

Austin – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, May 5, 2022 – Match 1

9:05 am – #4 Sara Hughes / Kelley Kolinske vs #13 Carly Kan / Kaitlyn Leary

Head to Head

- This marks the first time any of these players have faced off against any of their opponents (even with different partners)

Hughes / Kolinske are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- The team played in three FIVB events earlier this year, improving each time from 9th to 5th to winning a gold medal in the Itapema (Brazil) Challenge on April 17
- In capturing the FIVB title last month, the duo beat five Olympians, including 2016 Silver Medalist Barbara Seixas

Sara Hughes – age 27 – 5’10” – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern California

- This is Hughes’ 28th AVP event... she has 3 wins, 4 seconds and 8 thirds... last win was Hermosa Beach 2018
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 15 of her 26 AVP events (56% of the tournaments entered), and in the championship match 7 times (25% of the time)
- Hughes’ AVP career began with 3 events losing in the qualifier, then advanced to the semis in 4 of her next 7 AVP tournaments, then won 3 consecutive times, then reached the semis in 8 of her next 10 AVP events... she has since gone 4 straight tournaments with a 5th place or lower (longest streak of her career)

Kelley Kolinske – age 30 – 6’2” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Jamul, California – Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 33rd AVP Tournament, with 3 wins, 3 second-place finishes and 4 third-place finishes... her victories came in 2015, 2017 and 2019
- Kolinske played once in 2014 (9th place), but since then has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of the last 8 seasons, including to a championship match in 4 different years
- Kolinske played once in Austin previously, and it was her first time ever being seeded #1 on the AVP Tour (finished 7th with Betsi Flint)

Kan / Leary are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Duo qualified for Austin based on placing 2nd in the Panama City Beach qualifier, losing to Larissa Maestrini and Liliane Maestini in the finals

Carly Kan – age 27 – 5’9” – hometown Honolulu ,Hawai’i – currently Honolulu ,Hawai’i – Missouri / Hawai’i

- This is Kan’s 8th AVP event with her 6th different partner
- Austin marks the 3rd AVP main draw ever for Kan (13th with Katie Horton in Chicago 2019 and 9th with Chelsea Rice in Chicago 2021)

Kaitlyn Leary – age 30 – 6’0” – hometown Parma, Ohio – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – Ohio State / Arizona

- Leary is playing in her 11th AVP Tournament... this marks her 8th different partner
- Leary is competing in her first ever AVP main draw
- Leary played one season of beach volleyball at Arizona... in the NCAA Final Four, her last two matches were against Kolinske (and Kellie Woolever), winning in three sets, then against Hughes (and Kelly Claes), losing in two sets... in her collegiate career she was 0-3 against Hughes and 1-0 against Kolinske