

Fort Lauderdale – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, July 30, 2022 – Match 7

3:35 pm – #2 Kelly Cheng / Betsi Flint vs #3 Sara Hughes / Kelley Kolinske

Head to Head

- Cheng / Flint won in the only other meeting in Hermosa Beach (21-12, 21-19)
- Flint and Kolinske were partners for 19 AVP tournaments (2 wins, 3 seconds) as well as 10 international events (2 golds, 1 bronze)... their AVP wins were the first for each player
- Cheng and Hughes were partners for 9 AVP tournaments (1 win, 1 second, 3 thirds) and 11 international events (best of 5th twice)... in college they won 103 consecutive matches as partners at USC and ended with a 147-4 (.974) record together

Cheng / Flint are playing together for the 4th time on the AVP Tour and 7th time overall

- The duo placed 4th in Rosarito in March (where they had 3 match wins against players who combined for 7 Summer Olympics), then finished 3rd in Austin, won in New Orleans, and placed 2nd in Hermosa Beach
- Together they have a 14-2 match record on the AVP... they are 11-0 when winning the first set and 3-2 when losing the first set... they are 6-0 in three-set matches

Kelly Cheng – age 26 – 6’2” – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng’s 30th AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Cheng has won 2 times (Chicago 2017 and New Orleans 2022), placed 2nd 6 times, and placed 3rd 14 times... she has advanced to the semifinals in 22 of her 29 AVP events (76% of the tournaments completed)
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 7 seasons (2016-2022)

Betsi Flint – age 29 – 5’10” – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint’s 40th AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Flint has won 6 AVP titles, 7 seconds and 4 thirds... her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019 and 2022
- She has advanced to the semifinals in 17 of her 39 completed AVP events (44% of the events completed)
- Flint finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske... that is the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw

Hughes / Kolinske are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour and 9th time overall

- They played in 6 FIVB events this year, improving from 9th to 5th to winning a gold medal in the Itapema (Brazil) Challenge on April 17... the duo also placed 5th in the World Championships in Rome in June
- In capturing the FIVB title in April, the duo beat 5 Olympians, including 2016 Silver Medalist Barbara Seixas

Sara Hughes – age 27 – 6’2” – hometown Costa Mesa, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Hughes’ 30th AVP event with 8 different partners... she has 3 wins, 4 seconds and 9 thirds... last win was Hermosa Beach 2018
- Hughes has been in the semifinals in 16 of her 29 AVP events completed (55%), and in the championship match 7 times (24%)
- Hughes’ AVP career began with 3 events losing in the qualifier, then advanced to the semis in 4 of her next 7 AVP tournaments, then won 3 consecutive times, then reached the semis in 8 of her next 10 AVP events... she then went 5 straight tournaments with a 5th place or lower (longest streak of her career) before her 3rd place finish last event in Hermosa Beach

Kelley Kolinske – age 30 – 6’2” – hometown San Diego, Calif. – currently Jamul, Calif. – Pepperdine

- Kolinske is playing in her 35th AVP Tournament with 4 different partners... she has 3 wins, 3 seconds, 5 thirds... her victories came in 2015, 2017 and 2019
- Kolinske played just once in 2014 (9th place), but since then has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of the last 8 seasons, including to a championship match in 4 different years