

Hermosa Beach – Sunday, July 9, 2023 – Women’s Championship Match

2:00 pm – #6 Corinne Quiggle / Sarah Schermerhorn vs #13 Megan J. Rice / Savvy Simo

NOTE: The notes below do not include events on the Tour Series unless specifically stated

Head to Head

- This is the 1st meeting between these teams

Title Tidbits

- Including the Tour Series the AVP is guaranteed to have its 6th different winning team in 7 events
- Megan J. Rice is trying to become the 2nd Megan Rice to win on the AVP this year (Macy Jerger / Megan Rice won in Virginia Beach on the Tour Series in June)
- Megan J. Rice and Simo are trying to become the 3rd lowest seeded team to win an AVP title... twice a team seeded 14th won (Emily Capers / Summer Ross in Cincinnati 2013 and Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss in Atlanta 2021)
- The two finalists are seeded 6th and 13th, and the total of 19 ties for the highest ever in AVP women’s history... the other tournament that happened was in Ft. Lauderdale 2022 when seed #8 defeated #11
- The semifinals will had the 3rd highest sum of seeds in the final four in AVP women’s history
 - In Hermosa Beach 2019 the total was 64 (seeds 1, 18, 21, 24) in a 24-team draw
 - In Manhattan Beach 2017 the total was 41 (seeds 1, 2, 15, 23) in a 32-team draw
 - In Hermosa Beach 2023 the total was 40 (seeds 6, 7, 13, 14) in a 16-team draw
- 4 of the last 7 AVP titles (excluding Tour Series and excluding Phoenix which was just 6 teams), have been won by a team coming from the contender’s bracket... in Hermosa Beach both teams competing in the finals are undefeated
- Since the start of the 2022 season, including the Tour Series, 15 different women’s team won in the 21 events in that span... and today will guarantee to make it 16 different teams in 22 events
- 18 of the last 25 AVP title matches (excluding Tour Series) have been sweeps... the team winning the first set is 23-2 in the last 25 championship matches

Quiggle / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP and the 23rd time overall

- The duo has a best of 3rd (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series) followed by a 5th in Atlanta 2022
- Entering the finals in Hermosa Beach in 2 seasons together on the AVP they have a 23-17 match record (including Tour Series)... they are 20-5 when winning the first set and 3-11 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 8-5 in three-set matches
- Hermosa Beach will mark their 22nd tournament (AVP and international) since May 2022... those 22 events have come in 11 different countries on 5 different continents

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/30-7/2/2023	Tour Series Denver Open	5	3	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	5/18-21/2023	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	9	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	2	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	10	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	9	9	1706	\$4,300.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	10	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	9	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	2	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	7	7	1621	\$3,000.00

Corinne Quiggle – age 26 – 5’10” – hometown Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Quiggle’s 39th AVP event with 11 different partners
- Her career best finish on the AVP Tour is a 3rd place in Muskegon 2022 with Sarah Schermerhorn on the Tour Series and a 3rd place in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series with Schermerhorn... her best outside of the Tour Series is a 5th place done 4 times (in Manhattan Beach 2018 with Kimberly Smith, in Seattle 2019 with Amanda Lawson, in Honolulu 2019 with Lawson, and in Atlanta 2022 with Schermerhorn)
- This is her 4th time playing in Hermosa Beach... she was 7th in 2017 with Brittany Howard, 25th in 2018 with Agnieszka Pregowska, and 9th in 2019 with Amanda Lawson
- Quiggle has had at least 13 digs in every match this tournament
- This is her first ever AVP finals

Sarah Schermerhorn – age 34 – 5’1” – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 34th AVP event with her 5 different partners
- Her career best was a 2nd place finish with long-time partner Kimberly Hildreth in Austin 2019
- This is the 3rd time she has played in Hermosa Beach... she was 25th in 2018 with Kimberly Hildreth and 5th in 2019 with Hildreth
- The 2019 Hermosa Beach even marked the first event of her career that she was seeded directly into the main draw, and she finished in 5th place with Kimberly Hildreth... since then, she has never had to play in an AVP qualifier
- Schermerhorn has had at least 1 block in all 10 sets played, and has 18 total this weekend
- This marks her 2nd AVP final ever (lost 21-11, 21-11 with Kimberly Hildreth in Aust 2019 against Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon)... in that event she had to win 3 qualifier matches to reach the main draw, and went undefeated in reaching the title match (won 7 straight matches before the finals)

M.J. Rice / Simo are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Rice was a late substitution for Toni Rodriguez, who was injured during her 2nd-place finish in Denver last weekend on the Tour Series

Megan J. Rice – age 25 – 6’0” – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara / Loyola Marymount

- Rice is playing in her 5th career AVP tournament with her 4th different partner
- This is her first season playing pro beach volleyball
- Rice just turned 25 earlier this week (on July 4th)
- Rice enters the finals with a 4-0 record this weekend... entering this tournament she had won a total of 5 matches (all in the qualifier or Tour Series) in her first 4 events of her career
- Rice has at least 1 block in 8 of her 9 sets played this weekend... she has 10+ kills in all 4 matches played
- This will mark her first paycheck from pro beach volleyball

Savvy Simo – age 24 – 5’10” – hometown Ranch Santa Fe, Calif. – currently Ranch Santa Fe, Calif. – UCLA

- Simo is playing in her 18th AVP tournament with her 8th different partner
- Her career best finish is 2nd place done last weekend in Denver on the Tour Series with Toni Rodriguez
- She also has placed 5th 4 times... she placed 5th in New Orleans 2022 with Toni Rodriguez, in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Jessica Gaffney, in Tavares 2022 with Gaffney, and in New Orleans 2023 with Rodriguez
- Her first ever AVP main draw match came in Atlanta 2021 with Megan Kraft, and they defeated second-seeded Kelly Cheng / Sarah Sponcil in three sets

- Entering the finals in Hermosa Beach, in her AVP career (including Tour Series), Simo has a 7-9 record against teams seeded 4th or better (excluding forfeits)
- Simo showed remarkable improvement in her tournaments in Hermosa Beach... in 2019 she was 81st with Haley Hallgren, then upped that to a 7th in 2022 with Emily Capers
- The 2019 Hermosa Beach tournament marked her pro beach volleyball debut
- Simo has 12+ kills and 11+ digs in all 4 matches played this weekend
- This marks her first championship match on the Pro Series, as she finished 2nd in Denver last weekend on the Tour Series (lost 15-21, 22-20, 9-15 to Hailey Harward / Kelley Kolinske)