

Miami – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Match 6

2:30 pm – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson vs #5 Larissa Maestrini / Lili Maestrini

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Larissa is 5-0 all time in meetings with Humana-Paredes, including 2-0 in three-set matches... the players met for the gold in Olsztyn in 2017 and the bronze in Vienna in 2017... their last meeting was 8/26/17 in Hamburg
- Larissa is 3-2 against Wilkerson all time... the two met once on the FIVB (Larissa won) and the rest have been on the AVP... the players have split the 2 meetings which went to a third set... their last meeting was in Fort Lauderdale 2022 with Wilkerson winning 21-15, 21-18

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 3rd time overall

- In their debut in Chicago 2022, the pair lost in the second round and had to win 4 straight must-win matches (including 2 three-setters) to reach the championship match

Melissa Humana-Paredes – age 30 – 5'9" – hometown Toronto, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif.

- This is Humana-Paredes' 12th AVP event with 2 different partners... she played her first 10 with Sarah Pavan, with 2 wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019), 3 seconds and 2 thirds
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 8 of her 11 completed AVP events and to the championship match 6 times
- She has played in 77 FIVB tournaments (7 golds, 7 silvers, 2 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan

Brandie Wilkerson – age 30 – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Ontario

- Wilkerson is playing in her 21st AVP tournament with her 7th different partner
- Her best career AVP finishes have been 2nd four times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes and 2022 Chicago with Melissa Humana-Paredes) and 3rd five times
- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments... then she played in 6 consecutive AVP events without reaching the semifinals... entering Miami she has advanced to the semifinals in each of her last 3 AVP outings

Larissa / Lili are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP Tour

- The married couple has 3 wins, all on the Tour Series (Muskegon, Denver and Atlantic City all in 2022)... they also have a pair of 2nds and one 3rd

Larissa Maestrini – age 40 - 5'9" – hometown Cachoeiro de Itapemirim-Es, Brazil – currently Celebration, Fla.

- Larissa is playing in her 16th AVP tournament... she won in Glendale, Ariz in 2009 with long-time partner Juliana Felisberta in addition to the 3 wins with Lili last season
- Larissa has won twice in Florida when competing on the FIVB Tour, in Fort Lauderdale in 2015 and 2017
- She won her first title in July 2004, and since then has had just 1 year in which she played but did not win at least one event, as her best finish in her 3 AVP tournaments in 2021 was a 2nd place (did not play at all in 2013, 2018, 2019 and 2020 but won in all other seasons)

Lili Maestrini – age 35 – 6'0" – hometown Vitoria, Brazil – currently Celebration, Fla.

- Lili is playing in her 15th AVP tournament, all of which have come with Larissa
- Lili won 2 FIVB titles, both in 2018 with Josemari Alves