

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, September 3, 2022 – Match 1
8:05 am – #7 Larissa / Maestrini / Lili Maestrini vs #15 Jessica Gaffney / Megan Rice

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Both Larissa and Lili have a 3-0 match record against Gaffney all time (all sweeps and all this season)
- Both Larissa and Lili have a 2-0 match record against Rice all time (all sweeps and all this season)

Larissa / Lili are playing together for the 14th time on the AVP Tour

- The duo has won 3 Tour Series events this season (Muskegon, Denver and Atlantic City) and placed 2nd in the last one (Virginia Beach)
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 47-20 (70%) in matches, 37-2 (95%) when winning the first set, 10-18 (36%) when losing the first set, and 15-6 (71%) in three-set matches
- Last year the duo placed 2nd in Chicago, their highest finish on the AVP Tour outside of the Tour Series

Larissa Maestrini – age 40 – 5'9" – hometown Cachoeiro de Itapemirim-Es, Brazil – currently Celebration, Fla.

- This is the 15th AVP tournament for Larissa, who has made the semifinals 7 times
- Larissa won in Glendale, Arizona in 2009 with Juliana Felisberta, then Tour Series titles in Muskegon, Denver and Atlantic City with Lili
- Including AVP, the World Tour and the Pan American Games, Chicago marks the 170th career pro beach volleyball tournament for Larissa

Lili Maestrini – age 34 – 6'0" – hometown Vitoria, Brazil – currently Celebration, Fla.

- This is the 14th AVP event ever for Lili, who has played alongside Larissa in all 14
- Lili made her AVP debut in Atlanta last season, losing in the qualifier with Larissa to Megan Kraft / Savvy Simo

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

- Their AVP debut as partners came in the Manhattan Beach Open, placing 17th... last week on the Tour Series event in Virginia Beach the duo placed 7th
- On the AVP Tour (including Tour Series) the duo has a 3-5 match record... they are 2-1 when winning the first set and 1-4 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches

Jessica Gaffney – age 26 – 6'1" – hometown Temecula, Calif. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – San Francisco / Cal-Berkeley

- Gaffney is playing in her 23rd AVP tournament with her 12th different partner
- She played 8 events with Molly Turner, and the other 15 tournaments with 11 different partners
- Her career best is a 5th (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series)... her best finish on the Pro Series or Gold Series is a 7th place finish in Fort Lauderdale 2022
- This is the 4th time she has played in Chicago (33rd, 33rd and 21st place finishes)

Megan Rice – 5'11" – hometown Boca Raton, Fla. – currently Boca Raton, Fla. – Florida / Florida Atlantic

- Rice is playing in her 24th AVP event with her 11th different partner
- She has a career best of 2nd (in Hermosa Beach 2019 with Katie Hogan)
- Rice placed 5th last year in Chicago with Sarah Schermerhorn