

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, Sept. 3, 2021 – Match 6

1:30 pm – #1 Alix Klineman / April Ross vs #9 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Head to Head

- Klineman / Ross won 21-9, 21-19 in Manhattan Beach in the only other meeting

Klineman / Ross are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour and 42nd time overall

- The duo has won 11 times on the AVP Tour, to go with 3 second-place finishes and 2 third-place finishes
- They have also won 6 FIVB titles including the Tokyo Olympics
- In 4 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 72-5 (93.5%) in matches, 61-2 (96.8%) when winning the first set, 10-3 (76.9%) when losing the first set, and 19-3 (86.4%) in three-set matches... they have won the last 50 times matches when winning the first set (last loss was in the 2018 Hermosa Beach finals against Sara Hughes / Summer Ross)
- The duo enters this match having won the last 18 AVP matches (last lost in the finals in Honolulu 2019 to Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan 21-19, 21-17) and their last 4 AVP tournaments

Alix Klineman – age 31 – 6’5” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- This is Klineman’s 29th AVP event... she has won 11 times, all with Ross
- In 2020 Klineman led the Tour in hitting percentage (.465) and was tied for 3rd in blocks (1.1 per set)... in 2021 entering Chicago she is 2nd in aces (1.09 per set)

April Ross – age 39 – 6’1” – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Ross is playing in her 108th AVP Tournament... she has 40 wins with 6 different partners
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 78 of her 107 AVP tournaments (72.9% of tournaments entered)
- Since getting her first AVP win in 2009, she has won an AVP title in 11 straight years (excluding 2011 when she did not play on the AVP)... she has led or tied for the most AVP victories in 9 of those seasons
- In 2021 entering Chicago she is 4th in digs (6.09 per set)

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour (won in Atlanta, 5th place in Manhattan Beach)

- As partners on the AVP they have a 12-2 match record (including qualifiers) and 24-9 set record... they are 11-0 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 5-0 in three-set matches
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0
- They were the 2nd women’s team in the history of the AVP (180 women’s events with seeds known) that a qualifier has won the title (also Cincinnati 2013 – Emily Day / Summer Ross (#14 MD, #1 QT)
- They were part of the highest scoring set in AVP women’s history in Manhattan Beach when they lost 39-37 to Kelly Claes / Sarah Sponcil in the first set

Taryn Kloth – age 24 – 6’4” – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State

- This is Kloth’s 3rd ever pro beach volleyball tournament... she joined an elite group of players who have won a title when making their AVP debut when she won in Atlanta
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU
- Entering Chicago, Kloth is 2nd on the Tour in hitting percentage (.529)

Kristen Nuss – age 23 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss’ 8th AVP event, and the 5th time she has played in the main draw
- Nuss had 139 career wins at LSU, the most in program history
- Entering Chicago, Nuss is 2nd on the Tour in digs (7.12 per set)