

Austin – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, May 6, 2022 – Match 3

11:15 am – #2 Andy Benesh / Phil Dalhausser vs #15 Lev Priima / Silila Tucker

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams but the players have had previous meetings:
 - Priima (and Miles Partain) defeated Benesh (and Adam Roberts) in Honolulu 2019 (21-18, 21-15)
 - Dalhausser (and Nick Lucena) defeated Priima (and Jacob Landel) twice, in Manhattan Beach 2018 (21-17, 21-13) and in Chicago 2021 (21-17, 21-12)

Benesh / Dalhausser are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The duo becomes the first domestic team ever with both players at least 6'9" tall
- In terms of combined height, Benesh and Dalhausser are tied for 2nd all time amongst U.S. teams... Ryan Doherty (7'1") and Casey Patterson (6'6") were the tallest, while Ryan Doherty (7'1") / John Hyden (6'5") and Andrew Fuller (6'10") / Stafford Slick (6'8") are tied with Benesh and Dalhausser

Andy Benesh – age 27 – 6'9" – hometown Ranch Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. – USC

- Benesh is playing in his 20th career AVP tournament
- Austin marks the 5th time in his career that he has been seeded directly into the main draw
- Benesh has placed 3rd in each of his last two tournaments, the first two semifinals of his career... in both of them, he (and Billy Allen) lost to the top-seeded duo Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson

Phil Dalhausser – age 42 – 6'9" – hometown Baden, Switzerland – currently Newbury Park, Calif. – Central Florida

- This is Dalhausser's 146th AVP event, winning 59 titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 21 seconds, 21 thirds and 1 fourth... he has been in the finals in 80 of his 144 AVP tournaments (56%)
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 straight seasons before last year
- Dalhausser has won 3 times in Austin, all with Nick Lucena (2005, 2017, 2018)

Priima / Tucker are playing together for the 1st time ever

• Duo qualified for Austin after finishing 5th in the Panama City Beach qualifier

Lev Priima – age 31 – 6'4" – hometown San Jose, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Priima's 15th AVP event... he played 11 times with Jacob Landel, and the other 4 tournaments have been with 3 different partners
- Priima's first AVP main draw match came against Phil Dalhausser in Manhattan Beach 2018 (Dalhausser and Nick Lucena beat Priima and Jacob Landel 21-17, 21-13)

Silila Tucker – age 27 – hometown Houston, Texas – currently Log Beach, Calif.

- Tucker is playing in his 13th AVP Tournament... this marks his 7th different partner
- Austin is the 4th AVP main draw ever for Tucker... in Manhattan Beach 2021 he and Peter Connoles eliminated 5th-seeded Tim Bomgren / Jeremy Casebeer en route to a 9th place finish
- Despite playing just 13 AVP events, this is the 3rd time Tucker is playing in Austin... he lost in the first round of the qualifier in 2018, then in 2019 lost in the match to get into the main draw