

## New Orleans – Sunday, April 16, 2023 – Men’s Championship

### 3:30 pm – #1 Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk vs #3 Billy Allen / Troy Field

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

#### Head to Head

- This is the 1st meeting between the teams

#### Title Tidbits

- Both of these teams are playing as partners on the AVP Tour for the first time... last year’s winners in New Orleans, Phil Dalhausser and Casey Patterson, were also playing together on the AVP Tour for the first time
- The team winning the first set of AVP title matches has won 35 of the last 41 times
- 9 of the last 17 men’s championships overall (excluding Tour Series) have been three-set matches
- 22 of the last 28 AVP championship matches were won by the higher seeded teams (just 6 upsets in that span)
- The #1 seed has won in just 3 of the last 14 AVP events (excluding Tour Series), and in 15 of the last 52 tournaments prior to New Orleans
- New Orleans marks the 4th consecutive AVP tournament (excluding Tour Series) that the #3 seed has played for the title... the #3 seeds are 1-2 in the finals in that span
- Each of the last 9 AVP champions (including Tour Series) has come from the winner’s bracket (meaning they were undefeated throughout the whole tournament) and today will mark the 10th straight as both teams enter the finals having won all their matches here... the last time a team came from the contender’s bracket and won a title was in Hermosa Beach 2022 when Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk won
- One of the Crabb brothers has won the last 4 AVP titles, and 6 of the last 8, but that streak ends this weekend as both of the Crabbs played in Brazil this weekend

**Bourne / Schalk** are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- The duo is making their AVP debut together... last year’s winners, Phil Dalhausser / Casey Patterson, were also playing together for the first time
- The duo has a 4-0 match record... they are 3-0 when winning the first set and 1-0 when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in three-set matches
- They have played 3 times internationally, improving each time from a 19th to a 13th to a 5th last weekend
- Both players competed in the Olympics in beach volleyball but for different countries and different years
- Bourne all time is 10-6 when playing against Schalk, including 2-0 in AVP title matches (Fort Lauderdale 2022 and Manhattan Beach 2022)
- Including New Orleans, at least one of these players has been in the championship match in 7 of the last 9 AVP tournaments (excluding Tour Series)... Bourne has won 2 times and Schalk 1 time in that span
- In New Orleans entering the title match Bourne has 54 kills while Schalk has 52

#### All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	7	5	600	US\$3,750.00
FIVB	3/22-26/2023	Elite16 Tepic	15, Q8	13	460	US\$5,000.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	10	19	300	US\$1,000.00

**Tri Bourne** – age 33 – 6’5” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – currently Honolulu, Hawai’i – Southern Cal

- This is Bourne’s 42nd AVP event with just his 4th different partner... he played 21 times with John Hyden, 19 with Trevor Crabb, 1 with Raffe Paulis and this will be his first with Chaim Schalk
- He has won 8 times (3 with John Hyden in 2014-15 and 5 with Trevor Crabb in 2020-2022), placed second 8 times, third 13 times, and fourth once
- Including New Orleans he has been in the semifinals in 31 of his 42 AVP events

- Including New Orleans Bourne has advanced to the championship match in 5 of his last 7 AVP tournaments
- Louisiana marks a new state for Bourne to be competing in on the AVP Tour, and will be the 14th different one in his career... he has now advanced to the semifinals in 12 different states so far and won a title in 5 different states
- Bourne had 18 blocks in his first 6 sets played here in New Orleans, then had just 1 in the semifinal match

**Chaim Schalk – age 36 – 6’5” – hometown Red Deer, Alberta – currently Gardena, Calif. – Red Deer College / Trinity Western**

- Schalk is playing in his 35th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Theo Brunner), 6 second place finishes and 9 third place finishes
- Schalk has now been to the semifinals in more than half his AVP events including New Orleans (18 of 35 events), and has done so with 6 different partners
- Louisiana is the 10th different state that he has competed in while playing on the AVP Tour... he has now advanced to the semifinals in all 10 and to the finals in 7 different states
- In Schalk’s first ever AVP main draw match (in New York 2017 with Ricardo Santos), he defeated top-seeded Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena in three sets... all time on the AVP Tour he has a 6-5 match record against teams seeded number one
- Schalk has had at least 11 digs in all 4 matches here so far

**Allen / Field** are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Allen and Field have played each other 4 times, once in each of the past 4 seasons... Allen won in three sets in New York 2019, in a sweep in Long Beach 2020, and in three sets in Atlanta 2021... Field won last year in New Orleans 21-23, 24-22, 15-11
- Entering the championship match the duo has a 4-0 match record... they are 3-0 when winning the first set and 1-0 when losing the first set... they are 1-0 in three-set matches
- In New Orleans the team has a balanced attack, as entering the finals Allen had 103 attacks and Field had 100... Allen has had at least 13 kills in each of their 4 matches here, while Field has had least 12 in all 4 matches... in 9 sets played here they have combined for just 3 service aces so far

**Billy Allen – age 41 – 6’2” – hometown Fallbrook, Calif. – currently Rathdrum, Idaho – Cal State Northridge**

- This is Allen’s 124th AVP event with his 17th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick), 3 seconds and 11 thirds
- Allen made his first AVP semifinal in 2010, and beginning then advanced to at least one semifinal in 8 of 11 years he played through 2021... his last semifinal before New Orleans was in the 2021 season finale in Chicago (entering New Orleans it had been a stretch of 9 straight events without making one)
- He has now advanced to the semifinals on the AVP with 7 different partners
- New Orleans marks the first AVP title match for Allen since Hermosa Beach 2018 with Ryan Doherty finished 2nd)
- This will be the 4th time Allen has played in New Orleans and its with his 4th different partner... Allen and Brad Keenan placed 9th in 2015, then was 5th in 2016 with Stafford Slick and 5th against last year with Jeremy Casebeer
- Entering New Orleans Allen had lost 6 of his last 7 AVP matches (and 11 of the last 16)... entering the finals he won 4 straight matches here
- After having 4 hitting errors in his first match in New Orleans this weekend, Allen has had just 3 total in his last 3 matches (none in the semifinal match)

**Troy Field – age 29 – 6'4" – hometown Laguna Beach, Calif. – currently Laguna Beach, Calif. – Saddleback Community College**

- Field is playing in his 33rd AVP event with his 11th different partner
- He has been in the semifinals 7 times, including second-place finishes in New York 2019 with Tim Bomgren and in Austin 2022 with Chase Budinger
- Field has had 12 total finishes of 5th or better, and they all came in 2019, 2022 and 2023
- He finished in third place last year in New Orleans with Chase Budinger
- Field's last 2 matches in Miami came against former partners (Chase Frishman and Chase Budinger)
- Field has at least 4 blocks in each of his 4 matches in New Orleans so far