Hermosa Beach - Men - #1 Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk

Bourne / Schalk are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 10th time overall

- The duo won in their AVP debut together in New Orleans 2023, then placed 2nd in Huntington Beach
- The duo has been the top seed in all 3 AVP events they have played
- They have played 6 times internationally, with three 5th-place finishes
- Both players competed in the Olympics in beach volleyball but for different countries and different years
- Bourne all time is 10-6 when playing against Schalk, including 2-0 in AVP title matches (Fort Lauderdale 2022 and Manhattan Beach 2022)... last year in Hermosa Beach Schalk (and Theo Brunner) eliminated Bourne (and Trevor Crabb)
- At least one of these players has been in the championship match in 8 of the last 10 AVP tournaments (excluding Tour Series)... Bourne has won 3 times and Schalk 2 times in that span

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	6/15-18/2023	Challenge Jurmala	8	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	5/31-6/4/2023	Elite16 Ostrava	Q5	21	340	\$0.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	1	2	2095	\$8,500.00
FIVB	4/26-30/2023	Elite16 Uberlândia	15, Q4	5	760	\$8,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	7	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	15, Q8	13	460	\$5,000.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	10	19	300	\$1,000.00
FIVB	6/15-18/2023	Challenge Jurmala	8	5	600	\$3,750.00

Tri Bourne - age 34 - 6'5" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i - currently Honolulu, Hawai'i - Southern Cal

- This is Bourne's 44th AVP event with just his 4th different partner... he played 21 times with John Hyden, 19 with Trevor Crabb, 1 with Raffe Paulis and this will be his 3rd with Chaim Schalk
- He has won 9 times (3 with John Hyden in 2014-15, 5 with Trevor Crabb in 2020-2022, and once in 2023 with Chaim Schalk), placed second 9 times, third 13 times, and fourth once
- Entering Hermosa Beach he has been in the semifinals in 32 of his 43 completed AVP events
- Entering Hermosa Beach Bourne has advanced to the championship match in 6 of his last 8 AVP tournaments
- He has won 4 of his titles in California, and the other 5 in 5 different states
- This weekend will mark his 2nd AVP event in Hermosa Beach... in 2022 he and Trevor Crabb placed 7th

<u>Chaim Schalk - age 37 - 6'5" - hometown Red Deer, Alberta - currently Gardena, Calif. - Red Deer College / Trinity Western</u>

- Schalk is playing in his 37th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner
- He has 3 wins (in Seattle 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer, Hermosa Beach 2022 with Theo Brunner and New Orleans 2023 with Tri Bourne), 7 second place finishes and 9 third place finishes
- Schalk has been to the semifinals in just over half his AVP events entering Hermosa Beach (19 of 36 completed events), and has done so with 6 different partners
- He has competed in 10 different states while playing on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals in all 10 and to the finals in 7 different states
- Ironically, the Candian Schalk has played in Hermosa Beach more times than his teammate who went to school at Southern Cal... Schalk was 7th in 2018 with Tim Bomgren, 13th in 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer, and won last year with Theo Brunner

Hermosa Beach - Men - #2 Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb

Brunner / Trevor Crabb are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP and the 8th time overall

- In their AVP debut as partners, they finished in 3rd place in Huntington Beach 2023
- In 1 season together on the AVP, they have a 3-1 match record... they are 2-0 when winning the first set and 1-1 when losing the first set... they are 1-1 in three-set matches
- Internationally the duo has three 5th-place finishes in 6 tournaments

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	6/15-18/2023	Challenge Jurmala	16	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	5/31-6/4/2023	Elite16 Ostrava	16, Q12	13	460	\$5,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
FIVB	4/13-16/2023	Challenge Saquarema	9	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	6	19	300	\$1,000.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	14, Q6	13	460	\$5,000.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	9	5	600	\$3,750.00

Theo Brunner - age 38 - 6'7" - hometown Ridgefield, Ct. - currently Torrance, Calif. - California-Santa Barbara

- This is Brunner's 66th AVP event with 16 different partners
- He has 4 wins with 4 different partners... in Huntington Beach 2013 he won with Nick Lucena... in Seattle 2016 he won with Billy Allen... in Hermosa Beach 2018 he won with John Hyden... in Hermosa Beach 2022 he won with Chaim Schalk
- 7 of his partners have been Olympians (either beach or indoors)... of his 26 AVP semifinals entering Hermosa Beach, 23 of them came when partnering with an Olympian (only exceptions were a win and a 3rd place alongside Billy Allen, and his 3rd place in Huntington Beach 2023 with Trevor Crabb)
- This will be the 5th time that Brunner is playing an AVP event in Hermosa Beach... he was 25th in 2009 with Aaron Mansfield and 13th with Mansfield in 2010... he has won here the last 2 times he played in Hermosa Beach... in 2018 he won with John Hyden, then in 2022 he won with Chaim Schalk (in that event he defeated Trevor Crabb in the contender's bracket and then beat his brother Taylor in the finals)
- Entering this weekend he has won 11 of his last 13 matches played in Hermosa Beach

<u>Trevor Crabb - age 33 - 6'4" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - Puget Sound / Long Beach State</u>

- Crabb is playing in his 58th AVP tournament with 10 different partners
- He has won 6 AVP titles (won in Manhattan Beach 2019 with Reid Priddy, then won 5 times with Tri Bourne, in Long Beach 2020, Manhattan Beach 2021, Fort Lauderdale 2021, Manhattan Beach 2022 and Chicago 2022)
- He has advanced to 31 AVP semifinals in his career, doing so with 7 different partners
- This marks the 4th time Crabb has played on the AVP in Hermosa Beach, playing with 4 different partners... he was 2nd in 2017 with Sean Rosenthal, 5th with John Mayer in 2018, and 7th with Tri Bourne in 2022
- Crabb made his pro beach volleyball debut in Hermosa Beach in 2011 on the Wide Open Tour, playing alongside his brother Taylor and finishing in 49th place

Hermosa Beach - Men - #3 Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander

Taylor Crabb / Sander are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and 20th time overall

- The duo has won 3 times on the AVP Tour (Phoenix 2022, Huntington Beach 2022, Miami 2023), finished 2nd three times and 3rd three times
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 40-13 in matches, 30-3 when winning the first set, 10-9 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 15-7 in three-set matches
- They began their partnership with an 11-3 match record, but then went 5-5... since that point they have gone 24-5 entering Hermosa Beach
- Of their 13 match losses, 11 have come to teams seeded 1st or 2nd

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	3	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	3	1	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	4	2	2205	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	5	3	2095	\$12,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	3	1891	\$6,000.00
AVP	7/8-10/2022	Hermosa Beach Open	5	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	3	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	7	5	1706	\$4,200.00

Taylor Crabb - age 31 - 6'0" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - Long Beach State

- This is Taylor Crabb's 54th AVP event with 7 different partners
- Taylor Crabb has 12 wins (8 with Jake Gibb, 3 with Taylor Sander, 1 with Phil Dalhausser), 12 seconds (with 4 different partners), and 15 thirds
- Taylor Crabb led the AVP Tour in victories in 2019 with 4, and tied for team lead last year with 3
- Taylor Crabb has advanced to the semifinals in 39 of his 53 AVP tournaments (74% of the events)
- He has been in the semis in each of the 3 AVP events he has played in Hermosa Beach... in 2017 he won with Jake Gibb, in 2018 he placed 3rd with Gibb, and in 2022 he finished in 2nd place with Taylor Sander
- In his 3 AVP tournaments here entering this weekend, he has a career match record of 12-2 in Hermosa Beach

<u>Taylor Sander – age 31 – 6'5" – hometown Corona, Calif. – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young</u>

- Sander is playing in his 13th AVP event (12 alongside Taylor Crabb and 1 with his brother Brenden Sander)
- Sander has 3 wins (all with Taylor Crabb) and has been in the semifinals in 9 of his 12 AVP events entering Hermosa Beach
- Sander, a two-time indoor Olympian, is 14-11 in AVP matches with at least one Olympian (indoors or beach) on the opposing team... entering Hermosa Beach 25 of his 56 matches have been against teams with at least one Olympian
- In his short AVP career, Sander has lost 15 matches on the AVP tour (entering Hermosa Beach), and 13 of those were to teams seeded higher than him (has been upset just twice, to #13 Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend in Atlanta and to #18 Gage Basey / Lars Basey in Denver on the Tour Series)

Hermosa Beach - Men - #4 Chase Budinger / Miles Evans

Budinger / Evans are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 7th time overall

- The duo finished 2nd in the AVP debut in the 2023 season opener in Miami, then 5th in Huntington Beach
- Internationally the duo lost in the qualifier to Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander in their first event, then in their next outing they advanced through the qualifier and went undefeated into the gold medal match, losing 15-13 in the third set
- In 1 season as partners they are 8-4 in matches... they are 8-0 when winning the first set and 0-4 when losing the first set... they have yet to play a three-set match

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	6/15-18/2023	Challenge Jurmala	10	9	460	US\$2,500.00
FIVB	5/31-6/4/2023	Elite16 Ostrava	Q7	21	340	US\$0.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	4	5	1796	\$4,200.00
FIVB	4/13-16/2023	Challenge Saquarema	17, Q10	2	760	\$8,000.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	Q5	25	220	\$0.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	3	2	2095	\$8,500.00

Chase Budinger - age 35 - 6'7" - hometown Encinitas, Calif. - currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. - Arizona

- This is Budinger's 31st AVP event with 6 different partners
- Budinger has won 3 times all with Casey Patterson (in Hermosa Beach 2019, Atlanta 2021 and Chicago 2021), to go with 6 seconds and 7 thirds
- In all, he has advanced to the semifinals in 16 of his 30 completed events, doing so with 5 different partners
- His first 19 events came alongside a beach Olympian (Sean Rosenthal, Casey Patterson and Chaim Schalk)... he also played one tournament with indoor Olympian Reid Priddy
- His first career win came in Hermosa Beach (in 2019 with Casey Patterson)... his only other tournament here was in 2019 when he placed 9th with Troy Field
- This weekend will be his 13th AVP tournament in the state of California (out of 31 total)... as an NBA player, Budinger played at the Lakers 10 times (5-5), at the Clippers 9 times (3-6), at the Warriors 11 times (4-7) and at the Kings 9 times (5-4)

<u>Miles Evans – age 33 – 6'4" – hometown Santa Barbara, Calif. – currently Santa Barbara, Calif. – Santa Barbara</u> City College

- Evans is playing in his 29th AVP tournament with 14 different partners... he has never played more than 4
 events with any partner in his career
- He has 1 win (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Andy Benesh) and 2 second place finishes (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Ryan Doherty and Miami 2023 with Chase Budinger)
- He has won on the NVL, NORCECA, FIVB and AVP (Tour Series)
- This is the 3rd time he has played an AVP event in Hermosa Beach, with his 3rd different partner... he was 2nd in 2019 with Ryan Doherty, and 9th with Ed Ratledge in 2022

Hermosa Beach - Men - #5 Evan Cory / Troy Field

Allen / Field are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 2nd time overall

• The duo has yet to lose a match entering Hermosa Beach... they won a gold medal in a Futures event in Helsinki last weekend, going 5-0 in matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	6/29-7/2/2023	Futures Helsinki	1	1	400	€ 1,000.00

Evan Cory - age 25 - 6'3" - hometown Metairie, La.. - currently Metairie, La. - Lincoln Memorial University

- This is Cory's 26th AVP event with his 11th different partner
- His career best is 2nd place, done 2 times, both with Billy Kolinske (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cory has 4 finishes of 5th or better on the AVP Tour and 3 of them have come alongside Billy Kolinske
- This will be the 9th time he has played in California (best of 7th)... he played in Hermosa Beach in 2019 with Kevin Villela (25th) and in 2022 with Billy Kolinske (13th)
- He began the 2023 season with Logan Webber, placing 5th in New Orleans and 13th in Huntington Beach

<u>Troy Field – age 29 – 6'4" – hometown Laguna Beach, Calif. – currently Laguna Beach, Calif. – Saddleback Community College</u>

- Field is playing in his 35th AVP event with his 12th different partner
- He has been in the semifinals 8 times, including second-place finishes in New York 2019 with Tim Bomgren, in Austin 2022 with Chase Budinger, and in New Orleans 2023 with Billy Allen
- Field has had 13 total finishes of 5th or better, and they all came in 2019, 2022 and 2023
- Field began 2023 playing with Phil Dalhausser in Miami, finishing in 3rd place... he then played twice with Billy Allen, finishing 2nd in New Orleans and 7th in Huntington Beach
- After playing the last two tournaments alongside Billy Allen, his first match in Hermosa Beach will be against Billy Allen
- This season on the AVP Tour he has 4 match losses entering Hermosa Beach, and 3 of them have come against teams seeded third or better
- This marks the 5th time Field has competed in Hermosa Beach, with 5 different partners... he was 33rd in 2017 with Justin Johnson, 9th in 2018 with Chase Frishman, 5th in 2019 with Tim Bomgren and 9th in 2022 with Chase Budinger

Hermosa Beach - Men - #7 Tim Bomgren / Paul Lotman

Bomgren / Lotman are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo finished in 7th place in Huntington Beach 2023 in their debut
- The two players have faced off against each other 6 times in their history... Bomgren won the first meeting in a sweep in New York 2019... in 2021 and 2022 Lotman won all 4 meetings, and all of those went to a third set... the two met again in Miami in the 2023 season opener, with Bomgren winning in a sweep

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	9	7	1706	\$3,000.00

Tim Bomgren – age 36 – 6'4" – hometown Woodbury, Minn. – currently Saint Paul, Minn. – Wisconsin-Eau Claire

- Bomgren is playing in his 63rd career AVP tournament
- He has had 10 different partners, with his brother Brian being the most frequent... he has reached a title match with 4 different players
- Bomgren has 1 win (Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Piotr Marciniak), 3 seconds and 4 thirds...
 after reaching the semifinals in New York in 2019, he then played in 17 tournaments with a best of 5th place 4 times before winning in Virginia Beach
- This marks the 5th time Bomgren is playing in Hermosa Beach on the AVP Tour... he was 5th in 2017 with Curt Toppel, 7th in 2018 with Chaim Schalk, 5th in 2019 with Troy Field, and 13th in 2022 with Piotr Marciniak
- In the Hermosa Beach 2017 event, he knocked off the top seeded team (Billy Allen and Stafford Slick)
- Bomgren began the year playing with Piotr Marciniak in Miami, and the duo placed 7th... in New Orleans he
 played with Jake Dietrich and finished in 9th place... he played in Huntington Beach with Paul Lotman,
 finishing in 7th place

Paul Lotman - age 37 - 6'7" - hometown Lakewood, Calif. - currently San Diego, Calif. - Long Beach State

- Lotman is playing in his 38th career AVP tournament... this is his 13th different partnership
- Lotman has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Miles Partain)... in that event he had three-set wins over the #3 seed (twice) as well as the #1 seed (in the championship match)
- He has played in a total of 7 semifinals, and all 7 have come alongside Miles Partain... he has placed 2nd once (in Phoenix 2022)
- Including Hermosa Beach Lotman has played 13 times with Miles Partain and the other 25 with 12 different partners... 10 of his 11 best finishes on the AVP Tour have come with Partain
- This marks the 5th tournament Lotman has ever played in Hermosa Beach... he was 33rd in 2017 with Alejandro Parra, 17th in 2018 with Dave McKienzie, 25th in 2019 with Gabriel Rodriguez, and 3rd in 2022 with Miles Partain
- Including the Tour Series, Lotman has won the first match of an AVP tournament in 12 of his last 14 tournaments entering Hermosa Beach
- He began the 2023 season with a pair of events with Silila Tucker... he placed 9th in Miami and 5th in New Orleans

Hermosa Beach - Men - #8 Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost

Dalhausser / Drost are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 5th in Huntington Beach 2023 in their debut
- The two players have met on the court just 5 times previously... Dalhausser has won each time in a sweep... they last met in Manhattan Beach 2018... they shared the court in Huntington Beach in 2018 (on the FIVB Tour), with Dalhausser / Lucena defeating Drost / Billy Kolinske 21-19, 21-17

Recent Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	7	5	1796	\$4,200.00

Phil Dalhausser - age 43 - 6'9" - hometown Baden, Switzerland - currently Orlando, Fla. - Central Florida

- This is Dalhausser's 157th AVP event, winning 62 titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 21 seconds, 25 thirds and 1 fourth... he has been in the semifinals in 109 of his 156 completed AVP tournaments (70%)
- Drost marks the 13th different partner that Dalhausser has ever had... 5 of them have been new partners for him since the start of 2022
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 straight seasons before 2021
- Dalhausser's AVP match record by year the past 3 seasons: 20-7 in 2019, 11-1 in 2020, 2-4 in 2021, 27-12 in 2022 (he had as many losses in 2022 as the previous three years combined), and now 6-5 in 2023 (entering Hermosa Beach)... in New Orleans he went 0-2, the 3rd time doing that since the start of 2022 (the only 2 times prior to that he went 0-2 excluding forfeits were in Huntington Beach 2013, in Belmar 2003)
- Last season Dalhausser has played his 9 AVP events with 4 different partners... that was the first time in his career that he has played with even 3 different partners within the same AVP season... including Hermosa Beach he has had 3 different partners in 2023
- Dalhausser is playing his 11th AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... he won 5 consecutive titles here (in 2006 through 2010, all with Todd Rogers)... he had 2 other semifinals here (in 2004 with Nick Lucena and in 2022 with Casey Patterson)... the 2004 Hermosa Beach event marked his first ever AVP semifinal... in that tournament he played 7 matches, and 5 of them featured at least one Olympian
- Dalhausser began the 2023 season playing with Troy Field, finishing third in Miami... he then placed 13th with John Sutton in New Orleans

Avery Drost - age 36 - 6'5" - hometown Redlands, Calif. - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - Westmont College

- This is Drost's 85th AVP tournament with his 30th different partner
- He has advanced to 8 semifinals in his AVP career, including 3 second-place finishes, all with Chase Frishman and all on the Tour Series in 2022... they made it to the title match in Atlantic City, Virginia Beach and Huntington Beach (where their only two losses were to top seeds Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander)
- His first ever semifinal was New York 2015 with Billy Kolinske, when they lost the first round match before
 winning 4 straight must-win matches to reach the semis (including wins over teams seeded #3 and #4)... his
 other third-place finishes came in Seattle 2016 with Gregg Weaver (after advancing from the qualifier and
 losing in the first round of the main draw), in New York 2016 with Billy Kolinske, in Hermosa Beach 2017
 with Chase Frishman, then not again until Muskegon 2022 (on the Tour Series) with Andy Benesh
- He played 18 times with Chase Frishman, then no more than 5 events with any other partner
- He began 2023 with Jake Dietrich, finishing in 9th place in Miami... then in New Orleans he and Travis Mewhirter finished in 7th place
- This is the 5th time he has played an AVP event in Hermosa Beach, with a best of 3rd in 2017 with Chase Frishman

Hermosa Beach - Men - #9 Chase Frishman / Billy Kolinske

Frishman / Kolinske are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The good news for this duo is that the last two Pro Series events were won by tandems playing together for the first time on the AVP Tour (Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk in New Orleans and Andy Benesh / Miles Partain in Huntington Beach)
- These two players have faced each other 7 times... Kolinske won the first 4 meetings, while Frishman has won the last 3

<u>Chase Frishman - age 32 - 6'0" - hometown Laguna Niguel, Calif. - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - UC-San Diego</u>

- Frishman is playing in his 49th AVP tournament with his 9th different partner
- He has advanced to 7 AVP semifinals in his career... he has 3 seconds, all in 2022 on the Tour Series with Avery Drost (in Atlantic City, Virginia Beach and Huntington Beach)
- Frishman's third place finishes came in Hermosa Beach 2017 with Avery Drost, in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Noah Dyer, in Miami 2023 with Cody Caldwell, and in New Orleans 2023 with Cody Caldwell
- He is playing his 4th AVP event of 2023, and the first three all came alongside Cody Caldwell... they were 3rd in both Miami and New Orleans, before finishing 13th in Huntington Beach
- This marks the 5th time that he is playing an AVP event in Hermosa Beach... in 2017 he was 3rd with Avery Drost (his first career AVP semifinal), in 2018 he was 9th with Troy Field, in 2019 he was 9th with Avery Drost, and in 2022 he was 9th with Noah Dyer

<u>Billy Kolinske – age 36 - 6'6" – hometown Big Bend, Wisc. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Wisconsin-Whitewater</u>

- This is Kolinske's 49th AVP event with his 19th different partner
- His best finish is 2nd place, which he has done twice, both times with Evan Cory and in consecutive events... they had their 2nd-place finishes on the Tour Series in Muskegon 2022 and Denver 2022
- Kolinske has been to a total of 7 semifinals on the AVP Tour (including Tour Series)... he has 5 third-place finishes with 4 different partners... his first 3 (in 2015 and 2016) all came after defeating a tandem of brothers (the Bomgrens twice and the McKibbins once)... his fourth came in Manhattan Beach 2019 when he played 11 matches in the event (tying an AVP record), with 10 of those being elimination matches and six being three-set matches that all lasted over 1:08... his most recent third-place finish was in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kolinske is playing in his 4th AVP tournament of the season with his 3rd different partner... he and Hagen Smith placed 7th in the season opener in Miami, then they finished 13th in New Orleans... last weekend in Denver on the Tour Series, he partnered with John Hyden and they placed 5th
- His only other tournament in Hermosa Beach came last year when he finished 13th with Evan Cory

Hermosa Beach - Men - #10 Hagen Smith / Logan Webber

Smith / Webber are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo has reached the finals in each of the first 2 tournaments (both on the Tour Series), winning in Virginia Beach and then placing 2nd in Denver last weekend
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP, they have a 10-2 match record... they are 8-0 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches

Hagen Smith - age 28 - 6'0" - hometown Pacific Palisades, Calif. - currently Santa Monica, Calif. - UCLA

- Smith is playing in his 33rd AVP tournament with 9 different partners
- He has 1 Tour Series win (in Virginia Beach 2023 with Logan Webber)
- Last weekend in Denver on the Tour Series he placed 2nd with Webber... outside of the Tour Series, his career best is 3rd place, which he had in Chicago 2022 with Jake Dietrich
- He began the season with a pair of events alongside Billy Kolinske, finishing 7th in Miami and 13th in New Orleans
- Smith played in the qualifier in each of his first 22 AVP events, but including Hermosa Beach he has now been seeded directly into the main draw in his last 11 tournaments (including Tour Series)
- This marks the 5th time Smith is playing in Hermosa Beach... he was 33rd in 2017 with Cole Fiers, 13th in 2018 with Travis Mewhirter, 25th in 2019 with Steven Irvin, and 5th in 2022 with Jake Dietrich
- His dad, Sinjin, collected 6 wins in Hermosa Beach (2 on the P&R Tour, 4 on the AVP)
- Smith made history in Hermosa Beach in 2022, as he and Jake Dietrich were seeded 16th and defeated the top seeds (Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb) in the first round meeting

<u>Logan Webber – age 27 – 6'7" – hometown Grand Rapids, Mich. – currently Grand Rapids, Mich. – Cincinnati</u> Christian University

- Webber is playing in his 33rd AVP tournament with 10 different partners
- He has 1 Tour Series win (in Virginia Beach 2023 with Hagen Smith)
- Last weekend in Denver on the Tour Series he placed 2nd with Smith... he has been to 2 other semifinals, both in 2022 and both on the Tour Series (in Denver and Huntington Beach, both with Seain Cook)
- Outside of the Tour Series, his career best is 3rd place, which he last did in Tavares 2023 with Seain Cook
- This marks the 5th time that he is playing an AVP event in Hermosa Beach... in 2017 he was 25th with Charles VanRees, in 2018 he was 49th with VanRees, in 2019 he was 17th with David Vander Meer, and in 2022 he was 9th with John Hyden

Hermosa Beach - Men - #12 Billy Allen / Alison Cerutti

Allen / Alison are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 2nd in Virginia Beach 2023 on the Tour Series in their debut together, then last weekend won in Denver on the Tour Series
- In 1 season as partners they have an 11-1 match record... they are 10-0 when winning the first set and 1-1 when losing the first set... they are 3-0 in three-set matches
- The duo was seeded first in their first event together (Virginia Beach on the Tour Series), then after finishing in second place they were seeded 6th in Denver (also on the Tour Series)... after winning that event, they are now seeded 12th in Hermosa Beach (their first Pro Series event)

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	6	1	1621	\$3,800.00
AVP	6/9-11/2023	Tour Series Virginia Beach Open	1	2	1540	\$2,200.00

Billy Allen - age 41 - 6'2" - hometown Fallbrook, Calif. - currently Rathdrum, Idaho - Cal State Northridge

- This is Allen's 128th AVP event with 18 different partners
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick) plus one Tour Series win (in Denver 2023 with Alison Cerutti), 5 seconds and 11 thirds
- All of his wins have come in rainy places (not necessarily rainy during the tournament), as he won in Seattle 2016, in Seattle 2017 and in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series (which as of last week has had more rain year to date than Seattle)
- Including the Tour Series Allen has advanced to the semifinals in 5 of his last 7 AVP tournaments, and to the finals in 3 of his last 4 events
- Allen began the 2023 season with Andy Benesh in Miami, losing both matches 15-12 in the third set and finishing in 13th place... he then played twice with Troy Field, finishing 2nd in New Orleans and 7th in Huntington Beach
- This weekend marks his first Pro Series event since Huntington Beach, when he partnered with Troy Field, and his first match in Hermosa comes against Field
- He has advanced to the semifinals on the AVP with 8 different partners and to the championship with 5 different ones
- Allen is playing in his 10th AVP tournament in Hermosa Beach... his best finishes here have all come the last 3 times (2nd in 2018 with Ryan Doherty, 5th in 2019 with Stafford Slick and 5th in 2022 with Jeremy Casebeer)

Alison Cerutti - age 37 - 6'8" - hometown Vitoria, Brazil. - currently Manhattan Beach, Calif.

- Alison is playing in his 5th AVP event with 3 different partners
- His first AVP event came in 2009 in Glendale, Ariz, where he and Harley Marques placed second
- He didn't play on the AVP Tour again until this season, when he lost in the qualifier in Huntington Beach alongside Eric Beranek... then in his last 2 tournaments he reached the finals both times with Billy Allen (finishing second in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series and winning in Denver on the Tour Series)
- In his short AVP career, he has never lost a match when winning the first set (15-0 entering Hermosa Beach)... he is 1-4 when losing the first set
- A three-time Olympian, Alison won a silver medal in 2012, won gold in 2016, and placed fifth last year in Tokyo
- On the Brazilian Tour, he has won 40 tournaments, finished second 21 times, and third 19 times (they play the 3rd-place match there)... he won 13 times with Bruno Schmidt and 12 times with Emanuel Rego
- He was a 6-time Best Attacker on the Brazilian Tour, and a 6-time Best Blocker
- Alison won once before in Southern Cal, winning in Long Beach in 2015 on the FIVB Tour with Bruno Schmidt

Hermosa Beach - Men - #16 Dylan Maarek / Spencer Sauter

Maarek / Sauter are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo first played together in Seattle in 2018, losing in the qualifier...they played in the Huntington Beach qualifier in May, losing their first qualifier match
- They earned a berth into Hermosa Beach by having the highest point total from three CBVA events:
 - Santa Monica on May 13th, finished 2nd (lost to Skylar del Sol / Lev Priima)
 - Hermosa Beach on May 27th, finished 2nd (lost to Travis Mewhirter / Jake Urrutia)
 - Santa Monica on June 24th, finished 1st (beat Colton Jeffrey / Rowdy Lennon)
- In 2 seasons as partners they have a 1-2 match record... they are 1-0 when winning the first set and 0-2 when losing the first set... they have yet to play a three-set match

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/21-24/2018	AVP Seattle	Q13	21	150	\$0.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	Q32	29	971	\$0.00

Dylan Maarek – age 29 – 6'1" – hometown Santa Monica, Calif. – currently Santa Monica, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Maarek's 22nd AVP event with 11 different partners
- He is guaranteed to have one of his top two finishes ever, as his career best is 9th in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Dave Palm... his next best finish after that is 17th place and even going 0-2 will get him a 13th here this weekend
- This is the second straight AVP event playing alongside Spencer Sauter... the last time he played consecutive events with the same partner was in 2018 (played twice in a row with Andrew Dentler)
- His only other AVP tournament in Hermosa Beach came in 2019 with Dave Palm, and he got a career-best 9th place... in that event he defeated Chaim Schalk (and Jeremy Casebeer), his first round opponent in Hermosa Beach this weekend

Spencer Sauter - age 28 - 6'8" - hometown Woodridge, Ill. - currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. - Penn State

- Sauter is playing in his 31st AVP event with 14 different partners
- He hasn't played with any partner more than 5 times
- This weekend he will guarantee at least a tie for a career best AVP finish... he has placed 13th twice before (in San Francisco 2017 with Raffe Paulis and in Huntington Beach 2019 with Ben Vaught)... in both of those events he had to advance from the qualifier
- Sauter made his pro beach volleyball debut in Hermosa Beach in 2010 at the age of 15... he played with Ryan Loughlin and they were seeded 92nd... they lost their only qualifier match 21-5, 21-9... his next pro beach event did not occur until 6 years later in 2016
- This is the 5th time Sauter is playing an AVP event in Hermosa Beach... he was 89th with Ryan Loughlin in 2010 (his first ever AVP tournament), 15th with Raffe Paulis in 2017, 15th with David Vander Meer in 2018, and 49th with Ben Vaught in 2019