

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, March 17, 2023 – Match 1
9:05 am – #4 Billy Allen / Andy Benesh vs #13 Ian Satterfield / Jake Urrutia

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams

Allen / Benesh are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and 6th time overall

- The duo is reuniting after playing in all 3 AVP tournaments in 2021 together before splitting in 2022... they have been to 2 AVP semifinals, in each of their last two outings (2021 Manhattan Beach and 2021 Chicago)
- On the AVP Tour they are 10-5 in matches, including 5-1 when winning the first set and 5-4 when losing the first set... they are 7-2 in three-set matches
- In their last tournament together (Chicago 2021), all 4 of their matches went three sets

Billy Allen – age 41 – 6’2” – hometown Fallbrook, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Cal State Northridge

- This is Allen’s 123rd AVP event with his 16th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick), 3 2nds and 11 3rds
- Allen is one of 3 players here (all men) who played the last time the AVP was in Miami... he placed 17th with AJ Mihalic in 2007 and 25th with Braidy Halverson in 2008

Andy Benesh – age 28 – 6’9” – hometown Ranch Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. – USC

- Benesh is playing in his 29th career AVP tournament with 9 different partners
- Benesh has won twice on the AVP Tour (in the 2022 season opener in Austin and in Denver on the Tour Series)
- In 6 of his last 12 AVP tournaments, Benesh has reached the semifinals... prior to that stretch he had never made a semifinal in his first 16 tournaments

Satterfield / Urrutia are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour

- The duo played one NORCECA event together, in the Cayman Islands last November, and despite being seeded 10th won a gold medal

Ian Satterfield – age 31 - 6’6” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Satterfield’s 37th AVP event with his 20th different partner... he has played just 1 event (including this one) with 16 of his partners
- He got his career best finish in Waupaca (Tour Series) last year, placing 3rd with Caleb Kewkel
- Satterfield made his pro beach volleyball debut in Hermosa Beach 2008 with Beau Vandeweghe... he lost in the qualifier 21-7, 21-7 to Billy Allen (and Braidy Halverson)
- In his 2nd AVP main draw ever, in San Francisco 2017, he lost his first match against Billy Allen (and Stafford Slick, who would go on to finish in 2nd place that event... Satterfield lost against to Allen and Slick in Huntington Beach 2019

Jake Urrutia – age 28 – 6’4” – hometown Hillsborough, N.J. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- Urrutia is playing in his 20th AVP tournament with his 13th different partner
- Miami marks his new career best as his previous best finishes were 17ths (in Hermosa Beach 2019 and in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series)
- He defeated Benesh in the qualifier in Huntington Beach 2019