

Manhattan Beach Miscellaneous Notes from Sunday

MEN

- This marked the 6th straight year that a Crabb played for the title in Manhattan Beach (Trevor in 2017, Taylor in 2018, Trevor in 2019, 2021 and 2022, and both Trevor and Taylor in 2023)
- For the 9th time, the AVP championship match featured a pair of brothers battling for the title...Sinjin and Andrew Smith met 5 times (Sinjin won 4, Andrew won 1) and now Trevor and Taylor Crabb have met 4 times (Trevor won 2, Taylor won 2)
- Over the 4 days, there were 76 qualifier matches and 61 main draw matches... 108 teams were whittled down to just one who earned a plaque
- Sunday had just 3 matches on the schedule, and all were sweeps... totals for the main draw were 42 sweeps and 19 three-set matches out of the 61 completed matches
- Teams winning the first set were 54-7 for the event, including 29-1 in the winner's bracket
- A total of 21 of the 61 matches were upsets, including the championship match... each of the last 4 Manhattan Beach Opens (including this year) were won by the lower seeded team
- Taylor Crabb and Taylor Sander won their 2nd AVP title of the year, joining Andy Benesh and Miles Partain as the only duos to win multiple times (including Tour Series)
- Since match data was known (about 2002), this marked the 50th time that an AVP title match pitted two teams that played against each other earlier in the tournament... now 30 times one team has been able to win both times while 20 times the two teams split... this was the 4th championship of the season (non-Tour Series) in which the finals teams were having a rematch (also in Huntington Beach, Hermosa Beach and Atlanta)

Women

- #1 seeds Betsi Flint and Julia Scoles did what no other team has ever been able to do; lose to a 32nd-seed then come back through the contender's bracket to win... prior to the Friday morning match #32 seeds were 0-60 against #1 seeds
- Flint and Scoles had to play a total of 9 matches (although one was a forfeit win), with 3 on each day... Sunday's started at 7:06 am, 8:50 am and 10:51 am
- Out of the 61 main draw matches held, 36 were sweeps and 23 went to a third set (two ended in a forfeit)
- Teams winning the first set were 51-8 (excluding the two matches that ended in a forfeit)
- In total, 20 of the 61 matches were upsets

- Betsi Flint played in her 3rd consecutive Manhattan Beach Open championship match with a 3rd different partner (finished 2nd in 2021 with Emily (Day) Capers, 2nd in 2022 with Kelly Cheng, 1st in 2023 with Julia Scoles)... 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
- The championship match featured ex partners competing against each other
 - Betsi Flint and Kelley Kolinske were partners for 19 AVP events, winning two times (in Mason 2015 and in San Francisco 2017) and placing third 3 times... they also had played together twice in Manhattan Beach (finished 7th in 2015 and 9th in 2017)
 - Julia Scoles and Hailey Harward had played once together, finishing in 17th place in Manhattan Beach 2021
- This season the AVP has had 9 tournaments (including Tour Series), and there have now been 8 different winning teams... Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes are the only duo to win multiple times