

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 – Match 4

11:20 am – #1 Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson vs # 16 (Q28) Devon Burki / John Schwengel

Head to Head

- None of the players had previously faced either of their opponents

Budinger / Patterson are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour and 22nd time overall... they have 2 AVP win (Hermosa Beach 2019 and the 2021 season opener in Atlanta)

- The duo played 7 times on the AVP Tour in 2019, then went with different partners for the three Long Beach events in 2020... they ended up playing each other in all three Long Beach events, with Budinger winning twice and Patterson once
- The pair has been in the semifinals in 8 of their 9 AVP tournaments, with the only exception coming in New York City 2019 (5th place)
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 36-10 (78.3%) in matches, 33-1 (97.1%) when winning the first set, 3-9 (25%) when losing the first set, and 10-2 (83.3%) in three-set matches
- This year they are 10-2 in matches, with both losses coming to Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb
- In 2021 entering Chicago, Patterson is 6th in hitting percentage (.463) while Budinger is 8th (.441)... Patterson is 2nd in kills (8.37 per set)

Chase Budinger – age 33 – 6’7” – hometown Encinitas, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Arizona

- This is Budinger’s 19th AVP event... he has won 2 times, placed 2nd 4 times, and placed 3rd 5 times... he has advanced to the semifinals in 11 of those events (61% of the tournaments entered)

Casey Patterson – age 41 – 6’6” – hometown Manhattan Beach – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Patterson is playing in his 105th AVP Tournament, with 16 wins, 6 2nd-place finishes, and 16 3rd-place finishes
- Patterson won in Chicago with Ryan Doherty in 2012 on another tour

Burki / Schwengel are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo has finished 37th in both of their first two events together
- The pair had to win 5 qualifier matches over two days to get into the main draw in Chicago... the last 3 wins all came against teams seeded 11th or better in the qualifier
- Seeded 28th in the qualifier, they became the lowest seeded qualifier team in a 16-team main draw to advance to the main draw since San Francisco in July 2018 (33rd-seeded Andy Benesh / Cole Fiers)

Devon Burki – age 25 – 6’7” – hometown Torrance, Calif. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara

- Burki is playing in his 9th career AVP tournament, with this event being his first ever main draw
- Previously his career best was 37th... he was 6-8 in qualifier matches in his career before going 5-0 in Chicago
- PA Announcer Mark Schuermann is not a fan of Burki’s, as Burki eliminated Schuermann from the qualifier in Manhattan Beach 2017

John Schwengel – age 11 – 6’2” – hometown Santa Monica, Calif. – currently Santa Monica, Calif. – Santa Monica City College

- Schwengel is playing in his 18th career AVP tournament with his 10th different partner
- This is the 3rd main draw for Schwengel... his first was Seattle 2018 (earned a wildcard by winning the 2017 AVP First Under 18 National Championships with Rowdy Lennon)... he then qualified in Honolulu 2019 with Steve Irvin... any win in Chicago will give him a new career best AVP finish