

Fort Lauderdale – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, July 30, 2022 – Match 1

9:05 am – #10 Carly Kan / Kaitlyn Leary vs #15 Mackenzie Ponnet / Chelsea Rice

Head to Head

- Kan / Leary def. Ponnet / Rice in the semifinals in Denver 25-23, 21-16
- Kan and Rice were partners in Chicago 2021, where they advanced from the qualifier and placed 9th

Kan / Leary are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and 5th time overall

- After a 13th place finish in Austin the duo won a NORCECA event in La Paz, Mexico in May, finished 2nd in Denver and won in Waupaca
- The duo is 9-6 in matches on the AVP Tour... they are 8-0 when winning the first set and 1-6 when losing the first set... they are 1-1 in three-set matches

Carly Kan – age 27 – 5'9" – hometown Honolulu – currently Honolulu – Missouri / Hawai'i

- Fort Lauderdale is her 11th AVP tournament she has ever played in and Florida is the 9th different state
- Kan played her first 7 AVP tournaments with 5 different partners, but since then has played 4 in a row with Leary... her 3 best finishes in her young career have come with players on the court for the match (1st and 2nd with Leary, a 9th-place finish with Rice)
- In Kan's first 10 AVP tournaments, she only lost consecutive matches once (went 0-2 in Austin to start the 2022 season)

Kaitlyn Leary – age 30 – 6'0" – hometown Parma, Ohio – currently Honolulu – Ohio State / Arizona

- Fort Lauderdale is the 14th AVP tournament Leary has ever played in
- In her first 10 AVP events (with 7 different partners), she never made it out of the qualifier... but this year she has played in 4 main draws while playing with Kan each time

Ponnet / Rice are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- The duo placed 9th in New Orleans and then 3rd in Denver
- As partners they are 5-4 on the AVP Tour... they are 5-1 when winning the first set, and 0-3 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in three-set matches

Mackenzie Ponnet – age 29 – 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Grand Canyon University

- This is Ponnet's 32nd AVP event... she played 14 times with Sheila Shaw, and the other 18 events have come alongside 8 different partners
- In her last 9 AVP main draws (including Fort Lauderdale), she has faced at least one beach Olympian in 8 of those events

Chelsea Rice – age 27 – 5'10" – hometown Murfreesboro, Tenn. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Middle Tennessee State / Georgia State

- Rice is playing in her 15th AVP Tournament with 10 different partners... Ponnet is the only partner that she has played with for more than 2 events
- In her first 10 AVP tournaments, Ponnet had a best of 17th... she has surpassed that in each of her last 5 AVP tournaments since the start of 2021
- Rice played with a different partner (Ella Connor) in Atlantic City, finishing in 13th place