

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 – Match 2

9:10 am – #1 Alix Klineman / April Ross vs #16 (Q15) Macy Jerger / Devon Newberry

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting ever between any of the players and their opponents

Klineman / Ross are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour and 42nd time overall

- The duo has won 11 times on the AVP Tour, to go with 3 second-place finishes and 2 third-place finishes
- They have also won 6 FIVB titles including the Tokyo Olympics
- In 4 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 71-5 (93.4%) in matches, 60-2 (96.8%) when winning the first set, 10-3 (76.9%) when losing the first set, and 19-3 (86.4%) in three-set matches... they have won the last 49 times matches when winning the first set (last loss was in the 2018 Hermosa Beach finals against Sara Hughes / Summer Ross)
- The duo enters Chicago having won the last 17 AVP matches (last lost in the finals in Honolulu 2019 to Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan 21-19, 21-17) and their last 4 AVP tournaments

Alix Klineman – age 31 – 6’5” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- This is Klineman’s 29th AVP event... she has won 11 times, all with Ross
- In 2020 Klineman led the Tour in hitting percentage (.465) and was tied for 3rd in blocks (1.1 per set)... in 2021 entering Chicago she is 2nd in aces (1.09 per set)

April Ross – age 39 – 6’1” – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Ross is playing in her 108th AVP Tournament... she has 40 wins with 6 different partners
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 78 of her 107 AVP tournaments (72.9% of tournaments entered)
- Since getting her first AVP win in 2009, she has won an AVP title in 11 straight years (excluding 2011 when she did not play on the AVP)... she has led or tied for the most AVP victories in 9 of those seasons
- In 2021 entering Chicago she is 4th in digs (6.09 per set)

Jerger / Newberry are playing together for the 1st time ever

- To reach the main draw in Chicago, the duo had to win a pair of three-set matches
- As the 15th-seeds, they are the lowest seeded qualifier team to advance to the main draw since Chicago 2019 (30th-seeded team advanced in that event)

Macy Jerger – age 24 – 6’1” – hometown Ft. Myers, Fla. – currently Ft. Myers, Fla. – Florida State

- Jerger is playing in her 10th career AVP tournament with her 9th different partner
- In her first qualifier match in Chicago, Jerger defeated fellow Florida State beach volleyball teammate Payton Rund

Devon Newberry – age 20 – 5’10” – hometown Santa Monica, Calif. – currently Santa Monica, Calif. – UCLA

- Newberry is playing in her 10th career AVP tournament with a previous best of 17th twice (so she has guaranteed herself of a career best finish in this tournament)
- She has now played with 5 different partners on the AVP, and this is just her 2nd AVP event outside of California (also played in Seattle 2018)
- This season Newberry has played 8 matches on the AVP Tour (including qualifiers)... 4 of them have gone three sets and 2 of the two-set matches went past 21 to determine the winner