

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Match 4
12:30 pm – #4 Carly Skjodt / Geena Urango vs #7 Deahna Kraft / Kaitlyn Malaney

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams

Skjodt / Urango are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP

- Their previous tournament together in the 2022 season opener in Austin, when they finished 9th
- Including their first two matches in Miami, they have gone to a third set in 4 of their 5 matches together, and have lost the first set in all 5 matches
- Against #5 Larissa / Lili yesterday, they had a 13-10 lead in the third set before Larissa / Lili closed on a 9-4 run... Urango had a dig on match point (if I recall correctly) but play was ruled a re-do as a ball came on the court from the college tournament

Carly Skjodt – age 25– 6’1” – hometown Indianapolis, Ind. – currently Venice, Calif. – Michigan

- This is Skjodt’s 12th AVP event with 6 different partners
- Her career best is a 3rd place, which she has done twice with Katie Dickens (in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series and in Tavares 2022)
- Entering this match she has played 39 AVP matches (including qualifiers) in her career... she has scored a total of 2 more points than she has given up

Geena Urango – age 33 – 5’11” – hometown Los Alamitos, Calif. – currently Los Alamitos, Calif. – USC

- Urango is playing in her 61st AVP tournament with 15 different partners
- She has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 8 2nds and 8 3rds
- Urango placed 7th in her first tournament in Florida (St. Petersburg 2014), but her last 2 trips to the Sunshine State resulted in title match appearances (2nd in Ft. Lauderdale 2022 and 2nd in Tavares 2022)... all 4 of her Florida events have come with different partners

Kraft / Malaney are playing together for the 1st time ever

- In Miami Kraft and Kaitlyn have played opponents named Kimberly, Katie and Katie, and now Carly

Deahna Kraft – age 24 – 6’0” – hometown Seattle, Wash. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Pepperdine / Wisconsin

- Kraft is playing in her 16th career AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- She has 1 win, with Allie Wheeler in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Kraft has 2 other AVP semifinals, both with Wheeler on the Tour Series in 2022 (in Muskegon and Atlantic City)

Kaitlyn Malaney – age 31 – 6’0” – hometown Parma, Ohio – currently Honolulu, Hawai’i – Ohio State / Arizona

- Malaney is playing in her 20th AVP tournament with her 10th different partner
- She has 3 AVP semifinal appearances, with 1 win, 1 2nd and 1 3rd... her win came in Waupaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Carly Kan... her 2nd was in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Carly Kan... her 3rd was in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Molly Turner