

Manhattan Beach Miscellaneous Notes from Saturday

MEN

- The men's schedule had to be altered due to incoming weather, as 5th place matches were moved up from Sunday to Saturday evening.... New Orleans, Atlanta and now Manhattan Beach have all had schedule changes due to weather this season
- Saturday had just 18 matches... 10 were sweeps and 8 went to a third set (totals for the main draw are now 39 sweeps and 19 three-set matches out of the 58 completed matches)
- Teams winning the first set were 15-3 (now 51-7 for the event, including 29-1 in the winner's bracket)
- 8 of the 18 matches on Saturday were upsets (now a total of 20 of the 58 matches have been upsets... all 4 of the 7th place and 5th place matches were upsets)
- #2 seeds Tri Bourne and Chaim Schalk finished in 7th place... they played 3 matches on Saturday, lasting 1:10, 58 minutes and 1:26
- The Crabb brothers (#1 seeds Trevor Crabb with Theo Brunner and #4 seeds Taylor Crabb with Taylor Sander) are joined by #10 Hagen Smith / Logan Webber and #12 Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook in the semifinals... Since seeds were known (from 1999), the lowest seeded team to ever reach the finals in Manhattan Beach was #9 (Eduardo Bacil / Jose Loiola), and now two teams seeded lower than that have a chance at reaching the title match
- 2023 could be the first year ever that blood relatives have both won a Manhattan Beach Open... to date there have been two instances of spouses both winning plaques on the pier (Mike Dodd, who turns 66 on Sunday, won in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1987 while his wife Patty Dodd won 1989... Kerri Walsh Jennings won 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2013 and 2014 while her husband Casey Jennings claimed the 2013 title)... with Trevor Crabb winning the past 3 times here (2019, 2021 and 2022) his younger brother Taylor could join him on the pier... also Hagen Smith, who has already clinched at least a tie with his best AVP finish (excluding Tour Series), could join his father Sinjin Smith (who won in 1979, 1980, 1986 and 1989)

Women

- Saturday saw 16 matches played, and 8 went two sets and 6 went three sets (2 were forfeits)... out of the 56 main draw matches held so far, 33 were sweeps and 22 went to a third set
- Teams winning the first set were 11-3 (excluding the two matches that ended in a forfeit), bringing the total to 46-8
- On Saturday 6 of the 16 matches were upsets... in total so far, 18 of the 56 matches were upsets... yet after all that, 6 of the top 7 seeds remain in contention

- 1 match so far has gone over 1:10 (a three-set affair that ended with #14 Brook Bauer / Megan J Rice defeating #5 Sarah Pavan / Geen Urango 26-24 in the third set)... by comparison 6 men's matches have lasted 1:10 or more
- Kelley Kolinske is three match wins away from earning another plaque on the pier, which she won last year with Sara Hughes... if she does that she would become the 10th women's player who has won consecutive Manhattan Beach Open titles with different partners:
 - Rose Duncan (1973 and 1974)
 - Nina Matthies (1974 and 1975)
 - Miki McFadden (1975 and 1976)
 - Kathy Gregory (1978 and 1979)
 - Jackie Silva (1988 and 1989)
 - Karolyn Kirby (1990 and 1991)
 - Whitney Pavlik (2012 and 2013)
 - Kerri Walsh Jennings (2013 and 2014)
 - April Ross (2014 and 2015)
- Betsi Flint is trying to reach her 3rd consecutive Manhattan Beach Open championship match with a 3rd different partner (finished 2nd in 2021 with Emily Capers and 2nd in 2022 with Kelly Cheng)... the last time that was done was by Elaine Youngs, who played in seven consecutive MBO title matches with the last 4 alongside 4 different partners from 2004 through 2007... prior to that it was Kathy Hanley playing with 3 different partners in a championship match in 1982-84... those are the only two individuals known to have played in three straight MBO title matches with three different partners
- Speaking of Betsi Flint, she and partner Julia Scoles are trying to rebound from their first-round loss to #32 Chloe Loreen / Natalie Robinson... prior to that as far as seeds were known, #1 seeds were 60-0 against #32 seeds all time on the AVP Tour