

Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, August 21, 2022 – Match 2

10:00 am – #7 Andy Benesh / Miles Evans vs #11 Billy Allen / Jeremy Casebeer

Head to Head

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Allen and Benesh were partners for 3 AVP tournaments (2 3rd place finishes and 1 5th place finish)
- Allen is 2-1 all time against Benesh... both of Allen's wins were in sweeps while Benesh won a three-set match
- Benesh and Casebeer have split their 2 meetings against each other... both times the lower seeded team pulled off an upset
- Allen is 4-2 all time in meetings against Evans, with 3 of the meetings going three sets
- Evans owns a 3-2 advantage against Casebeer all time... all 3 of Evans' wins came in 2018, since then Casebeer is 2-0

Benesh / Evans are playing together for the 2nd time on the AVP Tour and 5th time overall

- The duo won a silver medal internationally together in April
- Their only other AVP tournament together was in Denver 2022 (Tour Series), which they won... after losing their first round match, Benesh and Evans had to win 6 straight elimination matches to reach the championship match... they won the first 5 of those in sweeps
- In Manhattan Beach they lost in the 2nd round, and have since won 4 straight elimination matches
- On the AVP Tour they are 12-2 in matches, including 11-1 when winning the first set and 1-1 when losing the first set... they are 2-2 in three-set matches
- In 12 of their 14 matches together on the AVP Tour, they have won the first set

Andy Benesh – age 27 – 6'9" – hometown Ranch Palos Verdes, Calif. – currently Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. – USC

- Benesh is playing in his 26th career AVP tournament with 8 different partners
- This is his 8th AVP event of the year with a 4th different partner
- In 5 of his last 9 AVP tournaments, Benesh has reached the semifinals... prior to that stretch he had never made a semifinal in his first 16 tournaments
- Benesh is 1 of 4 players this season to win multiple times on the AVP Tour (Phil Dalhausser 2, Benesh 2 including 1 Tour Series, Dave Palm 2 Tour Series and Roberto Rodriguez 2 Tour Series)
- Benesh was 3rd in Manhattan Beach last year with Billy Allen

Miles Evans – age 32 – 6'4" – hometown Santa Barbara, Calif – currently Santa Barbara, Calif. – Santa Barbara City College

- Evans is playing in his 25th AVP tournament with his 13th different partner
- He has one win (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Andy Benesh and one 2nd place finish (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Ryan Doherty)
- Evans has won on the NVL, NORCECA, FIVB and now AVP Tour

Allen / Casebeer are playing together for the 7th time ever

- They have a best together of 5th place, and can improve that with a win in this match
- The duo alternated 5th and 9th place finishes on the AVP until last event in Atlanta (13th)
- On the AVP Tour they have a 13-13 match record... they are 9-5 when winning the first set and 4-8 when losing the first set... they are 6-7 in three-set matches

Billy Allen – age 40 – 6'2" – hometown Fallbrook, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Cal State Northridge

- This is Allen's 121st AVP event with his 16th different partner

- He has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick), 3 3nds and 11 3rds
- This is Allen's 15th Manhattan Beach Open (best of 2nd with Brad Keenan in 2011)... he also has 2 other semifinals here, including last year with Andy Benesh)

Jeremy Casebeer – 6'5" – hometown Santa Barbara, Calif. – currently Santa Barbara, Calif. – UCLA

- This is Casebeer's 65th AVP event with his 12th different partner
- He has 1 win (Seattle in 2019 with Chaim Schalk), 2 2nds and 10 3rds
- This is Casebeer's 11th Manhattan Beach Open (best of 3rd with Reid Priddy in 2018... all 11 have come with 11 different partners)