

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, March 17, 2023 – Match 4

12:20 pm – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson vs #16 Amy Ozee / Mariah Whalen

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 3rd time overall

- In their debut in Chicago 2022, the pair lost in the second round and had to win 4 straight must-win matches (including 2 three-setters) to reach the championship match

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 30 – 5'9" – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes' 12th AVP event with 2 different partners... she played her first 10 with Sarah Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 3 seconds and 2 thirds
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 8 of her 11 completed AVP events and to the championship match 6 times
- She has played in 77 FIVB tournaments (7 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan

Brandie Wilkerson – age 30 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Ontario

- Wilkerson is playing in her 21st AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Her best career AVP finishes have been 2nd four times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes and 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments... then she played in 6 consecutive AVP events without reaching the semifinals... entering Miami she has advanced to the semifinals in each of her last 3 AVP outings

Ozee / Whalen are playing together for the 4th time ever

- The duo advanced from the qualifier in their first 2 tournaments (both on the Tour Series) in Waupaca and Atlantic City last year, finishing in 5th and 7th place... they then placed 25th in Manhattan Beach
- In the Miami qualifier the pair won two three-set matches, both times after losing the first set by a wide margin
- Ozee and Whalen were teammates on Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo's beach volleyball team in 2021 (although they never played together as partners)

Amy Ozee – age 24 - 6'1" – hometown Haiku, Hawai'i – currently Haiku, Hawai'i – Hawai'i / Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

- This is Ozee's 8th AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Her best finishes were a 5th place in Waupaca 2022 (Tour Series) and a 7th place in Atlantic City 2022 (Tour Series), both of which came alongside Mariah Whalen

Mariah Whalen – age 24 – 6'1" – hometown Wausau, Wisc. – currently Wausau, Wisc. – Wisconsin / Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo

- Whalen is playing in her 8th AVP tournament with her 4th different partner
- Her best finishes were a 5th place in Waupaca 2022 (Tour Series) and a 7th place in Atlantic City 2022 (Tour Series), both of which came alongside Amy Ozee