

New Orleans Miscellaneous Notes from end of tournament

- This was the 4th time that New Orleans has hosted an AVP tournament in which seeds were known (2015, 2016, 2022 and 2023)... all eight winning teams (men and women) were seeded number one

MEN

- There were 8 upsets on the men's side
- 12 of the 29 matches went 3 sets... teams winning the first set were 21-8
- Avery Drost led the tournament as the only player to hit over .500 (.523 hitting percentage (107 attacks, 64 kills, 8 hitting errors)
- Paul Lotman had 13 aces, 4 more than the next player... he was one of two players to have an average of at least 1.00 aces per set average (Lotman 1.44, Phil Dalhausser 1.00)
- Tri Bourne edged out the competition with 23 total blocks (two players had 22) and his 1.92 average per set was just higher than the next two (1.89 and 1.83)
- Chaim Schalk had the most total digs (77) as well as the highest average (6.42 digs per set)
- In the championship match, Billy Allen / Troy Field won the first set 27-25 over Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk... that was the highest scoring set in a men's title match since the 2019 season opener in Huntington Beach (Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb defeated Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson 27-25)

Women

- There were just 6 upsets on the women's side
- 14 of the 29 matches went three sets, and teams winning the first set were 21-8
- The team that won the title in New Orleans, Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng, hit .498 as a team with both players in the top 5 in hitting percentage (Hughes .524, 3rd best and Cheng .480, 5th best)
- 5 women had at least as many aces as sets played... Carly Kan led in average (1.20 per set) while Betsi Flint led in totals (15)
- Taryn Kloth had 26 blocks (next two players combined for 27 blocks) and averaged 1.86 per set
- Savvy Simo led the field in both total digs (99) as well as average (7.62)
- In the championship match Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes defeated Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson 21-9 in the first set... the 9 points were the fewest in a title match (first or second set) since San Francisco 2017 when Betsi Flint / Kelley Kolinske won 21-8 in the second set against Lane Carico / Alix Klineman