

Fort Lauderdale – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, July 30, 2022 – Match 5

1:25 pm – #4 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss vs #8 Tina Graudina / Hailey Harward

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- The only previous meeting between any of these players was earlier this month in Gstaad, Switzerland, when Graudina (and Anastasija Kravcenoka) eliminated Kloth and Nuss in a 5th place match (19-21, 21-18, 20-18)
- In college, Graudina swept Nuss 3 times (in March 2018, March 2019 and May 2019)... Kloth and Nuss defeated Graudina twice on April 4, 2021 (in three sets and then a sweep)... they never faced Harward

Kloth / Nuss are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and the 11th time overall

- The duo won in their debut as a team (in Atlanta in 2021), then placed 5th in Manhattan Beach and 3rd in Chicago last year before winning in Austin to open the 2022 season... they placed 2nd in New Orleans
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 28-6 (82.4%) in matches, 24-0 (100%) when winning the first set, 3-6 (33.3%) when losing the first set, and 9-0 (100%) in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, all 6 of their match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0

Taryn Kloth – age 25 – 6'4" – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State

- This is Kloth's 6th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 4 times
- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009 Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Franca won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)
- And for another first, Kloth played indoors at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is the first player known to go to Creighton in the bvbinform.net database of 21,050 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

Kristen Nuss – age 24 – 5'6" – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss' 11th AVP event, and she has been to 4 semifinals
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments

Graudina / Harward are playing together for the 1st time ever

- The duo is trying to replicate the success Kloth and Nuss had last year in Atlanta, winning in their first event together... Kloth / Nuss were the 12th women's team since the start of the 2001 season to win in their first time as partners on the AVP Tour

Tina Graudina – age 24 – 6'0" – hometown Riga, Latvia – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Graudina is playing in her 2nd AVP event ever (placed 9th in Manhattan Beach 2021 with Megan Kraft)

Hailey Harward – age 24 – 5'9" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Long Beach State

- This is Harward's 10th AVP event with her 8th different partner
- New Orleans 2022 was her career best (3rd place with Emily Day)... the duo reached the semifinals despite losing their first round match, winning 4 straight contender's bracket matches (one by forfeit)