

Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, August 20, 2022 – Match 6
1:30 pm – #1 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil vs #5 Zana Muno / Brandie Wilkerson

Head to Head

- The teams have split their two meetings with Muno / Wilkerson winning in a sweep in Fort Lauderdale and Cannon / Sponcil winning in a sweep in the Atlanta semifinals

Cannon / Sponcil are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and 14th time overall

- The duo played 2 AVP tournaments to close out the 2018 season, emerging from the qualifier and placing third in their inaugural event (Chicago 2018)... then they reunited and are playing in their 12th tournament together (AVP and international) since March of this year, including placing 5th in Austin, 9th in the world Championships, winning in Hermosa Beach, placing 9th in Fort Lauderdale and 2nd in Atlanta
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 22-9 (71%) in matches, 21-0 (100%) when winning the first set, 5-9 (36%) when losing the first set, 1-0 in one-set matches and 7-4 (64%) in three-set matches
- They were seeded #1 in Fort Lauderdale but placed 9th, the lowest finish by a women's top seed since seedings were known... previously a #1 seed finished 7th three times
- The duo has played in 6 AVP events previously and all 6 had a different finish (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th)

Terese Cannon – age 26 – 6'3" – hometown Pittsford, N.Y. – currently Pittsford, N.Y. – Georgetown / Southern Cal

- This is Cannon's 31st AVP event with 9 different partners
- Cannon has advanced to 6 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners (Kelly Reeves, Irene Pollock, Sarah Sponcil and Molly Turner)... she has 1 win (Hermosa Beach 2022 with Sarah Sponcil)
- This marks the 4th time ever Cannon has been seeded number one (each of the last 4 tournaments)
- Cannon made her pro beach volleyball debut in Manhattan Beach in 2016 (33rd with Josephine Kremer), losing to her USC teammates Nicolette Martin and Allie Wheeler

Sarah Sponcil – age 25 – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Phoenix, Ariz. – Loyola Marymount / UCLA

- Sponcil is playing in her 21st AVP tournament with her 4th different partner
- Sponcil has now advanced to 12 semifinals (60% of the tournaments), with 1 win, 5 seconds and 6 thirds
- Her championship match appearances have come in 2018 (in Austin with Lauren Fendrick), in 2019 (in New York City with Kelly Cheng), in 2020 (in Long Beach #3 with Kelly Cheng), in 2021 (in Atlanta with Kelly Cheng) and in 2022 (in Hermosa Beach with Terese Cannon and in Atlanta with Terese Cannon)

Muno / Wilkerson are playing together for the 4th time overall

- The duo placed 5th in both New Orleans and Fort Lauderdale, then 3rd in Atlanta
- On the AVP Tour they have an 12-6 match record... they are 10-1 when they win the first set, and 1-4 when they lose the first set... they are 1-1 in one-set matches and 2-1 in three set matches
- The duo is coached by Mike Dodd, who is celebrating his 65th birthday today

Zana Muno – age 26 – 5'10" – hometown Hermosa Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – UCLA

- This is Muno's 17th AVP event with her 7th different partner
- Muno has advanced to 3 AVP semifinals (with Crissy Jones in Hermosa Beach 2019, with Jones in Atlanta in 2021, and with Kelley Kolinske in Chicago 2021)
- After playing with Wilkerson in New Orleans, Muno played with Lauren Fendrick in Hermosa Beach (finished in 5th place)
- All time in AVP main draws, Muno is 12-6 in three-set matches

Brandie Wilkerson – age 30 – 5'10" – hometown Lausanne, Switzerland – currently Toronto, Canada

- Wilkerson is playing her 19th career AVP event with her 6th different partner
- Her best career AVP finish has been 2nd three times (2017 Manhattan Beach and 2018 New York with Nicole Branagh, 2020 Long Beach event #1 with Sara Hughes) and 3rd three times

- From 2019-2020 Wilkerson advanced to the semifinals in 4 straight AVP tournaments, but since then has played in 7 AVP events (prior to Manhattan Beach) with just one 3rd place finish
- Wilkerson has advanced to the semifinals in Manhattan Beach twice with 2 different partners and will be looking to advance to a 3rd with a 3rd different partner