Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, Sept. 4, 2021 – Men's Championship Match 3:00 pm – #1 Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson vs #4 Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb

Head to Head

- Bourne / Crabb lead the series 4-1... this will be the 5th time this season the two teams have met and 2nd time today... 4 of the 5 meetings went to a third set... this is a rematch of the Manhattan Beach championship match (Bourne / Crabb won 21-19, 24-22)... this morning Bourne / Crabb won 19-21, 21-17, 15-7
- Each of the last two AVP tournaments have been won by a team coming from the contender's bracket
- 2008 (Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers) was the last time that a number one seed team won the men's title in Chicago

Budinger / Patterson are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour and 22nd time overall... they have 2 AVP wins (Hermosa Beach 2019 and the 2021 season opener in Atlanta)

- The duo played 7 times on the AVP Tour in 2019, then went with different partners for the three Long Beach events in 2020... they ended up playing each other in all three Long Beach events, with Budinger winning twice and Patterson once
- The pair has now been in the semifinals in 9 of their 10 AVP tournaments, with the only exception coming in New York City 2019 (5th place)... they join Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb as the only 2 teams to make the semifinals in all 3 AVP events this season
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 40-11 (78.4%) in matches, 35-2 (94.6%) when winning the first set, 5-9 (35.7%) when losing the first set, and 13-3 (81.3%) in three-set matches
- This year they are 14-3 in matches, with all 3 losses coming to Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb
- In 2021 entering Chicago, Patterson is 6th in hitting percentage (.463) while Budinger is 8th (.441)... Patterson is 2nd in kills (8.37 per set)
- Each of their last 4 matches has gone to a third set

<u>Chase Budinger - age 33 - 6'7" - hometown Encinitas, Calif. - currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. - Arizona</u>

- This is Budinger's 19th AVP event... he has won 2 times, placed 2nd 4 times, and placed 3rd 5 times... he has now advanced to the semifinals in 11 of those events (63% of the tournaments entered)
- Budinger has advanced to the semifinals in 11 of his last 12 AVP events (exception was a 5th-place finish with Chaim Schalk in the 2nd Long Beach event of 2020)
- In Chicago he ranks 3rd in blocks (1.64 per set)
- Going back to Manhattan Beach, Budinger has now had at least 3 blocks in 7 consecutive matches

<u>Casey Patterson – age 41 – 6'6" – hometown Manhattan Beach – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young</u>

- Patterson is playing in his 105th AVP Tournament, with 16 wins, 6 2nd-place finishes, and 16 3rds
- Patterson won in Chicago with Ryan Doherty in 2012 on another tour
- Patterson is the last player remaining who is over 40 years old... In the last 38 AVP tournaments, at least one player on the men's championship team has been at least 40 years old in 20 of those

Bourne / Trevor Crabb are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and 33rd time overall... they have 1 AVP win (Long Beach 2020 event #3) and 1 FIVB win

- Bourne was 8-0 vs Trevor Crabb on the AVP Tour, while Trevor Crabb was 1-0 vs Bourne on the FIVB Tour
- In 2020 they had an 8-4 match record, with 2 losses against top seeds Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena and 2 losses against #2 seeds Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb
- In 4 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 37-17 (68.5%) in matches, 31-3 (91.2%) when winning the first set, 6-14 (30%) when losing the first set, and 15-6 (71.4%) in three-set matches

- They join Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson as the only 2 teams to make the semifinals in all 3 AVP events this season
- In Chicago Bourne ranks 5th in hitting percentage (.507) while Crabb is 6th (.486)

Tri Bourne - age 32 - 6'5" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - Southern Cal

- This is Bourne's 33rd AVP event... he has won 5 times, placed 2nd 6 times, and placed 3rd 13 times... he has now advanced to the semifinals in 24 of his 33 AVP events (73% of the tournaments entered)
- In 2020 Bourne ranked 3rd on the Tour in hitting percentage (.429) and 4th in kills (7.35 per set)
- Bourne finished 2nd in Chicago in 2016 with John Hyden

<u>Trevor Crabb - age 31 - 6'4" - hometown Honolulu, Hawai'i. - currently Redondo Beach, Calif. - Puget Sound / Long Beach State</u>

- Trevor Crabb is playing in his 49th AVP Tournament, with 3 wins, 7 second-place finishes, and 14 third-place finishes
- 2 of Crabb's 3 wins have come against Budinger / Patterson (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Manhattan Beach 2021)
- Crabb is one of the few players who have more service aces (7) than service errors (3)