

Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, August 5, 2022 – Match 1

1:05 pm – #4 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss vs #13 Katie Dickens / Jennifer Keddy

Head to Head

- These teams played last week in Fort Lauderdale in the first round, with Kloth / Nuss winning 21-13, 21-18
- Nuss was a freshman on LSU's beach volleyball team in 2017, when Dickens (formerly Lindelow) was a senior... Dickens played on court 3 while Nuss began on court 2 and was switched to court 1

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and the 12th time overall

- The duo won in their debut as a team (in Atlanta in 2021), then placed 5th in Manhattan Beach and 3rd in Chicago last year... this year they won in Austin, placed 2nd in New Orleans and 5th in Fort Lauderdale
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 28-8 (78%) in matches, 24-1 (96%) when winning the first set, 3-7 (30%) when losing the first set, and 9-2 (82%) in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, 6 of their 7 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0
- The defending Atlanta champions, the duo went 8-0 in matches in 2021, with all five main draw wins coming against teams seeded 7th or better

Taryn Kloth – age 25 – 6'4" – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State

- This is Kloth's 7th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 4 times
- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009 Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- And for another first, Kloth played indoors at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is the first player known to go to Creighton in the bvbinform.net database of 21,137 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

Kristen Nuss – age 24 – 5'6" – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss' 12th AVP event, and she has been to 4 semifinals
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments

Dickens / Keddy are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour

- The players grew up in different places (coastal Louisiana and mountainous Montana) and went to schools on opposite sides of the country but now both live in Austin
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 16-11 (59%) in matches, 12-2 (86%) when winning the first set, 3-9 (25%) when losing the first set, and 6-3 (67%) in three-set matches

Katie Dickens – age 28 – 5'11" – hometown Covington, La. – currently Austin, Texas – Louisiana State

- Atlanta is the 22nd AVP tournament in her career and will be her 9th AVP main draw ever
- Dickens played in Muskegon with Maria Kliefoth (finished 13th), her only partner besides Keddy since the start of 2021
- She was part of an announcer's nightmare team in 2019, playing 3 AVP events with Lauren Dickson
- In Dickens' first ever AVP main draw match (in Austin 2019 with Dickson), she upset top-seeded Emily Day / Betsi Flint

Jennifer Keddy – age 30 – 6'4" – hometown Missoula, Mont. – currently Austin, Texas – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

- Atlanta is just the 8th AVP event ever for Keddy, who has played alongside Dickens in all 8
- Keddy has played in the 2nd fewest tournaments of any player here (Torrey Van Winden is in her 3rd event)