

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 – Match 5

12:25 pm – #7 Karissa Cook / Kelly Reeves vs #10 Megan Rice / Sarah Schermerhorn

Head to Head

- Cook defeated Rice in their only previous meeting (Huntington Beach 2019)
- Cook is 4-1 against Schermerhorn, including winning in the championship match in Austin 2019)
- Reeves and Rice have never met before
- Schermerhorn holds a 2-1 edge against Reeves, twice going to a third set

Cook / Reeves are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The pair improved from a 9th place in Atlanta to a 7th place in Manhattan Beach
- In their 7 AVP matches as partners, they have yet to go to a third set... they are 3-0 when winning the first set, 0-4 when losing the first set
- Entering Chicago the duo has scored 257 points while yielding 256

Karissa Cook – age 30 – 5'11" – hometown Santa Cruz, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Stanford / Hawai'i

- This is Cook's 32nd AVP event... she has 1 win (in Austin 2019 with Jace Pardon) and 2 thirds
- In 2019 Cook finished 5th or better in 6 of her 7 AVP tournaments (all with Jace Pardon), but since then, has had two 7ths and two 9ths
- Cook has lost her last 9 AVP matches (including qualifiers) when losing the first set
- Entering Chicago, Cook is leading the Tour in hitting percentage (.553)

Kelly Reeves – age 29 – 6'0" – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – UCLA

- Reeves is playing in her 35th AVP Tournament, with 4 3rd-place finishes (last done in Manhattan Beach 2019 with Terese Cannon)
- This marks Reeves' 10th different partner on the AVP Tour, and she has been in the semifinals with 3 different ones
- Reeves played 5 FIVB events in 2021, losing in the country quota each time

Rice / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- In their first round match in Atlanta, the duo had to beat some ex-partners... Rice had played one event with Kimberly Hildreth (finished 5th in Seattle 2015 on the NVL Tour) and once with Kathryn Hogan (finished 2nd in Hermosa Beach 2019 as the #13-seeded qualification team)... Schermerhorn had played 18 AVP tournaments with Hildreth, with a best of 2nd in Austin 2019 as the #7 qualification team
- Before Atlanta the last time Rice played on the AVP Tour was in Chicago 2019, and she was eliminated by Schermerhorn (and Kimberly Hildreth)

Megan Rice – age 27 – 5'11" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Boca Raton, Fla. – Florida / Florida Atlantic

- This is Rice's 15th AVP event... she has a best of 2nd (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Kathryn Hogan)
- Rice placed 5th in Atlanta (with Schermerhorn), which was her second best AVP finish ever
- Rice did not play on the AVP Tour in 2020... in 2019 she played 7 events with 5 different partners

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 32 – 6'1" – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 24th AVP Tournament, with a best of 2nd place (Austin 2019 with Kimberly Hildreth)
- This is just the 6th AVP tournament in her career playing with a partner other than Kimberly Hildreth... the other 3 events came in her first 3 AVP tournaments ever (in 2016 and 2017) and then the 2 in 2021
- From 2018 to 2020, Schermerhorn played exclusively with Kimberly Hildreth... in 2021 has played 4 FIVB events with Aurora Davis (and signed up to play in Cervia, Italy next week with Zana Munoz)