

New Orleans – Men – #1 Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk

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
- 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)
- At least one of these players has been in the championship match in 6 of the last 8 AVP tournaments (excluding Tour Series)... Bourne has won 2 times and Schalk 1 time in that span

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
- Entering New Orleans he has been in the semifinals in 30 of his 41 completed AVP events
- Entering New Orleans Bourne has advanced to the championship match in 4 of his last 6 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 advanced to the semifinals in 11 different states so far and won a title in 5 different states

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 been to the semifinals in exactly half his AVP events entering New Orleans (17 of 34 completed events), and has done so with 5 different partners
- Louisiana is the 10th different state that he has competed in while playing on the AVP Tour... he has advanced to the semifinals in all 9 of the other ones and to the finals in 6 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

New Orleans – Men – #2 Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend

Brewster / Friend are playing together for the 12th time on the AVP Tour and 17th time overall

- The duo's best finish was 2nd in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series... they also have 3 3rd-place finishes including in Tavares to end the 2022 AVP season
- By defeating Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander in the first round in Atlanta, they became the lowest seeded team to beat Crabb since Austin 2019 (lost to 16th-seeded Paul Lotman / Gabriel Ospina in the first round)
- In Oct and Nov 2022 they won 3 straight NORCECA events
- Despite just beginning their partnership in July 2022, they have played more events together than any other duo competing here
- Entering New Orleans the duo (including Tour Series) has a 26-20 match record... they are 17-7 when winning the first set and 8-12 when losing the first set and 0-1 in one-set matches with one forfeit loss... they are 14-11 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	5	5	1796	\$4,200.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	Q11	21	340	US\$0.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	5	3	1891	\$6,000.00
FIVB	11/23-27/2022	Torquay Challenge	16, Q3	17	360	US\$1,500.00
AVP	11/11-13/2022	Huntington Beach Open	3	5	1540	\$1,500.00
NORCECA	11/4-6/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Hato Mayor	2	1	320	US\$0.00
NORCECA	10/7-9/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Managua	4	1	320	US\$0.00
NORCECA	9/30-10/2/2022	NORCECA Continental Tour Punta Cana	5	1	320	US\$0.00
AVP	9/2-4/2022	Chicago Open	9	5	1891	\$10,000.00
AVP	8/26-28/2022	Virginia Beach Open	1	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	9	25	1132	\$650.00
AVP	8/5-7/2022	Atlanta Open	13	7	1796	\$7,600.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	12	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	7/22-24/2022	Atlantic City Open	5	3	1706	\$2,500.00
AVP	7/7-9/2022	Waupaca Open	6	2	1796	\$5,000.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	14	7	1463	\$1,000.00

Timothy Brewster – age 23 – 6'0" – hometown Los Angeles, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – UCLA / Loyola Marymount

- This is Brewster's 27th AVP event... his first came when he was 16 years old (lost in the 2016 Manhattan Beach qualifier)
- His career best is a second place finish (in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Friend), and 3 thirds
- Including New Orleans Brewster has played 12 tournaments with Kyle Friend and the other 15 with 9 different partners
- Brewster had never played in an AVP main draw prior to 2022... in his first 15 AVP events, he had a best of 17th place... he has had his 10 best career finishes with Friend

Kyle Friend – age 34 – 6'5" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Newport Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Friend is playing in his 35th AVP Tournament with 7 different partners
- His career best is a second place finish (in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Brewster), and 3 thirds
- In his first 23 AVP tournaments, Friend had a best of 9th four times... since partnering with Brewster he surpassed that 9 times
- Friend has partnered with two former indoor Olympians (Paul Lotman and David Lee) and lived with a beach Olympian (April Ross)

New Orleans – Men – #3 Billy Allen / Troy Field

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

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 was in the 2021 season finale in Chicago (entering New Orleans it’s been a stretch of 9 straight events without making one)
- He has advanced to the semifinals on the AVP with 6 different partners
- 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 has lost 6 of his last 7 AVP matches (and 11 of the last 16)

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)

New Orleans – Men – #4 Dave Palm / Roberto Rodriguez

Palm / Rodriguez are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour

- The duo has won twice on the Tour Series (in Muskegon 2022 and Waupaca 2022)
- Their other semifinal came in the 2022 season finale in Tavares
- In an AVP Next event in Panama City, Fla., Palm and Mark Burik finished third, qualifying them for a main draw spot in the 2022 season opener in Austin... just prior to that event Burik got injured and Rodriguez was his replacement... Burik later returned to action but Palm and Rodriguez have stuck together
- On the Pro and Gold Series the duo is 4-10 in matches, while on the Tour Series the pair is 15-4 in matches
- In 2 seasons together (including Tour Series) they have a 19-14 match record... they are 15-3 when winning the first set and 3-11 when losing the first set... they have 1 forfeit win... they are 7-3 in three-set matches
- When they won in Muskegon their last 4 matches all came against teams seeded 4th or better... when they reached the semifinals in Tavares their only opponent seeded 4th or better was in the semifinal match
- The duo placed 13th in New Orleans in 2022

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	6	13	1463	\$1,400.00
AVP	12/2-4/2022	Central Florida Open	8	3	1891	\$6,000.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	9	9	1540	\$2,000.00
AVP	7/22-24/2022	Atlantic City Open	1	7	1463	\$1,000.00
AVP	7/7-9/2022	Waupaca Open	1	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	7	5	1540	\$1,500.00
AVP	6/10-12/2022	Muskegon Open	9	1	1891	\$8,000.00
AVP	5/27-29/2022	New Orleans Open	13	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	5/6-8/2022	Austin Open	13	13	1390	\$1,400.00

Dave Palm – age 32 – 6'4" – hometown Hialeah, Fla. – currently Coral Springs, Fla.

- Palm is playing in his 20th AVP event with 10 different partners
- He has 2 wins on the Tour Series (Muskegon 2022 and Waupaca 2022), both with Roberto Rodriguez
- In the win in Muskegon Palm had 7 blocks in the championship match... in the win in Waupaca he had 12 blocks in the title match
- Including New Orleans, he has played 10 times with Rodriguez and the other 10 tournaments with 9 different partners
- Palm played in one AVP qualifier in 2012 (in Cincinnati), then did not play on the AVP again 2019

Roberto Rodriguez – age 36 – 6'3" – hometown Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – currently New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

- Rodriguez is playing in his 43rd AVP event with 7 different partners
- His first AVP win was in San Francisco 2018 with Ed Ratledge, then he won twice on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Waupaca), both times with Dave Palm
- Along with partner Kevin McColloch, became the first team seeded #16 to win a first-round match against a #1 seed on the AVP Tour, accomplishing the feat in Seattle 2016... before that #1 seeds had been 23-0 against #16 seeds in first round matches
- Rodriguez did not advance from the qualifier in his first 5 AVP events of his career, then after doing so in his 6th his first AVP main draw match was against 2016 Olympians Jake Gibb and Casey Patterson and Rodriguez won
- Since reaching his first main draw he has had just 2 AVP events where he lost in the qualifier (both in 2017) and both times it was against a pair of players who are Olympians (either indoors or beach)

New Orleans – Men – #5 Paul Lotman / Silila Tucker

Lotman / Tucker are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP

- The duo made their debut in the 2023 season opener in Miami, placing 9th
- The two players have faced off against each other twice in their history, both times in 2022 on the Tour Series... in Denver Lotman and Miles Partain defeated Tucker and Peter Connole 21-17, 21-17 then in Huntington Beach Tucker and Billy Kolinske upset Lotman and Evan Cory 21-13, 21-19
- Entering New Orleans in 1 season as partners on the AVP, they are 1-2 in matches... they are 0-1 when winning the first set and 1-1 when losing the first set... they 1-1 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	7	9	1621	\$2,000.00

Paul Lotman – age 37 – 6'7" – hometown Lakewood, Calif. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Lotman is playing in his 36th career AVP tournament... this is his 12th different partnership
- Lotman has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Miles Partain)... in that event he had three-set wins over the #3 seed (twice) as well as the #1 seed (in the championship match)
- Including New Orleans Lotman has played 13 times with Miles Partain and the other 23 with 11 different partners... each of his 10 best finishes on the AVP Tour have come with Partain
- In New Orleans last year he advanced to the semifinals with Partain, finishing in third place... his last 4 matches came against teams seeded 5th or better, and 3 of those matches went three-sets
- Including the Tour Series, Lotman has won the first match of an AVP tournament in 10 of his last 12 tournaments
- In Miami Lotman was the only player to have more aces (9) than sets played (8)... his hitting percentage (.595) was the 2nd best in the tournament

Silila Tucker – age 28 – hometown Waimanalo, Hawai'i – currently Long Beach, Calif. – Graceland

- This is Tucker's 23rd AVP tournament with 10 different partners
- His 3 best finishes have all come with 3 different partners... he had a third place finish in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Billy Kolinske... he finished in fifth place in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Andrew Dentler... he placed seventh in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Lev Priima
- His best finish excluding Tour Series is ninth place, which he has done twice (Manhattan Beach 2021 with Peter Connole and Miami 2023 with Paul Lotman)
- Tucker finished in 13th place in New Orleans last year while playing alongside Lev Priima
- Including New Orleans Tucker is playing with his 5th different partner in his last 7 AVP events (including Tour Series)
- The number five seeding is the highest that Tucker has ever had (including Tour Series)

New Orleans – Men – #6 Cody Caldwell / Chase Frishman

Caldwell / Frishman are playing together for the 2nd time ever

- In their debut in Miami the duo finished in third place... seeded 11th, they upset the 6th and 3rd seeds in sweeps and their 2 losses were in three-set matches to the teams seeded first and second (including a semifinal loss to #1 Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander in which Caldwell / Frishman had 3 match points)
- Entering New Orleans in 1 season as partners they are 3-2 in matches... they are 3-1 when winning the first set and 0-1 when losing the first set... they are 0-2 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	11	3	1990	\$6,000.00

Cody Caldwell – age 30 - 6'6" – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Newport Beach, Calif. – Loyola Chicago

- This is Caldwell's 22nd AVP event with his 11th different partner
- He has 1 win, with David Lee in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series... in that event he was seeded 10th and upset 5 teams, including the teams seeded #2, #3, #4 and #5... that was his only AVP semifinal before Miami 2023, when he finished third with Chase Frishman
- In 2022 he played internationally on 5 different continents
- Caldwell placed ninth with Adam Roberts in New Orleans last year
- In Miami he had the most total blocks (25) and was 2nd in average (2.08 per set, trailing only Billy Kolinske)... he was also 4th in hitting percentage (.489)

Chase Frishman – age 31 – 6'0" – hometown Laguna Niguel, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – UC-San Diego

- Frishman is playing in his 47th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner
- He has advanced to 6 AVP semifinals in his career... he has 3 seconds, all in 2022 on the Tour Series with Avery Drost (in Atlantic City, Virginia Beach and Huntington Beach)
- Frishman's third place finishes came in Hermosa Beach 2017 with Avery Drost, in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series with Noah Dyer, and in Miami 2023 with Cody Caldwell
- In Miami he averaged 5.75 digs per set (most in the event except for Roberto Rodriguez, who played just 4 sets)

New Orleans – Men – #7 Billy Kolinske / Hagen Smith

Kolinske / Smith are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP and the 3rd time ever

- Their first event together came on Thursday 3/16, when the duo played in the qualifier in La Paz, Mexico... they lost a three-set match that started at 4:00 pm ET, then managed to catch a flight to make it to their 10:05 am ET match in Miami on Friday 3/17
- The duo placed seventh in Miami
- The two players have never faced each other on the court
- Both players left their names etched in their school's career lists... Smith was 4th in assists and 6th in digs when he left UCLA, while Kolinske was in the top 10 in blocks (in basketball) at Wisconsin-Whitewater

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	Q25	33	140	US\$0.00
AVP	3/16-19/2023	Pro Series Miami Open	8	7	1706	\$3,000.00

Billy Kolinske – age 36 - 6'6" – hometown Big Bend, Wisc. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Wisconsin-Whitewater

- This is Kolinske's 47th AVP event with his 18th different partner
- His best finish is 2nd place, which he has done twice, both times with Evan Cory and in consecutive events... they had their 2nd-place finishes on the Tour Series in Muskegon 2022 and Denver 2022
- Kolinske has been to a total of 7 semifinals on the AVP Tour (including Tour Series)... he has 5 third-place finishes with 4 different partners... his first 3 (in 2015 and 2016) all came after defeating a tandem of brothers (the Bomgrens twice and the McKibbins once)... his fourth came in Manhattan Beach 2019 when he played 11 matches in the event (tying an AVP record), with 10 of those being elimination matches and six being three-set matches that all lasted over 1:08... his most recent third-place finish was in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- He is playing in New Orleans for the 4th time... in 2015 and 2016 he partnered with Casey Jennings, finishing 5th and 7th... last year he played with Evan Cory (who is from and still resides in Metairie, La.) and they placed 7th
- Kolinske led all players in Miami with 2.22 blocks per set (20 in his 9 sets played)

Hagen Smith – age 28 – 6'0" – hometown Pacific Palisades, Calif. – currently Santa Monica, Calif. – UCLA

- Smith is playing in his 30th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner
- His career best is 3rd place, which he had in Chicago 2022 with Jake Dietrich
- Smith played in the qualifier in each of his first 22 AVP events, but including New Orleans he has now been seeded directly into the main draw in his last 8 tournaments (including Tour Series)

New Orleans – Men – #8 Tim Bomgren / Jake Dietrich

Bomgren / Dietrich are playing together for the 1st time overall

- The two players have played against each other twice... they met in the qualifier in New Orleans 2015 in what was Dietrich's 2nd AVP event ever, with Bomgren winning in a sweep... they did not meet again until Manhattan Beach 2022, when Dietrich won in three sets

Tim Bomgren – age 35 – 6'4" – hometown Woodbury, Minn. – currently Saint Paul, Minn. – Wisconsin-Eau Claire

- Bomgren is playing in his 61st career AVP tournament
- He has had 8 different partners, with his brother Brian being the most frequent... he has reached a title match with 4 different players
- Bomgren has 1 win (Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Piotr Marciniak), 3 seconds and 4 thirds... after reaching the semifinals in New York in 2019, he then played in 17 tournaments with a best of 5th place 4 times before winning in Virginia Beach
- This marks the 4th time Bomgren is playing in New Orleans... he played in both 2015 and 2016 with his brother Brian, finishing 3rd and then 9th... last year he placed ninth with Piotr Marciniak, with all three matches going to a third set and all three lasting over an hour
- The 2015 semifinal in New Orleans was the first one in Bomgren's career, and it came after winning 3 qualifier matches (including one against now-partner Jake Dietrich)... he upset teams seeded fifth, fourth and seventh, and his only two losses were against the tournament's top two seeded teams
- Bomgren began the year playing with Piotr Marciniak in Miami, and the duo placed seventh

Jake Dietrich – age 34 – 6'5" – hometown Santa Clarita, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pierce Junior College / Cal State-Santa Cruz

- Dietrich is playing in his 18th AVP tournament with his 9th different partner
- His career best a third place in Chicago 2022 with Hagen Smith... in that event he lost the first round match and needed to win 4 straight matches to reach the semifinals
- His 5 best finishes have all come when playing alongside Hagen Smith
- Dietrich lost in the qualifier in each of his first 10 AVP tournaments, but New Orleans marks the 8th consecutive event in which he has been in the main draw
- Entering New Orleans Dietrich has lost 7 of the last 8 matches in which he lost the first set
- Dietrich has played in New Orleans once before, in 2015 in what was his 2nd AVP tournament ever... he was eliminated in the qualifier by current partner Tim Bomgren
- Dietrich played the season opener with Avery Drost, placing ninth... his first match of that tournament was a loss against his 2022 partner Hagen Smith

New Orleans – Men – #9 Evan Cory / Logan Webber

Cory / Webber are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and the 10th time overall

- The duo finished 17, 9th and 13th in their first three AVP events together
- The two players were partners in 2021 on the AVP Tour, then beginning in October 2022 internationally... New Orleans marks their first domestic event together since the 2021 season finale
- After Cory and Webber split following the 2021 season, they played each other in the first match of the 2022 season opener in Austin (Webber won in a sweep)... Cory won a pair of three-set matches in Denver on the Tour Series, including in the semifinals... then in the 2022 season finale Webber won in three sets in Tavares to end Cory's season
- Entering New Orleans in 1 season as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 5-5 in matches... they are 3-1 when winning the first set and 2-4 when losing the first set... they are 3-1 in three-set matches
- Of their 5 career match losses, 3 came against teams with an Olympian on it

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
FIVB	4/6-9/2023	Challenge Itapema	Q18	25	220	US\$0.00
FIVB	3/16-19/2023	La Paz Challenge	Q14	25	220	US\$0.00
FIVB	2/1-5/2023	Doha Elite16	Q7	21	340	US\$0.00
FIVB	10/27-30/2022	Dubai 2nd Challenge	10, Q2	19	300	\$1,000.00
FIVB	10/22-25/2022	Dubai 1st Challenge	17, Q5	4	680	\$6,000.00
FIVB	10/13-16/2022	Maldives Challenge	20, Q6	9	460	\$2,500.00
AVP	9/1-5/2021	Chicago Open	14	13	336	\$2,600.00
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	14	9	540	\$3,750.00
AVP	8/11-15/2021	Atlanta Open	Q8	17	266	\$0.00

Evan Cory – age 25 - 6'3" – hometown Metairie, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Lincoln Memorial University

- This is Cory's 24th AVP tournament with 10 different partners
- His career best finishes are 2 second-place finishes he had on the Tour Series in 2022 (Muksegon and Denver), both of which he had with Billy Kolinske... his best outside of the Tour Series is a fifth place with Kolinske in Atlanta 2022
- Between 2015 and 2021, Cory played 12 AVP events (2 main draws)... since the start of 2022 he has played in 12 AVP events (including New Orleans), all of which have been main draws, plus 10 international events (including NORCECA)
- Cory is playing in New Orleans for the 4th time with a 4th different partner... he placed 29th in both 2015 (with Derek Zimmerman) and 2016 (with John Hamilton)... last year he and Billy Kolinske placed 7th
- New Orleans marks his 5th consecutive AVP tournament with a different partner (Billy Kolinske, Dave Palm, Paul Lotman, Marty Lorenz and now Logan Webber)

Logan Webber – age 27 – 6'7" – hometown Grand Rapids, Mich. – currently Grand Rapids, Mich. – Cincinnati Christian

- Webber is playing in his 29th AVP tournament with 9 different partners
- His career bests are a pair of third-place finishes on the Tour Series in 2022 with Seain Cook (in Denver and Huntington Beach)
- Webber also has 5 fifth-place finishes, all of which came in 2022... he placed fifth twice on the Tour Series and three times on the Pro Series
- This is the 2nd time he has ever played in New Orleans, having finished in ninth place last year with John Hyden... in that tournament all three of his matches went to a third set

New Orleans – Men – #10 Avery Drost / Travis Mewhirter

Drost / Mewhirter are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The two players have played each other 6 times (well, 5 due to a forfeit)... Drost won in a sweep in Austin 2018 and in three sets in Manhattan Beach 2019... the two had 4 meetings in 2022, Drost swept Mewhirter in Waupaca (on the Tour Series) and Manhattan Beach, then Drost won by forfeit in the semifinals in Virginia Beach (on the Tour Series)... Drost won in two sets in Huntington Beach (on the Tour Series) last November
- In 2022 Mewhirter played in 6 Tour Series events, and Drost eliminated him in 3 of them

Avery Drost – age 36 - 6'5" – hometown Redlands, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Westmont College

- This is Drost's 83rd AVP tournament with his 29th different partner
- He has advanced to 8 semifinals in his AVP career, including 3 second-place finishes, all with Chase Frishman and all on the Tour Series in 2022... they made it to the title match in Atlantic City, Virginia Beach and Huntington Beach (where their only two losses were to top seeds Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander)
- His first ever semifinal came in New York 2015 with Billy Kolinske, when they lost the first round match before winning 4 straight must-win matches to reach the semis (including wins over teams seeded #3 and #4)... his other third-place finishes came in Seattle 2016 with Gregg Weaver (after advancing from the qualifier and losing in the first round of the main draw), in New York 2016 with Billy Kolinske, in Hermosa beach 2017 with Chase Frishman, then not again until Muskegon 2022 (on the Tour Series) with Andy Benesh
- He played 18 times with Chase Frishman, then no more than 5 events with any other partner
- Drost is playing in New Orleans for the 4th time with his 4th different partner... he was 9th in 2015 with Trevor Crabb (his only event ever with Crabb), 13th in 2016 with Dave McKenzie, and 13th last season with Erik Beranek
- He began 2023 with Jake Dietrich, finishing in 9th place in Miami

Travis Mewhirter – age 32 – 6'4" – hometown Baltimore, Md. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Maryland

- Mewhirter is playing in his 38th AVP tournament with his 16th different partner
- His career best is a third place finish in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series (which ended when his team had to forfeit to Drost and Chase Frishman)
- Mewhirter also has 3 fifth-place finishes, all with John-Michael Plummer in 2022, with 2 of those coming on the Tour Series and the latest one in Tavares
- In his AVP career he has 5 finishes of 9th or better and all happened with John-Michael Plummer in 2022
- He played 10 times with John-Michael Plummer, then no more than 5 events with any other partner
- Mewhirter lost in a three-set match in the qualifier in Miami with John-Michael Plummer to begin the 2023 season
- This is the 3rd time he has ever played in New Orleans, having finished 45th with John Hamilton in 2015 and 29th with Chris McDonald in 2016... the 2015 event marked the AVP debut for Mewhirter

New Orleans – Men – #11 Seain Cook / David Lee

Cook / Lee are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo played in the qualifier in Manhattan Beach 2021, finishing in 25th place
- The two players have faced each other twice, with each one winning in three sets... in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series, Lee won 14-21, 21-13, 15-13... in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series Cook won 21-19, 22-20, 20-18
- Entering New Orleans in 1 season (including qualifiers) they have a 2-1 match record... they are 2-0 when winning the first set and 0-1 when losing the first set... they are 0-0 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/18-22/2021	Manhattan Beach Open	Q7	25	270	\$0.00

Seain Cook – age 31 - 6’4” – hometown Perth, Scotland – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Cook’s 11th AVP tournament with 6 different partners
- His career best is third place, which he has done twice alongside Logan Webber... in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series he advanced to the semifinals with his only two losses coming to the fourth-seeded team... in that event 4 of his 6 matches went three sets... in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series he advanced to the semifinals with his only two losses coming to the top-seeded team in the event... in that event he defeated current partner David Lee
- He also has 4 fifth-place finishes, with 2 of those coming on the Tour Series and the other 2 coming in his last 2 tournaments (Tavares 2022 with Logan Webber and Miami 2023 with Jeremy Casebeer)
- New Orleans marks his 5th different partner in his last 7 AVP events
- Entering New Orleans he has played 36 matches since the start of the 2022 season (including Tour Series), and 18 of them went to a third set
- Cook began the season with Jeremy Casebeer, rebounding from a first-round loss to finish in 5th place

David Lee – age 41 – 6’8” – hometown Alpine, Calif. – currently Alpine, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Lee is playing in his 25th AVP tournament with 12 different partners
- He has 1 AVP win in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series with Cody Caldwell... in that event he was seeded 10th and upset 5 teams, including the teams seeded #2, #3, #4 and #5 and 3 of those matches went to a third set
- Lee has 1 other AVP semifinal to his credit, placing third in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Sean Rosenthal
- In his first 10 AVP tournaments he advanced to the main draw 3 times but was 0-6 in his main draw matches... in his 11th event, he won his first 3 main draw matches (including against the tournament’s top-seeded team) and placed third (in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Sean Rosenthal)
- He has never played with a partner more than 4 times in his career
- A three-time indoor Olympian, Lee has partnered with 4 different Olympians (indoors and beach) in his career
- Lee is one of the five 40-year old men playing here, but he didn’t make his pro beach debut until he was 36

New Orleans – Men – #12 Phil Dalhausser / John Sutton

Dalhausser / Sutton are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 13th in Dener 2022 on the Tour Series, 13th in Fort Lauderdale, and 25th in Manhattan Beach 2022
- Entering New Orleans in 1 season (including Tour Series) they have a 1-6 match record... they are 1-0 when winning the first set and 0-6 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in three-set matches

All Results

Tour	Date	Tournament	Seed	Finish	Points	Money
AVP	8/18-21/2022	Manhattan Beach Open	15	25	1132	\$650.00
AVP	7/29-31/2022	Fort Lauderdale Open	14	13	1390	\$1,400.00
AVP	7/1-3/2022	Denver Open	8	13	1254	\$0.00

Phil Dalhausser – age 43 – 6’9” – hometown Baden, Switzerland – currently Orlando, Fla. – Central Florida

- This is Dalhausser’s 155th AVP event, winning 62 titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 21 seconds, 25 thirds and 1 fourth... he has been in the semifinals in 109 of his 154 completed AVP tournaments (71%)
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 straight seasons before 2021
- Dalhausser’s AVP match record by year the past 3 seasons: 20-7 in 2019, 11-1 in 2020, 2-4 in 2021, 27-12 in 2022 (he had as many losses in 2022 as the previous three years combined), and now 3-1 in 2023 (entering New Orleans)
- Last season Dalhausser has played his 9 AVP events with 4 different partners... that was the first time in his career that he has played with even 3 different partners within the same AVP season
- In his last 3 events with John Sutton, he has been seeded 14th, 15th and now 12th in New Orleans... prior to that the last time he was a double-digit seed on the AVP Tour was in Austin 2005 with Nick Lucena, when he was seeded 10th and claimed his first ever victory
- Dalhausser placed 2nd in New Orleans in 2015 with Sean Rosenthal and won last season with Casey Patterson... entering this weekend, he has a 9-1 match record in his career in New Orleans, with 27 blocks and 22 aces
- Dalhausser began the 2023 season playing with Troy Field, finishing third in Miami

John Sutton – age 40 – 6’0” – hometown Charlotte, N.C. – currently Charlotte, N.C. – Indiana

- Sutton is playing in his 13th AVP tournament with 3 different partners
- His career best is 13th place, which he has done twice with Phil Dalhausser (in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series and in Fort Lauderdale 2022)
- Sutton is one of the five 40-year old men playing here, but he didn’t make his pro beach debut until he was 34... he got his first (and entering New Orleans his only) match win on the AVP Tour when he was 39 years old (in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series)
- Sutton began the 2023 season playing in the qualifier in Miami with Spencer Gaston, finishing in 29th place

New Orleans – Men – #13 (Q2) Andrew Dentler / Jacob Landel

Dentler / Landel are playing together for the 1st time ever

- In the qualifier in New Orleans 2 of their 3 matches went to a third set... in both of those, they lost the first set but came back to win the match, including a 28-26 third set
- The two players have played against each other twice before... Landel won in a sweep in Hermosa Beach 2018... Dentler won 22-20, 24-22 in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series

Andrew Dentler – age 33 - 6'5" – hometown Mechanicsburg, Pa. – currently Pottstown, Pa. – George Mason

- This is Dentler's 31st AVP event with his 16th different partner
- His career best is a third place with Skylar del Sol in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- In his first 23 AVP events he advanced to 5 main draws... in his last 8 tournaments (including Tour Series and including New Orleans) he has played in the main draw all 8 times
- New Orleans marks his 3rd straight tournament with a different partner
- This is the 3rd time that Dentler has played in New Orleans... he was 17th in 2016 with Gregg Weaver and finished in fifth place last year with Skylar del Sol... in that event he defeated second-seeded Andy Benesh / Nick Lucena in the contender's bracket

Jacob Landel – age 31 – 6'2" – hometown Long Beach, Calif. – currently Santa Cruz, Calif. – Cal-Santa Cruz

- Landel is playing in his 21st AVP tournament with 5 different partners
- His career best was a third place with Lev Priima in Atlantic City 2022 on the Tour Series
- He has played 15 times with Lev Priima while his other 6 events came alongside 4 other partners
- Entering the New Orleans Main Draw, 4 of his last 5 matches played went to three sets

New Orleans – Men – #14 (Q4) Ian Satterfield / Jake Urrutia

Satterfield / Urrutia are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and the 4th time overall

- The duo advanced from the qualifier and finished in 9th place in Miami 2023 in their AVP debut
- Entering New Orleans they had played 3 times on 3 different tours... In November 2022 they won a NORCECA event in the Cayman Islands... they finished 9th in Miami on the AVP Tour last month... last weekend they advanced to the semifinals and finished in 4th place in a World Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Futures event in Tahiti
- In the qualifier this weekend they duo swept all 3 matches, never allowing more than 17 points in any of the 6 sets
- Entering the New Orleans Main Draw together in 1 season on the AVP (including qualifiers) they have a 6-2 match record... they are 5-0 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 2-1 in three-set matches

Ian Satterfield – age 31 - 6'6" – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Satterfield's 38th AVP event with his 20th different partner
- His career best is a third place with Caleb Kwekel in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series
- Satterfield played in his first 2 AVP events in 2008 and 2010 (when he was 16 and 18 years old)... then he didn't play on the AVP again until 2016 in New Orleans
- This is the 2nd time that Satterfield has played in New Orleans... he was 17th in 2016 with Riley McKibbin

Jake Urrutia – age 28 – 6'4" – hometown Hillsbrough, N.J. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- Urrutia is playing in his 21st AVP tournament with his 13th different partner
- His career best came in the 2023 season opener in Miami, as he finished in 9th place with Ian Satterfield
- New Orleans marks the 4th time he has ever been in an AVP main draw (including Tour Series)
- He has played 7 times with Earl Schultz and his other 14 events have come with 12 different partners

New Orleans – Men – #15 (Q6) Djordje Klasnic / Brian Miller

Djordje / Miller are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The duo advanced from the qualifier here by sweeping all 3 opponents
- Entering the New Orleans Main Draw together in 1 season on the AVP (including qualifiers) they have a 3-0 match record... they are 3-0 when winning the first set and 0-0 when losing the first set... they have yet to play a three-set match

Djordje Klasnic (goes by DJ) – age 27 - 6'4" – hometown Novi Sad, Serbia – currently Los Angeles County, Calif.

- This is Klasnic's 3rd AVP event with his 3rd different partner
- New Orleans will mark a new career best for him as he placed 17th in his other 2 AVP tournaments
- Both of his parents were professional volleyball players and they now have their own club
- His two older sisters both play volleyball
- When he represented Serbia in the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Cyprus (at the age of 17), it marked the first time he had ever flown on a plane
- He won a bronze medal in a CEV Satellite event in 2017, the first medal ever won by Serbia on that tour

Brian Miller – age 29 – 6'8" – hometown Mercer Island, Wash. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Washington State

- Miller is playing in his 29th AVP tournament with his 12th different partner
- His career best is seventh place, which he has done twice while playing with Raffe Paulis in consecutive events... he placed seventh in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series, then followed that up with a seventh-place finish in Manhattan Beach 2022... in the latter event he knocked of the #8 and #9 seeds before pushing top-seeded Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk to a 16-14 third set
- He began the season with Raffe Paulis in Miami, finishing in 21st place

New Orleans – Men – #16 (Q8) Noah Dyer / Wyatt Harrison

Dyer / Harrison are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The duo advanced from the qualifier here by winning 3 matches, including 2 three-setters
- Entering the New Orleans Main Draw together in 1 season on the AVP (including qualifiers) they have a 3-0 match record... they are 2-0 when winning the first set and 1-0 when losing the first set... they are 2-0 in three-set matches

Noah Dyer – age 27 - 6'4" – hometown San Clemente, Calif. – currently San Clemente, Calif. – Pepperdine

- This is Dyer's 10th AVP event with his 7th different partner
- His career best is a third place with Chase Frishman in Muskegon 2022 on the Tour Series
- This is the 2nd time that Satterfield has played in New Orleans... in 2022 he finished in 7th place with Chase Frishman... in that event all 4 of his matches went to a third set
- Dyer began the year in Miami playing with Ed Ratledge, finishing 21st

Wyatt Harrison – age 23 – 6'6" – hometown Santa Cruz, Calif. – currently Santa Cruz, Calif. – Cal-San Diego

- Harrison is playing in his 13th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner
- He is guaranteed to at least tie his career best, as previously it was a 13th with Kacey Losik in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- He lost a three-set match in the qualifier in Miami to begin the year while playing alongside Zephyr Dew