

## Austin – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, May 7, 2022 – Match 7

### 3:35 pm – #2 Kelly Cheng / Betsi Flint vs #3 Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil

#### Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
  - Sponcil and Cheng were partners for 10 AVP events (3 seconds, 5 thirds) and 25 FIVB tournaments (2 golds, 2 silvers, 1 bronze and a 9th place finish in the Tokyo Olympics)
  - Cheng has beaten Cannon twice before, once on the AVP and once on the FIVB
  - Cheng has played against Sponcil just once previously, in Chicago 2018 (Cheng won in 3 sets)
  - Cannon has beaten Flint in both of their AVP meetings, while Flint beat Cannon in their only FIVB matchup
  - Flint and Sponcil have met 11 times previously.... the players have split their 4 AVP meetings, while Sponcil owns a 5-2 advantage on the FIVB Tour

**Cheng / Flint** are playing together for the 1st time on the AVP Tour and 2nd time overall

- The duo placed 4th in Rosarito in March in their only other tournament together

**Kelly Cheng** – age 26 – 6'2" – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng's 27th AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Cheng has won 1 time (Chicago 2017), placed 2nd 5 times, and placed 3rd 13 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 19 of her 26 completed AVP events (73% of the tournaments entered)
- Hughes has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 6 seasons

**Betsi Flint** – age 29 – 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 37th AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Flint has won 5 AVP titles, 6 seconds and 3 thirds... her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice) and 2019
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 14 of her 36 completed AVP events (39% of the tournaments entered)

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**Cannon / Sponcil** are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 6th 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), losing to Cheng but beating Flint in that tournament
- To get to this match the team beat Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss, who had just knocked them out of the FIVB event in Itapema last month

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

- This is Cannon's 27th AVP event with 9 different partners
- Cannon has advanced to 4 AVP semifinals with 4 different partners (Kelly Reeves, Irene Pollock, Sarah Sponcil and Molly Turner)... her last semifinal came in Atlanta last season after defeating Flint

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

- Sponcil is playing in her 17th AVP tournament with her 4th different partner
- Sponcil has advanced to 10 semifinals (63% of the tournaments entered), with 4 seconds and 6 thirds
- Her first ever championship match appearance came in Austin in 2018 (with Lauren Fendrick)