

Chicago – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, September 4, 2022 – SEMIFINALS

11:15 am – #4 Kelly Cheng / Betsi Flint vs #6 Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss

Head to Head

- The head to head series is tied 2-2, with Kloth / Nuss winning 21-19, 21-13 in the Austin semifinals, then Cheng / Flint won 21-15, 21-15 in the New Orleans championship... Kloth / Nuss won internationally in Jurmala 21-16, 19-21, 15-13 and then Cheng / Flint won in Manhattan Beach 21-19, 21-18
- Kloth / Nuss won their first AVP title in Atlanta 2021, when they beat Cheng (and Sarah Sponcil)
 - Both Kloth and Nuss are 4-3 all time against Cheng, including 3-0 in three-set matches
 - Flint's record against both Kloth and Nuss is 2-2 (the same as the team's head to head)
- Cheng and Nuss met once in college... Cheng and Sara Hughes defeated Nuss and Claire Coppola 21-10, 21-13 on March 11, 2017

Cheng / Flint are playing together for the 7th time on the AVP Tour and 11th time overall

- The duo placed 7th in Atlanta (losing in a one-set match), which was their only AVP event in which they did not advance to the semifinals
- Together they have a 25-6 match record on the AVP... they are 20-0 when winning the first set and 5-5 when losing the first set... they are 0-1 in one-set matches and 10-2 in three-set matches
- They have now been in the semifinals in 6 AVP tournaments this year, the most of any team
- In semifinal matches they are 3-2... they have won all 3 in which they won the first set and lost all 2 in which they lost the first set

Kelly Cheng – age 26 – 6'2" – hometown Placentia, Calif. – currently Fullerton, Calif. – Southern Cal

- This is Cheng's 33rd AVP event with her 5th different partner
- Cheng has won 2 times (Chicago 2017 and New Orleans 2022), placed 2nd 7 times, and placed 3rd 15 times... she has now advanced to the semifinals in 25 of her 33 AVP events (76% of the tournaments)
- Cheng has played in 9 different states on the AVP Tour, and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them
- Cheng has played in at least 1 AVP championship match in each of the past 7 seasons (2016-2022)... the only partner she did not play in a title match with was Brandie Wilkerson (played one event, finished 7th)
- Cheng has had 2+ aces and 2+ blocks in all three of her matches in Chicago so far... she leads the field in hitting percentage (.618) with just 5 hitting errors in 89 swings (has 60 kills)

Betsi Flint – age 30 – 5'10" – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount

- This is Flint's 43rd AVP event with her 4th different partner
- Flint has won 6 AVP titles, 8 seconds and 5 thirds... her wins came in 2015, 2017, 2018 (twice), 2019 and 2022... she has won with each of her partners except Jane Chafeh (played once, finished 13th)
- She has now advanced to the semifinals in 20 of her 43 AVP events (47% of the events)
- Flint finished in 17th place in New Orleans 2015 with Kelley Kolinske... that is the only AVP tournament in her career that she did not play in the main draw
- Last year in Chicago Emily Day and Betsi Flint had to pull out due to a family emergency
- Flint has had at least 10 kills and 12 digs in each of her three matches in Chicago so far

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 before Chicago
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 37-13 (74%) in matches, 32-1 (97%) when winning the first set, 4-10 (29%) when losing the first set, and 11-3 (79%) 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 now advanced to the semifinals 5 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
- Kloth has had 3+ blocks and 11+ kills in each of her four matches in Chicago so far

Kristen Nuss – age 24 – 5’6” – hometown New Orleans, La. – currently Metairie, La. – Louisiana State

- This is Nuss’ 14th AVP event, and she has now been to 5 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
- Nuss has had 13+ kills and 11+ digs in each of her four matches in Chicago so far