

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, Sept. 4, 2021 – Match 2

10:10 am – #1 Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson vs #3 Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb

Head to Head

- Crabb / Gibb won the first 4 meetings between these teams, but Budinger / Patterson have won the last 2... all 6 matches were sweeps and all took between 43 and 48 minutes... the first ever meeting was in the Huntington Beach 2019 championship match

Budinger / Patterson are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour and 22nd time overall... they have 2 AVP wins (Hermosa Beach 2019 and the 2021 season opener in Atlanta)

- The duo played 7 times on the AVP Tour in 2019, then went with different partners for the three Long Beach events in 2020... they ended up playing each other in all three Long Beach events, with Budinger winning twice and Patterson once
- The pair has been in the semifinals in 8 of their 9 AVP tournaments, with the only exception coming in New York City 2019 (5th place)... with a win they would join Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb as the only 2 teams to make the semifinals in all 3 AVP events this season
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 38-11 (77.6%) in matches, 35-2 (94.6%) when winning the first set, 3-9 (25%) when losing the first set, and 11-3 (78.6%) in three-set matches
- This year they are 12-3 in matches, with all 3 losses coming to Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb
- In 2021 entering Chicago, Patterson is 6th in hitting percentage (.463) while Budinger is 8th (.441)... Patterson is 2nd in kills (8.37 per set)

Chase Budinger – age 33 – 6’7” – hometown Encinitas, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Arizona

- This is Budinger’s 19th AVP event... he has won 2 times, placed 2nd 4 times, and placed 3rd 5 times... he has advanced to the semifinals in 11 of those events (61% of the tournaments entered)

Casey Patterson – age 41 – 6’6” – hometown Manhattan Beach – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Brigham Young

- Patterson is playing in his 105th AVP Tournament, with 16 wins, 6 2nd-place finishes, and 16 3rds
- Patterson won in Chicago with Ryan Doherty in 2012 on another tour

Taylor Crabb / Gibb are playing together for the 24th time on the AVP Tour and for the 57th time overall... The pair has won 8 AVP titles and 1 FIVB title

- In 5 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 90-27 (76.9%) in matches, 78-8 (90.7%) when winning the first set, 10-19 (34.5%) when losing the first set, and 21-11 (65.6%) in three-set matches
- They have won the last 2 times they have played in Chicago (2018 and 2019)
- As partners on the AVP, they are 2-7 against teams seeded number one... the last time they beat a top-seeded team was in Chicago 2019, beating Chase Budinger / Casey Patterson 22-20, 21-15 in the semis

Taylor Crabb – age 29 – 6’0” – hometown Honolulu – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Long Beach State

- This is Taylor Crabb’s 40th AVP event, and he has won 8 AVP titles plus 1 FIVB win (all with Gibb)... he has advanced to the semifinals 29 times in his career (76% of the tournaments) and has reached the semifinals in 28 of his last 31 AVP tournaments

Jake Gibb – age 45 – 6’7” – hometown Bountiful, Utah – currently Huntington Beach, Calif. – Utah

- Gibb is playing in his 165th AVP Tournament, with 34 AVP wins plus 7 FIVB wins... Gibb has won with 5 different partners... He is the only player who has won multiple AVP titles in each of the 7 seasons from 2013 to 2019
- In the 9th-place match against Miles Evans / Troy Field, Gibb had 11 blocks in the 3-set match... that is the most any player has had on the AVP Tour since Tokyo gold medalist Anders Mol had 11 in Honolulu 2018