

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 – Match 1

8:00 am – #4 Sara Hughes / Brandi Wilkerson vs #12 Megan Nash / Brittany Tiegs

Head to Head

- Nash has never played against either Hughes or Wilkerson
- Tiegs has played against Hughes once before, losing 21-19, 21-19 in Seattle 2017
- Tiegs and Wilkerson have met once before, in Manhattan Beach 2017, with Wilkerson winning 21-19, 16-21, 15-10

Hughes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour with a best of 2nd in Long Beach 2020

- The team has advanced to the semifinals in 4 of their 7 previous AVP tournaments together
- In 3 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 17-14 (54.8%) in matches, 15-2 (88.2%) when winning the first set, 2-12 (14.3%) when losing the first set, and 5-3 (62.5%) in three-set matches... 7 of their 14 match losses have come against teams seeded either #1 or #2

Sara Hughes – age 26 – 5'10" – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern California

- This is Hughes' 27th 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 (58% of the tournaments entered), and in the championship match 7 times (27% 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 past 13 AVP events
- In 2020 Hughes ranked 5th on the Tour in digs (6.73 per set) and entering Chicago she is 3rd in digs (6.33)

Brandi Wilkerson – age 29 – 5'10" – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Canada

- Wilkerson is playing in her 15th AVP Tournament, with 3 second-place finishes and 3 third-place finishes
- Wilkerson did not advance from the qualifier in either of her first two AVP events, then placed second in Manhattan Beach 2017 with Nicole Branagh... in that tournament they had to win 5 contender's bracket matches to reach the semifinals
- In her AVP career, she has lost 24 main draw matches, 13 of those were against teams seeded #1 or #2
- In 2020 Wilkerson led the Tour in blocks (1.69 per set) and aces (0.92 per set)... entering Chicago she is 2nd in blocks (1.67) and is 4th in hitting percentage (.481)

Nash / Tiegs are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- They lost in the match to get into the main draw in Manhattan Beach
- Earned a main draw berth by winning the Seaside tournament in August, defeating Macy Jerger / Emily Hartong in the finals

Megan Nash – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Ontario, Canada – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Central Arkansas

- This is Nash' 2nd AVP event... her debut came two weeks ago in Manhattan Beach, where she finished 25th

Brittany Tiegs – age 29 – 5'9" – hometown Jensen Beach, Fla. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Palm Beach Community College / Florida State / Hawai'i

- Tiegs is playing in her 34th AVP Tournament... she has played 16 different partners
- Tiegs has a best of 5th, which she has done twice (in Chicago 2016 with Jace Pardon and in Seattle 2019 with Molly Turner)
- Her last AVP main draw was in Chicago 2019 alongside Kimberly Smith (currently a writer for AVP.com)... in that event the pair advanced from the qualifier and placed 17th