

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, September 3, 2022 – Match 4
11:20 am – #5 Phil Dalhausser / Casey Patterson vs #7 Andy Benesh / Miles Evans

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Benesh is 3-0 all time against Dalhausser... the first meeting ever was in Chicago last year... Benesh eliminated Dalhausser from both Denver and Fort Lauderdale this season
- Patterson is 3-0 all time against Benesh, including in last year's semifinals in Chicago
- The all time series between Dalhausser and Evans is tied 2-2 (one of Evans' wins was a forfeit)
- Patterson is 7-0 all time against Evans

Dalhausser / Patterson are playing together for the 4th time ever

- They won in New Orleans in their debut, then placed third in both Hermosa Beach and Atlanta
- Patterson's wife Lexi had a baby boy which prevented them from playing in Fort Lauderdale
- Entering this match they are 13-5, including 9-3 when winning the first set and 2-2 when losing the first set... they are 2-0 in one-set matches and 5-4 in three-set matches (started 4-0 but since have gone 1-4)
- They are the 6th oldest team to ever play in an AVP main draw (missing the 5th spot by less than a week)... here are the oldest:
 - John Hyden / Ricardo Santos in Manhattan Beach 2021
 - Scott Ayakutubby / Brent Frohoff in Manhattan Beach 2008
 - Casey Patterson / Ed Ratledge in Austin 2022
 - Reid Priddy / Ricardo Santos in Honolulu 2019
 - Ty Loomis / Ricardo Santos in Chicago 2019
 - Phil Dalhausser / Casey Patterson in Chicago 2022

Phil Dalhausser – age 42 – 6'9" – hometown Baden, Switzerland – currently Newbury Park, Calif. – Central Florida

- This is Dalhausser's 152nd AVP event, winning 61 titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 21 seconds, 23 thirds and 1 fourth... he has been in the semifinals in 106 of his 151 completed AVP tournaments (70%)
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 straight seasons before last year
- Dalhausser's AVP match record by year the past 3 seasons: 20-7 in 2019, 11-1 in 2020, 2-4 in 2021, 19-11 in 2022 (his next loss will give him as many losses this season as the previous three years combined)
- Dalhausser is playing in Chicago for the 12th time (all on the AVP Tour)... he has 2 wins here (2008 with Todd Rogers and 2016 with Nick Lucena) and played in the championship match 6 times
- This season Dalhausser has played his 8 AVP events (including Chicago) with 3 different partners... this is the first time in his career that he has played with 3 different partners within the same AVP season

Casey Patterson – age 42 – 6'6" – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Patterson is playing in his 111th AVP Tournament with his 22nd different partner
- He has 18 wins, 6 second-place finishes, and 18 third-place finishes... he was in the finals in all 3 AVP tournaments last year
- Patterson is playing in Chicago for the 10th time... he is the defending Chicago champion, having won here last year with Chase Budinger... he also won in 2012 (on another tour) with Ryan Doherty
- In his first time playing in Chicago (2007), he won a qualifier match against Jeff Conover... in that qualifier Conover defeated Kevin Wong and then lost to Patterson (both future beach volleyball Olympians)

Benesh / Evans are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 6th time overall

- The duo won a silver medal internationally together in April

- Their first AVP tournament together was in Denver 2022 (Tour Series), which they won... after losing their first round match, Benesh and Evans had to win 6 straight elimination matches to reach the championship match... they won the first 5 of those in sweeps
- In Manhattan Beach they lost in the 2nd round, and then won 5 straight elimination matches before losing in the semifinals
- On the AVP Tour they are 14-4 in matches, including 13-2 when winning the first set and 1-2 when losing the first set... they are 3-3 in three-set matches
- In 15 of their 18 matches together on the AVP Tour, they have won the first set
- Of their 18 AVP matches as partners, 14 have been win or go home (and this will be the 15th in 19 matches

Andy Benesh – age 27 – 6'9" – hometown Ranch Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. – USC

- Benesh is playing in his 27th career AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- This is his 9th AVP event of the year with a 4th different partner
- In 6 of his last 10 AVP tournaments, Benesh has reached the semifinals... prior to that stretch he had never made a semifinal in his first 16 tournaments
- Including the Tour Series, Benesh is 1 of 6 players this season to win multiple times on the AVP Tour (Phil Dalhausser 2, Tri Bourne 2, Trevor Crabb 2, Benesh 2 including 1 Tour Series, Dave Palm 2 Tour Series and Roberto Rodriguez 2 Tour Series)
- Benesh was 3rd in Chicago last year with Billy Allen

Miles Evans – age 32 – 6'4" – hometown Santa Barbara, Calif – currently Santa Barbara, Calif. – Santa Barbara City College

- Evans is playing in his 26th AVP tournament with his 13th different partner
- He has one win (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Andy Benesh and one 2nd place finish (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Ryan Doherty)
- He also has a 3rd-place finish (in Manhattan Beach in his last tournament)
- Evans has won on the NVL, NORCECA, FIVB and now AVP Tour
- This is Evans' 4th time playing in Chicago, with a best of 9th twice