

## Atlanta – Stadium Court Notes – Friday, August 5, 2022 – Match 8

### 9:30 pm – #6 Paul Lotman / Miles Partain vs #11 Avery Drost / Miles Evans

#### Head to Head

- This is the 1st meeting between the teams
- Drost and Partain played together for one AVP tournament, finishing in 9th place in Atlanta last year
- Drost eliminated Partain in Partain's first AVP main draw in Hermosa Beach 2017 (21-13, 21-10) and eliminated him again in Hawai'i 2019 (21-13, 21-14)... this is the first meeting between Lotman and Drost
- Evans is 3-1 all time against Lotman, including winning in the Denver semifinals 21-16, 19-21, 15-11
- Evans is 3-0 all time against Partain, including an elimination match last year in Atlanta 17-21, 21-16, 16-14
- The only other player named Miles in professional beach volleyball is Miles Sattelmeier, who played one AVP qualifier in Hermosa Beach 2002

**Lotman / Partain** are playing together for the 10th time on the AVP Tour and 11th time overall

- Their AVP tournaments together have been spread out (played 2 spread out in 2018, 1 in 2019, 2 in 2021, 5 in 2022)
- In 4 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 30-14 (68%) in matches, 23-3 (89%) when winning the first set, 7-11 (39%) when losing the first set, and 13-8 (62%) in three-set matches
- The duo has played 19 matches this season, and 11 of them have gone to a third set (6-5 in those), including 7 of their last 11 matches...all 6 of their match losses this season have come to teams seeded fourth or better

**Paul Lotman** – age 36 – 6'7" – hometown Lakewood, Calif. – currently San Diego, Calif. – Long Beach State

- Lotman is playing in his 30th career AVP tournament... this is his 10th different partnership
- Lotman has a best of 3rd five times on the AVP (in Chicago 2021 with Partain and in each of the last 4 events with Partain)... all 7 of his best finishes on the AVP Tour have come with Partain
- Lotman began the year in Austin playing with Skylar del Sol (finished 9th place)

**Miles Partain** – age 20 – 6'2" – hometown Pacific Palisades, Calif. – currently Pacific Palisades, Calif. - UCLA

- Partain is playing in his 25th AVP tournament with his 8th different partner... he has played 10 times with Lotman and 7 times with his brother Marcus Partain, while the other 8 events came with 6 different partners
- In his first 19 AVP tournaments, he had a best of 5th place... in each of his last 5 events, he has finished in 3rd place

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**Drost / Evans** are playing together for the 3rd time on the AVP Tour

- They went 3 years between playing their first event as partners and their second one (lost in the qualifier in Seattle 2019, placed 7th in Fort Lauderdale last week)
- Each of their last 5 AVP matches have gone to a third set (including all 4 in Fort Lauderdale)
- All time, including qualifiers, they have a 4-3 match record on the AVP Tour... they are 3-2 when winning the first set and 1-1 when losing the first set... they are 2-3 in three-set matches
- Evans holds a 6-1 advantage over Drost... 4 of those wins eliminated Drost from the event, including from Atlanta last year (17-21, 21-16, 16-14)... Drost won the last meeting in Muskegon 21-14, 21-16

**Avery Drost** – age 35 – 6'5" – hometown Redlands, Calif. – currently Redondo Beach, Calif. – Westmont College

- Drost is playing in his 76th career AVP tournament... this is his 27 different partnership
- Drost has a best of 2nd on the AVP (in Atlantic City 2022)... he had advanced to 5 other AVP semifinals

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

- Evans is playing in his 24th AVP tournament with his 13th different partner... he has played 9 times with Lotman and 7 times with his brother Marcus Partain, while the other 8 events came with 6 different partners
- In his first AVP main draw, in Huntington Beach 2016, in consecutive matches he eliminated Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena (albeit by forfeit, but can't let the ruin a good stat) and Todd Rogers (who played with Robbie Page)