

Seattle – June 21-23, 2019 – Semifinal Notes

MEN

- In the season opening tournament in Huntington Beach, Jake Gibb joined Karch Kiraly and John Hyden as the only players to ever win an AVP title at the age of 43 or older... From the Cincinnati event in September 2015 through New York City, there have been 28 AVP events and 14 of the men's titles have been won by a player age 40 or older... In those 28 championship matches, at least one player has been over the age of 40 a total of 19 times... Gibb is the only Seattle semifinalist who is over 40 years old.
- Since the start of the 2018 season, the AVP champion has been seeded either 1st or 2nd in 9 of the 11 events... the exceptions were Seattle 2018 (seed #3) and San Francisco 2018 (seed #6).
- In Austin Taylor Crabb and Jake Gibb became just the second AVP team to ever lose its first match and come back to win the tournament (only other time was Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger in Huntington Beach 2007)... In New York City Tim Bomgren and Troy Field nearly duplicated that feat, reaching the title match before losing... Now in Seattle Billy Allen and Stafford Slick have a chance to become the third team to lose its opening match but win the tournament.
- While Allen / Strickland have played a total of 3 hours 52 minutes in Seattle (a total of 11 sets), Crabb and Gibb have played just 1 hour 21 minutes (4 sets, as one match was a forfeit).
- Of the semifinalists, 3 players have yet to win on the AVP Tour but all 3 of them have previously reached a title match... Chase Budinger, Jeremy Casebeer and Chaim Schalk are all looking to get their first AVP win.
- #1 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb
 - Crabb / Gibb have now advanced to the semifinals in 13 of their 16 AVP events as partners, and they are 8-4 all time in semifinal matches.
 - Crabb has now been to the semifinals in 22 of his last 25 AVP tournaments.
 - Gibb is looking to get his 10th victory since turning 40,, Since he had his 40th birthday, the only players with more AVP wins have been Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena (10 titles each in that span).
- #3 Jeremy Casebeer / Chaim Schalk
 - This will be the 2nd semifinal in their 4 AVP events together... entering the semis they have an 11-5 match record in 2019, including 2-1 in three-set matches
 - Casebeer is 2-8 all-time in AVP semifinals... this marks his 3rd different partner he has reached the semifinals with
 - Schalk had 2 hitting errors I the first match against Paul Lotman / Gabriel Ospina, but then has not had any in his last two matches (in a total of 35 attempts)
- #4 Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson
 - Playing in their 3rd AVP event together, the duo has a 10-4 match record on the AVP, and all 4 of the losses have come against one of the Crabb brothers (0-3 versus Taylor, 0-1 versus Trevor, 10-0 versus all other teams).
 - 2 of Budinger's first 3 AVP matches in his career came against Jeremy Casebeer (his semifinal opponent in Seattle)... In his brief AVP career, Budinger is 0-4 against Casebeer
 - Since Patterson played in the 2016 Rio Olympics, he has reached the AVP semifinals 5 times (including this weekend)... the first 3 times he lost in the semis to Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena.
- #7 Billy Allen / Stafford Slick
 - Individually these two players have 3 AVP wins, and all 3 have come in Seattle.
 - Allen's wife Janelle, who went to Eastern Washington, fractured her foot in the qualifier here Thursday but wrapped it and played in the match to qualify for the main draw.
 - Slick has reached the semifinals for the 12th time in his AVP career... All 3 of his semifinal wins have come alongside Billy Allen.

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- The top four seeds are in the semifinals for just the 3rd time since the start of the 2014 season (41 events including Seattle)... The other two times it happened in that span were in New Orleans in 2016 and Hermosa Beach in 2018.
- Seattle is guaranteed to have a champion seeded 4th or higher for the 12th straight AVP event... The last time a team won when seeded 5th or lower was in Chicago 2017 when #12 Kelly Claes and Sara Hughes won.
- Emily Day and Betsi Flint won in Seattle last year, but if any of the other three teams win on Sunday then it will mark the 5th different winning combination in as many AVP events in Seattle.
- Emily Day / Betsi Flint (two AVP wins) and their semifinal opponents Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon (one AVP win) are the only two teams in the entire competition which have previously won an AVP tournament as partners... In the other semifinal, Kelley Larsen and Kelly Claes have both won AVP titles while Sarah Sponcil and Emily Stockman are looking for their first AVP wins but have both been in finals before.
- #1 Kelly Claes / Sarah Sponcil
 - This year Claes / Sponcil have a 7-3 match record entering the semifinals... Of their 10 matches, 6 of the 10 matches have come against teams seeded 4th or better.
 - Claes has now reached the semifinals in 13 of her 18 AVP events (72%), which is a higher percentage than April Ross (71 times in 100 events, 71%).
 - Sponcil, who is 22 years, 10 months old, is the 2nd youngest player (men or women) to be seeded #1 in an AVP tournament... The only player younger to achieve a top seed before turning 23 was Summer Ross (who did it in 2014 when she was 21 years, 5 months as well as in 2015 when she was 22 years, 8 months old).
- #2 Kelley Larsen / Emily Stockman
 - In their AVP partnership, they have a 22-12 match record on the AVP Tour, and 10 of the losses are to teams seeded 1st, 2nd or 3rd
 - Larsen won her first 5 AVP semifinal matches (all with Betsi Flint), but has now lost her last 2 (both with Emily Stockman and both have come against Alix Klineman / April Ross)
 - Stockman has reached the semifinals for the 7th time in her AVP career, but she is just 1-5 in semifinal matches
- #3 Emily Day / Betsi Flint
 - If Day / Flint reach the championship match, they are a combined 1-8 against the other two semifinal teams, with the sole win coming when Larsen / Stockman forfeited last year in San Francisco.
 - A tournament victory would give Day at least one title in 5 straight years, which would trail only April Ross' streak (at least one AVP win each year since 2012, 8 straight seasons).
 - Flint is striving to play in the championship match in Seattle for the third straight year (2nd in 2017 with Kelley Larsen, won last year with Day).
- #4 Karissa Cook / Jace Pardon
 - This is their 4th tournament together, and they have a 16-5 match record... they are 5-2 win three-set matches, having won the last 5 times a match required three sets
 - Cook had been 0-4 in matches against top-seeded teams before knocking off Kelly Claes / Sarah Sponcil to reach the semifinals
 - Pardon did not advance to a semifinal in any of her first 20 AVP events, but has now done so in 2 of her last 3 outings