

New Orleans – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, May 28, 2022 – Match 1

2:05 pm – #10 Karolina Marciniak / Megan Rice vs. #15 Megan Gebhard / Kahlee York

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- None of the four players have ever faced either of their opponents

Marciniak / Rice are playing together for the 2nd time ever

- The duo placed 13th in Austin their debut
- In their 3 matches as partners entering their match, 2 have required a third set... they have lost the first set in all 3 of their matches

Karolina Marciniak – age 34 – 5’11” – hometown Lask, Poland – currently Port St. Lucie, Fla.

- Marciniak is playing in her 19th career AVP tournament, with a best of 3rd (in Austin 2018 with Lane Carico)
- In Austin in 2018, Marciniak and Lane Carico lost their first round match, then won four straight contender’s bracket matches (including defeating the 3rd-seeded team) to reach the semifinals

Megan Rice – age 28 – 5’11” – hometown Boca Raton, Fla.– currently Boca Raton, Fla. – Florida / Florida Atlantic

- Rice is playing in her 17th career AVP tournament with 10 different partners (hasn’t played more than 3 events with any person)
- Rice has a career best of 2nd, reaching the finals in Hermosa Beach in 2019 alongside Kathryn Hogan... in that event she was seeded 13th in the qualifier and got into the main draw with a win over Van Gunst... then in the main draw, as the 21st seed they upset 5 teams, including seeds 4 and 5, and their only two losses came at the hands of the event’s top seeded team

Gebhard / York are playing together for the 1st time ever

- Duo qualified for New Orleans after finishing 5th in the San Antonio qualifier

Megan Gebhard – age 27 – 6’1” – hometown Howell, Mich. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – MIT

- This is Gebhard’s 6th AVP event with her 4th different partner
- New Orleans marks her first ever AVP main draw
- In 3 of her previous 5 AVP tournaments, she was eliminated in a three-set match after winning the first set
- In Chicago 2019, Gebhard (and Katie Lindstrom) lost to current AVP writer Kimberly Smith, which ended up being Smith’s last AVP main draw

Kahlee York – age 23 – 5’11” – hometown Lakewood Ranch, Fla. – currently Bradenton, Fla. – Louisiana State

- This is York’s 4th AVP event with her 3rd different partner (although in one event her team forfeited their only qualifier match so she never played)
- New Orleans marks her first ever AVP main draw
- York was a teammate (although not partner) with each of the other three LSU players (Taryn Kloth, Kristen Nuss, Toni Rodriguez)... in her first match here, she had to play against Kloth and Nuss