# Huntington Beach - Women - #1 Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes

Cheng / Hughes are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and 38th time overall

- The duo has won 3 times on the AVP Tour (Chicago 2017, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and New Orleans 2023)... they also have one 2nd place finish and three 3rds together
- The two began playing together in 2013 at the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Portugal (won bronze medal)... in 2014 they lost in an AVP qualifier, and won a bronze medal in the FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... in 2015 they formed a partnership at Southern Cal as sophomores... they competed together on the AVP through the end of the 2017 season before reuniting in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng and Hughes became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title in Chicago 2017... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22
- Entering Huntington Beach including qualifiers and Tour Series, in 6 seasons the pair has a 47-15 match record... they are 43-4 when winning the first set and 4-11 when losing the first set... they are 10-7 in three-set matches... they have won 3 straight AVP tournaments together (one in 2017, one in 2022, one in 2023) and have won 16 consecutive matches (and each of their last 5 third sets)... they have won 22 of their last 23 matches, with their last loss in the 2017 Manhattan Beach semifinals against Emily Capers / Brittany Hochevar (losing 16-14 in the third set)
- In New Orleans their first set scores were 21-8, 21-16, 10-21, 8-21 and 21-9

#### **All AVP Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Huntington Beach Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	8/31-9/3/2017	Chicago Championships	12	1	1200	\$22,000.00
AVP	8/17-20/2017	Manhattan Beach Open	23	3	864	\$9,000.00
AVP	6/22-25/2017	Seattle Open	7	9	300	\$2,500.00
AVP	6/8-11/2017	New York City Open	13	7	444	\$4,400.00
AVP	6/23-26/2016	AVP San Francisco Open	13, Q1	2	640	\$10,000.00
AVP	6/16-19/2016	AVP New York City Open	14, Q5	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/13-16/2015	AVP Manhattan Beach Open	14	9	300	\$3,000.00
AVP	7/16-19/2015	AVP New York City Open	16, Q10	3	540	\$7,000.00
AVP	8/14-17/2014	Manhattan Beach Open	Q12	33	120	\$0.00

## Kelly Cheng - age 27 - 6'2" - hometown Placentia, Calif. - currently Fullerton, Calif. - Southern Cal

- This is Cheng's 37th AVP event with 5 different partners... she has been to the finals with 4 of them.
- Cheng has won 3 times (Chicago 2017, New Orleans 2022 and New Orleans 2023) plus a win in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series ... she has also placed 2nd 8 times, and placed 3rd 16 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 28 of her 35 AVP events entering New Orleans (80% of the tournaments)
- Cheng has played in 10 different states on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them, and to the championship match in 6 different states... she is 0-5 in finals in California excluding Tour Series
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 8 seasons (2016-2023)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)

## <u>Sara Hughes – age 28 – 6'2" – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal</u>

- This is Hughes' 37th AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 5 wins (plus one Tour Series win), 4 seconds and 12 thirds
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 22 of her 36 AVP events (61%) entering Huntington Beach, and in the championship match 10 times (28%)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span
  in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Hughes has 4 partners with whom she has only played one tournament with... the other 4 partners she has
  played at least 6 times, and has been to a championship match with each of them

# Huntington Beach - Women - #2 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and the 25th time overall

- The duo won 4 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, in Austin 2022, in Chicago 2022 and Phoenix 2022)
- Entering Huntington Beach 13 of their last 15 matches have come against teams seeded 5th or better
- Entering Huntington Beach in 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 45-15 in matches... they are 38-3 when winning the first set, 6-10 when losing the first set, and 0-2 in one-set matches and one win by forfeit...they are 15-5 in three-set matches
- They won 38 of their first 39 matches in their partnership when winning the first set, but in New Orleans they lost their last 2 matches when winning the first set
- In their AVP careers, 13 of their 15 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0
- The duo won a gold medal in Brazil at the end of April, their first Elite16 gold medal

#### All AVP Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	4	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	4	1	1891	\$15,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	6	1	2321	\$30,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	6	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	4	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	4	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	2	2	1990	\$8,500.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	6	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	9	3	756	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	9	5	810	\$7,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	14, Q4	1	1050	\$20,000.00

# <u>Taryn Kloth - age 26 - 6'4" - hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. - currently Sioux Falls, S.D. - Creighton / Louisiana State</u>

- This is Kloth's 12th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 7 times, the finals 5 times, and has 4 wins
- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009 Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- And for another first, Kloth played indoors at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is the first
  player known to go to Creighton in the bybinfo.net database of 21,280 players (which also includes
  international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

## Kristen Nuss - age 25 - 5'6" - hometown New Orleans, La. - currently Metairie, La. - Louisiana State

- This is Nuss' 17th AVP event, and she has been to 6 semifinals, 5 championship matches, and has 4 wins
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments
- In 4 of her first 5 AVP tournaments, Nuss was eliminated in a three-set match
- All 4 of her career partners on the AVP Tour were teammates of hers at LSU

## Huntington Beach - Women - #3 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and 6th time overall

- The duo has advanced to the finals in each of their first 3 AVP tournaments together, winning in Miami 2023
- 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
- In the 2023 season opener in Miami, the pair lost in the third round but then swept 3 three straight opponents to win the title
- Last event in New Orleans the duo went undefeated into the finals before losing straight sets
- Entering Huntington Beach the pair has a 14-4 match record... they are 11-0 when winning the first set and 3-4 when losing the first set... they are 4-1 in three-set matches
- Entering Huntington Beach they are 5-1 all time against teams seeded 4th or better

#### **All Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	2	2	2095	\$8,500.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	9	5	760	\$8,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	1	1	2205	\$14,000.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	7	5	760	\$8,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	3	2	2205	\$22,000.00

#### Melissa Humana-Paredes - age 30 - 5'9" - hometown Toronto, Ontario - currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes' 14th 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... won in the 2023 season opener with Brandie Wilkerson
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 10 of her 13 completed AVP events and to the championship match 8 times entering Huntington Beach
- In her 8 AVP title matches she was the #1 seed twice... in the other 6 finals she played against the #1 seed 5 times... one of her second-place finishes came in Huntington Beach 2019 with Sarah Pavan
- She has played in 76 FIVB tournaments (7 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan
- In each of her last 10 AVP events entering Huntington Beach, she has averaged at least 6.3 digs per set in each tournament

#### Brandie Wilkerson - age 30 - hometown Lausanne, Switzerland - currently Redondo Beach, Calif.

- Wilkerson is playing in her 23rd AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Won her first AVP title in the 2023 season opener in Miami... her other best career AVP finishes have been second 5 times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes, 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes and 2023 New Orleans with Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
- Her appearance in the title match in New Orleans 2023 marked the first time in her AVP career that she has reached the finals through the winner's bracket (she came through the contender's bracket in the other 5)
- 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 Huntington Beach she has advanced to the semifinals in each of her last 5 AVP outings
- In total she has been in the semifinals 11 times in her 22 AVP tournaments entering Huntington Beach... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones
- Wilkerson has played 41 sets alongside Humana-Paredes entering New Orleans, and has at least 1 block in in 33 of them (total of 58 blocks in those 41 sets)
- This is the 3rd time Wilkerson has played in Huntington Beach on the AVP Tour, placing 17th with Branagan Fuller in 2017 and 7th in 2019 with Kelly Cheng... the 2017 event was her first AVP tournament ever

## Huntington Beach - Women - #4 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles

Flint / Scoles are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and the 8th time overall

- In their AVP debut (2023 season opener in Miami), the pair advanced to the championship match with their only 2 match losses coming to the #1 and #2 seeds in the event
- The duo then placed 3rd in New Orleans 2023 despite losing their first round match, winning 4 straight contender's bracket matches to reach the semis
- Their first 3 tournaments as partners came on 3 different tours (AVP, World Beach Pro Tour and NORCECA
- They won a silver medal internationally and then a gold on the NORCECA Beach Tour Final in December
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has an 8-4 match record... they are 7-2 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches

#### **All Results As Partners**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	4/26-30/2023	Elite16 Uberlândia	8	13	460	\$5,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	3	3	1990	\$6,000.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	6	5	600	\$3,750.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	6	13	460	\$5,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	3	2	2095	\$8,500.00
NORCECA	12/9-11/2022	2022 Norcea Beach Tour Final	1	1	800	\$0.00
FIVB	11/29-12/3/2022	Torquay Elite 16	5	2	1100	\$20,000.00

## Betsi Flint - age 30 - 5'10" - hometown Phoenix, Ariz. - currently Los Angeles, Calif. - Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 47th AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Flint has 6 AVP wins with 3 different partners, and her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019 and 2022... she has won with each of her partners that she has played more than 3 tournaments with
- Her wins came in Mason 2015 (with Kelley Kolinske), San Francisco 2017 (with Kolinske), Seattle 2018 (with Emily Capers), San Francisco 2018 (with Capers), Hermosa Beach 2019 (with Capers) and New Orleans 2022 (with Kelly Cheng)
- Outside of Larissa Maestrini (who won in Glendale 2009) she and Kolinske have the earliest AVP win of all players entered here
- She finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske, which marked the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw
- Flint is playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach for the 5th time in her career... she and Kelley Kolinske placed 5th in 2016, 7th in 2016 and 2nd in 2017... in 2019 she and Emily Capers were 3rd
- Flint's 6 AVP titles is the most of any women's player competing this weekend (Sara Hughes has 5 AVP titles plus a Tour Series win)

# <u>Julia Scoles – age 25 – 6'1" – hometown Mooresville, N.C. – currently Mooresville, N.C. – North Carolina / Hawai'i / USC</u>

- This is Scoles' 14th AVP tournament with 6 different partners
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango), 3 seconds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Urango, in Fort Lauderdale 2022 with Urango, and in Miami 2023 with Betsi Flint)... she also has 3 thirds (twice with Urango, once with Flint)
- Her first 4 AVP events came with 4 different partners, and she lost in the qualifier 3 times then placed 17th... since then, she has advanced to the semis in 7 of her last 9 AVP tournaments entering Huntington Beach
- Since the start of the 2022 season, she has been eliminated from 8 AVP events and 7 times the other team had an Olympian on it

# Huntington Beach - Women - #5 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil

Cannon / Sponcil are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and 26th time overall

- The duo played 2 AVP tournaments to close out the 2018 season, emerging from the qualifier and placing third in their inaugural event (Chicago 2018)... then they reunited in 2022
- They won last year in Hermosa Beach and placed 2nd in Atlanta... they have been in the semifinals in 7 of their 11 completed events entering Huntington Beach
- In 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 32-16 in matches, 24-1 when winning the first set, 7-15 when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in one-set matches and 10-5 in three-set matches
- They were seeded #1 in Fort Lauderdale 2022 but placed 9th, the lowest finish by a women's top seed since seedings were known... previously a #1 seed finished 7th three times
- Entering Huntington Beach they have 7 match losses in their last 5 AVP tournaments, all of which have come to teams seeded 4th or better
- In their last 10 matches entering Huntington Beach, the duo has won the first set just 3 times

#### **All AVP Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	5	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	2	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/23-24/2022	Phoenix Championships	2	4	1621	\$7,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	2	3	2095	\$13,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	1	3	2095	\$12,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	1	2	2205	\$22,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	1	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	7/8-10/2022	Hermosa Beach Open	1	1	2095	\$14,000.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	3	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	8/30-9/2/2018	AVP Gold Series The Championships	18, Q2	3	972	\$10,500.00
AVP	9/15-16/2018	Hawaii Invitational	8	7	0	\$5,000.00

Terese Cannon - age 27 - 6'3" - hometown Pittsford, N.Y. - currently Pittsford, N.Y. - Georgetown / Southern Cal

- This is Cannon's 36th AVP event with 9 different partners
- Cannon has advanced to 10 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners (Kelly Reeves, Irene Pollock, Sarah Sponcil and Molly Turner)... she has 1 win (Hermosa Beach 2022 with Sarah Sponcil)
- Cannon had been to 4 semifinals in her first 27 AVP events, and entering Huntington Beach has advanced to 6 semifinals in her past 8 tournaments
- She has played 15 of her previous 35 tournaments in the state of California but this is the first time she is playing in Huntington Beach... in 2022 she had a 9-1 match record in the state of California

#### Sarah Sponcil - age 26 - hometown Phoenix, Ariz. - currently Phoenix, Ariz. - Loyola Marymount / UCLA

- Sponcil is playing in her 26th AVP tournament with just 4 different partners
- Entering Huntington Beach she has advanced to 16 semifinals (64% of the tournaments), with 1 win, 5 seconds, 9 thirds and 1 fourth
- Sponcil played in one AVP qualifier in 2013 (at the age of 17), then not again until 2018... she has reached at least one AVP championship match in each of the 5 seasons since then (2018-2022)
- Her championship match appearances have come in 2018 (in Austin with Lauren Fendrick), in 2019 (in New York City with Kelly Cheng), in 2020 (in Long Beach #3 with Kelly Cheng), in 2021 (in Atlanta with Kelly Cheng) and in 2022 (in Hermosa Beach with Terese Cannon and in Atlanta with Terese Cannon)
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 9 of the 10 states she has played in (all but Louisiana)
- Her only previous tournament in Huntington Beach was in 2013 with Zana Muno, which was her AVP debut (lost 19-17 in the third set in the qualifier match to get into the main draw)... that remains as her only AVP event in which she did not play in the main draw

# Huntington Beach - Women - #6 Hailey Harward / Kelley Kolinske

Harward / Kolinske are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP and the 6th time overall

• The duo finished 9th in all 3 Challenge events internationally but lost in the qualifier in both Elite 16 tournaments

#### **All Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	4/26-30/2023	Elite16 Uberlândia	Q10	21	340	US\$0.00
FIVB	4/13-16/2023	Challenge Saquarema	12	9	460	US\$2,500.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	13	9	460	US\$2,500.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	Q12	21	340	US\$0.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	12	9	460	US\$2,500.00

<u>Hailey Harward - age 25 - 5'9" - hometown Phoenix, Ariz. - currently Phoenix, Ariz. - Long Beach State / Southern Cal</u>

- Harward is playing in her 15th AVP event with her 11th different partner... she has not played with any partner more than 2 times
- She has 1 win (with Tina Graudina in Fort Lauderdale 2022) and 1 third (with Emily Capers in New Orleans 2022)
- In her two tournaments in which she reached the semifinals, she had a total of 9 main draw match wins... in her other 12 AVP events (including Tour Series) entering Huntington Beach she has won a total of 12 main draw matches
- Although this is her first AVP event of 2023, she played 5 World Beach Pro Tour events between the middle
  of March and the end of April
- This is Harward's 2nd time playing in Huntington Beach, having placed 7th with Kelly Reeves in 2022 (on the Tour Series)

## Kelley Kolinske - age 30 - 6'2" - hometown San Diego, Calif. - currently Jamul, Calif. - Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 40th AVP Tournament with her 5th different partner... she has 4 wins, 3 seconds, 8 thirds... her victories came in 2015 (Mason), 2017 (San Francisco), 2019 (Seattle) and 2022 (Manhattan Beach)
- Kolinske played just once in 2014 (9th place), but since then has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of the last 8 seasons, including to a championship match in 5 different years
- Billy Kolinske proposed to Kelley Larsen on stadium court in Chicago in August 2019... they were then married in 2020
- Entering Huntington Beach has been in the semifinals in 7 of her last 9 AVP tournaments (exceptions were Austin 2022 and Chicago 2022)
- This is the 5th AVP event in Huntington Beach she has played... in 2015 she was 5th with Betsi Flint... in 2016 she was 7th with Flint... in 2017 she was 2nd with Flint... in 2019 she placed 5th with Emily Stockman

# Huntington Beach - Women - #7 Sarah Pavan / Kelley Reeves

### Pavan / Reeves are playing together for the 1st time ever

• The two players have played against each other twice, both times in 2019... in Edmonton on the FIVB Tour Pavan won 21-16, 21-15 in pool play... in Manhattan Beach in the semifinals, Pavan won 21-15, 21-16

## <u>Sarah Pavan – age 36 – 6'5" – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Nebraska</u>

- This is Pavan's 20th AVP event with her 9th different partner... she has played 10 times with Melissa Humana-Paredes and the other 10 events with 8 different partners (including Huntington Beach)
- Pavan has 2 AVP wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), both with Melissa Humana-Paredes
- Pavan's AVP career: 1 semifinal in her first 6 AVP events, then advanced to the semifinals in 7 of 9 tournaments, now has finished 5th or worse in 4 straight AVP events
- This will mark Pavan's 6th different partner in her last 6 AVP tournaments
- Pavan is the tallest player in the tournament

## Kelly Reeves - age 31 - 6'0" - hometown San Diego, Calif. - currently San Diego County, Calif. - UCLA

- Reeves is playing in her 44th AVP tournament with her 14th different partner
- She has been to 4 AVP semifinals, finishing in third place each time... her first time came in Seattle 2017 with Jennifer Fopma, followed in the next event in San Francisco 2017 with Fopma again... she finished third in San Francisco 2018 with Brittany Howard (after knocking off the tournament's #1 and #4 seeds)... her most recent one came in Manhattan Beach 2019 with Terese Cannon
- Including this tournament, she has played 21 of her 44 events in the state of California, and 3 of her 4 semis have come in the Golden State
- Reeves made her pro beach volleyball debut in Huntington Beach 2016 with Ali McColloch... they won 3 qualifier matches, then knocked off the tournament's #4 main draw seed en route to a 5th place finish
- This will be the 5th AVP tournament Reeves has played in Huntington Beach, with 5 different partners... she placed 5th in 2016 with Ali McColloch... in 2017 she was 5th with Jennifer Fopma... in 2019 she was 9th with Brittany Howard... in 2022 (on the Tour Series) she and Hailey Harward placed 7th)

# Huntington Beach – Women – #8 Megan Kraft / Emily Stockman

Kraft / Stockman are playing together for the 5th time on the AVP Tour and the 19th time overall

- The duo began their partnership in May 2022 and in their second international event they won a gold medal in a Futures event in June 2022
- They have had 4 different placings on the AVP Tour (all in 2022) with a 3rd in New Orleans, 13th in Atlanta, 5th in Manhattan Beach and 9th in Chicago
- In 1 season together on the AVP, they have an 8-8 match record... they are 6-1 when winning the first set and 2-7 when losing the first set... they are 4-4 in three-set matches... in total they are 20-20 in sets and 726-736 in points scored / allowed
- Since May 2022 they have played in 13 different countries (including playing in 3 different time zones in the U.S.) and on 5 different continents
- Entering Huntington Beach the duo has played 8 of their 16 AVP matches against teams seeded 5th or better

#### **AVP Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	9	9	1706	\$5,200.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	13	5	1891	\$9,000.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	11	13	1540	\$4,000.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	5	3	1891	\$6,000.00

Megan Kraft - age 20 - 6'0" - hometown San Diego, Calif. - currently San Diego, Calif. - Southern Cal

- Kraft is playing in her 11th AVP event with 4 different partners
- In her short AVP career Kraft has a 6-5 match record against teams seeded 1st through 4th
- This is Kraft's last chance of becoming the youngest woman to win an AVP tournament (Summer Ross was 20 years, 8 months, 13 days old when she won in Cincinnati 2013) as Kraft will be 20 years, 7 months and 24 days old on Sunday... even if she plays the Tour Series event in Virginia Beach, she would be 20 years, 8 months and 15 days old on championship Sunday
- Kraft has played in Huntington Beach once before, in 2019 with Delaynie Maple... in that event the duo became the youngest team to ever advance from an AVP qualifier

<u>Emily Stockman – age 34 – 6'0" – hometown Colorado Springs, Colo. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Winthrop / Wichita State</u>

- This is Stockman's 50th AVP event with 14 different partners
- She has 1 AVP win (Seattle 2019 with Kelley Kolinske) and 1 second (Austin 2017 with Kim DiCello)... she has 8 third-place finishes... in all, her 10 AVP semifinals have come with 6 different partners
- This will be her 6th time playing an AVP event in Huntington Beach with a 6th different partner... in 2014 she was 7th with Traci Callahan, in 2015 she was 13th with Ali McColloch, in 2016 she was 9th with Amanda Lawson, in 2017 she was 5th with Kim DiCello and in 2019 she was 5th with Kelley Kolinske
- Stockman played in New Orleans 2023 with Sarah Pavan, finishing in 5th place after a three-set loss in the match to get into the semifinals

# Huntington Beach - Women - #9 Corinne Quiggle / Sarah Schermerhorn

Quiggle / Schermerhorn are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP and the 21st time overall

- The duo has a best of 3rd (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series) and a 5th in Atlanta 2022
- Entering Huntington Beach in 1 season together on the AVP they have a 15-14 match record (including Tour Series)... they are 12-3 when winning the first set and 3-10 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 6-3 in three-set matches... they have won 4 of their last 5 three-set matches
- Huntington Beach will mark their 19th tournament (AVP and international) since May 2022... those 19
  events have come in 11 different countries on 5 different continents
- Schermerhorn's 2nd AVP event ever was in Manhattan Beach 2017, losing in the qualifier to Quiggle

#### **AVP Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
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

<u>Corinne Quiggle – age 26 – 5'10" – hometown Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine</u>

- This is Quiggle's 37th 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... 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)
- Despite going to Pepperdine and currently living in Manhattan Beach, this is her first time playing in Huntington Beach on the AVP Tour... she has played at least 3 events in Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Manhattan Beach and San Francisco
- Quiggle turned 26 on May 11

## Sarah Schermerhorn – age 34 – 5'1" – hometown Colfax, N.C. – currently Colfax, N.C. – Elon

- Schermerhorn is playing in her 32nd 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 2nd time she has played in Huntington Beach, having lost in the qualifier in 2019 with Kimberly Hildreth... in the following event those two went to Austin, won 3 qualifier matches then went undefeated into the championship match before losing

# Huntington Beach - Women - #10 Deahna Kraft / Zana Muno

#### **Kraft / Muno** are playing together for the 1st time overall

• These two players have played against each other 3 times in their careers... Muno won in a qualifier match in Hermosa Beach 2019... Muno won in Hermosa Beach 2022, then won again in Fort Lauderdale 2022

# <u>Deahna Kraft</u> – age 24 – 6'0" – hometown Seattle, Wash. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine / <u>Wisconsin</u>

- Kraft is playing in her 18th career AVP tournament with her 8th different partner
- She has 1 win, with Allie Wheeler in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kraft has 2 other AVP semifinals, both with Wheeler on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Atlantic City)
- Outside of Tour Series events, Kraft has a best of 7th place done twice (with Allie Wheeler in Atlanta 2022 and with Kaitlyn Malaney in Miami 2023)
- This tournament will be her 8th in the state of California, while her other 10 AVP events have come in 8 different states
- Including Huntington Beach, she has played 9 times with Allie Wheeler and the other 9 events with 7 different partners

### Zana Muno - age 26 - 5'10" - hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. - currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. - UCLA

- This is Muno's 20th AVP event with her 10th different partner
- Muno has advanced to 5 AVP semifinals (with Crissy Jones in Hermosa Beach 2019, with Jones in Atlanta in 2021, with Kelley Kolinske in Chicago 2021 and with Brandie Wilkerson in Atlanta 2022 and Manhattan Beach 2022)
- Last season Muno played with 3 different partners on the AVP Tour and each of those partners has competed in beach Olympics
- Since August 10, 2022, she has played in 8 AVP and international combined tournaments (including Huntington Beach), and each of those have come alongside a different partner
- All time in AVP main draws, Muno is 12-7 in three-set matches
- Muno made her AVP and beach volleyball debut in Huntington Beach in a qualifier with Sarah Sponcil (who
  was making her pro beach volleyball debut as well)... the players, both of whom were 17 years old, lost in
  the match to get into the main draw in a 19-17 third set

# Huntington Beach - Women - #11 Carly Skjodt / Geena Urango

Skjodt / Urango are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP and the 6th time overall

- Their 3 previous AVP tournaments have all resulted in 9th place finishes (the 2022 season opener in Austin, the 2023 season opener in Miami, and New Orleans 2023)
- The duo has also played in two NORCECA events, winning a silver and a bronze medal
- In their partnership they have a 3-6 match record... they are 1-1 when winning the first set and 2-5 when losing the first set... they are 3-4 in three-set matches
- Entering Huntington Beach they have gone to a third set in 7 of their 9 matches together, and have lost the first set in 7 matches
- Against #5 Larissa / Lili in Miami, they had a 13-10 lead in the third set before Larissa / Lili closed on a 9-4 run... Urango had a dig on match point (if I recall correctly) but play was ruled a re-do as a ball came on the court from the college tournament

#### **All Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
NORCECA	5/12-14/2023	NORCECA Varadero	14	3	256	\$500.00
NORCECA	4/21-23/2023	NORCECA Aguascalientes	13	2	288	\$1,000.00
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	8	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	4	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	16	9	1540	\$2,000.00

## Carly Skjodt - age 25 - 6'1" - hometown Indianapolis, Ind. - currently Venice, Calif. - Michigan

- This is Skjodt's 14th AVP event with 6 different partners
- Her career best is a 3nd place, which she has done twice with Katie Dickens (in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and in Tavares 2022)
- Entering Huntington Beach she has played 43 AVP matches (including qualifiers) in her career... she has given up a total of 16 more points than she has scored
- Her only previous time playing in Huntington Beach was in the 2022 Tour Series event, finishing in 7th place with Katie Dickens

### Geena Urango – age 33 – 5'11" – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 63rd AVP tournament with 15 different partners
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 8 seconds and 8 thirds
- Urango has advanced to the championship match with 4 different partners... 5 of her title matches came between 2015 and 2018, then her other 4 came last season
- This is Urango's 6th AVP event in Huntington Beach, trailing only Kim DiCello (playing in her 8th) among players here this weekend... Emily Stockman is also playing in her 6th
- She played 4 times in Huntington Beach with Angela Bensend (9th in 2014, 9th in 2015, 2nd in 2016 and 9th in 2017)... in 2019 she and Caitlin Ledoux placed 13th

# Huntington Beach - Women - #12 Toni Rodriguez / Savvy Simo

Rodriguez / Simo are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and the 7th time overall

- The pair finished in 7th place in the 2022 season opener in Austin, then won their first 2 matches in New Orleans 2022 (guaranteeing a 5th-place finish) when in the first set against LSU alums Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss Rodriguez injured her knee and had to withdraw from the tournament
- After 8 months off, the pair resumed play in February 2023 internationally... they competed in an event in February, March and April, including winning a silver medal in La Paz Mexico in a Challenge event (lost in the finals to Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss)
- The duo placed 5th in New Orleans 2023 after losing the first match and winning 3 straight contender's bracket matches
- Entering Huntington Beach, in 2 seasons together they have a 7-6 match record... they are 5-2 when winning the first set and 2-2 when losing the first set and have 2 losses by forfeit... they are 5-2 in three-set matches
- Entering Huntington Beach 7 of their 11 completed matches have gone to a third set
- In college the two players met on 3/9/19, with Simo winning in a sweep... the two players have never played against each other in pro beach volleyball

#### **All Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	12	5	1796	\$4,200.00
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	19, Q6	17	360	\$1,500.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	21, Q14	2	760	\$8,000.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	Q15	21	340	\$0.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	11	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	14	7	1621	\$3,000.00

### Toni Rodriguez – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown St. Amant, La. – currently Torrance, Calif. – LSU

- Rodriguez is playing in her 9th career AVP tournament with 5 different partners
- Her career best finish was ironically the tournament which she was injured and had to withdraw... she and Savvy Simo placed 5th in New Orleans 2022... she equaled that mark in New Orleans 2023 with another 5th-place finish, also with Simo
- In her AVP career entering Huntington Beach, she has played 26 matches (including qualifiers and forfeited matches) and she has never lost to a team seeded worse than her
- Excluding the 2 matches she had to forfeit in New Orleans 2022, Rodriguez has played in 11 main draw matches on the AVP Tour since the start of the 2022 season... all 4 match losses have come to teams seeded 5th or better

### Savvy Simo - age 24 - 5'10" - hometown Ranch Santa Fe, Calif. - currently Ranch Santa Fe, Calif. - UCLA

- Simo is playing in her 16th AVP tournament with 7 different partners
- Her career best finish is 5th place, which she has done 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 secondseeded Kelly Cheng / Sarah Sponcil in three sets
- Entering Huntington Beach, in her AVP career (including Tour Series), Simo has a 6-8 record against teams seeded 4th or better (excluding forfeits)
- This marks the 2nd time Simo has played in Huntington Beach, having placed 5th with Jessica Gaffney in 2022 on the Tour Series

# Huntington Beach – Women – #13 (Q1) Larissa Maestrini / Lili Maestrini

Larissa / Lili are playing together for the 17th time on the AVP Tour

- The married couple has 3 wins, all on the Tour Series (Muskegon, Denver and Atlantic City all in 2022)... they also have a 2 seconds and 2 thirds
- Entering the Huntington Beach main draw, in 3 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers and Tour Series), they are 55-24 in matches, 44-2 when winning the first set, 11-22 when losing the first set... they are 18-6 in three-set matches
- Entering Huntington Beach all 3 of their 3 match losses this season have come to teams seeded 3rd or better

#### All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	9	9	1621	\$2,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	5	3	1990	\$6,000.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	7	9	1706	\$5,200.00
AVP	8/26-28/2022	Virginia Beach Open	1	2	1796	\$5,000.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	8	9	1706	\$4,300.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	5	9	1706	\$5,200.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	5	7	1621	\$3,000.00
AVP	7/22-24/2022	Atlantic City Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	7/8-10/2022	Hermosa Beach Open	4	5	1706	\$4,200.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	4	7	1621	\$3,000.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	7	7	1621	\$3,000.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	12, Q5	2	896	\$14,000.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	20	3	972	\$10,500.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	Q10	21	210	\$0.00

#### Larissa Maestrini - age 41 - 5'9" - hometown Cachoeiro de Itapemirim-Es, Brazil - currently Winter Garden, Fla.

- Larissa is playing in her 18th AVP tournament... she won in Glendale, Ariz in 2009 with long-time partner
   Juliana Felisberta in addition to the 3 wins with Lili last season
- She won her first title in July 2004, and since then has had just 1 year in which she played but did not win at least one event, as her best finish in her 3 AVP tournaments in 2021 was a 2nd place (did not play at all in 2013, 2018, 2019 and 2020 but won in all other seasons)
- Huntington Beach concludes on May 21st... on 5/21/05 Larissa won her 2nd career victory in Shaghai
- Larissa is the oldest player competing in Huntington Beach on the women's side

## Lili Maestrini – age 35 – 6'0" – hometown Vitoria, Brazil – currently Winter Garden, Fla.

- Lili is playing in her 17th AVP tournament, all of which have come with Larissa
- Lili won 2 FIVB titles, both in 2018 with Josemari Alves

# Huntington Beach - Women - #14 (Q2) Kimberly Hildretch / Teegan Van Gunst

Hildreth / Van Gunst are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP

- The duo placed fifth in the season opener in Miami in their debut... their only 2 losses in that event were to the teams seeded #1 and #2
- The pair finished 7th in New Orleans after breezing through the qualifier, winning their two matches in 36 and 38 minutes and holding their opponents to 12 or fewer points in 3 of their 4 sets... they upset the 3rd-seeded main draw team (Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles)
- In the Huntington Beach qualifier, they won all 3 in sweeps, allowing more than 15 points in a set just twice (out of 6 sets)
- Entering the Huntington Beach Main Draw, in 1 season together (including qualifiers) they have a 10-4 match record... they are 10-0 when winning the first set and 0-4 when losing the first set... they have played just 1 three-set match (0-1)
- The two players have faced each other 4 times, alternating wins... in Chicago 2018 Van Gunst defeated Hildreth in the qualifier in three sets... on the FIVB Tour in Guam 2020, Hildreth swept Van Gunst in the qualifier... Van Gunst won a three-set match in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series... in the 2022 season finale in Tevares, Hildreth eliminated Van Gunst

#### **Recent Results**

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	4/13-16/2023	Pro Series New Orleans Open	14, Q2	7	1706	\$3,000.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	10	5	1796	\$4,200.00

## Kimberly Hildreth - age 32 - 5'8" - hometown Novi, Mich. - currently Novi, Mich. - Eastern Michigan / North Florida

- This is Hildreth's 36th AVP event with 8 different partners
- Her best finish of 2nd came in Austin 2019 with Sarah Schermerhorn... she also had a 3rd place with Karolina Marciniak in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Including Huntington Beach she played 18 times with Sarah Schermerhorn and 18 times with her other 7 partners
- This is the 3rd time Hildreth has played in Huntington Beach as she and Sarah Schermerhorn placed 25th in 2019 and she finished 3rd in 2022 on the Tour Series with Karolina Marciniak
- Entering the Huntington Beach Main Draw, 23 of her last 27 AVP matches have been sweeps

# <u>Teegan Van Gunst – age 28 – 6'0" – hometown Fayetteville, Ga. – currently Santa Ana, Calif. – Georgia Tech /</u> Georgia State

- Van Gunst is playing in her 23rd AVP tournament with her 3rd different partner
- Her best career finish was a 2nd place in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series with Aurora Davis.... she also had a 3rd place finish with Davis in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- She played 11 events with her twin sister Annika Rowland, then 9 times with Aurora Davis
- Her only previous tournament in Huntington Beach was in 2019 with her twin sister Annika Rowland, and they placed 33rd... their only match was a loss in the qualifier to Megan Kraft / Dalaynie Maple (who in that event became the youngest team to ever advance from an AVP qualifier into a main draw)

# Huntington Beach - Women - #15 (Q5) Jessica Gaffney / Carly Kan

#### Gaffney / Kan are playing together for the 1st time ever

The duo swept all 3 opponents in the qualifier in Huntington Beach to reach the main draw

# <u>Jessica Gaffney</u> – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Temecula, Calif. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – San Francisco / Cal-Berkeley

- Gaffney is playing in her 27th career AVP tournament with her 15th different partner
- Her career best finish is fifth place, which she has done 3 times... she placed fifth in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Molly Turner... she finished fifth in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Savvy Simo... in her following event she finished fifth with Simo again in Tavares 2022... in that tournament she defeated the teams seeded #3, #4 and #8
- In all 3 of her tournaments in which she placed fifth she lost to both the #1 seed as well as the #7 seed
- This is the 3rd time Gaffney has played in Huntington Beach... she finished in 9th place in 2019 with Molly Turner and 5th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Savvy Simo

## Carly Kan - age 28 - 5'9" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i - currently Honolulu, Hawai'i - Missouri / Hawai'i

- This is Kan's 19th AVP event with her 10th different partner
- Kan won on the Tour Series in Waupaca 2022 with Kaitlyn Malaney, then won her first AVP Pro Series title in the 2022 season finale in Tavares with Jennifer Keddy
- She has played 7 times with Kaitlyn Malaney and the other 12 times (including Huntington Beach) with 9 different partners
- Her 19 AVP events have come in 11 different states
- In Kan's first 8 AVP tournaments she had a best of 9th place... since then she has advanced to 3 championship matches (2 on the Tour Series) in her last 10 events entering Huntington Beach
- This is her 2nd time playing in Huntington Beach, as she finished 9th in 2022 on the Tour Series with Aurora Davis

# Huntington Beach – Women – #16 (Q6) Madelyne Anderson / Molly Turner

Anderson / Turner are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and the 5th time overall

- Their debut together was in July 2022 in a Futures event in Ciro Marina, Italy... they won a pair of qualifier matches to reach the main draw, and then won the gold medal
- In their next outing, the duo went to a NORCECA event in Punta Cana, and won a gold medal
- They played a pair of Challenge events in Dubai... in the first they advanced from the qualifier and placed 19th, but then in the next one they won a silver medal
- The duo swept all 3 opponents in the qualifier in Huntington Beach to reach the main draw... they did not allow more than 15 points in any of their 6 sets

# <u>Madelyne Anderson</u> – age 21 – 6'1" – hometown Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – currently Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Florida State

- Anderson is playing in her 3rd career AVP tournament with her 3rd different partner
- Her AVP debut came in Manhattan Beach 2018 with Keara Rutz, finishing 57th... she was 16 years old at the time
- The next year she played in a qualifier in Autin with Caitlin Moon, placing 29th
- While this is her 3rd AVP event, she has played international events in Thailand, Italy, United Arab Emirates and the Dominican Republic... she is slated to go to Latvia for a tournament next month with Turner

#### Molly Turner - age 26 - 5'8" - hometown Naperville, III. - currently Naperville, III. - Grand Canyon University

- This is Turner's 40th AVP event with her 16th different partner
- Turner's career best is 3rd place, which she has done twice... she was 3rd in Atlanta 2021 with Terese Cannon (with her only two losses coming to the tournament's champion, Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss)... she also placed 3rd in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Kaitlyn Malaney
- This is her 3rd time playing in Huntington Beach, as she finished 9th in 2019 with Jessica Gaffney and was 3rd in 2022 on the Tour Series with Kaitlyn Malaney