

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 – Match 2

9:10 am – #12 (Q5) Larissa Maestrini / Liliane Maestrini vs. #13 Megan Nash / Brittany Tiegs

Head to Head

- This is the first time either of the players are facing either of their opponents

Larissa / Lili are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour... they finished 21st in Atlanta and then 3rd in Manhattan Beach

- The married couple has played most of its matches in a win or go home situation... in their AVP partnership entering this match, they have played 14 matches (10-4)... this will be their 12th must-win match in what will be their 15th match
- They are 5-0 when winning the first set and 5-4 when losing the first set... they are 5-1 in three-set matches (have won the last 5 straight)
- In their careers (outside of Brazilian National Tour play), they faced each other 3 times, with Larissa winning each time (in 2012, 2014 and 2017)

Larissa Franca Maestrini – age 39 – 5'9" – hometown Cachoeiro de Itapemirim-Es, Brazil – currently Celebration, Fla.

- This is Larissa's 4th AVP event... she has 1 win (Glendale 2009 with Juliana Felisberta) and 1 third place
- Larissa is the career wins leader on the FIVB Tour (62) and the Brazilian National Tour (84)... her last FIVB win was in July 2017 (beat Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan in Poland)
- Larissa is a three-time Olympian (won bronze in 2012) and a 2011 World Champion (won five World Championship medals in her career)

Liliane Maestrini – age 33 – 6'0" – hometown Vitoria, Brazil. – currently Celebration, Fla.

- This is Lili's 3rd AVP event in her career
- She has 2 FIVB wins, and they came in consecutive weeks in June 2018

Nash / Tiegs are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour

- They lost in the match to get into the main draw in Manhattan Beach in their first event together
- Earned a main draw berth by winning the Seaside tournament in August, defeating Macy Jerger / Emily Hartong in the finals

Megan Nash – age 25 – 6'0" – hometown Ontario, Canada – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Central Arkansas

- This is Nash' 2nd AVP event... her debut came two weeks ago in Manhattan Beach, where she finished 25th
- This match will be the 2nd career main draw match for her on the AVP Tour, and both matches have come against former beach Olympians (Brandie Wilkerson in the first round and Larissa Franca Maestrini in the 13th-place match)

Brittany Tiegs – age 29 – 5'9" – hometown Jensen Beach, Fla. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Palm Beach Community College / Florida State / Hawai'i

- Tiegs is playing in her 34th AVP Tournament... she has played 16 different partners
- Tiegs has a best of 5th, which she has done twice (in Chicago 2016 with Jace Pardon and in Seattle 2019 with Molly Turner)
- Her last AVP main draw was in Chicago 2019 alongside Kimberly Smith (currently a writer for AVP.com)... in that event the pair advanced from the qualifier and placed 17th