

# Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 – Match 4

## 12:15 pm – #2 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb vs Billy Allen / Andy Benesh

### Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Allen and Gibb have played against each other 27 times in their history... Gibb owns a 22-5 lead in the series

**Taylor Crabb / Gibb** are playing together for the 23rd time on the AVP Tour and for the 56th time overall... The pair has won 8 AVP titles and 1 FIVB title

- In their partnership on the AVP Tour, they are 85-24 (78.0%) in matches, 73-6 (92.4%) when winning the first set, 10-18 (35.7%) when losing the first set, and 20-9 (69.0%) in three-set matches
- The duo placed 2nd in Manhattan Beach 2018, their last time playing here

### Taylor Crabb – age 29 – 6'0" – hometown Honolulu – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Taylor Crabb's 39th AVP event, and he has won 8 AVP titles plus 1 FIVB win (all with Gibb)... he has advanced to the semifinals 29 times in his career (76% of the tournaments) and has reached the semifinals in 28 of his last 31 AVP tournaments
- In 2020, Taylor Crabb tied for the Tour lead in digs per set (5.5) and was 5th in hitting percentage (.422)

### Jake Gibb – age 45 – 6'7" – hometown Bountiful, Utah – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Utah

- Gibb is playing in his 164th AVP Tournament, with 34 AVP wins plus 7 FIVB wins... Gibb has won with 5 different partners... He is the only player who has won multiple AVP titles in each of the 7 seasons from 2013 to 2019
- In 2020, Gibb was 2nd on the Tour in blocks per set (1.9) and in aces (0.8)
- Gibb has won 3 times in Manhattan Beach with 3 different partners (Stein Metzger 2005, Sean Rosenthal 2009, Casey Patterson 2016)

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**Allen / Benesh** are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 4th time overall

- The duo lost in the country quota (to Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb) in their first FIVB event together, then placed 17th in Rwanda last month
- This marks their 8th match together, and the 7th against a team seeded 10th or better

### Billy Allen – age 39 – 6'2" – hometown Fallbrook, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Cal State-Northridge

- This is Allen's 113th AVP tournament, with 2 wins, 3 second-place finishes and 9 third-place finishes
- He has played with 15 different partners on the AVP Tour... he has advanced to a semifinal with 5 of them
- Both of Allen's victories came in Seattle, in 2016 and in 2017
- Allen played for the title in Manhattan Beach in 2011 with Brad Keenan, finishing second

### Andy Benesh – age 26– 6'9" – hometown Ranch Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently St. Petersburg, Fla. – Southern Cal

- This is Benesh's 17th AVP event, with a best of 5th place in Atlanta last week
- This is just the 3rd time in his AVP career that he has been seeded directly into the main draw