

# Manhattan Beach – Stadium Court Notes – Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021 – Women’s Championship

## 2:15 pm – #1 Alix Klineman / April Ross vs #3 Emily Day / Betsi Flint

### Head to Head, General Notes

- Klineman / Ross lead the all-time series 5-1, with the Day / Flint win coming in pool play in China in October 2018... the two teams also met in the finals in Chicago 2019, with Klineman / Ross winning 21-12, 21-15
- Both teams are entering the championship match being undefeated this weekend, so it will guarantee an 11th consecutive AVP women’s champion that has won without suffering a loss... this will also be the 22nd time in the last 24 AVP tournaments that the winner has come from the winner’s bracket
- This marks the 10th consecutive AVP tournament that at least one of these teams has played for the title
- A top-seeded team has not won in Manhattan Beach since 2015, when Jennifer Fopma / April Ross won the title... since then the number one-seeded team has finished second in Manhattan Beach 3 times in the 4 events

**Klineman / Ross** are playing together for the 16th time on the AVP Tour and 41st time overall

- The duo has won 10 times on the AVP Tour, to go with 3 second-place finishes and 2 third-place finishes
- They have also won 6 FIVB titles including the Tokyo Olympics
- On the AVP Tour, they are 70-5 (93.3%) in matches, 59-2 (96.7%) when winning the first set, including winning the last 48 times that has happened (last loss was in the 2018 Hermosa Beach finals against Sara Hughes / Summer Ross), 10-3 (76.9%) when losing the first set, 19-3 (86.4%) in three-set matches
- The duo enters the championship match having won the last 16 AVP matches (last lost in the finals in Honolulu 2019 to Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan 21-19, 21-17)

**Alix Klineman** – age 31 – 6’5” – hometown Manhattan Beach, Calif. – currently Manhattan Beach, Calif. – Stanford

- This is Klineman’s 28th AVP event... she has won 10 times, all with Ross
- In 2020 Klineman led the Tour in hitting percentage (.465) and was tied for 3rd in blocks (1.1 per set)

**April Ross** – age 39 – 6’1” – hometown Newport Beach, Calif. – currently Costa Mesa, Calif. – Southern Cal

- Ross is playing in her 107th AVP Tournament... she has 39 wins with 6 different partners
- She has now advanced to the semifinals in 78 of her 107 AVP tournaments (72.9% of tournaments entered)
- Since getting her first AVP win in 2009, she has won an AVP title in 11 straight years (excluding 2011 when she did not play on the AVP)... she has led or tied for the most AVP victories in 9 of those seasons
- Ross has won in Manhattan Beach 3 times previously with 3 different partners (2014 with Kerri Walsh Jennings, 2015 with Jennifer Fopma, 2018 with Alix Klineman)
- With a win, Ross will earn her 4th MBO plaque on the pier... here are the all-time women’s leaders:

Kathy Gregory	8
Kerri Walsh Jennings	7
Nina Matthies	7
Jackie Silva	5
Karolyn Kirby	5
Linda Chisholm	5
Linda Hanley	5
Misty May-Treanor	5
Miki McFadden	4

- A win will also be Ross’ 40th AVP title... only Kerri Walsh Jennings (77) and Misty May-Treanor (66) have more

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**Day / Flint** are playing together for the 15th time on the AVP Tour and for the 34th time overall... The pair has won 3 AVP titles and 1 FIVB title

- Day and Flint are back together after Flint did not compete in the 2020 AVP season (Day played the 3 events with Lauren Fendrick)

- In their careers the duo is 51-22 (69.0%) in AVP matches, 43-6 (87.8%) when winning the first set, 7-16 (30.4%) when losing the first set, and 14-11 (56.0%) in three-set matches
- The pair is playing in the finals for the 4th time in their last 7 AVP events
- Atlanta marked the 4th time in their partnership that the duo was seeded #1 in an AVP tournament... in the others they won, finished seventh, won, then placed 5th in Atlanta

**Emily Day – age 34 – 6’1” – hometown Torrance, Calif. – currently Hermosa Beach, Calif. – Loyola Marymount**

- Day is playing in her 64th career AVP tournament with 9 AVP wins and has played with 14 different partners
- In 2020 Day ranked 2nd on the Tour in kills per set (8.50) and 4th in hitting percentage (.436)
- Day has won at least one AVP title in 6 of the last 8 seasons
- Day has won twice before in Manhattan Beach (in 2016 and 2017 both times with Brittany Hochevar)

**Betsi Flint – age 29 – 5’10” – hometown Phoenix, Ariz. – currently Los Angeles, Calif. – Loyola Marymount**

- Playing in her 35th career AVP tournament with 5 AVP wins
- Since giving birth to her daughter Cora in 2020, Flint has played 2 tournaments, finishing 9th in an FIVB event with Day in Chetumal, Mexico in November 2020 before placing 5th in Atlanta last week
- With a win Day would become the 11th women’s player in the history of the AVP to get at least 10 victories... here is the list of the others:

Kerri Walsh Jennings	77
Misty May-Treanor	66
April Ross	39
Elaine Youngs	34
Holly McPeak	28
Nicole Branagh	17
Linda Hanley	15
Jennifer Kessy	15
Cammy Ciarelli	13
Alix Klineman	10