

Huntington Beach – Men – #1 Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk

Bourne / Schalk are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 6th time overall

- The duo won in their AVP debut together in New Orleans 2023
- They have played 4 times internationally, improving from a 19th to a 13th to a pair of 5ths
- 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)
- At least one of these players has been in the championship match in 7 of the last 9 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	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

Tri Bourne – age 33 – 6’5” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – currently Honolulu, Hawai’i – Southern Cal

- This is Bourne’s 43rd 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 2nd 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 8 times, third 13 times, and fourth once
- Entering Huntington Beach he has been in the semifinals in 31 of his 42 completed AVP events
- Entering Huntington Beach Bourne has advanced to the championship match in 5 of his last 7 AVP tournaments
- He has won of his titles in California, and the other 5 in 5 different states
- This weekend will mark his 5th AVP event in Huntington Beach and he has advanced to the semifinals each time... he was 2nd in both 2013 and 2014 with John Hyden, then won in 2015 with Hyden, then placed 3rd with Trevor Crabb in 2019... entering this weekend he has a 16-4 career record in Huntington Beach with all 4 losses coming against teams seeded 1st, 1st, 2nd and 4th (and 3 of the 4 losses were three-set matches)

Chaim Schalk – age 37 – 6’5” – hometown Red Deer, Alberta – currently Gardena, Calif. – Red Deer College / Trinity Western

- Schalk is playing in his 36th 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), 6 second place finishes and 9 third place finishes
- Schalk has been to the semifinals in just over half his AVP events entering Huntington Beach (18 of 35 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
- In Schalk’s first ever AVP main draw match (in New York 2017 with Ricardo Santos), he defeated top-seeded Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena in three sets... all time on the AVP Tour he has a 6-5 match record against teams seeded number one

Huntington Beach – Men – #2 Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb

Brunner / Trevor Crabb are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP and the 5th time overall

- Internationally the duo has a pair of 5th-place finishes sandwiched around a 13th and a 19th
- This is Crabb's first AVP event since the 2022 season finale in Phoenix, and his last match was a straight set loss to Brunner (and Chaim Schalk)

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
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 65th AVP event with his 16th different partner
- 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 25 AVP semifinals entering Huntington Beach, 23 of them came when partnering with an Olympian (only exceptions were a win and a 3rd place alongside Billy Allen)
- This will be the 7th time that Brunner is playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach and it will be with his 7th different partner... in 2008 he finished 37th with Andrew McGuire (but not before getting his first ever qualifier match win on the AVP Tour)... he was 57th in 2009 with Aaron Mansfield... he got his first career AVP win in 2013 with Nick Lucena... in 2014 he was 5th with Todd Rogers... he was 3rd in 2016 with Billy Allen...he finished 3rd in 2017 with Casey Patterson

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

- Crabb is playing in his 57th AVP tournament with his 10th different partner
- 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 30 AVP semifinals in his career, doing so with 6 different partners
- In 2013 Crabb played in Huntington Beach with Steven VanderWerp, advancing from the qualifier and finishing in 9th place (it was his 2nd AVP main draw and he got his first main draw match win, against No. 2 seeded Phil Dalhausser / Sean Rosenthal)
- His other Huntington Beach finishes include 13th with Billy Allen in 2014, 3rd with Taylor Crabb in 2015, 2nd with Crabb in 2016, 5th with Sean Rosenthal in 2017, and 3rd with Tri Bourne in 2019

Huntington Beach – Men – #3 Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander

Taylor Crabb / Sander are playing together for the 11th time on the AVP Tour and 19th 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 twice
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 37-11 in matches, 28-3 when winning the first set, 9-7 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 14-6 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 19-3, and have won 13 consecutive matches entering Huntington Beach
- Of their 11 match losses, 9 have come to teams seeded 1st or 2nd

AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
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 52nd AVP event with 6 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 14 thirds
- Taylor Crabb led the AVP Tour in victories in 2019 with 4, and tied for team lead last year with 3... he has won each of the last 4 AVP tournaments he has played (3 with Sander, 1 with Phil Dalhausser)
- Taylor Crabb has advanced to the semifinals in 38 of his 51 AVP tournaments (75% of the events)

Taylor Sander – age 31 – 6’5” – hometown Corona, Calif. – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Sander is playing in his 11th AVP event (all alongside Taylor Crabb)
- Sander has 3 wins (all with Taylor Crabb) and has been in the semifinals in 8 of his 10 AVP events entering Huntington Beach
- Sander, a two-time indoor Olympian, is 14-10 in AVP matches with at least one Olympian (indoors or beach) on the opposing team... entering Huntington Beach 24 of his 48 matches have been against teams with at least one Olympian
- In his short AVP career, Sander has lost 11 matches on the AVP tour (entering Huntington Beach), and 10 of those were to teams seeded higher than him (has been upset just once, to #13 Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend in Atlanta)
- 4 of his 11 AVP match losses came against Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb

Huntington Beach – Men – #4 Chase Budinger / Miles Evans

Budinger / Evans are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- The duo finished 2nd in the AVP debut in the 2023 season opener in Miami
- 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 5-2 in matches... they are 5-0 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
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 34 – 6'7" – hometown Encinitas, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Arizona

- This is Budinger's 30th 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 29 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 only previous tournament in Huntington Beach came in 2019 alongside Casey Patterson, finishing 2nd
- This weekend will be his 12th AVP tournament in the state of California (out of 30 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)

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

- Evans is playing in his 28th 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 4th time he has played an AVP event in Huntington Beach, with his 4th different partner... he was 17th in 2014 with Matt Jones, 5th in 2016 with Curt Toppel, and 17th with Brian Cook in 2017

Huntington Beach – Men – #5 Andy Benesh / Miles Partain

Benesh / Partain are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP and 6th time overall

- The duo has played 5 international Challenge events, winning one gold... they also have one other semifinal and a pair of 5th-place finishes
- In all 5 of those international tournaments they had to first play in the qualifier... in total they played 33 matches in 5 tournaments
- They have a match record of 25-8 internationally, and 5 of their 8 losses have come to teams seeded either first or second
- Partain is 5-2 against Benesh all time

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	4/13-16/2023	Challenge Saquarema	8, Q2	4	680	\$6,000.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	13, Q3	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	10/27-30/2022	Dubai 2nd Challenge	4, Q1	9	460	\$2,500.00
FIVB	10/22-25/2022	Dubai 1st Challenge	15, Q3	1	800	\$10,000.00
FIVB	10/13-16/2022	Maldives Challenge	22, Q9	5	600	\$3,750.00

Andy Benesh – age 28 – 6’9” – hometown Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Benesh is playing in his 30th career AVP tournament with his 10th different partner
- Benesh has won twice on the AVP Tour (in the 2022 season opener in Austin and in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series)
- In 6 of his last 13 AVP tournaments, Benesh has reached the semifinals... prior to that stretch he had never made a semifinal in his first 16 tournaments
- Huntington Beach marks his 4th straight AVP tournament with a 4th different partner
- Benesh began 2023 playing with Billy Allen in Miami, losing both matches 15-12 in the third set and finishing in 13th place
- This marks the 2nd time he has ever played in Huntington Beach, placing 33rd with Cole Fiers in 2019

Miles Partain – age 21 – 6’2” – hometown Pacific Palisades, Calif. – currently Pacific Palisades, Calif. - UCLA

- Partain is playing in his 29th AVP tournament with his 9th different partner... he has played 13 times with Lotman and 7 times with his brother Marcus Partain, while the other 9 events came with 7 different partners (including Huntington Beach)
- In his first 19 AVP tournaments, he had a best of 5th place... in his last 9 events, he finished in 3rd place 5 times and then won in Atlanta, placed 5th in both Manhattan Beach and Chicago, and 2nd in Phoenix
- In Atlanta he became just the second male to win an AVP title before turning 21 years old (Scott Ayakatubby did it twice in 1984)
- Entering Huntington Beach, the last AVP match Partain played was in the championship match in Phoenix in September 2022
- Entering Huntington Beach his last AVP tournament with a partner other than Paul Lotman was in August 2021 in Atlanta (finished 9th with Avery Drost)
- This is the first time Partain has ever played in Huntington Beach

Huntington Beach – Men – #6 Billy Allen / Troy Field

Allen / Field are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 2nd in New Orleans 2023 in their debut together
- In 1 season as partners they have a 4-1 match record... they are 3-1 when winning the first set and 1-0 when losing the first set... they are 1-1 in three-set matches
- Allen and Field have played each other 4 times, once in each of the past 4 seasons... Allen won in three sets in New York 2019, in a sweep in Long Beach 2020, and in three sets in Atlanta 2021... Field won last year in New Orleans 21-23, 24-22, 15-11

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	3	2	2095	\$8,500.00

Billy Allen – age 41 – 6’2” – hometown Fallbrook, Calif. – currently Rathdrum, Idaho – Cal State Northridge

- This is Allen’s 125th AVP event with 17 different partners
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick), 4 seconds and 11 thirds
- Allen made his first AVP semifinal in 2010, and from that point advanced to at least one semifinal in 8 of 11 years he played through 2021... his last semifinal was in the 2021 season finale in Chicago before New Orleans (which ended a stretch of 9 straight events without making one)
- 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 has advanced to the semifinals on the AVP with 7 different partners
- Entering New Orleans Allen had lost 6 of his last 7 AVP matches (and 11 of the last 16), but then in New Orleans went 4-1 in matches
- Allen is playing in his 13th AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... his best finish here was a 3rd place with Theo Brunner in 2016

Troy Field – age 29 – 6’4” – hometown Laguna Beach, Calif. – currently Laguna Beach, Calif. – Saddleback Community College

- Field is playing in his 34th AVP event with 11 different partners
- 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 finished in third place with Tim Bomgren in 2019 in his only previous AVP tournament in Huntington Beach
- Entering Huntington Beach Field has 7 match wins on the AVP in 2023, and 3 of those have come against former partner Chase Frishman... his only 2 losses were to teams seeded 1st and 3rd

Huntington Beach – Men – #7 Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost

Dalhausser / Drost are playing together for the 1st time ever

- 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

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

- This is Dalhausser's 156th 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 155 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 3-3 in 2023 (entering Huntington 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... Huntington Beach marks his 3rd different partner of 2023
- Dalhausser is playing his 13th AVP tournament in Huntington Beach... he has won 5 previous titles here (in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010 with Todd Rogers, and in 2017 with Nick Lucena)... he has the most AVP wins in Huntington Beach of all time
- 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 84th 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 came in 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
- Drost is playing his 9th AVP event in Huntington Beach... in 2009 he played in the qualifier with Tony Pray, which was his 2nd AVP event ever... in 2022 on the Tour Series, he placed 2nd alongside Chase Frishman
- He began 2023 with Jake Dietrich, finishing in 9th place in Miami... then in New Orleans he and Travis Mewhirter finished in 7th place
- Huntington Beach will be the 4th straight AVP event with a different partner for Drost

Huntington Beach – Men – #8 Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend

Brewster / Friend are playing together for the 13th time on the AVP Tour and 18th time overall

- The duo's best finish was 2nd in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series... they also have 4 third-place finishes including in Tavares to end the 2022 AVP season and last event in New Orleans
- 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)
- In Oct and Nov 2022 they won 3 straight NORCECA events
- Despite just beginning their partnership in July 2022, they have played the 2nd events together than any other duo competing here (behind only Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander)
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo (including Tour Series) has a 29-22 match record... they are 18-9 when winning the first set and 10-12 when losing the first set and 0-1 in one-set matches with one forfeit win... they are 17-13 in three-set matches... all 5 of their matches in New Orleans went to a third set

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	5	5	1796	\$4,200.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	Q11	21	340	\$0.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	5	3	1891	\$6,000.00
FIVB	11/23-27/2022	Torquay Challenge	16, Q3	17	360	\$1,500.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Huntington Beach Open	3	5	1540	\$1,500.00
NORCECA	11/4-6/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Hato Mayor	2	1	320	\$0.00
NORCECA	10/7-9/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Managua	4	1	320	\$0.00
NORCECA	9/30-10/2/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Punta Cana	5	1	320	\$0.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	9	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	8/26-28/2022	Virginia Beach Open	1	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	9	25	1132	\$650.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	13	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	12	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	7/22-24/2022	Atlantic City Open	5	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	7/7-9/2022	Waupaca Open	6	2	1796	\$5,000.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	14	7	1463	\$1,000.00

Timothy Brewster – age 23 – 6'0" – hometown Los Angeles, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – UCLA / Loyola Marymount

- This is Brewster's 28th AVP event... his first came when he was 16 years old (lost in the 2016 Manhattan Beach qualifier)
- His career best is a second place finish (in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Friend), and 4 thirds
- Including Huntington Beach, Brewster has played 13 tournaments with Kyle Friend and the other 15 with 9 different partners
- Brewster had never played in an AVP main draw prior to 2022... in his first 15 AVP events, he had a best of 17th place... he has had his 10 best career finishes with Friend

Kyle Friend – age 34 – 6'5" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Newport Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Friend is playing in his 36th AVP Tournament with 7 different partners
- His career best is a second place finish (in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Brewster), and 4 thirds
- In his first 23 AVP tournaments, Friend had a best of 9th four times... since partnering with Brewster he surpassed that 10 times
- Friend has partnered with two former indoor Olympians (Paul Lotman and David Lee) and lived with a beach Olympian (April Ross)

Huntington Beach – Men – #9 Tim Bomgren / Paul Lotman

Bomgren / Lotman are playing together for the 1st time ever

- 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

Tim Bomgren – age 35 – 6'4" – hometown Woodbury, Minn. – currently Saint Paul, Minn. – Wisconsin-Eau Claire

- Bomgren is playing in his 62nd 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 8th time Bomgren is playing in Huntington Beach... he played 5 times with his brother Brian, finishing 17th in 2013, 9th in 2014, 7th in 2015, 5th in 2016 and 7th in 2017... in 2019 he was 3rd with Troy Field... in 2022 on the Tour Series he placed 17th with Piotr Marciniak
- The 2015 semifinal in New Orleans was the first one in Bomgren's career, and it came after winning 3 qualifier matches... he upset teams seeded fifth, fourth and seventh, and his only two losses were against the tournament's top two seeded teams
- 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

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

- Lotman is playing in his 37th 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)
- Including Huntington Beach Lotman has played 13 times with Miles Partain and the other 24 with 12 different partners... 10 of his 11 best finishes on the AVP Tour have come with Partain
- This marks the 4th tournament Lotman has ever played in Huntington Beach... he was 21st in 2017 with Alejandro Parra, 25th in 2019 with Adam Roberts, and 7th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Evan Cory
- Including the Tour Series, Lotman has won the first match of an AVP tournament in 11 of his last 13 tournaments
- He began the 2023 season with a pair of events with Silila Tucker... he placed 9th in Miami and 5th in New Orleans

Huntington Beach – Men – #10 Cody Caldwell / Chase Frishman

Caldwell / Frishman are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- In their debut in Miami the duo finished in third place... seeded 11th, they upset the 6th and 3rd seeds in sweeps and their 2 losses were in three-set matches to the teams seeded first and second (including a semifinal loss to #1 Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander in which Caldwell / Frishman had 3 match points)
- They again placed 3rd in New Orleans, with their only 2 losses coming against the third-seeded team... all 6 of their matches in New Orleans were sweeps
- Entering Huntington Beach in 1 season as partners they are 7-4 in matches... they are 7-1 when winning the first set and 0-3 when losing the first set... they are 0-2 in three-set matches
- The duo has 4 match losses entering Huntington Beach, and all 4 have come against teams seeded 3rd or better
- The duo won a gold medal on the NORCECA Tour in Aguascalientes, Mexico in late April

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
NORCECA	4/21-23/2023	NORCECA Aguascalientes	10	1	320	\$2,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	6	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	11	3	1990	\$6,000.00

Cody Caldwell – age 30 - 6'6" – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Newport Beach, Calif. – Loyola Chicago

- This is Caldwell's 23rd AVP event with 11 different partners
- He has 1 win, with David Lee in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series... in that event he was seeded 10th and upset 5 teams, including the teams seeded #2, #3, #4 and #5... that was his only AVP semifinal before Miami 2023, when he finished third with Chase Frishman... he again finished 3rd with Frishman in New Orleans 2023
- In 2022 he played internationally on 5 different continents
- His only prior event in Huntington Beach came in 2022 on the Tour Series, placing 13th with David Lee
- In 2022 Caldwell played 11 AVP events (including Tour Series) and had 14 match wins... in his first 2 AVP tournaments of 2023 he already has 7 match victories... his only 4 losses have come against teams seeded 3rd or better

Chase Frishman – age 31 – 6'0" – hometown Laguna Niguel, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – UC-San Diego

- Frishman is playing in his 48th AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- 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
- This marks the 5th time that he is playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach... in 2016 he was 9th with Michael Brunsting, in 2017 he was 13th with Brunsting, in 2019 he was 17th with Piotr Marciniak, and in 2022 on the Tour Series he was 2nd with Avery Drost

Huntington Beach – Men – #11 Evan Cory / Logan Webber

Cory / Webber are playing together for the 5th time on the AVP Tour and the 11th time overall

- The duo finished 17th, 9th, 13th and 5th in their first 4 AVP events together
- The two players were partners in 2021 on the AVP Tour, then beginning in October 2022 internationally... New Orleans 2023 marked their first domestic event together since the 2021 season finale
- After Cory and Webber split following the 2021 season, they played each other in the first match of the 2022 season opener in Austin (Webber won in a sweep)... Cory won a pair of three-set matches in Denver on the Tour Series, including in the semifinals... then in the 2022 season finale Webber won in three sets in Tavares to end Cory's season
- Entering Huntington Beach in 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 8-7 in matches... they are 6-1 when winning the first set and 2-6 when losing the first set... they are 4-2 in three-set matches
- Of their 7 career AVP match losses, 4 have come against teams with an Olympian on it

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	9	5	1796	\$4,200
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	Q18	25	220	\$0.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	Q14	25	220	\$0.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	Q7	21	340	\$0.00
FIVB	10/27-30/2022	Dubai 2nd Challenge	10, Q2	19	300	\$1,000.00
FIVB	10/22-25/2022	Dubai 1st Challenge	17, Q5	4	680	\$6,000.00
FIVB	10/13-16/2022	Maldives Challenge	20, Q6	9	460	\$2,500.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	14	13	336	\$2,600.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	14	9	540	\$3,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	Q8	17	266	\$0.00

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

- This is Cory's 25th AVP tournament with 10 different partners
- His career best finishes are 2 second-place finishes he had on the Tour Series in 2022 (Muksegon and Denver), both of which he had with Billy Kolinske... his best outside of the Tour Series is a 5th place with Kolinske in Atlanta 2022 and a 5th place with Logan Webber in New Orleans 2023
- Between 2015 and 2021, Cory played 12 AVP events (2 main draws)... since the start of 2022 he has played in 13 AVP events (including Huntington Beach), all of which have been main draws, plus 10 international events (including NORCECA)
- Cory is playing in Huntington Beach for the 2nd time... he placed 7th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Paul Lotman
- New Orleans marked his 5th consecutive AVP tournament with a different partner (Billy Kolinske, Dave Palm, Paul Lotman, Marty Lorenz and Logan Webber)

Logan Webber – age 27 – 6'7" – hometown Grand Rapids, Mich. – currently Grand Rapids, Mich. – Cincinnati Christian

- Webber is playing in his 30th AVP tournament with 9 different partners
- His career bests are a pair of third-place finishes on the Tour Series in 2022 with Seain Cook (in Denver and Huntington Beach)
- Webber also has 6 fifth-place finishes, 5 of which came in 2022... he placed fifth twice on the Tour Series and three times on the Pro Series last season and then 5th in New Orleans 2023 with Evan Cory
- This is the 3rd time he has played an AVP event in Huntington Beach... he was 13th in 2019 with Christian Honer and 3rd in 2022 on the Tour Series with Seain Cook

Huntington Beach – Men – #12 Seain Cook / Jake Dietrich

Cook / Dietrich are playing together for the 1st time overall

- The two players have played against each other 3 times, all in 2022... Cook won twice while Dietrich won once... all 3 matches were sweeps

Seain Cook – age 31 - 6'4" – hometown Perth, Scotland – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Cook's 12th AVP tournament with 6 different partners
- His career best is third place, which he has done twice alongside Logan Webber... in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series he advanced to the semifinals with his only two losses coming to the fourth-seeded team... in that event 4 of his 6 matches went three sets... in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series he advanced to the semifinals with his only two losses coming to the top-seeded team in the event
- He also has 4 fifth-place finishes, with 2 of those coming on the Tour Series and the other 2 coming in his last 3 tournaments (Tavares 2022 with Logan Webber and Miami 2023 with Jeremy Casebeer)
- Huntington Beach marks his 6th different partner in his last 8 AVP events
- Entering Huntington Beach he has played 39 matches since the start of the 2022 season (including Tour Series), and 18 of them went to a third set
- This is the 2nd time Cook has played in Huntington Beach, as he placed 3rd in 2022 on the Tour Series with Logan Webber
- Cook began the season in Miami with Jeremy Casebeer, rebounding from a first-round loss to finish in 5th place... he then placed 9th with David Lee in New Orleans

Jake Dietrich – age 34 – 6'5" – hometown Santa Clarita, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pierce Junior College / Cal State-Santa Cruz

- Dietrich is playing in his 19th AVP tournament with his 9th different partner
- His career best a third place in Chicago 2022 with Hagen Smith... in that event he lost the first round match and needed to win 4 straight matches to reach the semifinals
- His 5 best finishes have all come when playing alongside Hagen Smith
- Dietrich lost in the qualifier in each of his first 10 AVP tournaments, but Huntington Beach marks the 9th consecutive event in which he has been in the main draw
- Entering Huntington Beach Dietrich has lost 9 of the last 10 matches in which he lost the first set
- This marks the 3rd time Dietrich has played in Huntington Beach... he was 21st in 2015 with Matt Jones and 17th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Hagen Smith
- Dietrich played the season opener with Avery Drost, placing ninth... his first match of that tournament was a loss against his 2022 partner Hagen Smith...then he finished in ninth place in New Orleans with Tim Bomgren... in 2022 he played all 7 of his AVP tournaments with Hagen Smith, and now Huntington Beach marks his 3rd different partner in 3 AVP events

Huntington Beach – Men – #13 (Q3) Andrew Dentler / Jacob Landel

Dentler / Landel are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- In the qualifier in New Orleans 2 of their 3 matches went to a third set... in both of those, they lost the first set but came back to win the match, including a 28-26 third set
- In the qualifier in Huntington Beach, they won the first set in all 3 matches
- The two players have played against each other twice before... Landel won in a sweep in Hermosa Beach 2018... Dentler won 22-20, 24-22 in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- In 1 season together (including the qualifiers), they have a 7-2 match record entering the Huntington Beach main draw... they are 5-0 when winning the first set and 2-2 when losing the first set... they are 3-1 in three-set matches

Recent Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	13, Q2	9	1621	\$2,000.00

Andrew Dentler – age 33 - 6'5" – hometown Mechanicsburg, Pa. – currently Pottstown, Pa. – George Mason

- This is Dentler's 32nd AVP event with his 17th different partner
- His career best is a third place with Skylar del Sol in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- In his first 23 AVP events he advanced to 5 main draws... in his last 9 tournaments (including Tour Series and including Huntington Beach) he has played in the main draw all 9 times
- This is the 3rd time that Dentler has played an AVP event in Huntington Beach... he was 21st in 2016 with Ian Satterfield and 17th in 2019 with Daniel Dalanhese

Jacob Landel – age 31 – 6'2" – hometown Long Beach, Calif. – currently Santa Cruz, Calif. – Cal-Santa Cruz

- Landel is playing in his 22nd AVP tournament with 5 different partners
- His career best was a third place with Lev Priima in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series
- He has played 15 times with Lev Priima while his other 7 events came alongside 4 other partners
- Entering the Huntington Beach Main Draw, 5 of his last 8 matches played went to three sets
- Landel is playing in Huntington Beach for the 2nd time, having placed 33rd in 2019 with Kylan Winterbotham
- Landel has now advanced from 5 straight qualifiers (including Huntington Beach) after advancing in just 3 of his first 12 of his career

Huntington Beach – Men – #14 (Q5) Skylar del Sol / Lev Priima

Del Sol / Priima are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo finished 21st in New Orleans 2023 in their debut
- Entering the Huntington Beach main draw (including qualifiers), in 1 season together they have a 4-1 match record... they are 4-0 when winning the first set and 0-1 when losing the first set... they are 1-1 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	Q1	21	1192	\$0.00

Skylar del Sol – age 32 - 6'0" – hometown Elizabeth, Colo. – currently Mesa, Ariz.

- This is del Sol's 37th AVP event with 13 different partners
- His career best is a 3rd place with Andrew Dentler in Wuapaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- Del Sol partnered with Trevor Crabb for two international events in 2018 (in Iran and Fort Lauderdale)
- Del Sol has played 3 previous times in Huntington Beach... he was 21st with Billy Kolinske in 2014, 29th with Vincent Robbins in 2014, and 25th with Bruno Amorim in 2019

Lev Priima – age 32 – 6'4" – hometown San Jose, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- Priima is playing in his 28th AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- His career best was a 3rd place with Jacob Landel in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series
- He began the 2023 season with Djordje Klasnic in Miami, finishing in 17th place
- This marks his 3rd time playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach, having placed 17th with Kacey Losik in 2017 and 7th with Noah Dyer in 2022 on the Tour Series

New Orleans – Men – #15 (Q7) Djordje Klasnic / Brian Miller

Djordje / Miller are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo advanced from the qualifier in New Orleans by sweeping all 3 opponents, then qualified in Huntington Beach by again sweeping all 3 opponents
- They finished 7th in New Orleans after upsetting the 7th and 4th seeds in the tournament... all 4 of their main draw matches in New Orleans came against teams seeded 9th or better and all 4 went to a third set
- Entering the Huntington Beach Main Draw together in 1 season on the AVP (including qualifiers) they have a 8-2 match record... they are 6-1 when winning the first set and 2-1 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches

Djordje Klasnic (goes by DJ) – age 27 - 6'4" – hometown Novi Sad, Serbia – currently Los Angeles County, Calif.

- This is Klasnic's 4th AVP event with 3 different partners
- The 7th place in New Orleans marked a new career best for him as he placed 17th in his other 2 AVP tournaments
- Both of his parents were professional volleyball players and they now have their own club
- His two older sisters both play volleyball
- When he represented Serbia in the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Cyprus (at the age of 17), it marked the first time he had ever flown on a plane
- He won a bronze medal in a CEV Satellite event in 2017, the first medal ever won by Serbia on that tour
- He made his AVP debut in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, finishing in 17th place with Ed Ratledge

Brian Miller – age 29 – 6'8" – hometown Mercer Island, Wash. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Washington State

- Miller is playing in his 30th AVP tournament with his 12 different partners
- His career best is seventh place, which he has done 3 times... the first two were while playing with Raffe Paulis in consecutive events... he placed seventh in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series, then followed that up with a seventh-place finish in Manhattan Beach 2022... in the latter event he knocked of the #8 and #9 seeds before pushing top-seeded Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk to a 16-14 third set... then last event in New Orleans 2023 he advanced from the qualifier and finished in 7th place with Djordje Klasnic
- He began the season with Raffe Paulis in Miami, finishing in 21st place
- This is the 3rd time he has played on the AVP Tour in Huntington Beach, having placed 17th with Jon Ferrari in 2019 and 9th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Raffe Paulis

Huntington Beach – Men – #16 (Q9) Raffe Paulis / Jeff Samuels

Paulis / Samuels are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour

- The duo's best finish together was a 9th in Hermosa Beach 2018
- Including Huntington Beach their 7 AVP tournaments as partners have come in 4 different years (2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023)
- All 3 of their Huntington Beach qualifier matches went 3 sets (and they won the first and third sets, and lost the second sets, in all 3 matches)

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	7	13	1254	\$0.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	14	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	8/30-9/2/2018	Chicago Championships	Q1	25	216	\$0.00
AVP	8/16-19/2018	AVP Gold Series Manhattan Beach	17, Q1	25	216	\$550.00
AVP	7/26-29/2018	AVP Hermosa Beach	15	9	300	\$2,500.00
AVP	8/31-9/3/2017	Chicago Championships	18, Q2	13	384	\$2,500.00

Raffe Paulis – age 37 - 6'2" – hometown Chicago, Ill. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Northeastern Illinois

- This is Paulis' 58th AVP event with his 28th different partner
- His career best is a 7th place which he has done twice, both times with Brian Miller... in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series and then in the next event in Manhattan Beach he placed 7th both times
- This is the 8th time that Paulis has played an AVP event in Huntington Beach and comes alongside his 8th different partner in those... in 2013 he was 21st with Jeff Carlucci, in 2014 he was 21st with Abel Gustafson, in 2015 he was 17th with Jake Rosener, in 2016 he was 17th with Tim May, in 2017 he was 21st with Bill Strickland, in 2019 he was 17th with Marty Lorenz and in 2022 on the Tour Series he was 9th with Brian Miller

Jeff Samuels – age 36 – 6'3" – hometown Grand Blanc, Mich. – currently Grand Blanc, Mich. – Michigan State / Davenport

- Samuels is playing in his 33rd AVP tournament with 15 different partners
- His career best was a 5th place with Christopher Vaughan in Wuapaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- He began the 2023 season with Christopher Vaughan in Miami, finishing in 21st place
- This marks his 3rd time playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach, having placed 17th with Derek Olson in 2017 and 25th with Dave Palm in 2019