

New Orleans Miscellaneous Notes from Friday

MEN

- There were 3 upsets on the men's side
- 4 of the 12 matches went 3 sets... teams winning the first set were 9-3
- Avery Drost leads the tournament with his .586 hitting percentage (58 attacks, 37 kills, just 3 hitting errors)
- Paul Lotman has 13 aces... the other 31 men competing here have combined for a total of 41 aces... he had 4 aces in a set twice (Timothy Brewster and Sililia Tucker are the only other players who have at least 4 aces in the tournament so far)
- Tri Bourne and Paul Lotman both lead the field with 11 blocks
- Chase Frishman leads the field with 7.25 digs per set
- Of the 4 undefeated teams left, 2 are playing together on the AVP Tour for the first time, while 1 is playing for the second time (Paul Lotman / Silila Tucker)... the other team, Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend, has played more events together than any other team in the field despite just beginning their partnership in July 2022

Women

- There were just three upsets, but one was a big one (#3 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles lost in the first round)
- 4 of the 12 matches went three sets, and teams winning the first set were 11-1
- Sarah Hughes played 4 sets and did not have a single hitting error (21 kills in 33 attempts, .636 hitting percentage)
- Her partner, Kelly Cheng, has the 2nd highest hitting percentage in the event so far (.609)
- Taryn Kloth has 11 blocks, equal to the combined total of the next two players
- Kelly Cheng had 5 aces in the first set of her first match... only one other player (Sarah Pavan, 6 aces) has more than 5 aces in the tournament so far (Cheng 8 total aces so far)
- Savvy Simo leads the field with 7.50 digs per set
- Last year in New Orleans Kelly Cheng and Betsi Flint defeated Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss in the championship match... Saturday Cheng (and Sara Hughes) will face Kloth and Nuss in the match to get to the semifinals
- In the other match to reach the semifinals, former partners Sarah Pavan and Melissa Humana-Paredes face off against each other for the first time ever