

Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 – Match 1

8:00 am – #9 John Hyden / Ricardo Santos vs. #24 Caleb Kwekel / Kade Lahner

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Ricardo had won 15 FIVB gold medals by the time Kwekel was born in July 2002... Hyden won his first AVP victory in 2005, when Kwekel had just turned 3 years old

Hyden / Ricardo are playing together for the 1st time ever

John Hyden – age 48 – 6’5” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Franklin, Tenn. – San Diego State

- This is Hyden’s 155th AVP event, and he has played with 17 different partners
- Hyden has had 13 wins with 5 different partners (plus 2 individual events)... his last victory came in July 2018 in Hermosa Beach with Theo Brunner
- Hyden has had 5 AVP wins since turning 40
- Hyden won in Manhattan Beach in both 2011 and 2012 (both times with Sean Scott)

Ricardo Santos – age 46 – hometown Salvador, Brazil – currently Orlando, Fla.

- This is Ricardo’s 21st AVP event, and he has reached the semifinals 5 times (finished in 3rd place each time)
- This marks the 7th different partner Ricardo has had on the AVP Tour
- Ricardo has 55 FIVB World Tour victories, the 2nd most in history (Emanuel Rego has 76)
- On the Brazilian National Tour, Ricardo is 2nd all time in victories (behind Emanuel Rego), and he has had 7 season titles (Emanuel has had 9)... in 2018-19 Ricardo won with Alvaro, becoming the oldest player (he was 44) to be a Brazilian champion

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- Gained entry via a wildcard
- Team won the 2019 AVP First National Championship for U-18, defeating Eric Winn / John Ziska for the title

Caleb Kwekel – age 19 – 6’4” – hometown Sarasota, Fla. – currently Sarasota, Fla.

- This is Kwekel’s 3rd AVP tournament, finishing 49th in Hermosa Beach 2019 and 21st last week in Atlanta
- A homeschooled student, he was a four-year starter at setter in high school... he has signed to play at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C.

Kade Lahner – age 19ish – hometown Miami, Fla. – currently Miami, Fla.

- This is Lahner’s 1st pro beach volleyball event ever