

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, September 2, 2022 – Match 5
12:25 pm – #2 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil vs #15 Jessica Gaffney / Megan Rice

Head to Head

- These two teams met in Manhattan Beach in August, with Cannon / Sponcil winning 19-21, 21-8, 15-12

Cannon / Sponcil are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour and 15th time overall

- The duo played 2 AVP tournaments to close out the 2018 season, emerging from the qualifier and placing third in their inaugural event (Chicago 2018)... then they reunited and are playing in their 13th tournament together (AVP and international) since March of this year, including placing 5th in Austin, 9th in the world Championships, winning in Hermosa Beach, placing 9th in Fort Lauderdale, 2nd in Atlanta and 3rd in Manhattan Beach
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 24-10 (71%) in matches, 18-0 (100%) when winning the first set, 5-10 (33%) when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in one-set matches and 7-4 (64%) in three-set matches
- They were seeded #1 in Fort Lauderdale but placed 9th, the lowest finish by a women's top seed since seedings were known... previously a #1 seed finished 7th three times

Terese Cannon – age 26 – 6'3" – hometown Pittsford, N.Y. – currently Pittsford, N.Y. – Georgetown / Southern Cal

- This is Cannon's 32nd AVP event with 9 different partners
- Cannon has advanced to 7 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners (Kelly Reeves, Irene Pollock, Sarah Sponcil and Molly Turner)... she has 1 win (Hermosa Beach 2022 with Sarah Sponcil)
- Cannon was 3rd in Chicago with Sponcil the first time she played here, then finished in 17th and 7th the next two times (with 2 different partners)

Sarah Sponcil – age 26 – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Loyola Marymount / UCLA

- Sponcil is playing in her 22nd AVP tournament with her 4th different partner
- Sponcil has advanced to 13 semifinals (62% of the tournaments), with 1 win, 5 seconds and 7 thirds
- Her championship match appearances have come in 2018 (in Austin with Lauren Fendrick), in 2019 (in New York City with Kelly Cheng), in 2020 (in Long Beach #3 with Kelly Cheng), in 2021 (in Atlanta with Kelly Cheng) and in 2022 (in Hermosa Beach with Terese Cannon and in Atlanta with Terese Cannon)
- Sponcil has advanced to the semifinals twice before in Chicago (3rd place with Terese Cannon in 2018 and 3rd place with Kelly Cheng in 2019)

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

- Their AVP debut as partners came in the Manhattan Beach Open, placing 17th... last week on the Tour Series event in Virginia Beach the duo placed 7th

Jessica Gaffney – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Temecula, Calif. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – San Francisco / Cal-Berkeley

- Gaffney is playing in her 23rd AVP tournament with her 12th different partner
- She played 8 events with Molly Turner, and the other 15 tournaments with 11 different partners
- Her career best is a 5th (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series)... her best finish on the Pro Series or Gold Series is a 7th place finish in Fort Lauderdale 2022
- This is the 4th time she has played in Chicago (33rd, 33rd and 21st place finishes)

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

- Rice is playing in her 24th AVP event with her 11th different partner
- She has a career best of 2nd (in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Katie Hogan)
- Rice placed 5th last year in Chicago with Sarah Schermerhorn