

AVP League – Week #2 Notes (Sun) – Sep. 21-22 at Hard Rock Tennis Center, Miami, Fla.

Andy Benesh / Miles Partain (Dallas Dream) vs Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost (Palm Beach Passion)

- Benesh / Partain lead the all time series 4-0, with all 4 wins being sweeps... the average set score has been 21-15, and Dalhausser / Drost have scored 19 points just once

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
8/31/24	AVP	Chicago Heritage Series	Winner 3	Benesh/Partain	2	Dalhausser/Drost	6	21-9, 21-13	0:43
8/17/24	AVP	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	Winner 3	Benesh/Partain	3	Dalhausser/Drost	6	21-18, 21-19	0:50
9/3/23	AVP	Gold Series Chicago Open	Semi-Finals	Benesh/Partain	1	Dalhausser/Drost	6	21-16, 21-14	0:48
5/21/23	AVP	Pro Series Huntington Beach Open	Contender 4	Benesh/Partain	5	Dalhausser/Drost	7	21-17, 21-16	0:46

Benesh / Partain have played 5 AVP events together since 2023

- The duo is just the 2nd one in history to reach the championship match in each of its first 5 AVP tournaments as partners... Mike Dodd / Karch Kiraly played for the title in their first 7 AVP tournaments together in 1985 and 1987
- They finished 5th in the Paris Olympics... the duo won gold in Gstaad 2023 after twice defeating Norway's Anders Mol / Christian Sorum, becoming just the 2nd team to ever defeat the defending Olympic, World Championship and World Tour Finals champions twice in the same event (Netherlands' Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwssen in Rosarito, Mexico in March 2022)
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 24-3 (88.9%) in matches, 21-1 (95.5%) when winning the first set, 3-2 (60%) when losing the first set, and 5-1 (83.3%) in three-set matches
- Benesh has won 5 times on the AVP Tour (in the 2022 season opener in Austin with Phil Dalhausser, in Huntington Beach 2023 with Miles Partain, in Atlanta 2023 with Partain and in Chicago 2024 with Partain) as well as once on the Tour Series (in Denver 2022 with Miles Evans)
- Benesh has never played more than 7 AVP events with any single partner... his 11 semifinals (including Tour Series) have come alongside 5 different partners
- Benesh collected 3 AVP awards in 2023; Best Blocker, Most Improved, and part of the Team of the Year (with Miles Partain)
- In 2022 Benesh played 10 AVP events with 5 different partners... 4 of those partners have now been Olympians (Phil Dalhausser, Nick Lucena, Miles Evans and Casey Patterson)
- Partain has won 4 times on the AVP Tour (in Atlanta 2022 with Paul Lotman, in Huntington Beach 2023 with Andy Benesh, in Atlanta 2023 with Benesh and in Chicago 2024 with Partain)
- Partain was the 2019 AVP Rookie of the Year, and the both the Most Improved Player as well as Best Offensive Player in 2022, then repeated as the Best Offensive Player in 2023 while also being named the Most Valuable Player and part of the Team of the Year (with Andy Benesh)
- In his first 19 AVP tournaments, Partain had a best of 5th place once... in his last 14 events, he has finished no lower than 5th place and has been in the semifinals 12 times (including Tour Series)
- In Atlanta 2022 Partain became just the second male to win an AVP title before turning 21 years old (Scott Ayakutubby did it twice in 1984)

Dalhausser / Drost have played 8 AVP events together since 2023

- The duo made their debut in Huntington Beach 2023... they finished 5th in each of their first 4 AVP events before placing 3rd in the 2023 season finale in Chicago... then this year they two 7ths and a 5th
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 22-16 (57.9%) in matches, 21-2 (91.3%) when winning the first set, 1-14 (6.7%) when losing the first set, and 6-4 (60%) in three-set matches

- This season they have a 7-6 match record entering Chicago... they are 7-0 when winning the first set and 0-6 when losing the first set... they have scored 541 points compared to giving up 537 points
- In their first 2 tournaments they played 10 matches and 6 went to a third set... in their last 6 tournaments they played 28 matches and just 4 three-set matches
- Dalhausser has won 62 AVP titles (plus 38 FIVB wins and 1 NVL victory)... he has 21 seconds, 26 thirds and 1 fourth... he has been in the semifinals in 110 of his 163 completed AVP tournaments (67%)
- The 62 AVP wins ranks 5th all time (behind Karch Kiraly, Kent Steffes, Randy Skolos and Sinjin Smith)
- Drost marks the 13th different partner that Dalhausser has ever had... 5 of them have been new partners for him since the start of 2022... Drost now ranks as the 4th-most frequent partner for Dalhausser
- Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 straight seasons before 2021
- Drost has advanced to 9 semifinals in his AVP career, including 3 second-place finishes with Chase Frishman on the Tour Series in 2022... they made it to the title match in Atlantic City, Virginia Beach and Huntington Beach (where their only two losses were to top seeds Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander)
- Drost has played with 32 different partners, including 6 different Olympians (indoors and beach)... Dalhausser is just the 2nd person he has ever partnered with for at least 6 events (also Chase Frishman, 18)... 2013 was the only season he ever played with just one partner

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Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward (Dallas Dream) vs Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson (Palm Beach Passion)

- This is the first meeting between these teams
 - Deberg has never played against Humana-Paredes
 - Deberg and Wilkerson have met once before, in Manhattan Beach 2022, with Wilkerson winning in a come-from-behind three-set match
 - Harward has played against Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson 3 times, the only meetings with both of those players... Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson have won all 3, which all came in 2023... Harward won one set internationally, but in the 4 AVP sets played against them the average score was 21-13

Deberg / Harward have played 3 AVP events together since 2024

- The duo placed 5th in the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach and then 9th in Manhattan Beach 2024 and Chicago 2024
- In total they have played 3 AVP events and 9 international tournaments
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP, they are 6-6 (50%) in matches, 3-2 (60%) when winning the first set, 3-4 (42.9%) when losing the first set, and 4-4 (50%) in three-set matches
- Deberg began the 2023 AVP season with a loss in her first main draw match against Harward and also ended with her last main draw match with a loss against Harward
- Deberg has one win on the Tour Series (Wauapaca 2023 with Alaina Chacon) and one 3rd place finish (in Wauapaca 2022 on the Tour Series with Kahlee York)
- In her short career Deberg has played in 5 different states and in 10 different countries (outside of the U.S.)
- Harward has 1 Pro Series win (with Tina Graudina in Fort Lauderdale 2022), 1 Tour Series win (with Kelley Kolinske in Denver 2023)... she also has 1 second (in Manhattan Beach 2023 with Kolinske) and 1 third (with Emily Capers in New Orleans 2022)
- In her 4 tournaments in which she reached the semifinals, she had a total of 21 main draw match wins... in her other 19 AVP events (including Tour Series) she has won 25 main draw matches
- Harward has played in 9 different states on the AVP Tour... internationally she has played in 16 different countries besides the U.S.

Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson have played 8 AVP events together since 2022

- The duo has advanced to the finals 7 of their first 8 AVP tournaments together... they have 3 wins (Miami in the 2023 season opener, Huntington Beach in the 2024 season opener and in Chicago 2024)... they were the only team (men or women) to win 2 of the 2024 Heritage Series events which came with an automatic berth into the League
- In 3 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 34-11 (75.6%) in matches, 30-3 (90.9%) when winning the first set, 4-8 (33.3%) when losing the first set, and 11-5 (68.8%) in three-set matches
- Humana-Paredes has 5 AVP wins... she won 2 times with Sarah Pavan (Manhattan Beach 2019 and Honolulu 2019) and 3 times with Brandie Wilkerson (the 2023 season opener in Miami, the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach, and the 2024 season finale in Chicago)
- Humana-Paredes has advanced to the semifinals in 14 of her 18 completed AVP events (78%) and to the championship match 12 times (67%)
- Humana-Paredes won 2 AVP awards, both in 2019 (Best Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year)
- Humana-Paredes has played in 90 FIVB / Volleyball World Beach Pro tournaments (9 golds, 10 silvers, 3 bronzes and 7 fourths)... all of her medals came with Sarah Pavan before getting her first with Brandie Wilkerson in June 2023... she is a two-time Olympian who won the Silver Medal in Paris 2024
- Wilkerson has 3 AVP titles, all with Humana-Paredes (the 2023 season opener in Miami, the 2024 season opener in Huntington Beach, and the 2024 season finale in Chicago)
- On the AVP Tour Wilkerson has played with 7 different partners, 5 of whom have been Olympians

- In total she has been in the semifinals 15 times in her 27 AVP tournaments... she has reached the semis with 4 different partners and the title match with 3 different ones
- Wilkerson is a two-time Olympian who won the Silver Medal in Paris 2024
- Wilkerson has twice been named the AVP's Best Blocker (in 2022 and 2023)

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Alix Klineman / April Ross (Miami Mayhem) vs Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss (Austin Aces)

- Klineman / Ross lead the all time series 3-0, with all 3 wins being sweeps... all 3 meetings came within a 2-week span in 2021... while 2 sets were lopsided (21-9 in the first ever set and 21-11 in the last set they played), they also had a 40-38 set in Chicago 2021

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
9/5/21	AVP	Chicago Open	Semi-Finals	Klineman/Ross	1	Kloth/Nuss	9	21-17, 21-11	0:42
9/3/21	AVP	Chicago Open	Winner 2	Klineman/Ross	1	Kloth/Nuss	9	40-38, 21-17	1:05
8/21/21	AVP	Manhattan Beach Open	Winner 3	Klineman/Ross	1	Kloth/Nuss	9	21-9, 21-19	0:37

Klineman / Ross have played 19 AVP events together from 2018-2021 and in 2024

- Before their pregnancy break the duo had 14 consecutive AVP tournaments reaching the title match, winning the last 5
- Before this year they had never lost an AVP match prior to the semifinals but all 4 match losses this season came before the semifinals
- The duo has won 12 times on the AVP Tour, to go with 3 second-place finishes and 2 third-place finishes... they are 15-2 in semifinal matches and have won the last 14
- They have also won 6 FIVB titles including the Tokyo Olympics
- In 5 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 81-9 (90%) in matches, 68-3 (95.8%) when winning the first set, 12-6 (66.7%) when losing the first set, and 22-5 (81.5%) in three-set matches... until their last match in Manhattan Beach, they had won the last 58 times matches when winning the first set (previously the last loss was in the 2018 Hermosa Beach finals against Sara Hughes / Summer Ross)
- Klineman has won 12 AVP titles, all with Ross
- Prior to her partnership with Ross, Klineman had reached 2 AVP semifinals in 12 AVP outings... both came with Lane Carico, including a 2nd place and a 3rd place finish (both in 2017)
- Ross has 41 AVP wins with 6 different partners... she has had 12 AVP wins with 3 different partners (Jennifer Kessy, Kerri Walsh Jennings and Alix Klineman)
- Since getting her first AVP win in 2009, she then won an AVP title in 11 straight years (excluding 2011, 2022 and 2023 when she did not play on the AVP)... she led or tied for the most AVP victories in 9 of those seasons
- Ross has won 37 of her last 54 AVP tournaments entered (and one of those the final was never played)

Kloth / Nuss have played 17 AVP events together since 2021

- The duo has won 7 AVP titles (in their debut as a team in Atlanta 2021, Austin 2022, Chicago 2022, Phoenix 2022, Atlanta 2023, Chicago 2023 and Manhattan Beach 2024)
- On the AVP Tour the duo has won 24 of their last 27 AVP matches over the past 4 tournaments
- In 4 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 72-19 (79.1%) in matches, 59-5 (92.2%) when winning the first set, 11-11 (50%) when losing the first set, 0-2 in one-set matches and 23-9 (71.9%) in three-set matches
- In their AVP careers, 15 of their 19 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
- This year they have played for the title in 6 of the last 7 tournaments (AVP and international), with the exception being the 9th-place finish in the Olympics

- Kloth and Nuss were the AVP Team of the Year in both 2022 and 2023
- Kloth has played all 17 AVP events and all 27 World Beach Pro Tour events alongside Nuss
- 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 23,000 players (which also includes international players)
- Kloth went 50-0 in matches her last two seasons of beach volleyball at LSU
- Nuss played 5 events with 3 other partners before teaming with Kloth and was 0-4 in main draw matches in those AVP tournaments... in 4 of her first 5 AVP tournaments, Nuss was eliminated in a three-set match
- All 4 of Nuss' career partners on the AVP Tour were teammates of hers at LSU

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Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb (Miami Mayhem) vs Billy Allen / Paul Lotman (Austin Aces)

- Brunner / Crabb won the only previous meeting, which happened in Manhattan Beach in August

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8/17/24	AVP	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	Winner 3	Brunner/Crabb	1	Allen/Lotman	9	21-17, 21-16	0:37

Brunner / Trevor Crabb have played 7 AVP events together since 2023

- The duo has 2 wins (in Chicago 2023 and in Manhattan Beach 2024)
- They have been in the finals in 4 of their 7 AVP events and in the semifinals 6 times
- In each of their 7 AVP tournaments they were seeded either 1st or 2nd
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 29-6 (82.9%) in matches, 26-3 (89.7%) when winning the first set, 3-3 (50%) when losing the first set, and 8-4 (66.7%) in three-set matches
- Brunner has 7 wins with 5 different partners... in Huntington Beach 2013 he won with Nick Lucena... in Seattle 2016 he won with Billy Allen... in Hermosa Beach 2018 he won with John Hyden... in Hermosa Beach 2022 he won with Chaim Schalk... in Hermosa Beach 2023, Chicago 2023 and Manhattan Beach 2024 he won with Trevor Crabb
- After winning 4 times in his first 65 AVP tournaments, Brunner has now won 3 times in his last 6 events
- Brunner is a 3-time Best Blocker on the AVP Tour (2013, 2014 and 2022)
- 7 of Brunner's partners have been Olympians (either beach or indoors)... of his 31 AVP semifinals, 24 of them came when partnering with an Olympian (only exceptions were a win and a 3rd place alongside Billy Allen, and his 6 semifinals with Trevor Crabb)
- Crabb has won 9 AVP titles... he won in Manhattan Beach 2019 with Reid Priddy, then won 5 times with Tri Bourne (in Long Beach 2020, Manhattan Beach 2021, Fort Lauderdale 2021, Manhattan Beach 2022 and Chicago 2022) before winning 3 times with Theo Brunner (in Hermosa Beach 2023, Chicago 2023 and Manhattan Beach 2024)
- Crabb was the AVP's 2014 Newcomer of the Year and a part of the Team of the Year in 2022 (with Tri Bourne)
- Crabb has advanced to 36 AVP semifinals in his career, doing so with 7 different partners... he has been in the semifinals in 9 of his last 10 AVP tournaments (excluding the Contender Series)

Allen / Lotman have played 3 AVP events together since 2024

- The two players are a combined 80 years old
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP, they are 8-6 (57.1%) in matches, 6-0 (100%) when winning the first set, 2-6 (25%) when losing the first set, and 5-0 (100%) in three-set matches
- Allen has 2 wins (in Seattle 2016 with Theo Brunner and in Seattle 2017 with Stafford Slick) plus one Tour Series win (in Denver 2023 with Alison Cerutti), 5 seconds and 12 thirds
- Since the start of the 2023 season, Allen has teamed with 3 different Olympians (Andy Benesh, Alison Cerutti and Paul Lotman)
- When Allen played his first ever pro beach event, Miles Partain was just 2 ½ years old
- Lotman has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Miles Partain)... in that event he had three-set wins over the #3 seed (twice) as well as the #1 seed (in the championship match)
- He has played in a total of 7 semifinals, and all 7 came alongside Miles Partain... he has placed 2nd once (in Phoenix 2022)