

AVP League – Statistically Speaking (after week 8)

- The 4 teams that made the championship are from 4 different states
- The semifinals is the exact same schedule (except for order of matches played) as the Saturday in week 3 in San Diego
 - 3 of the 4 matches on Saturday in San Diego went 3 sets, but the Nitro and the Dream went 2-0 in matches (i.e. would not have needed a Golden Set)
 - The set 1 loss by the Dream men to the Miami men marked the only set loss by Andy Benesh / Miles Partain all league
- There was parity on the women's side, as 3 tandems finished 3-5, 3 finished 4-4, and 1 was 5-3 and 1 was 6-2... on the men's side however, it ranged from a 1-7 team to an 8-0 team
- Through 64 matches in the regular league season: there were 35 sweeps and 29 three-set matches... the men had 18 sweeps and 14 three-set matches while the women had 17 sweeps and 15 three-set matches
- Teams winning the first set are 46-18 in matches (were 20-4 the first 3 weeks, 26-14 since then)
- Out of 157 sets played so far, in 28 sets the losing team scored 13 or fewer points (the only 3 that have come in a 3rd set happened in weeks 5 and 8), and in 26 sets the winner had more than 15 points
- Out of 157 sets played so far, 54 have been decided by 2 points (34% of the sets), and an additional 30 sets decided by 3 points (total of 84 of the 157 sets decided by 3 points or less)
- Week 2 had 16 sets as every match was a sweep, but weeks 1 and 3 through 7 had 20 sets (4 sweeps and 4 three-set matches)... then in week 8 there was a season-most 21 sets played
- The average margin in every set so far has been 3.78 points, with the closest sets being in third sets (3.25 average margin)
- Out of 157 sets played so far, the team that was the first to score 10 points won 80% of the time (125-32 record when winning the first set)... in week 8 on Sunday, all 10 sets were won by the team which reached 10 points first
- There will of course be rematches during the championship weekend... during the regular season the city pairs played each other twice and none of those resulted in an even 2-2 record... in the first meeting of the semifinal teams the Nitro went 2-0 against the Smash and the Dream went 2-0 against the Mayhem
- In weeks 5-7, each of the team matchups featured one sweep and one three-set match
- 6 of the 8 Launch men's matches have gone 3 sets... 6 of the 8 Smash women's matches went 3 sets
- 7 of the 8 Nitro women's matches were sweeps... 7 of the 8 Dream men's matches have been sweeps
- In both weeks 4 and 5, 7 different teams won a match (Billy Allen / Paul Lotman of Aces won twice in week 4, Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander of Nitro won twice in week 5)
- Geographically, the state of New York has the best team and the worst team... team records by state:
 - Texas 18-14
 - New York 17-15
 - Florida 16-16
 - California 13-19
- Teams that have had a 4-0 match weekend: Nitro in week 1
- The home court advantage didn't help much, as home teams were a combined 14-18
- Of the 4 teams playing in Carson the Mayhem traveled the most (2 events in Florida, 3 in California) followed by Dream (1 in Florida, 1 in Texas, 3 in California), the Nitro (1 in Florida, 4 in California) and the Smash (1 in Texas, 4 in California)
- Every women's team has been swept at least once, but 2 men's teams have yet to have been swept (Dream and Mayhem)

- The Mayhem men finished the regular season league play having won the first set 7 out of 8 times... the 2 times the Mayhem men lost the second set they also lost the third set... the Mayhem women though went 2-6 in first sets
- The Dream women went 0-8 in second sets during league play... the Dream men went 7-1 in first sets
- The Passion men ended the regular season failing to win the first set of a match (0-8)... their counterparts, the Passion women, were 6-2 in first sets
- The Nitro men are 4-4 in their first sets of matches, but are 9-4 in sets 2 and 3 combined... the Nitro women went 7-1 in first sets
- The Smash men are 1-7 in the first set of matches (have scored 12 three times and 13 three times)... during the regular league season 10 women's matches lasted 50 minutes or more and the Smash women accounted for 6 of those matches
- The Dream men have held the opponents to 10 or fewer points in 7 of their 16 sets so far
- The Launch men have lost 5 matches in three sets, and 4 times the duo won the first set and then lost the next two sets
- The biggest discrepancy in wins between gender tandems within the same team was on the Dallas Dream... the men went 8-0 while the women went 3-5
- The New York Nitro (both genders are 6-2) and San Diego Smash (both genders are 4-4) are the only teams in which both genders have the exact same record and they will play against each other in the semis
- The 4 teams that advanced to the semifinals all had men's tandems that finished in the top 4 in the league
- Momentum tracker heading into the semifinals:
 - Dream men won last 8... Dream women alternated last 4 matches (and all went 3 sets)
 - Mayhem men won last 3... Mayhem women alternated last 6 matches (all 3 wins were in 3 sets)
 - Nitro men lost their last match after having won 3 straight before that... Nitro women started 5-0, lost 2 in a row, then won their last match
 - Both the Smash men and Smash women started the season 1-3 but ended 3-1
- In a set to 15 points a run of 5 consecutive points is significant... there have been 11 runs on the men's side of 5-0 or greater, and they were done by 5 teams (Dream men have done it 4 times and Nitro men 3 times, Mayhem twice and Blaze and Smash once)... 4 times a men's team has had a 7-0 run... the only men's team to have a run of 5-0 or better and lose that set was the Blaze in week 4... on the women's side there have been 16 runs of 5-0 or better but in 3 of those cases the team with the run actually lost that set (including twice by the Blaze women)... the women have had just two 7-0 runs... of the 9 women's runs of 6-0 or better, just 2 of them were done by women's teams that made the semis (Smash and Dream each did it once)... all 8 women's teams in the league have given up a run of 5-0... in week 7 the Passion went on a 6-0 run while down 14-10 in the third set to win 16-14
- The Blaze women finished the league season scoring 257 points and yielding 257 points... but overall, the Smash women (Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango) are about as average a team as there can be (statistically)... they are 4-4 in matches, 11-11 in sets and their points scored (297) are nearly identical to points allowed (298)... furthermore, their 8 matches have been each possible scenario (1 win by sweep, 1 loss by sweep, 3 three-set wins and 3 three-set losses)
- The men have played 78 sets, the women 79... here are the stat comparisons between genders so far:
 - Aces: men's teams average .71 per set, women's teams average 1.04
 - Digs: men's teams average 3.42 per set, women's teams average 4.42
 - Blocks: men's teams average 1.05 per set, women's teams average .78
 - Kills: men's teams average 8.78 per set, women's teams average 8.63
 - Hitting Percentage: men are hitting a combined .437, women are hitting a combined .434
- The Smash women are the only tandem which have more aces (31) than service errors (29), while the Aces women and Nitro women have the exact same number

- 3 duos are hitting at least .500 (Dream men .535, Nitro women .528, Passion Women .509)... not only do the Dream men have the best hitting percentage in the league among men, their opponents have the worst hitting percentage against them (just .281) of any team (men or women)
- The Nitro men have been aces just 8 times in their 8 matches... on the other end of the spectrum the Dream women have been aces a league-most 32 times
- Of the 8 men playing in Carson, 7 of them finished in the top 8 men in terms of hitting percentage (Miles Evans at 13th with .358 is the exception)
- Of the top 6 women in hitting percentage, just 2 are competing in Carson and both play for the Nitro (Kelly Cheng 1st at .550 and Sara Hughes 4th at .495)
- Andy Benesh (Dream) and Toni Rodriguez (Smash) are the only players (male or female) who have more aces than sets played (ie an average of 1.01 aces per set or better) at 1.06 and 1.05 per set respectively
- The 5 players who have more aces than service errors: Toni Rodriguez (Smash) 23 and 10, Kristen Nuss (Aces) 11 and 7, Melissa Humana-Paredes (Passion) 10 and 6, Sara Hughes (Nitro) 7 and 5, Trevor Crabb (Mayhem) 5 and 3
- There are 4 players (among both genders) who average over 1.00 blocks per set, and 3 of them will be in Carson... Theo Brunner (Mayhem) 1.74 blocks per set, Taylor Sander (Nitro) 1.24 and Kylie Deberg (Dream) 1.10 will all play this weekend while Brandie Wilkerson (Passion) 1.35 is the exception
- There are 9 players who are averaging at least 3.00 digs per set, and 8 of them are women (Miles Partain of the Dream at 4.00 is the only male)... Hailey Harward (Dream) at 5.10 and Sara Hughes (Nitro) at 4.47 lead the way
- Hailey Harward (Dream) had 22 digs against the Mayhem in week 3... there were just 9 matches on the 2024 Heritage Series in which a woman had 22+ digs in a match... then in week 7 she had the second most digs in any match (men or women) in league play with 18 and again had 18 in week 8... she had the 3 highest dig totals in a match (men or women)
- Hailey Harward (Dream) had 10+ digs in a single set twice (in week 2 and week 3), then Megan Kraft (Blaze) did it in week 4... those are the only times a player in either gender had 10+ in a set
- There have been 6 players who have had 10 kills in a set during league play and those have happened one time each week the first 4 weeks but just once since; Kelly Cheng (Nitro) in week 1, Taryn Kloth (Aces) in week 2, Taylor Crabb (Nitro) in week 3, Julia Scoles (Launch) in week 4, Phil Dalhausser (Passion) in week 7, Julia Scoles (Launch) in week 8
- A player has had 20+ kills in a match 7 times... Taylor Crabb (Nitro) and Avery Drost (Passion) each have done it twice, joining Geena Urango (Smash), Kelly Cheng (Nitro) and Julia Scoles (Launch) who all did it once
- 6 of the 8 men's blockers have had 5+ blocks in a match... the two that didn't include Andy Benesh (who led the Heritage Series in blocks per set this season at 2.09) and Phil Dalhausser... Theo Brunner (Mayhem) has done it 3 of those times
- 4 women have had 5+ blocks in a match, led by Kylie Deberg (Dream) with 7 while Toni Rodriguez (Smash), Brandie Wilkerson (Passion) and Alix Klineman (Mayhem) each had 5
- All 8 women defenders have had at least one double-double (10+ kills and 10+ digs in a match)... 6 men have done so