

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, September 2, 2022 – Match 1
8:05 am – #4 Kelly Cheng / Betsi Flint vs #13 Carly Skjodt / Molly Turner

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Neither Cheng nor Flint has ever played against Skjodt
- Cheng is 2-0 against Turner, with both wins in sweeps this year (New Orleans and Atlanta)
- Flint is 5-1 all time against Turner (the meetings were in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022)... Turner's win came in Atlanta 2021

Cheng / Flint are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and 11th time overall

- The duo placed 7th in Atlanta (losing in a one-set match), which was their only AVP event in which they did not advance to the semifinals
- Together they have a 22-6 match record on the AVP... they are 18-0 when winning the first set and 4-5 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 8-2 in three-set matches
- They have been in the semifinals in 5 AVP tournaments this year, tied with Julia Scoles / Geena Urango for the most
- Currently have the 4th spot for the AVP Championships in Phoenix

Kelly Cheng – age 26 – 6'2" – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng's 33rd AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Cheng has won 2 times (Chicago 2017 and New Orleans 2022), placed 2nd 7 times, and placed 3rd 15 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 24 of her 32 AVP events (75% of the tournaments completed)
- Cheng has played in 9 different states on the AVP Tour, and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 7 seasons (2016-2022)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)

Betsi Flint – age 30 – 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 43rd AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Flint has won 6 AVP titles, 8 seconds and 5 thirds... her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019 and 2022... she has won with each of her partners except Jane Chafeh (played once, finished 13th)
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 19 of her 42 completed AVP events (45% of the events completed)
- Flint finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske... that is the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw
- Last year in Chicago Emily Day and Betsi Flint had to pull out due to a family emergency

Skjodt / Turner are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Earned a berth by winning in Seaside (defeated Delaney Mewhirter / Kelly Reeves in the finals)

Carly Skjodt – age 25 – 6'1" – hometown Indianapolis, Ind. – currently Venice, Calif. – Michigan

- This is Skjodt's 9th AVP event with her 5th different partner
- She has played the fewest pro beach volleyball tournaments of any player in Chicago
- She played in two qualifiers in 2019, then not again until this season (and has played in the main draw each time this year)
- Last weekend she finished 3rd in Virginia Beach alongside Katie Dickens... her only two match losses came against the two teams which played in the championship match

Molly Turner – age 26 – 5'8" – hometown Naperville, Ill. – currently Naperville, Ill. – Grand Canyon University

- This is Turner's 36th AVP event with her 12th different partner
- Turner had her career best of 3rd place last year in Atlanta with Terese Cannon

- Despite being from Illinois, she played 14 AVP events elsewhere before first playing in Chicago (2018, finished 13th after advancing from the qualifier)