

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, March 19, 2023 – Women’s Championship Match

2:30 pm – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson vs #3 Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles

NOTE: The notes below do not include events on the Tour Series unless specifically stated

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between these teams
- Humana-Paredes is 6-1 all time against Flint, with Flint winning the last meeting in Rosarito in March 2022... just once did the match go three sets... the two met for a gold medal in Edmonton in July 2019, with Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan defeating Flint / Emily Capers 21-11, 21-16... their first ever meeting came on 6/10/14 in Poland in the FIVB U-23 World Championships
- This is the first ever meeting between Humana-Paredes and Scoles
- Wilkerson and Flint have each won 3 times against each other previously... only their first meeting, in Manhattan Beach 2019, did the match go to a third set... Flint has won the last 2 meetings
- The only previous meeting between Wilkerson and Scoles also happened in Florida, as the two met in Fort Lauderdale last July... Scoles / Geena Urango defeated Wilkerson / Zana Muno 21-17, 21-17 in a tournament that Scoles finished second

Title Tidbits

- Last year, including the Tour Series, 11 different women’s team won and the winner today will be different from any of those teams (12 different women’s team to win in the 16 events since the start of last year)
 - 15 of the last 22 AVP title matches (excluding Tour Series) have been sweeps... there were 16 consecutive AVP championship matches in which the team winning the first set won the match but that ended in Fort Lauderdale 2022
 - 6 of the last 8 season openers have been won by the women’s team seeded #1
 - Both of the teams in the championship match got here via the contender’s bracket
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Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 3rd time overall

- 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

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 30 – 5’9” – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes’ 12th 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
- She has now advanced to the semifinals in 9 of her 12 AVP events and to the championship match 7 times
- She has played in 77 FIVB tournaments (7 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan

Brandie Wilkerson – age 30 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Ontario

- Wilkerson is playing in her 21st AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
 - Her best career AVP finishes have been 2nd four times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes and 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
 - 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... including Miami she has advanced to the semifinals in each of her last 4 AVP outings
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Flint / Scoles are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and the 3rd time overall

- Their 3 tournaments have come on 3 different tours (AVP, Beach Pro Tour (international) and NORCECA
- They won a silver medal internationally and then a gold on the NORCECA Beach Tour Final in December

Betsi Flint – age 30 - 5’10” – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 45th 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 1 tournament with
- 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
- Entering Sunday Flint leads the field in aces at 1.71 per set

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

- This is Scoles' 12th AVP tournament with her 6th different partner
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango), 2 2nds (in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series and in Fort Lauderdale 2022, both with Urango)... she also has 2 3rds (also with Urango)
- Entering Sunday Scoles ranks 5th (tied) in kills (6.57 per set) and 6th (tied) in blocks (1.00 per set)