

AVP League – Week #7 Notes (Sun) – Oct. 26-27 at Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif.

Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson (Palm Beach Passion) vs Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango (San Diego Smash)

- Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson have won both meetings between these teams... the two meetings happened in consecutive days in Chicago 2024... Rodriguez / Urango won the first set but since Humana-Paredes / Wilkerson have claimed the last 4 sets, including in the semifinals in Chicago

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
9/1/24	AVP	Chicago Heritage Series	Semi-Finals	Humana-Paredes/Wilkerson	3	Rodriguez/Uran go	6	21-16, 21-14	0:44
8/30/24	AVP	Chicago Heritage Series	Winner 2	Humana-Paredes/Wilkerson	3	Rodriguez/Uran go	6	17-21, 21-17, 15-7	0:57

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

League Record: 3-3 in matches, 11 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- WOMEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/21	2	Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross	Lost	0	0-2 (13-15, 8-15)	0:34
9/22	2	Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward	Won	3	2-0 (15-5, 15-11)	0:26
10/5	4	Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss	Lost	1	1-2 (15-7, 10-15, 13-15)	0:49
10/6	4	Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles	Won	3	2-0 (15-5, 15-11)	0:28
10/12	5	Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft	Won	3	2-0 (15-9, 15-10)	0:27
10/13	5	Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross	Lost	1	1-2 (15-13, 11-15, 9-15)	0:52
10/26	7	New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes				
10/27	7	San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango				

- 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)
- In week 2 of the League the duo recorded the biggest win (margin-wise) to this point in either men's or women's play with a 15-5 win over the Dream (Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward), which has since been tied
- The Passion women have gone 1-1 in matches every weekend so far

- The Passion women have twice had a 6-0 run, and are the only women's tandem who have not given up a run of at least 5-0 so far
- Humana-Paredes has had 12+ kills and 10+ digs in 3 of her last 4 matches... Megan Kraft (Blaze), who has played 8 matches, is the only player with more double-doubles (4) in league play... in week 4 Humana-Paredes had 25 kills and 0 hitting errors to go along with 22 digs in the 5 sets... she has had at least 1 ace in every match she has played so far
- Wilkerson is leading the League (women) in blocks (1.43 per set)... she led the Heritage Series too (1.59 per set)... in her 14 League sets, she has had at least 1 block in 12 sets and multiple blocks in 7 sets... she is 2nd among women in hitting percentage (.538), and has hit over .700 in 4 of her 6 matches so far

Rodriguez / Urango have played 4 AVP tournaments together since 2024

League Record: 1-3 in matches, 4 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- WOMEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/14	1	Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles	Lost	1	1-2 (15-9, 17-19, 12-15)	0:51
9/15	1	Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft	Won	2	2-1 (15-12, 11-15, 15-13)	0:54
9/28	3	New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes	Lost	0	0-2 (12-15, 11-15)	0:31
9/29	3	Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross	Lost	1	1-2 (9-15, 15-11, 11-15)	0:50
10/26	7	Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss				
10/27	7	Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson				
11/2	8	Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward				
11/3	8	Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles				

- The duo teamed up in the season opener in Huntington Beach... they have improved their finish each time, going from 9th in Huntington Beach to 5th in Virginia Beach (Contender Series) to a 3rd in their last 2 events in Manhattan Beach and Chicago
- In 1 season as partners on the AVP, they are 13-7 (65%) in matches, 10-1 (90.9%) when winning the first set, 3-6 (33.3%) when losing the first set, and 6-3 (66.7%) in three-set matches... 5 of their 7 match losses have come against Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss and Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson
- Rodriguez' career best finish on the Tour Series is her 2nd place in Denver 2023 with Savvy Simo, while outside of the Tour and Contender Series her best finishes came in the last 2 events in Manhattan Beach and Chicago with Geena Urango
- In her AVP career Rodriguez played 36 matches (including qualifiers and forfeited matches) before finally losing to a team seeded worse than her
- Urango has 1 win (Atlanta 2022 with Julia Scoles), 9 seconds and 10 thirds... she has advanced to the championship match with 5 different partners... 5 of her title matches came between 2015 and 2018, then her other 5 came in 2022 and 2023
- In her career Urango has partnered with 4 beach Olympians (Alix Klineman, Lauren Fendrick, Sarah Pavan and Sara Hughes)... plus she played with the niece of a beach Olympian, Falyn Fonoimoana (whose uncle Eric won a gold medal in Sydney in 2000)... her AVP debut came alongside Klineman in Manhattan Beach 2006
- The duo lost their League opener in 3 sets despite scoring more points than Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles (44-43)
- Rodriguez ranks 2nd among women in the league in blocks (1.00 per set) and aces (1.00 per set), and is 1st in aces to service errors (2.75 aces for each service error)... Rodriguez has played 11 sets entering this weekend had has scored at least 3 points from blocks and aces in 5 of those sets
- Urango has had 10+ kills and 10+ digs in 3 of her 4 matches... Megan Kraft (Blaze), who has played 8 matches, is the only player with more double-doubles (4)

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Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost (Palm Beach Passion) vs Chase Budinger / Miles Evans (San Diego Smash)

- The two teams have played 3 times previously and they have alternated wins, with Budinger / Evans leading 2-1... each of the last two meetings took place in Manhattan Beach

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
8/17/24	AVP	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	Contender 5	Budinger/Evans	5	Dalhausser/Drost	6	21-19, 21-15	0:50
8/19/23	AVP	Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open	Winner 3	Dalhausser/Drost	6	Budinger/Evans	3	21-19, 21-19	0:49
8/5/23	AVP	Gold Series Atlanta Open	Contender 4	Budinger/Evans	5	Dalhausser/Drost	7	18-21, 21-14, 15-8	1:04

Dalhausser / Drost have played 8 AVP events together since 2023

League Record: 1-5 in matches, 4 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent – MEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/21	2	Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb	Lost	0	0-2 (8-15, 12-15)	0:31
9/22	2	Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain	Lost	0	0-2 (8-15, 9-15)	0:30
10/5	4	Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman	Lost	1	1-2 (11-15, 15-12, 18-20)	0:57
10/6	4	Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field	Won	2	2-1 (12-15, 15-12, 16-14)	0:52
10/12	5	Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook	Lost	1	1-2 (16-18, 15-13, 14-16)	1:00
10/13	5	Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb	Lost	0	0-2 (13-15, 11-15)	0:29
10/26	7	New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander				
10/27	7	San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans				

- 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 took 7th 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

- The Passion's men's match against the Blaze in Palm Beach in week 5 was the only one during league play (men or women) in which all 3 sets were decided by two points (Blaze won 18-16, 13-15, 16-14)
- Dalhausser is an early leader for most improved in League play... in his first 2 matches he had 5 kills, 2 blocks and 1 ace... in his last 4 matches he had 42 kills, 9 blocks and 5 aces
- Drost is the only player (men or women) that has yet to have an ace in League play... he enters week 7 leading the League (men and women) in kills (6.67 per set)... he was 2nd this season on the Heritage Series in kills (8.29 per set, trailing only Logan Webber)

Budinger / Evans have played 8 AVP tournaments together since 2023

League Record: 1-3 in matches, 3 seeding points

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9/14	1	Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field	Won	2	2-1 (13-15, 15-11, 16-14)	0:44
9/15	1	Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook	Lost	0	0-2 (12-15, 13-15)	0:34
9/28	3	New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander	Lost	1	1-2 (13-15, 15-12, 11-15)	0:45
9/29	3	Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb	Lost	0	0-2 (12-15, 11-15)	0:30
10/26	7	Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman				
10/27	7	Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost				
11/2	8	Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain				
11/3	8	Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field				

- The duo finished 2nd in the AVP debut in the 2023 season opener in Miami, and again in Atlanta 2023 to mark their best finishes
- They have finished 3rd in each of their last 3 AVP events as partners
- In their successful push to qualify for the Paris Olympics, following the 2023 AVP season finale in Chicago the duo played 18 international events in 13 different countries on 4 different continents from September 2023 to July 2024... they placed 9th in Paris after losing to the defending Olympic Gold Medalists Anders Mol / Christian Sorum of Norway
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 31-15 (67.4%) in matches, 26-4 (86.7%) when winning the first set, 5-11 (31.3%) when losing the first set, and 10-5 (66.7%) in three-set matches
- Budinger has 3 AVP wins, all with Casey Patterson (Hermosa Beach 2019, Atlanta 2021 and Chicago 2021)
- 5 of Budinger's 6 AVP partners have been Olympians (beach or indoors)... Troy Field is the only exception
- Budinger was the AVP 's 2019 Most Improved Player
- Evans has 1 win (Denver 2022 on the Tour Series with Andy Benesh) and 3 second place finishes (Hermosa Beach 2019 with Ryan Doherty, Miami 2023 and Atlanta 2023 with Chase Budinger)
- Evans has played 34 AVP tournaments with 14 different partners... he has only played more than 4 events with one partner in his career (Chase Budinger)
- In their first League match against Tim Bomgren / Troy Field, the duo had 4 runs of at least 3-0 while giving up just one 3-0 run
- Budinger ranks 2nd in the league (men and women) in hitting percentage at .581... he had 0 hitting errors the entire weekend in week 1, but had 4 in his last weekend of play (week 3)
- Evans hit .431 in his 12 matches in the Heritage Series, but is hitting just .316 to start out League play

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Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss (Austin Aces) vs Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes (New York Nitro)

- Cheng / Hughes lead the series 5-3 but Kloth / Nuss have won 3 of the last 4... 5 of the 8 matches have gone to a third set, including the last 3 meetings... as well, 5 of the 8 meetings were in semifinals, with Kloth / Nuss winning 3 times but one of the Cheng / Hughes semifinal wins was in the 2023 World Championships (en route to a gold medal)... oddly, all 5 of the three-set matches were won by the team losing the first set

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
9/1/24	AVP	Chicago Heritage Series	Semi-Finals	Kloth/Nuss	1	Cheng/Hughes	2	15-21, 21-18, 15-13	0:57
10/14/23	FIVB	Beach Volleyball World Championships	Semi-Finals	Cheng/Hughes	3	Kloth/Nuss	2	18-21, 21-12, 15-13	0:45
9/3/23	AVP	Gold Series Chicago Open	Semi-Finals	Kloth/Nuss	1	Cheng/Hughes	2	17-21, 22-20, 15-12	0:58
4/30/23	FIVB	Elite16 Uberlândia	Semi-Finals	Kloth/Nuss	9	Cheng/Hughes	3	21-17, 21-11	0:33
4/15/23	AVP	Pro Series New Orleans Open	Winner 3	Cheng/Hughes	1	Kloth/Nuss	4	10-21, 31-29, 15-12	0:56
3/23/23	FIVB	Elite16 Tepic	Pool D	Cheng/Hughes	5	Kloth/Nuss	13, Q1	21-18, 21-17	0:33
1/28/23	FIVB	Beach Pro Tour Finals	Winner 1	Cheng/Hughes	9	Kloth/Nuss	8	19-21, 21-14, 24-22	0:56
12/2/22	FIVB	Torquay Elite 16	Semi-Finals	Cheng/Hughes	2	Kloth/Nuss	3	21-18, 21-15	0:32

Kloth / Nuss have played 17 AVP events together since 2021

League Record: 3-1 in matches, 8 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- WOMEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/21	2	Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward	Won	3	2-0 (17-15, 20-18)	0:40
9/22	2	Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross	Won	3	2-0 (15-9, 15-9)	0:32
10/5	4	Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson	Won	2	2-1 (7-15, 15-10, 15-13)	0:49
10/6	4	Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft	Lost	0	0-2 (17-19, 7-15)	0:34
10/26	7	San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango				
10/27	7	New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes				
11/2	8	Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles				
11/3	8	Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward				

- 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
- In the League among women Kloth ranks 1st in hitting percentage (.563), 1st in aces (1.11 per set) and 1st in kills per set (5.67)
- Kloth in her first 3 league matches: 40 kills, 2 hitting errors, 10 aces... Kloth in her last league match: 11 kills, 4 hitting errors, 0 aces
- Nuss ranks 4th among women in the League in digs per set (4.00)... she enters week 7 with a total of 7 hitting errors, and 5 of them came in one match

Cheng / Hughes have played 17 AVP events together since 2014 (partners from 2014-2017 and 2022-2024)

League Record: 5-1 in matches, 15 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- WOMEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/14	1	Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft	Won	3	2-0 (15-13, 16-14)	0:37
9/15	1	Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles	Won	3	2-0 (17-15, 15-9)	0:31
9/28	3	San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango	Won	3	2-0 (15-12, 15-11)	0:31
9/29	3	Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward	Won	3	2-0 (15-11, 15-8)	0:28
10/12	5	Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross	Won	3	2-0 (15-13, 15-10)	0:28
10/13	5	Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft	Lost	0	0-2 (12-15, 9-15)	0:28
10/26	7	Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson				
10/27	7	Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss				

- The duo has won 4 times on the AVP Tour (Chicago 2017, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023)... they also have 1 second place finish and 8 thirds together
- The two began playing together in 2013 at the FIVB U-19 World Championships in Portugal (won bronze medal)... in 2014 they lost in an AVP qualifier, and won a bronze medal in the FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... in 2015 they formed a partnership at Southern Cal as sophomores... they competed together on the AVP through the end of the 2017 season before reuniting in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng and Hughes became the youngest team to ever win an AVP title in Chicago 2017... Hughes was 22 1/2 years old while Cheng was two weeks shy of turning 22
- In 7 seasons as partners on the AVP (including qualifiers), they are 69-22 (75.8%) in matches, 62-6 (91.2%) when winning the first set, 7-16 (30.4%) when losing the first set, and 15-12 (55.6%) in three-set matches
- Cheng has won 4 times (Chicago 2017, New Orleans 2022, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023) plus a win in Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Cheng was the AVP Best Offensive Player in both 2022 and 2023 and the Most Valuable Player in 2022
- Cheng has played in 10 different states on the AVP Tour and has advanced to the semifinals at least once in each of them, and to the championship match in 6 different states
- This season ended an 8-year streak for Cheng for playing in at least 1 AVP championship match a year (last season without a finals appearance was in 2015)
- Hughes has 6 wins (Chicago 2017, New York 2018, Hermosa Beach 2018, Manhattan Beach 2022, New Orleans 2023 and Huntington Beach 2023) plus 1 Tour Series win (Huntington Beach 2022)
- Hughes got her first 3 AVP wins consecutively (2017 season-ender, first two events of 2018) during a span in which she advanced to the semifinals in 8 straight AVP tournaments and 5 straight finals
- Cheng is the only player, men or women, who has had 11 kills in a single set (in the second set of her first match in week 1)
- Cheng ranks 3rd among women in hitting percentage (.529), 3rd in kills (5.50 per set) and 4th in aces (.67 per set)... Cheng has averaged 6.3 kills per set in the 10 sets the Nitro won, and 1.5 kills per set in the 2 sets the Nitro lost
- Hughes is 2nd among women in digs per set at 4.58... she is the only female defender in the league who has yet to have a double-double (twice she had 10+ kills but 9 digs, and once she had 9 kills and 9 digs)

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Billy Allen / Paul Lotman (Austin Aces) vs Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander (New York Nitro)

- Crabb / Sander won in the only meeting between the two teams, in Manhattan Beach two months ago in a lopsided match

Date	Tour	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Seed	Losing Team	Seed	Score	Time
8/17/24	AVP	Manhattan Beach Heritage Series	Contender 6	Crabb/Sander	2	Allen/Lotman	9	21-12, 21-12	0:34

Allen / Lotman have played 3 AVP events together since 2024

League Record: 2-2 in matches, 5 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- MEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/21	2	Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain	Lost	0	0-2 (10-15, 9-15)	0:30
9/22	2	Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb	Lost	0	0-2 (16-18, 12-15)	0:32
10/5	4	Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost	Won	2	2-1 (15-11, 12-15, 20-18)	0:57
10/6	4	Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook	Won	3	2-0 (16-14, 15-11)	0:36
10/26	7	San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans				
10/27	7	New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander				
11/2	8	Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field				
11/3	8	Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain				

- 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)
- Lotman has played in a total of 7 semifinals, and all 7 came alongside Miles Partain... he has placed 2nd once (in Phoenix 2022)
- Allen has just 1 ace and just 1 service error (and both came in the last set he played prior to this weekend)
- Among men's players Lotman ranks 2nd in aces (1.00 per set) and 3rd in blocks (1.00 per set)... Lotman in his first 2 matches: 15 kills, 0 blocks, 6 aces... Lotman in his last 2 matches: 27 kills, 9 blocks, 3 aces

Taylor Crabb / Sander have played 20 AVP events together since 2022

League Record: 5-1 in matches, 11 seeding points

Date	Week	Opponent -- MEN	W/L	Points	Result	Time
9/14	1	Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook	Won	3	2-0 (15-10, 15-11)	0:28
9/15	1	Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field	Won	2	2-1 (14-16, 17-15, 15-12)	0:51
10/5	3	San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans	Won	2	2-1 (15-13, 12-15, 15-11)	0:45
10/6	3	Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain	Lost	0	0-2 (11-15, 15-17)	0:36
10/19	5	Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb	Won	2	2-1 (8-15, 15-12, 15-11)	0:41
10/20	5	Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook	Won	2	2-1 (13-15, 15-13, 15-8)	0:41
11/2	7	Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost				
11/3	7	Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman				

- The duo has won 4 times on the AVP Tour plus once on the Tour Series (Phoenix 2022, Huntington Beach 2022 on the Tour Series, Miami 2023, Manhattan Beach 2023 and Huntington Beach 2024), finished 2nd six times (including Contender Series) and 3rd four times
- They have been in the finals (11 times) more often than they have placed 3rd or lower (9 times) as partners on the AVP (including Tour and Contender Series)
- In 3 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 77-27 (74%) in matches, 61-6 (91%) when winning the first set, 16-20 (44.4%) when losing the first set, 0-1 in one-set matches and 24-16 (60%) in three-set matches
- Of their 27 match losses, 17 have come to teams seeded 1st or 2nd
- Crabb has 13 AVP wins plus 1 Tour Series win in his 63 AVP events... he has wins with 3 different partners and has appeared in an AVP final with 5 of his 8 partners
- Crabb was the 2015 AVP Newcomer of the Year, 2019 MVP, and a 5-time Best Defensive Player (2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- Sander has played all but 1 tournament with Crabb (finished 9th with his brother Brenden Sander in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series)
- Sander was the 2022 AVP Rookie of the Year and a two-time Best Server (2022 and 2023)
- The duo ended their league opening set on a 9-2 run to defeat Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook... in league play the Nitro have had 3 runs of at least 5-0, and all 3 came against the Blaze (Caldwell / Cook)
- Crabb is the only male player to have 10 kills in a single set (which he did in set 2 against Andy Benesh / Miles Partain of the Dream in week 3)... Crabb has had 15+ kills in 4 of his 6 matches so far
- Sander in his first 11 League sets: 7 blocks... Sander in his last 5 League sets: 12 blocks... entering week 7 Sander has had at least 1 service error in 15 of his 16 sets played