

## AVP League – Week #8 Notes (Sat) – Nov. 2-3 at Comerica Center, Frisco, Texas

### Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss (Austin Aces) vs Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles (L.A. Launch)

- Kloth / Nuss lead the series 4-2 overall, but its tied 2-2 on the AVP Tour... 3 of the 6 meetings have gone to a third set, and each time it was won by the team losing the first set... twice the two teams have met in semifinals, with each team winning once... the last meeting, in Manhattan Beach 2024, was the only time they met in a championship match, and Kloth / Nuss won in three sets

| Date    | Tour | Tournament                       | Round       | Winning Team        | Seed | Losing Team  | Seed   | Score               | Time |
|---------|------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------|--------------|--------|---------------------|------|
| 8/18/24 | AVP  | Manhattan Beach Heritage Series  | Finals      | <b>Kloth/Nuss</b>   | 1    | Flint/Scoles | 3      | 18-21, 21-17, 15-9  | 0:57 |
| 5/19/24 | AVP  | Huntington Beach Heritage Series | Semi-Finals | <b>Kloth/Nuss</b>   | 1    | Flint/Scoles | 5      | 9-2 Retired         | 0:09 |
| 9/2/23  | AVP  | Gold Series Chicago Open         | Winner 3    | <b>Flint/Scoles</b> | 4    | Kloth/Nuss   | 1      | 15-21, 21-19, 15-10 | 0:55 |
| 7/28/23 | FIVB | Elite16 Montréal                 | Pool C      | <b>Kloth/Nuss</b>   | 3    | Flint/Scoles | 14, Q6 | 21-8, 21-18         | 0:31 |
| 5/21/23 | AVP  | Pro Series Huntington Beach Open | Semi-Finals | <b>Flint/Scoles</b> | 4    | Kloth/Nuss   | 2      | 23-25, 21-19, 15-12 | 0:59 |
| 4/28/23 | FIVB | Elite16 Uberlândia               | Pool A      | <b>Kloth/Nuss</b>   | 9    | Flint/Scoles | 8      | 21-13, 21-12        | 0:30 |

**Kloth / Nuss** have played 17 AVP events together since 2021

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

| Date  | Week | Opponent -- WOMEN  | W/L         | Points | Result                          | Time |
|-------|------|--|-------------|--------|---------------------------------|------|
| 9/21  | 2    | Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward                    | <b>Won</b>  | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (17-15, 20-18)       | 0:40 |
| 9/22  | 2    | Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross                       | <b>Won</b>  | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-9, 15-9)         | 0:32 |
| 10/5  | 4    | Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson | <b>Won</b>  | 2      | <b>2-1</b> (7-15, 15-10, 15-13) | 0:49 |
| 10/6  | 4    | Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft                    | <b>Lost</b> | 0      | <b>0-2</b> (17-19, 7-15)        | 0:34 |
| 10/26 | 7    | San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango                 | <b>Lost</b> | 0      | <b>0-2</b> (10-15, 12-15)       | 0:29 |
| 10/27 | 7    | New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes                      | <b>Lost</b> | 0      | <b>0-2</b> (10-15, 11-15)       | 0:31 |
| 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
- The tandem began the league by winning their first 3 matches, but have been swept 3 straight times heading into the final week of play
- In the League among women Kloth ranks 1st in hitting percentage (.553), 2nd in aces (.93 per set) and 2nd in kills per set (5.69)
- Kloth in her first 3 league matches: 40 kills, 2 hitting errors, 10 aces... Kloth in her last 3 league matches: 34 kills, 9 hitting errors, 2 aces
- Nuss ranks 4th among women in the League in digs per set (3.69)... she enters week 8 with a total of 10 hitting errors, and 5 of them came in one match

**Flint / Scoles** have played 8 AVP events together since 2023

- League Record: 3-3 in matches, 9 seeding points

| Date  | Week | Opponent – WOMEN   | W/L  | Points | Result                   | Time |
|-------|------|--|------|--------|--------------------------|------|
| 9/14  | 1    | San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango                 | Won  | 2      | 2-1 (9-15, 19-17, 15-12) | 0:51 |
| 9/15  | 1    | New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes                      | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (15-17, 9-15)        | 0:31 |
| 10/5  | 4    | Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft                    | Won  | 3      | 2-0 (15-12, 15-13)       | 0:32 |
| 10/6  | 4    | Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (5-15, 11-15)        | 0:28 |
| 10/19 | 6    | Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross                       | Won  | 3      | 2-0 (15-13, 15-8)        | 0:30 |
| 10/20 | 6    | Dallas Dream: Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward                    | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (13-15, 15-8, 12-15) | 0:44 |
| 11/2  | 8    | Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss                        |      |        |                          |      |
| 11/3  | 8    | San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango                 |      |        |                          |      |

- They have 1 win (in Manhattan Beach 2023), three 2nds and three 3rds on the AVP... their 7th place finish in the 2024 season finale in Chicago was their only event not advancing to the semifinals
- In their AVP debut (2023 season opener in Miami), the pair advanced to the championship match with their only 2 match losses coming to the #1 and #2 seeds in the event
- In Manhattan Beach 2023 they became the first team to ever be seeded #1 and lose to a #32 seed, but then they fought back through the contender's bracket to win the title, winning 8 straight matches
- In 2 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 34-13 (72.3%) in matches, 24-4 (85.7%) when winning the first set, 8-8 (50%) when losing the first set, and 15-7 (68.2%) in three-set matches
- Flint has 7 AVP wins with 4 different partners in 6 different seasons, and she has won with each of her partners that she has played more than 1 tournament with... her wins came in Mason 2015 (with Kelley Kolinske), San Francisco 2017 (with Kolinske), Seattle 2018 (with Emily Capers), San Francisco 2018 (with Capers), Hermosa Beach 2019 (with Capers), New Orleans 2022 (with Kelly Cheng) and Manhattan Beach 2023 (with Julia Scoles)
- Flint was the AVP Newcomer of the Year in 2015 and is a three-time Best Server (2019, 2022, 2023)
- Scoles has 2 wins (Atlanta 2022 with Geena Urango and Manhattan Beach 2023 with Betsi Flint) and 5 seconds
- Scoles was the 2022 AVP Rookie of the Year and the 2023 Most Improved Player of the Year
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Scoles has been eliminated from 13 AVP events and 11 times the other team had an Olympian on it
- Flint / Scoles were the top women's teams in terms of qualifying for the League who did not win a Heritage Series event to gain the automatic berth
- Flint / Scoles won the league opening match after fighting off 2 match points in the second set against Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango (Smash)
- The duo is the only women's team to have a 7-0 run in league play... they also have a 6-0 run and a 5-0 run
- Flint ranks 32nd in the League (men and women) in hitting percentage (.288)... in the Heritage Series she had the most aces (35) of any female player in 2024 (in 38 sets) but her aces are down in the League (9 aces in 14 sets)... she had 26 kills in her first 2 league matches but just 21 kills in her last 4 matches
- Scoles ranks 4th in the League among women in hitting percentage (.504)... Scoles is 1 of 5 players to have 10+ kills in a League set and was the last female to do it (in her last set played in week 4)

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### Billy Allen / Paul Lotman (Austin Aces) vs Tim Bomgren / Troy Field (L.A. Launch)

- Bomgren / Field lead the series 2-1, with all 3 meetings happening this past summer in 3 different Heritage Series events... Allen / Lotman won the only match that went three sets... the last meeting, in Chicago, was easily won by Bomgren / Field (21-13, 21-15)

| Date    | Tour | Tournament                       | Round       | Winning Team         | Seed | Losing Team   | Seed | Score              | Time |
|---------|------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------|---------------|------|--------------------|------|
| 8/31/24 | AVP  | Chicago Heritage Series          | Contender 3 | <b>Bomgren/Field</b> | 9    | Allen/Lotman  | 7    | 21-13, 21-15       | 0:37 |
| 8/16/24 | AVP  | Manhattan Beach Heritage Series  | Winner 2    | <b>Allen/Lotman</b>  | 9    | Bomgren/Field | 8    | 18-21, 21-18, 15-9 | 1:05 |
| 5/19/24 | AVP  | Huntington Beach Heritage Series | Contender 4 | <b>Bomgren/Field</b> | 8    | Allen/Lotman  | 7    | 21-19, 21-16       | 0:41 |

- Allen and Field were partners twice in their careers... in their debut together they finished 2nd in New Orleans 2023 (lost in the finals in three sets to top seed Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk)... then they placed 7th in Huntington Beach
- Lotman played 5 times with Bomgren, all on the AVP Tour in 2023... they placed 7th twice and then 9th three times
- Lotman also played once with Field, in an Elite 16 event in Ostrava (Czech Republic) in 2023... they were swept in their only qualifier match to a team from Estonia

**Allen / Lotman** have played 3 AVP events together since 2024

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

| Date  | Week | Opponent -- MEN                                   | W/L         | Points | Result                           | Time |
|-------|------|---|-------------|--------|----------------------------------|------|
| 9/21  | 2    | Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain         | <b>Lost</b> | 0      | <b>0-2</b> (10-15, 9-15)         | 0:30 |
| 9/22  | 2    | Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb         | <b>Lost</b> | 0      | <b>0-2</b> (16-18, 12-15)        | 0:32 |
| 10/5  | 4    | Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost | <b>Won</b>  | 2      | <b>2-1</b> (15-11, 12-15, 20-18) | 0:57 |
| 10/6  | 4    | Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook        | <b>Won</b>  | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (16-14, 15-11)        | 0:36 |
| 10/26 | 7    | San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans     | <b>Lost</b> | 1      | <b>1-2</b> (15-13, 14-16, 10-15) | 0:42 |
| 10/27 | 7    | New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander      | <b>Won</b>  | 2      | <b>2-1</b> (7-15, 15-13, 15-13)  | 0:53 |
| 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)
- In the league entering week 8, there have been 11 runs by men's teams of 5-0 or greater, and the Aces have given up 4 of them

- Allen has just 1 more ace than your friendly stats person does in the league... he has just 1 ace and just 4 service errors... Allen enjoyed a good weekend hitting last week (in Anaheim) as he had 21 kills and 1 hitting error in his two matches
- Among men's players Lotman ranks 2nd in aces (.87 per set)... Lotman in his first 2 matches: 15 kills, 0 blocks, 6 aces... Lotman had his best weekend the last time he played in Texas (in Austin week 4) with 27 kills, 3 hitting errors and 9 blocks... in his other 4 matches he has had 44 kills, 21 hitting errors and 4 blocks

**Bomgren / Field** have played 15 AVP events together since 2019 (played in 2019-2020, then not until 2024)

- League Record: 1-5 in matches, 6 seeding points

| Date  | Week | Opponent – MEN                                    | W/L  | Points | Result                    | Time |
|-------|------|---|------|--------|---------------------------|------|
| 9/14  | 1    | San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans     | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (15-13, 11-15, 14-16) | 0:44 |
| 9/15  | 1    | New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander      | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (16-14, 15-17, 12-15) | 0:51 |
| 10/5  | 4    | Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook        | Won  | 2      | 2-1 (9-15, 20-18, 15-13)  | 0:54 |
| 10/6  | 4    | Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (15-12, 12-15, 14-16) | 0:52 |
| 10/19 | 6    | Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb         | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (15-13, 12-15, 11-15) | 0:44 |
| 10/20 | 6    | Dallas Dream: Andy Benesh / Miles Partain         | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (13-15, 14-16)        | 0:35 |
| 11/2  | 8    | Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman            |      |        |                           |      |
| 11/3  | 8    | San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans     |      |        |                           |      |

- They have a best finish of 2nd place, done twice... they placed 2nd in New York City 2019 despite losing their first match of the tournament (then winning 5 straight elimination matches in sweeps before dropping the title match) and then again in Waupaca 2024 on the Contender Series
- The duo reunited this season as they were partners in 2019 and 2020 before going their separate ways... their partnership began in Huntington Beach 2019 and in their first match together they defeated a pair of Olympians, Sean Rosenthal and Ricardo Santos
- In 3 seasons as partners on the AVP, they are 43-26 (62.3%) in matches, 32-3 (91.4%) when winning the first set, 11-23 (32.4%) when losing the first set, and 16-7 (69.6%) in three-set matches
- Bomgren has 1 win (Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series with Piotr Marciniak), 3 seconds and 4 thirds... after reaching the semifinals in New York in 2019, he then played in 17 tournaments with a best of 5th place 4 times before winning in Virginia Beach 2022 on the Tour Series
- Field has had a best of 2nd place 4 times on the AVP Tour with 3 different partners (in New York 2019 with Tim Bomgren, in Austin 2022 with Chase Budinger, in New Orleans 2023 with Billy Allen and in Waupaca 2024 on the Contender Series with Bomgren)
- The Launch men have lost 4 League matches in three sets, and all 4 times the duo won the first set and then lost the next two sets
- Bomgren had 10+ kills in each of his first 5 League matches, but had just 5 in his last match (the only match that was a sweep so far)
- Field is 4th among men in the League in blocks per set (1.00)... he has had at least 1 block in 11 of his first 12 sets played in the League but since then has had one in 2 of his last 5 sets... Field is 1 of 2 men's players (both of whom are playing in Frisco in week 8) who have had 10+ kills in every League match they have played so far entering this weekend (along with Miles Partain of the Dream)

## AVP League – Week #8 Notes (Sat) – Nov. 2-3 at Comerica Center, Frisco, Texas

### Kylie Deberg / Hailey Harward (Dallas Dream) vs Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango (San Diego Smash)

- This is the first meeting between the teams
- Deberg has never played against either Rodriguez or Urango
- Harward and Rodriguez have met 6 times previously, with Harward winning 4 of the times (including once by forfeit)... they met once for a title, in Denver 2023 on the Tour Series, with Harward winning 21-15, 20-22, 15-9... their last meeting came in Chicago 2023 with Harward winning 21-16, 21-18
  - Harward and Rodriguez also played together twice, internationally in November 2023... in Thailand they advanced from the qualifier and finished 19th after losing their first pool play match against top seeds Worapeerachayakorn Kongphopsarutawadee / Taravadee Naraphornrapat (I think the streaming audience would like to hear you pronounce those names)
- Harward and Urango have played against each other 5 times, with Harward holding a 3-2 lead... the two met for an AVP title in Ft. Lauderdale 2022, with Harward winning 19-21, 21-15, 15-6

**Deberg / Harward** have played 3 AVP events together since 2024

- League Record: 2-4 in matches, 5 seeding points

| Date  | Week | Opponent – WOMEN   | W/L  | Points | Result                    | Time |
|-------|------|--|------|--------|---------------------------|------|
| 9/21  | 2    | Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss                        | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (15-17, 18-20)        | 0:40 |
| 9/22  | 2    | Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (5-15, 11-15)         | 0:26 |
| 9/28  | 3    | Miami Mayhem: Alix Klineman / April Ross                       | Won  | 2      | 2-1 (15-12, 12-15, 18-16) | 0:56 |
| 9/29  | 3    | New York Nitro: Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes                      | Lost | 0      | 0-2 (11-15, 8-15)         | 0:28 |
| 10/19 | 6    | Brooklyn Blaze: Terese Cannon / Megan Kraft                    | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (15-12, 12-15, 11-15) | 0:50 |
| 10/20 | 6    | Los Angeles Launch: Betsi Flint / Julia Scoles                 | Won  | 2      | 2-1 (15-13, 8-15, 15-12)  | 0:44 |
| 11/2  | 8    | San Diego Smash: Toni Rodriguez / Geena Urango                 |      |        |                           |      |
| 11/3  | 8    | Austin Aces: Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss                        |      |        |                           |      |

- 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 (Waupaca 2023 with Alaina Chacon) and one 3rd place finish (in Waupaca 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 Harward 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.

- The duo had a tough start to the League, as their first 4 matches were all against teams which have competed in the Olympics... they then have 3 matches against non-Olympians before ending the League competition with another match against the Aces (Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss)
- Deberg has had 3+ blocks in each of her last 3 matches... she has had 2+ aces in 5 of her 6 league matches... among women Deberg ranks 3rd in both aces (.87 per set) and blocks (.87 per set) and 4th in kills (5.40 per set)
- Harward began the League with an error-free match (24 attacks, 12 kills, 0 hitting errors) against the Aces... twice Harward has recorded 10 digs in a single set (in week 2 and week 3)... the only other player to accomplish that through the first 7 weeks is Megan Kraft (Blaze)

**Rodriguez / Urango** have played 4 AVP tournaments together since 2024

- League Record: 2-4 in matches, 8 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                        | Won  | 3      | 2-0 (15-10, 15-12)        | 0:29 |
| 10/27 | 7    | Palm Beach Passion: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Brandie Wilkerson | Lost | 1      | 1-2 (10-15, 15-12, 14-16) | 1:00 |
| 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 1st among women in the league in aces (.94 per set) and 2nd in blocks (1.00 per set), and is 1st in aces to service errors (3.00 aces for each service error)... Rodriguez has played 16 sets entering this weekend had has scored at least 3 points from blocks and aces in 7 of those sets... her 15 aces is tied for the most (men or women) in the league along with Andy Benesh (Dream)
- Urango has had 10+ kills and 10+ digs in 4 matches (tied for the most among men or women along with Megan Kraft (Blaze) and Melissa Humana-Paredes (Passion), both of whom are done playing)... she is the only female player to have at least 10 kills in every league match she has played (6 entering this weekend)

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**Andy Benesh / Miles Partain (Dallas Dream) vs Chase Budinger / Miles Evans (San Diego Smash)**

- Budinger / Evans won the first meeting ever between these teams (in a three-set match internationally), but since then Benesh / Partain have won 5 straight times, all on the AVP Tour... the last 4 meetings have featured two three-set matches and two lopsided sweeps... they met once for a title, in Atlanta 2023, and once in a semifinal (in their last meeting in Manhattan Beach 2024), with Benesh / Partain winning both times

| Date    | Tour | Tournament                       | Round       | Winning Team          | Seed    | Losing Team    | Seed  | Score               | Time |
|---------|------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------|-------|---------------------|------|
| 8/18/24 | AVP  | Manhattan Beach Heritage Series  | Semi-Finals | <b>Benesh/Partain</b> | 3       | Budinger/Evans | 5     | 24-26, 24-22, 15-10 | 1:02 |
| 9/2/23  | AVP  | Gold Series Chicago Open         | Winner 3    | <b>Benesh/Partain</b> | 1       | Budinger/Evans | 4     | 21-10, 21-16        | 0:36 |
| 8/6/23  | AVP  | Gold Series Atlanta Open         | Finals      | <b>Benesh/Partain</b> | 1       | Budinger/Evans | 5     | 21-13, 21-13        | 0:41 |
| 8/5/23  | AVP  | Gold Series Atlanta Open         | Winner 3    | <b>Benesh/Partain</b> | 1       | Budinger/Evans | 5     | 18-21, 21-18, 15-10 | 1:04 |
| 5/19/23 | AVP  | Pro Series Huntington Beach Open | Winner 2    | <b>Benesh/Partain</b> | 5       | Budinger/Evans | 4     | 21-17, 21-19        | 0:45 |
| 4/14/23 | FIVB | Challenge Saquarema              | Pool E      | <b>Budinger/Evans</b> | 17, Q10 | Benesh/Partain | 8, Q2 | 17-21, 21-19, 15-11 | 0:52 |

- Benesh and Evans have been partners 7 times, including 3 times on the AVP Tour and 4 times internationally... in their partnership debut in April 2022 they won a silver medal in a Futures event after advancing from the qualifier... then they took the sand in Denver 2022 on the Tour Series and overcame a first round loss to win 7 straight matches in claiming the title (including beating Partain in the semifinals)... they also placed 3rd in Manhattan Beach 2022

**Benesh / Partain** have played 5 AVP events together since 2023

- League Record: 6-0 in matches, 17 seeding points

| Date  | Week | Opponent – MEN                                    | W/L        | Points | Result                          | Time |
|-------|------|---|------------|--------|---------------------------------|------|
| 9/21  | 2    | Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman            | <b>Won</b> | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-10, 15-9)        | 0:30 |
| 9/22  | 2    | Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost | <b>Won</b> | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-8, 15-9)         | 0:30 |
| 9/28  | 3    | Miami Mayhem: Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb         | <b>Won</b> | 2      | <b>2-1</b> (13-15, 15-9, 15-10) | 0:46 |
| 9/29  | 3    | New York Nitro: Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander      | <b>Won</b> | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-11, 17-15)       | 0:36 |
| 10/19 | 6    | Brooklyn Blaze: Cody Caldwell / Seain Cook        | <b>Won</b> | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-10, 15-13)       | 0:31 |
| 10/20 | 6    | Los Angeles Launch: Tim Bomgren / Troy Field      | <b>Won</b> | 3      | <b>2-0</b> (15-13, 16-14)       | 0:35 |
| 11/2  | 8    | San Diego Smash: Chase Budinger / Miles Evans     |            |        |                                 |      |
| 11/3  | 8    | Austin Aces: Billy Allen / Paul Lotman            |            |        |                                 |      |

- 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)
- Between the AVP Heritage Series and the AVP League this season, the duo is 16-1 in matches with just 4 set losses... their only match loss came in the finals in Manhattan Beach in August (against Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb)... since then entering week 8 of the league they have won 11 consecutive AVP matches
- Benesh is making more of an impact at the service line than at the net... he ranks 1st among men and women in aces (1.15 per set) and his 15 aces is tied for the most of any player (male or female along with Toni Rodriguez of the Smash)... in blocks he ranks 6th among men (.87 per set)
- Partain has an impressive streak of 73 consecutive matches on the AVP Tour (since the start of 2021 season) with at least 10 kills in every match (excluding Tour Series)... despite the League matches being shorter, he has been able to have 10+ kills in all 6 League matches so far... Partain is 1 of 2 men's players (both of whom are playing in Frisco in week 8) who have had 10+ kills in every League match they have played so far entering this weekend (along with Troy Field of the Launch)

**Budinger / Evans** have played 8 AVP tournaments together since 2023

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

| Date  | Week | Opponent -- MEN                                   | W/L  | Points | Result                    | Time |
|-------|------|---|------|--------|---------------------------|------|
| 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            | Won  | 2      | 2-1 (13-15, 16-14, 15-10) | 0:42 |
| 10/27 | 7    | Palm Beach Passion: Phil Dalhausser / Avery Drost | Won  | 3      | 2-0 (21-19, 15-10)        | 0:44 |
| 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... they had their first 5-0 run in the league last week (week 7) against the Aces
- Budinger ranks 1st in the league (men and women) in hitting percentage at .617... Budinger by weekend: 26 kills, 0 hitting errors in week 1, 21 kills, 4 hitting errors in week 3, 29 kills, 1 hitting error in week 7... after having 3 blocks in his first 4 league matches, Budinger had 8 blocks last weekend
- Evans hit .431 in his 12 matches in the Heritage Series, but is hitting just .353 to start out League play... in the league Evans plays better on Saturdays (41 kills, 21 digs) than on Sundays (22 kills, 10 digs)