

Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 – Match 3

10:00 am – #10 Kimberly Hildreth / Kathryn Hogan vs #23 Tina Gaudina / Megan Kraft

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams

Hildreth / Hogan are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- Previously they played one qualifier in Chicago 2017 (finished 33rd), then not again until Atlanta last week (finished 13th)

Kimberly Hildreth – age 30 – 5'8" – hometown Novi, Mich. – currently St. Petersburg, Fla. – Eastern Michigan / North Florida

- This is Hildreth's 22nd AVP event... she played 18 times with Sarah Schermerhorn
- Her best finish was a second place in Austin 2019 with Schermerhorn
- After playing 2018, 2019 and 2020 with Schermerhorn, Hildreth reunited with Hogan and their first match (in Atlanta 2021) was against Schermerhorn (lost 16-14 in the third set)
- Hildreth played three FIVB events in July (lost in the country quota with Terese Cannon in Rwanda to Schermerhorn), then finished 9th with Aurora Davis in Bulgaria and Slovenia

Kathryn Hogan – age 27 – 6'4" – hometown Cape Girardeau, Mo. – currently Pompano Beach, Fla. – Miami Dade CC / Florida International

- Hogan is playing in her 10th AVP Tournament, with 6 different partners
- Hogan's best finish was a second place in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Megan Rice... in that tournament they were seeded 13th in the qualifier and had to win 3 matches to get into the main draw... they knocked off seeds #1 and #4 en route to the finals, where they lost the rematch to #1 seeds Emily Day / Betsi Flint
- The next time Hogan and Rice were on the sand together was last week in Atlanta, as Rice / Schermerhorn defeated Hogan / Hildreth in the first round (16-14 in the third set)

Graudina / Kraft are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour

- Gained entry via a wildcard
- Their combined age (41 years) is less than the oldest woman competing here (Heather Lowe in the qualifier is 46 years old)
- This past year at USC they paired to go 15-1 in matches (only loss was to UCLA's Lexy Denaberg / Savvy Simo, 33-31, 21-16)

Tina Gaudina – age 23 – 6'0" – hometown Riga, Latvia – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Gaudina's 1st AVP tournament ever
- Gaudina finished in 4th place in the Tokyo Olympics with Anastasija Kravcenoka... she was 3-1 in three set matches in Tokyo
- Gaudina led the field in the Olympics in aces (1.22 per set) and was 8th in hitting percentage (.481)

Megan Kraft – age 18 – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Kraft's 4th AVP tournament
- Her best finish was a 5th place in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Delaynie Maple