

**Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, September 4, 2022 – Match 1**  
**9:05 am – #5 Tina Graudina / Sarah Pavan vs #6 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss**

**Head to Head**

- This is the 1st meeting between the teams
- In college, Graudina defeated Nuss in a sweep in 2018, then Graudina won twice in sweeps in 2019... in 2021 Nuss won twice (a three-setter and a sweep)
- In college Kloth beat Graudina twice in 2021 (a three-setter and a sweep)
- Pavan (6'5") and Kloth (6'4") are the two tallest players in the field

**Graudina / Pavan** are playing together for the 1st time ever

- On Friday in their first match together, they set the AVP record (for men or women) by having the highest set score in a third set in AVP history, winning 33-31 against Carly Kan / Kaitlyn Malaney... the previous high for women was 29-27 in a 2014 qualifier in Milwaukee
- The third set Friday took 30 minutes to play... in the third set alone, there were 26 ties and 4 lead changes... Kan / Malaney had 11 match points while Graudina / Pavan had 8 match points

**Tina Graudina – age 24 – 6'0" – hometown Riga, Latvia – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Southern Cal**

- Graudina is playing in her 3rd AVP event ever with her 3rd different partner
- She placed 9th in Manhattan Beach 2021 with Megan Kraft, then won in Fort Lauderdale alongside Hailey Harward
- Entering this match she has a career 10-3 match record on the AVP... her 3 match losses have all come against teams with at least one beach Olympian

**Sarah Pavan – age 36 – 6'5" – hometown Kitchener, Ontario – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Nebraska**

- This is Pavan's 17th AVP event with her 7th different partner... she has played 10 times with Melissa Humana-Paredes and the other 7 events with 6 different partners
- Pavan has 2 AVP wins (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019)
- Pavan has advanced to the semifinals in 7 of her last 10 AVP tournaments
- Pavan is the 3rd oldest player in the tournament (Graudina and Nuss are the 3rd and 4th youngest, Kloth is the 7th youngest)

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**Kloth / Nuss** are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and the 12th time overall

- The duo won in their debut as a team (in Atlanta in 2021), then placed 5th in Manhattan Beach and 3rd in Chicago last year... this year they won in Austin, placed 2nd in New Orleans and then finished 5th in Fort Lauderdale, Atlanta and Manhattan Beach
- Including the Elite 16 international events, each of their last 5 tournaments have resulted in a 5th-place finish
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 36-13 (73%) in matches, 32-1 (97%) when winning the first set, 3-10 (23%) when losing the first set, and 10-3 (77%) in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, 11 of their 13 match losses have come against teams with at least one beach Olympian
- Kloth and Nuss both played for LSU beach volleyball in 2019, 2020 and 2021... Kloth and Nuss were teammates on court 1 in 2021, finishing the season 36-0
- In Chicago last year the duo placed 3rd with both match losses coming against Alix Klineman

**Taryn Kloth – age 25 – 6'4" – hometown Sioux Falls, S.D. – currently Metairie, La. – Creighton / Louisiana State**

- This is Kloth's 9th AVP tournament (all with Nuss) and she has advanced to the semifinals 4 times
- Kloth won her first ever pro beach volleyball tournament that she played... outside of the early days of the AVP, no other player has ever won an AVP title when making their beach volleyball debut (in Glendale 2009)

Julianna Felisberta / Larissa Maestrini won when both players were making the AVP debuts but were already one of the top teams in the world)

- And for another first, Kloth played indoors at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and is the first player known to go to Creighton in the bvbinfo.net database of 21,245 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU

**Kristen Nuss – age 24 – 5'6" – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State**

- This is Nuss' 14th AVP event, and she has been to 4 semifinals
- She played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments