

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, March 17, 2023 – Match 8

4:40 pm – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson vs #9 Brook Bauer / Katie Horton

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

Bauer / Horton are playing together for the 9th time on the AVP and the 11th time ever

- The duo had their career best in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series when they placed 2nd... they lost in the second round and then had to win 6 straight must-win matches (3 of those in three-set matches) in order to reach the title match
- The pair played internationally twice last summer, winning a silver medal in Turkiye... in their two events overseas they lost three matches, all to teams with players who compete on the AVP Tour

Brook Bauer – age 24 - 6'0" – hometown Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – currently Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. – Pepperdine / Florida State

- This is Bauer's 16th AVP event with 6 different partners
- Her career best was a 2nd place with Katie Horton in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series

Katie Horton – age 28 – 6'1" – hometown Westland, Mich. – currently Westland, Mich. – Ohio / Florida State

- Horton is playing in her 19th AVP tournament with 8 different partner
- Her career best was a 2nd place with Brook Bauer in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series