winning the first set and 3-5 when losing the first set with 2 forfeit wins... they are 7-3 in three-set matches (won 5 of the last 6 entering Chicago)

AVP Results

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AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	4	2	2095	\$8,500.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	3	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	3	2	2095	\$8,500.00

Betsi Flint – age 31 - 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 50th AVP event with her 6 different partners
- Flint has 7 AVP wins with 4 different partners, and her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019, 2022 and 2023... she has won with each of her partners that she has played more than 1 tournament with
- Her wins came in Mason 2015 (with Kelley Kolinske), San Francisco 2017 (with Kolinske), Seattle 2018 (with Emily Capers), San Francisco 2018 (with Capers), Hermosa Beach 2019 (with Capers), New Orleans 2022 (with Kelly Cheng) and Manhattan Beach 2023 (with Julia Scoles)
- Flint was the AVP Newcomer of the Year in 2015 and is a two-time Best Server (2019, 2022)
- She and Kelley Kolinske have the earliest AVP win of all players entered here with their September 2015 victory in Mason
- She finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske, which marked the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw
- Flint is playing an AVP event in Chicago for the 8th time in her career... she played with Kelley Kolinske 3 times (5th in 2015, 2nd in 2016 and 7th in 2017) and with Emily Capers 3 times (9th in 2018, 2nd in 2019 and 13th in 2021), then she was 3rd in 2022 with Kelly Cheng
- Flint's 7 AVP titles is tied for the most of any women's player competing this weekend (Sara Hughes has 6 AVP titles plus a Tour Series win)
- Flint won 3 AVP titles and 2 FIVB gold medals with current announcer Emily (Day) Capers

Julia Scoles – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Mooresville, N.C. – currently Mooresville, N.C. – North Carolina / Hawai'i / USC

- This is Scoles' 16th AVP tournament with 6 different partners

- She has 2 wins (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango and Manhattan Beach 2023 with Betsi Flint), 4 seconds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Urango, in Fort Lauderdale 2022 with Urango, in Miami 2023 with Betsi Flint and in Huntington Beach 2023 with Flint)... she also has 3 thirds (twice with Urango, once with Flint)
- Scoles was the 2022 AVP Rookie of the Year
- Her first 4 AVP events came with 4 different partners, and she lost in the qualifier 3 times then placed 17th... since then, she has advanced to the semis in 9 of her last 11 AVP tournaments entering Chicago
- Since the start of the 2022 season, she has been eliminated from 9 AVP events and 8 times the other team had an Olympian on it

Hermosa Beach – Women – #5 Corinne Quiggle / Sarah Schermerhorn

Quiggle / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 13th time on the AVP and the 26th time overall

- The duo has 1 win (Hermosa Beach 2023) and a pair of 3rds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series)
- Entering Hermosa Beach in 2 seasons together on the AVP they have a 29-21 match record (including Tour Series)... they are 23-6 when winning the first set and 6-14 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 11-6 in three-set matches... won 5 of their last 6 three-set matches entering Chicago
- Hermosa Beach will mark their 25th tournament (AVP and international) since May 2022... those 25 events have come in 11 different countries on 5 different continents

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	2	5	2095	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	5	7	1990	\$7,600.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	6	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	5	3	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	9	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	2	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	10	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	9	9	1706	\$4,300.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	10	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	9	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	2	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	7	7	1621	\$3,000.00

Corinne Quiggle – age 26 – 5’10” – hometown Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Quiggle’s 42nd AVP event with 11 different partners
- She got her first career victory in Hermosa Beach 2023 with Sarah Schermerhorn... she has two other semifinal appearances, a 3rd place in Muskegon 2022 with Sarah Schermerhorn on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series with Schermerhorn
- On the AVP Tour she has played in 11 different states... internationally she has played in 18 different countries
- This is her 6th time playing in Chicago... she was 21st in 2015 with Elise Zappia, 15th in 2018 with Kimberly Smith, 7th in 2019 with Amanda Lawson, 13th in 2021 with Emily Hartong, and 7th in 2022 with Sarah Schermerhorn

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 34 – 5’1” – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 37th AVP event with her 5 different partners
- She got her first career victory in Hermosa Beach 2023 with Corinne Quiggle... her other finals appearance was a 2nd place finish with long-time partner Kimberly Hildreth in Austin 2019
- She has reached 2 other semifinals in her career, both on the Tour Series and both with Quiggle (in Muskegon 2022 and Denver 2023)
- She was chosen as the AVP’s Rookie of the Year in 2019
- The 2019 Hermosa Beach even marked the first event of her career that she was seeded directly into the main draw (finished 5th with Kimberly Hildreth)... since then, she has never had to play in an AVP qualifier
- This is the 6th time she has played in Chicago... she was 33rd in 2017 with Kaley Melville, 25th in 2018 with Kimberly Hildreth, 9th in 2019 with Hildreth, 5th in 2021 with Megan Rice and 7th in 2022 with Quiggle

Chicago – Women – #6 Brook Bauer / Tina Gaudina

Bauer / Gaudina are playing together for the 1st time ever

- These two players met 12 times during their college beach careers... Gaudina was 11-0 and winning in one match when it was suspended
- They have met once since turning pro, in an international event in June 2023, with Gaudina winning

Brook Bauer – age 24 - 6'0" – hometown Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – currently Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Pepperdine / Florida State

- This is Bauer's 24th AVP event with her 8th different partner
- She has played 15 times with Katie Horton, and the other 9 tournaments with 7 different partners
- Her career best was a 2nd place with Katie Horton in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Her next best finish was 5th place, which she did 5 times with Horton
- Illinois marks her 11th different states already, with California (9) and Louisiana (3) the most frequent
- This is the 1st time that Bauer has played in Chicago
- This weekend Bauer is playing in her 9th tournament this season, which along with Katie Horton is the most of any player (and most possible as two tournaments overlapped)

Tina Gaudina – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Riga, Latvia – currently Long Island City, N.Y. – Southern Cal

- Gaudina is playing in her 4th AVP event ever with her 4th different partner
- She placed 9th in Manhattan Beach 2021 with Megan Kraft, then won in Fort Lauderdale 2022 alongside Hailey Harward... she and Sarah Pavan were 5th in Chicago 2022
- Between AVP and FIVB (and subsequently World Beach Pro Tour), she has played 48 times (including Chicago)... she has played 42 of those with her Tokyo Olympic partner Anastasija Samoilova, and the other 6 tournaments have been with 6 different partners
- Entering this weekend she has a career 10-4 match record on the AVP... 3 of her match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian

Chicago – Women – #8 Hailey Harward / Kelley Kolinske

Harward / Kolinske are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP and the 14th time overall

- The duo placed 9th in Huntington Beach in their AVP debut, then won in Denver on the Tour Series, then placed 9th in both Hermosa Beach and Atlanta, and finished in 2nd place in Manhattan Beach
- They have a best of 9th (4 times) in Challenge events internationally... they also won a silver medal on the NORCECA Tour
- In 1 season on the AVP Tour (including Tour Series) they have a 15-8 match record... they are 14-3 when winning the first set and 1-5 when losing the first set... they are 4-3 in three-set matches
- Entering Chicago just 2 of their last 11 matches on the AVP Tour has gone to a third set

All AVP Results

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AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	7	2	2444	\$21,000.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	8	9	1891	\$5,200.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	1	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	1	1	1621	\$3,800.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	6	9	1621	\$2,000.00

Hailey Harward – age 25 – 5'9" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Long Beach State / Southern Cal

- Harward is playing in her 20th AVP event with 11 different partners... Hermosa Beach was the first time she has played with any partner more at least 3 times
- She has 1 Pro Series win (with Tina Graudina in Fort Lauderdale 2022), one Tour Series win (with Kelley Kolinske in Denver 2023)... she also has 1 second (in Manhattan Beach 2023 with Kolinske) and 1 third (with Emily Capers in New Orleans 2022)
- In her 4 tournaments in which she reached the semifinals, she had a total of 21 main draw match wins... in her other 15 AVP events (including Tour Series) entering Chicago she has won 15 main draw matches
- Including international events, Chicago marks her 13th tournament since the middle of March
- This is Harward's 1st time playing in Chicago... Illinois marks the 9th different state she has played in on the AVP Tour... internationally she has played in 7 different countries

Kelley Kolinske – age 31 – 6'2" – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Jamul, Calif. – Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 45th AVP Tournament with 5 different partners... she has 5 wins (including 1 Tour Series), 4 seconds, 8 thirds... her victories came in 2015 (Mason), 2017 (San Francisco), 2019 (Seattle) and 2022 (Manhattan Beach), and then in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series
- Kolinske played just once in 2014 (9th place), but since then has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of the last 9 seasons (through 2023), including to a championship match in 6 different years (including this year)
- Billy Kolinske proposed to Kelley Larsen on stadium court in Chicago in August 2019... they were then married in 2020... he played in the qualifier in Huntington Beach on August 11 in an attempt to get into the main draw this weekend but lost 15-13 in the third set of the match to get in
- She and Betsi Flint have the earliest AVP win of all players entered here with their September 2015 victory in Mason
- Entering Chicago she has been in the semifinals in 9 of her last 14 AVP tournaments (exceptions were Austin 2022, Chicago 2022, Huntington Beach 2023, Hermosa Beach 2023 and Atlanta 2023)
- This is Kolinske's 8th time playing in Chicago... she played 3 times with Betsi Flint (5th in 2015, 2nd in 2016 and 7th in 2017), 2 times with Emily Stockman (5th in 2018 and 7th in 2019), then placed 3rd in 2021 with Zana Munoz and 5th in 2022 with Sara Hughes

Chicago – Women – #9 Deahna Kraft / Toni Rodriguez

Kraft / Rodriguez are playing together for the 1st time ever

- These two players are from opposite coasts (Kraft from Hawai'i and Washington, Rodriguez from Louisiana) and they went to schools in 3 different parts of the country (Kraft went to Pepperdine and Wisconsin, Rodriguez went to Louisiana State)... but they both live in southern California now
- The duo qualified for Chicago by being one of the top 4 teams in the single-day qualifier in Huntington Beach on August 11 as the number one seed
- In that qualifier they swept all 3 opponents... they held their foes to 14 points or less in 5 of the 6 sets, and in the other one (in the match to get into the main draw) they won 31-29)

Deahna Kraft – age 24 – 6'0" – hometown Seattle, Wash. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine / Wisconsin

- Kraft is playing in her 23rd career AVP tournament with her 9th different partner
- She has 1 win, with Allie Wheeler in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kraft has 3 other AVP semifinals, finishing in 3rd place each time... two came with Wheeler on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Atlantic City), and then in Manhattan Beach 2023 with Toni Rodriguez
- She has played 10 AVP events in the state of California, while her other 13 tournaments (including Chicago) have come in 9 different states
- Including Chicago, she has played 9 times with Allie Wheeler and the other 14 events with 8 different partners
- Kraft began the season with a pair of events alongside Kaitlyn Malaney, placing 7th in Miami and 13th in New Orleans then played 5 times with Zana Munoz
- This is the 1st time Kraft has played in Chicago

Toni Rodriguez – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown St. Amant, La. – currently Torrance, Calif. – LSU

- Rodriguez is playing in her 13th career AVP tournament with her 6th different partner
- Her career best finish (outside the Tour Series) was ironically the tournament which she was injured and had to withdraw... she and Savvy Simo placed 5th in New Orleans 2022... she equaled that mark in New Orleans 2023 with another 5th-place finish, also with Simo... and the duo again got a 5th in Manhattan Beach 2023... on the Tour Series she has a best of 2nd place in Denver 2023 with Simo
- In her AVP career she played 36 matches (including qualifiers and forfeited matches) before finally losing to a team seeded worse than her
- This is the 2nd time Rodriguez has played in Chicago... she was 21st with Aurora Davis in 2021

Chicago – Women – #10 Megan J. Rice / Emily Stockman

Megan J. Rice / Stockman are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Rice is in her first season playing pro beach volleyball while Stockman is competing for the last time

Megan J. Rice – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara / Loyola Marymount

- Rice is playing in her 8th career AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- She had her career best 2nd-place finish in Hermosa Beach with Savvy Simo... that tournament was her first main draw other than a Tour Series event in June in Virginia Beach with Allie Wheeler
- This is her first season playing pro beach volleyball
- In Hermosa Beach Rice was part of history as in the second round she played against another player named Megan Rice (the first known time that two players with the same name played against each other in pro beach volleyball)... Megan J. Rice won that match in three sets

Emily Stockman – age 35 – 6'0" – hometown Colorado Springs, Colo. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Winthrop / Wichita State

- This is Stockman's 54th (and final) AVP event with 15th different partner
- She has 1 AVP win (Seattle 2019 with Kelley Kolinske) and 1 second (Austin 2017 with Kim DiCello)... she has 9 third-place finishes... in all, her 10 AVP semifinals have come with 6 different partners
- Stockman has played more times internationally (73 on the FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour) than on the AVP (Chicago will be her 54th event)
- She has played an AVP event in 13 different states, advancing to the semifinals in 6 of them (not Illinois though)
- She played in New Orleans 2023 with Sarah Pavan, finishing in 5th place after a three-set loss in the match to get into the semifinals
- This is the 8th time Stockman has played in Chicago on the AVP Tour, with her 7th different partner... she was 5th in 2015 with Ali McColloch, 5th with Jennifer Fopma in 2016, 17th in 2017 with Kim DiCello, 5th in 2018 with Kelley Kolinske, 7th in 2019 with Kolinske, 9th in 2021 with Sarah Pavan, and 9th in 2022 with Megan Kraft

Chicago – Women – #12 Sarah Pavan / Geena Urango

Pavan / Urango are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo finished 5th in their debut in Atlanta, then placed 13th in Manhattan Beach
- The two players have played against each other 3 times, and all 3 meetings were sweeps by Pavan... the first time was in Seattle 2017, with Pavan winning in a contender's bracket match... in Austin 2022 they met in the first round and Pavan won... in Phoenix 2022 they met in the 5th/6th place match, with Pavan winning
- Pavan is the oldest female player competing here and Urango is the 4th oldest

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	5	13	1706	\$3,050.00
AVP	8/4-6/2023	Gold Series Atlanta Open	11	5	2095	\$10,000.00

Sarah Pavan – age 36 – 6'5" – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Nebraska

- This is Pavan's 23rd AVP event with 10 different partners... she has played 10 times with Melissa Humana-Paredes and the other 13 events with 9 different partners (including Chicago)
- Pavan has 2 AVP wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), both with Melissa Humana-Paredes
- Pavan's AVP career: 1 semifinal in her first 6 AVP events, then advanced to the semifinals in 7 of 9 tournaments, now has finished 5th or worse in 7 straight AVP events entering Chicago
- Chicago will mark Pavan's 7th different partner in her last 9 AVP tournaments... adding to that challenge is the fact that she had been playing internationally with Melissa Humana-Paredes, then with Sophie Bukovec, and since June has partnered with Molley McBain
- Pavan is the tallest player in the tournament and the oldest
- This is her 4th time playing in Chicago with her 4th different partner... she was 5th in 2019 with Melissa Humana-Paredes, 9th in 2021 with Emily Stockman, and 5th in 2022 with Tina Graudina

Geena Urango – age 34 – 5'11" – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 68th AVP tournament with 16 different partners
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 9 seconds and 8 thirds
- Urango has advanced to the championship match with 5 different partners... 5 of her title matches came between 2015 and 2018, then her other 5 came last season and this year
- In her career she has partnered with 3 beach Olympians (Alix Klineman, Lauren Fendrick and now Sarah Pavan)... plus she played with the niece of a beach Olympian, Falyn Fonoimoana (whose uncle Eric won a gold medal in Sydney in 2000)
- Her AVP career has spanned 16 different states, and she has advanced to a semifinal (including Tour Series) in 10 different states including Illinois
- This is Urango's 8th AVP event in Chicago with 7th different partner... her best finish here was 3rd in 2016 with Ali McColloch

Chicago – Women – #13 Kimberly Hildreth / Teegan Van Gunst

Hildreth / Van Gunst are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP and 9th time overall

- Their best finish was a 3rd in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series when they were seeded #1... their next best finish was a 5th in the season opener in Miami in their debut... their only 2 losses in that event were to the teams seeded #1 and #2
- In the qualifier to get into this main draw (held in Huntington Beach on August 11), they won all 3 in sweeps, winning by an average score of 21-15
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together (including qualifiers and the Tour Series) they have a 16-14 match record... they are 15-3 when winning the first set and 1-11 when losing the first set... they are 2-7 in three-set matches
- Last weekend the duo played in a Futures event in Brno... they advanced from the qualifier and won a silver medal as the 16th-seeded team... they played 6 main draw matches, all of which came against teams seeded 8th or better
- The two players have faced each other 4 times, alternating wins... in Chicago 2018 Van Gunst defeated Hildreth in the qualifier in three sets... on the FIVB Tour in Guam 2020, Hildreth swept Van Gunst in the qualifier... Van Gunst won a three-set match in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series... in the 2022 season finale in Tevares, Hildreth eliminated Van Gunst

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	11	9	1891	\$4,300.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	8	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	7	9	1192	\$0.00
AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	1	3	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	14, Q2	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	14, Q2	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	10	5	1796	\$4,200.00

Kimberly Hildreth – age 32 - 5'8" – hometown Novi, Mich. – currently Novi, Mich. – Eastern Michigan / North Florida

- This is Hildreth's 41st AVP event with 8 different partners
- Her best finish of 2nd came in Austin 2019 with Sarah Schermerhorn... she also had a 3rd place with Karolina Marciniak in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series with Teegan Van Gunst
- Including Chicago she played 18 times with Sarah Schermerhorn and 23 times with her other 7 partners
- This is the 6th time Hildreth has played in Chicago...she played twice with Katie Hogan (33rd in 2017 and 17th in 2021), twice with Sarah Schermerhorn (25th in 2018 and 9th in 2019), and once with Karolina Marciniak (7th in 2022)

Teegan Van Gunst – age 28 – 6'0" – hometown Fayetteville, Ga. – currently Santa Ana, Calif. – Georgia Tech / Georgia State

- Van Gunst is playing in her 28th AVP tournament with just 3 different partners
- Her best career finish was a 2nd place in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series with Aurora Davis.... she also had a 3rd place finish with Davis in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series with Kimberly Hildreth
- She played 11 events with her twin sister Annika Rowland, then 9 times with Aurora Davis
- This marks the 4th time she has played in Chicago but the first time with a partner other than her twin sister Annika Rowland... in 2018 the sisters were 17th, then were 25th in 2019 and 9th in 2021

Chicago – Women – #14 Lexy Denaburg / Carly Kan

Denaburg / Kan are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and the 5th time overall

- The duo finished in 3rd place in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series in their debut, and placed 3rd again in Hermosa Beach before taking a 17th in Manhattan Beach
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP (including Tour Series) they have a 9-5 match record... they are 7-0 when winning the first set and 2-5 when losing the first set... they are 3-3 in three-set matches
- The duo qualified for Chicago by being one of the top 4 teams in the single-day qualifier in Huntington Beach on August 11
- In that qualifier they went 3-0 in matches, including one three-set match

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	8/24-27/2023	Futures Seoul	15, Q4	1	400	\$1,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	15	17	1540	\$1,200.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	14	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	6	3	1463	\$1,000.00

Lexy Denaburg – age 22 – 6’0” – hometown Merritt Island, Fla. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – UCLA

- Denaburg is playing in her 10th career AVP tournament with 5 different partners
- Her career best finish is 3rd place, which she did in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series with Carly Kan and then again in Hermosa Beach 2023 with Kan
- This season she has played 6 AVP events (including Chicago) with 3 different partners... she was 29th in Huntington Beach with Maria Clara Salgado, then finished 3rd in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series with Carly Kan, then was 25th in Denver on the Tour Series with Megan J. Rice... this is her 3rd straight event with Kan

Carly Kan – age 28 – 5’9” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – currently Honolulu, Hawai’i – Missouri / Hawai’i

- This is Kan’s 23rd AVP event with 11 different partners
- Kan won on the Tour Series in Waupaca 2022 with Kaitlyn Malaney, then won her first AVP Pro Series title in the 2022 season finale in Tavares with Jennifer Keddy
- She has 3 other semifinal appearances... she and Kaitlyn Malaney placed 2nd in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series... this year she has had a pair of 3rd-place finishes with Lexy Denaburg (in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series and in Hermosa Beach)
- She has played 7 times with Kaitlyn Malaney and the other 16 times (including Chicago) with 10 different partners
- Her 23 AVP events have come in 11 different states
- In Kan’s first 8 AVP tournaments she had a best of 9th place... since then she has advanced to 3 championship matches (2 on the Tour Series) and a total of 5 semifinals in her last 14 events entering Chicago
- She is playing in her 7th AVP event of the season with her 4th different partner
- This is the 4th time she has played in Chicago... she was 13th in 2019 with Katie Horton, 9th in 2021 with Chelsea Rice and 9th in 2022 with Kaitlyn Malaney
- The 2019 Chicago event marked Kan’s first ever AVP main draw... after winning 3 qualifier matches to get in, she won her first AVP main draw match against Kimberly Hildreth / Sarah Schermerhorn

Chicago – Women – #15 Macy Jerger / Megan Rice

Jerger / Rice are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP

- They have one win on the Tour Series (in Virginia Beach 2023), which they capped off with 3 consecutive wins over the event's top 3 seeds
- Entering Chicago in 1 season together on the AVP (including qualifiers) they have a 12-7 match record... they are 9-2 when winning the first set and 3-4 when losing the first set with 1 forfeit loss... they are 4-3 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/17-20/2023	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	16	13	1706	\$3,050.00
AVP	7/7-9/2023	Pro Series Hermosa Beach Open	12	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	9	9	1192	\$0.00
AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	5	1	1621	\$3,800.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	Q8	21	1192	\$0.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	Q4	21	1192	\$0.00

Macy Jerger – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Fort Myers, Fla. – currently Fort Myers, Fla. – Florida State

- This is Jerger's 26th AVP event with 14 different partners
- She has 1 Tour Series win (in Virginia Beach 2023 with Megan Rice)
- Her next best finishes are two 5th-place showings (in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Carly Skjodt and in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Kahlee York)
- This will be the 7th time playing with Rice, the most of any partner... she has played in just 1 tournament with 10 different partners
- Jerger has played an AVP event in 10 different states
- This is the 3rd time she has played in Chicago... she was 25th in 2019 with Priscilla Lima and 13th in 2021 with Devon Newberry

Megan Rice – age 29 – 5'11" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Highland Beach, Fla. – Florida / Florida Atlantic

- Rice is playing in her 34th AVP event with 14 different partners
- She has 1 Tour Series win (in Virginia Beach 2023 with Macy Jerger)
- She made her AVP debut in Manhattan Beach in 2016 and was eliminated by current AVP announcer Emily (Day) Capers
- In Hermosa Beach 2019 she and Katie Hogan were seeded 13th in the qualifier, where they won 3 matches... they then advanced all the way to the championship match... both of their losses that event came to #1 seed Emily Capers and Betsi Flint... they were both the lowest seeded main draw team (21st) to ever play in an AVP championship match, as well as the lowest seeded qualifier team (13th) to ever reach the finals
- Her other AVP semifinal came in the 2022 season finale in Tavares, placing 3rd with Carly Wopat
- This is the 4th time she has played in Chicago... she was 13th with Taylor Nyquist in 2019, 5th with Sarah Schermerhorn in 2021, and 13th with Jessica Gaffney in 2022

Chicago – Women – #16 Katie Horton / Devon Newberry

Horton / Newberry are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The duo qualified for Chicago by being one of the top 4 teams in the single-day qualifier in Huntington Beach on August 11
- In that event they swept all 3 opponents in nearly the same fashion, winning a close first set and then an easy second set win... their scores were 21-19, 21-15 in the first match, 21-18, 21-16 in the second set, and 28-26, 21-14 in the third match

Katie Horton – age 28 – 6'1" – hometown Westland, Mich. – currently Westland, Mich. – Ohio / Florida State

- Horton is playing in her 27th AVP event with her 10th different partner
- Her best 9 finishes have all come with Brook Bauer... her best finish was a 2nd place in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Horton's next best finishes are the five 5ths she has had this season (2 of which have been on the Tour Series, 2 on the Pro Series, and 1 on the Gold Series in Atlanta)
- 15 of her 27 tournaments have come with Bauer, and the other 12 have been alongside 9 different partners
- She has already competed in 12 different states on the AVP Tour
- This is the 3rd time that Horton has played in Chicago... she was 13th with Carly Kan in 2019 and 29th with Hailey Luke in 2021
- After being eliminated in 7 straight qualifiers to begin her career, her first main draw came in Chicago 2019 with Carly Kan... her first main draw match was a win against Kimberly Hildreth / Sarah Schermerhorn
- This weekend Horton is playing in her 9th tournament this season, which along with Brook Bauer is the most of any player (and most possible as two tournaments overlapped)

Devon Newberry – age 22 – 5'10" – hometown Santa Monica, Calif. – currently Santa Monica, Calif. – UCLA

- This is Newberry's 15th AVP event with her 7th different partner
- Her two best finishes have both come with Jaden Whitmarsh this season... they were 5th in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series and then 7th in Hermosa Beach
- This is the 2nd time that she has played in Chicago, having finished 13th in 2021 with Macy Jerger after advancing from the qualifier
- Illinois is one of just 5 states that she has played in on the AVP Tour (California, Colorado, Illinois, Virginia, Washington)