

Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Saturday, August 20, 2022 – Match 8

2:30 pm – #1 Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk vs #5 Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander

Head to Head

- Brunner / Schalk have won both of the 2 previous meetings (in three sets in Hermosa Beach 2022 and in two sets in Fort Lauderdale 2022)

Brunner / Schalk are playing together for the 8th time on the AVP Tour and the 23rd time overall

- The duo has advanced to the semifinals in 6 of their 7 AVP tournaments, have won in Hermosa Beach, and have played for the title in 4 of the 7 completed events... after starting this year 4-3 on the AVP Tour, the duo has since gone 17-3
- Internationally they played 15 times with one gold and one fourth-place finish
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 30-8 in matches, 26-4 when winning the first set, 2-6 when losing the first set... they are 2-0 in one-set matches and 6-4 in three-set matches

Theo Brunner – age 37 – 6’7” – hometown Ridgefield, Conn. – currently Torrance, Calif. – Cal-Santa Barbara

- This is Brunner’s 61st AVP event, winning 4 times (in Huntington Beach 2013 with Nick Lucena, in Seattle 2016 with Billy Allen, in Hermosa Beach 2018 with John Hyden and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Schalk)... he also has 7 seconds and 12 thirds... he has been in the semifinals in 23 of his AVP tournaments
- Since advancing to his first semifinal in 2013, he has been in at least one AVP semifinal in each season with the exception of 2015 (played just 2 tournaments that year)
- Brunner has never played with a partner more than 8 times in his AVP career... he has played with 15 different partners, has advanced to the semifinals with 6 of them and to a title match with 5 different players

Chaim Schalk – age 36 – 6’5” – hometown Red Deer, Alberta – currently Gardena, Calif.

- Schalk is playing in his 31st AVP Tournament with his 7th different partner
- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2019 with Jeremy Casebeer and Hermosa Beach 2022 with Brunner), 5 second-place finishes, and 8 third-place finishes
- Schalk has advanced to the semifinals in 15 of his 30 AVP tournaments (50%), and has done so with 5 different partners

Taylor Crabb / Sander are playing together for the 6th time on the AVP Tour and 10th time overall

- Duo placed 5th in their AVP debut in Austin, then 2nd in New Orleans and Hermosa Beach before finishing 3rd in Fort Lauderdale then 7th in Atlanta
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP, they are 19-8 in matches, 13-2 when winning the first set, 6-5 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 7-4 in three-set matches
- They began the season with an 11-3 match record, but since then went 5-5 before Manhattan Beach (3-0 here entering this match)

Taylor Crabb – age 30 – 6’0” – hometown Honolulu, Hawai’i – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Crabb’s 46th AVP event with his 5th different partner
- Crabb has 8 wins (all with Jake Gibb), 11 seconds (with 3 different partners), and 13 thirds
- Crabb led the AVP Tour in victories in 2019 with 4, but has not won since then (Honolulu 2019)

Taylor Sander – age 30 – 6’5” – hometown Corona, Calif. – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Austin marked his AVP debut... on the AVP Tour he has a career 19-8 match record with 6 of the losses coming against teams seeded first or second and coming against teams with at least one beach Olympian