

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, September 2, 2022 – Match 2
9:10 am – #1 Sara Hughes / Kelley Kolinske vs #16 Delaney Mewhirter / Kelly Reeves

Head to Head

- These two teams met in Manhattan Beach, with Hughes / Kolinske winning 21-16, 21-19

Hughes / Kolinske are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and 12th time overall

- They played in 6 FIVB events this year, improving from 9th to 5th to winning a gold medal in the Itapema (Brazil) Challenge on April 17... the duo also placed 5th in the World Championships in Rome in June
- In capturing the FIVB title in April, the duo beat 5 Olympians, including 2016 Silver Medalist Barbara Seixas
- On the AVP they placed 5th in Austin and then 3rd in 3 straight events (New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta) before winning in Manhattan Beach
- 5 of their 8 match losses this season have come to teams seeded either first, second or third... 6 of their 8 losses have come to teams with at least one beach Olympian
- On the AVP Tour they are 17-8 in matches, including 15-0 when winning the first set and 1-8 when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in one-set matches and 4-2 in three-set matches

Sara Hughes – age 27 – 6'2" – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Hughes' 33rd AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 4 wins, 4 seconds and 11 thirds... her very first win came in Chicago 2017 (Hughes and Kelly Cheng became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22)
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 19 of her 32 AVP events (59%), and in the championship match 7 times (25%)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Hughes has a 15-5 career record in Chicago... she has finished worse each time however (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th)

Kelley Kolinske – age 30 – 6'2" – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Jamul, Calif. – Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 38th AVP Tournament with 4 different partners... she has 4 wins, 3 seconds, 7 thirds... her victories came in 2015 (Mason), 2017 (San Francisco), 2019 (Seattle) and 2022 (Manhattan Beach)
- Kolinske played just 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 5 different years
- Billy Kolinske proposed to Kelley Larsen on stadium court in Chicago in August 2019... they were then married in 2020
- Kolinske has reached the semifinals in Chicago twice with two different partners
- Kolinske has been in the semifinals in 6 of her last 7 AVP tournaments (exception was Austin 2022)

Mewhirter / Reeves are playing together for the 5th time on the AVP

- They have played in two Tour Series events (13th in Denver and 7th in Atlantic City)... their other two finishes have been 9th in Hermosa Beach and 13th in Manhattan Beach
- Including the Tour Series, they are a combined -2 in points differential this season (scored 591 points, yielded 593)
- Including the Tour Series they are 6-8 in matches... they are 5-1 when winning the first set and 1-7 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches

Delaney Mewhirter – age 27 – 5'10" – hometown Valencia, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Mewhirter's 42nd AVP event with her 16th different partner
- Her career best is 7th (in Manhattan Beach 2019 with Katie Spieler and in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series with Kelly Reeves)

- She is 0-8 in her career in Chicago AVP main draw matches
- This year she began the season with Maria Clara Salgado in Austin (9th place) and then Lexy Denaburg in New Orleans (13th) before pairing with Reeves for 5 straight events (including Chicago)

Kelly Reeves – age 30 – 6’0” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – UCLA

- This is Reeves’ 41st AVP event with her 11th different partner
- Reeves has been in 4 AVP semifinals with 3 different partners... her last one was in Manhattan Beach 2019... since then she has played 12 AVP tournaments (including Tour Series) without reaching the semis
- She is playing in Chicago for the 7th time with a 7th different partner... in 2016 she played here with April Ross and finished in 7th place (which was the last time that Ross did not advance to the semifinals on the AVP Tour)