

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, September 2, 2022 – Match 8
3:40 pm – #1 Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk vs #9 Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend

Head to Head

- These two teams met in Atlanta in August, with Brunner / Schalk winning 28-24 in an abbreviated Sunday morning match

Brunner / Schalk are playing together for the 9th time on the AVP Tour and the 24th time overall

- The duo has advanced to the semifinals in 7 of their 8 AVP tournaments, have won in Hermosa Beach, and have played for the title in 5 of the 8 completed events... after starting this year 4-3 on the AVP Tour, the duo has since gone 20-4
- Internationally they played 15 times with one gold and one fourth-place finish
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 33-9 in matches, 29-4 when winning the first set, 2-7 when losing the first set... they are 2-0 in one-set matches and 6-4 in three-set matches
- Last year the duo placed 7th in Chicago, their only AVP tournament together in which they did not advance to the semifinals

Theo Brunner – age 37 – 6'7" – hometown Ridgefield, Conn. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara

- This is Brunner's 62nd AVP event, winning 4 times (in Huntington Beach 2013 with Nick Lucena, in Seattle 2016 with Billy Allen, in Hermosa Beach 2018 with John Hyden and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Schalk)... he also has 8 seconds and 12 thirds... he has now been in the semifinals in 24 of his AVP tournaments
- Since advancing to his first semifinal in 2013, he has been in at least one AVP semifinal in each season with the exception of 2015 (played just 2 tournaments that year)
- Brunner has never played with a partner more than 8 times in his AVP career... he has played with 15 different partners, has advanced to the semifinals with 6 of them and to a title match with 5 different players
- Brunner is playing in Chicago for the 6th time with a 5th different partner... his best here is a 5th-place finish with Billy Allen in 2016

Chaim Schalk – age 36 – 6'5" – hometown Red Deer, Alberta – currently Gardena, Calif.

- Schalk is playing in his 32nd AVP Tournament with his 7th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Brunner), 6 second-place finishes, and 8 third-place finishes
- Schalk has advanced to the semifinals in 16 of his 31 AVP tournaments (52%), and has done so with 5 different partners
- Schalk has advanced to the semifinals in Chicago twice before (2nd place in 2018 with Tim Bomgren and 3rd place with Jeremy Casebeer in 2019)... the 2018 event marked his first ever AVP title match appearance

Brewster / Friend are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 7th in Denver, 2nd in Waupaca, 3rd in Atlantic City, 13th in Fort Lauderdale, 7th in Atlanta, 25th in Manhattan Beach and 3rd last weekend in Virginia Beach
- Both players played with different partners in Muskegon, with Brewster placing 17th and Friend finishing 13th
- By defeating Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander in the first round in Atlanta, they became the lowest seeded team to beat Crabb since Austin 2019 (lost to 16th-seeded Paul Lotman / Gabriel Ospina in the first round)
- Each of their last 3 AVP matches have gone to a third set
- On the AVP Tour (including Tour Series) they are 18-13 in matches... they are 12-3 when winning the first set and 6-9 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 10-6 in three-set matches
- Despite playing 7 times this season prior to Chicago, the duo had only played one of the other 15 teams here once, and it was against Brunner / Schalk in Atlanta

Timothy Brewster – age 22 – 6'0" – hometown Los Angeles, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif.

- This is Brewster's 23rd AVP event... Friend marks his 10th different partner
- Brewster had never played in an AVP main draw prior to this season
- In his first 15 AVP events, he had a best of 17th place... this season alongside Friend, he has had his 6 best career finishes (2nd, two 3rds, two 7ths, 13th)

Kyle Friend – age 33 – 6'5" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Newport Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Friend is playing in his 31st AVP Tournament with 7 different partners
- In his first 23 AVP tournaments, Friend had a best of 9th four times... since partnering with Brewster he surpassed that 5 times
- Friend has partnered with two former indoor Olympians (Paul Lotman and David Lee)