

Austin – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, May 6, 2022 – Match 2

10:10 am – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan vs #16 Carly Skjodt / Geena Urango

Head to Head

- This only previous meeting between any of these players was in Seattle 2017, when Pavan (and Skylar Caputo) defeated Urango (and Angela Bensed) in straight sets

Humana-Paredes / Pavan are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- Playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour (2 wins, 2 seconds, 2 thirds), but for the first time since 2020
- In the 3 AVP tournaments in 2020, the pair lost 4 matches (two to Alix Klineman / April Ross and two to Kelly Cheng / Sarah Sponcil)
- The duo's record by year on the AVP Tour: 3-3 in 2018; 19-3 in 2019; 7-4 in 2020 (29-10 overall)
- In their last 5 FIVB events together, the duo won a silver, a bronze, finished 4th and placed 5th twice (including in the Tokyo Olympics)

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 29 – 5'9" – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Toronto, Ontario

- Playing in her 10th career AVP tournament, all with Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 2 seconds and 2 thirds
- Has played in 70 FIVB tournaments (6 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes, all medals with Sarah Pavan)

Sarah Pavan – age 35 – 6'5" – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Kitchener, Ontario - Nebraska

- Playing in her 15th career AVP tournament with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019, both with Humana-Paredes)... she has played 5 other AVP events with 4 partners other than Humana-Paredes (best of 3rd in those)
- Has also played in 79 FIVB events (6 golds, 10 silvers, 5 bronzes) competing with Heather Bransley for 38 events and then Humana-Paredes for 41

Skjodt / Urango are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Duo qualified for Austin after finishing 5th in the Panama City Beach qualifier, and got a spot after Corinne Quiggle and Sarah Schermerhorn withdrew after gaining a main draw berth in the FIVB event currently being played in Doha, Qatar

Carly Skjodt – age 24 – 6'1" – hometown Indianapolis, Ind. – currently Indianapolis, Ind. – Michigan

- This is Skjodt's 3rd AVP event with her 3rd different partner
- Austin will be the first main draw for Skjodt
- Skjodt's last collegiate match came against Texas in the NCAA Tournament... as a sophomore her Michigan team was eliminated in the NCAA Tournament by Creighton in a match played here in Austin

Geena Urango – age 32 – 5'11" – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 51st AVP Tournament... this marks her 12th different partner
- Urango has advanced to 11 AVP semifinals, with 5 seconds and 6 thirds... her last trip to the semis came in Hermosa Beach in July 2018
- Urango's pro beach volleyball debut came in 2006 alongside Alix Klineman (finished in 57th place)
- Urango on the AVP Tour: first 15 events with a best of 3rd once; next 22 events advanced to 10 semifinals; last 13 events best of 5th once