

Fort Lauderdale – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, July 31, 2022 – Men’s Championship Match

3:00 pm – #1 Theo Brunner / Chain Schalk vs #2 Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb

NOTE: The notes below do not include events on the Tour Series unless specifically stated

Head to Head

- Brunner / Schalk lead the series 3-2... 3 of the 5 meetings have gone to a third set:

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
7/9/22	AVP	Hermosa Beach Open	Contender 3	Brunner/Schalk	2	Bourne/Crabb	1	21-19, 22-20	0:48
9/3/21	AVP	Chicago Open	Winner 2	Bourne/Crabb	4	Brunner/Schalk	5	21-10, 21-15	0:35
8/22/21	AVP	Manhattan Beach Open	Semi-Finals	Bourne/Crabb	4	Brunner/Schalk	3	18-21, 21-18, 15-11	1:03
8/15/21	AVP	Atlanta Open	Semi-Finals	Brunner/Schalk	4	Bourne/Crabb	6	10-21, 21-19, 15-11	0:54
2/18/21	FIVB	Doha 4-star	Country Quota	Brunner/Schalk	Q18	Bourne/Crabb		17-21, 21-17, 15-11	0:54

Title Tidbits

- The team winning the first set of AVP title matches has won 30 of the last 34 times
- 17 of the last 21 AVP championship matches were won by the higher seeded teams (just 4 upsets in that span)
- This title match features the top two seeds... the last two times that happened on the AVP Tour were both in 2020, in the Long Beach events, which were 8-team main draws... prior to that, the last time it happened was May 2017 in Austin... including the Long Beach events, the top seeds met for the title in just 2 of the previous 31 AVP events (excluding Tour Series) before today
- This will be the 5th straight AVP title won by a team seeded either first or second, and the 16th time in the last 22 tournaments a #1 or #2 seed has won

Brunner / Schalk are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and the 21st time overall

- The duo has advanced to the semifinals in 4 of their 5 AVP tournaments, and won in Hermosa Beach
- Internationally they played 15 times with one gold and one fourth-place finish
- On the AVP Tour they are 22-7 in matches... they are 20-3 when winning the first set and 2-4 when losing the first set... they are 5-3 in three-set matches... they enter the championship match having won 9 consecutive matches
- Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena won both of the first two Long Beach events in 2020 and since then no team has been able to win consecutive AVP titles... Brunner and Schalk look to join that list today

Theo Brunner – age 37 – 6’7” – hometown Ridgefield, Conn. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara

- This is Brunner’s 59th AVP event, winning 4 times (in Huntington Beach 2013 with Nick Lucena, in Seattle 2016 with Billy Allen, in Hermosa Beach 2018 with John Hyden and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Schalk)... he also has 5 seconds and 12 thirds... he has now been in the semifinals in 22 of his AVP tournaments (37%)
- Since advancing to his first semifinal in 2013, he has been in at least one AVP semifinal in each season with the exception of 2015 (played just 2 tournaments that year)
- Brunner has never played with a partner more than 8 times in his AVP career... he has played with 15 different partners, has advanced to the semifinals with 6 of them and to a title match with 5 different players
- This is Bruner’s 10th AVP final (4-5 record)... he has played a team with at least one beach Olympian in 8 of those (including Fort Lauderdale)

Chain Schalk – age 36 – 6’5” – hometown Red Deer, Alberta – currently Gardena, Calif.

- Schalk is playing in his 29th AVP Tournament with his 7th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Brunner), 3 second-place finishes, and 8 third-place finishes
- Schalk has advanced to the semifinals in 14 of his 29 AVP tournaments (48%), and has done so with 5 different partners
- This is Schalk’s 6th AVP final (2-3 record), and the 5th time he has faced a Crabb (Taylor 4 times)

Bourne / Trevor Crabb are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP Tour and 43rd time overall... they have 2 AVP wins (Long Beach 2020 event #3 and Manhattan Beach 2021) and 1 FIVB win (Qinzhou 2018)

- Bourne was 8-0 vs Trevor Crabb on the AVP Tour, while Trevor Crabb was 1-0 vs Bourne on the FIVB Tour
- In their first 2 events this year they were seeded first, the first time ever the pair has been seeded #1 on the AVP Tour
- In 5 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 46-22 (68%) in matches, 40-4 (91%) when winning the first set, 6-18 (25%) when losing the first set, and 16-8 (67%) in three-set matches

Tri Bourne – age 33 – 6’5” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Bourne’s 36th AVP event... he has played with just 3 partners in his career (with just one event with Raffie Paulis, the remainder with John Hyden and Crabb)
- He has won 5 times, placed 2nd 7 times, and placed 3rd 13 times... he has advanced to the semifinals in 25 of his 35 completed AVP events (71% of the tournaments entered)
- Bourne has advanced to the semifinals in 25 of his last 30 AVP tournaments
- Bourne has played in 12 AVP title matches before today, and has won the first set 11 times

Trevor Crabb – age 32 – 6’4” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Puget Sound / Long Beach State

- Trevor Crabb is playing in his 50th AVP Tournament, with 3 wins, 8 second-place finishes, and 15 third-place finishes... all 3 of his wins have come in California
- Crabb and Casey Patterson are the only players to have reached the semifinals in each of the past 9 years (2014-2022)
- Crabb has lost 8 AVP championship matches, with 5 of them in three-set matches