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FIVB HUNTINGTON BEACH OPEN, PRESENTING SPONSOR, AVP: DAY 3

More than 5,000 fans gather to watch nearly 100 beach volleyball matches across 10 different courts

Germans Karla Borger and Margareta Kozuch and Americans Kelly Larsen and Emily Stockman were two teams to post a pair of wins for the women's set of players Thursday during the opening rounds of the \$300,000-purse FIVB Huntington Beach Open after advancing to the third-round of the winner's bracket.

The inaugural FIVB Huntington Beach Open, presenting sponsor, AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) continues through the weekend at the Huntington Beach Pier. The semi-finals and medal matches will be played Sunday with winning teams netting \$20,000 in first-place prizes.

The FIVB Huntington Beach Open showcases a groundbreaking new partnership between the FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball), the international governing body responsible for all forms of volleyball, and the AVP, America's premier beach volleyball tour.

Seeded 17th in this event, where more than 5,000 fans gathered to watch 96 beach volleyball matches on 10 courts today, Borger and Kozuch had to survive a three-set scare from 48th-seeded U.S. qualifiers McKenna Thibodeau/Madison Witt to advance to a third-round with a win over 16th-seeded Kelly Claes/Brittany Hochevar (U.S.).

Borger and Kozuch posted an opening victory Thursday with a 2-1 (21-18, 19-21, 15-11) in 45 minutes over identical twins Thibodeau and Witt, who entered play Thursday after winning three qualifying matches Tuesday and Wednesday. The Germans ended the day with a 2-0 (21-14, 21-19) win in 35 minutes over Claes and Hochevar.

With the two wins, Borger and Kozuch will challenge top-seeded American Olympians Lauren Fendrick and Brooke Sweat on Friday, who posted a 2-0 (21-12, 21-13) win in 28 minutes over 33rd-seeded Andrea Galindo/Claudia "Gorda" Galindo (Columbia) in the pair's only match today.

Also posting two winner's bracket wins Thursday were 25th-seeded Kelly Larsen and Emily Stockman of the United States. After posting a 2-0 (21-19, 21-13) win in 35 minutes over Jenny Kropp/Kendra VanZwieten (also American), in the early morning, Larsen and Stockman bounced back in the afternoon to score a 2-1 (16-21, 21-19, 22-20) victory in 53 minutes over eighth-seeded Agatha Bednarczuk/Eduarda "Duda" Lisboa of Brazil.

Larsen and Stockman, who lost to Agatha and Duda 2-0 (21-16, 21-16) in a 31-minute pool play match in Xiamen, will play ninth-seeded American rivals Sara Hughes and Summer Ross in a winner's bracket third-round match Friday morning. Hughes and Ross opened play Thursday with a 2-0 (21-17, 21-18) win in 36 minutes over 24th-seeded Miki Ishii/Megumi Murakami of Japan.

Thursday's Winner Bracket Results: Women

Round 1

- Match 1: Andrea Galindo / Claudia "Gorda" Galindo Colombia (33) def. Aline Chamereau / Lezana Placette France (32, Q1) 21-18, 21-15 (0:37)
- Match 2: Karla Borger / Margareta Kozuch Germany (17) def. McKenna Thibodeau / Madison Witt United States (48, Q20) 21-18, 19-21, 15-11 (0:45)
- Match 3: Miki Ishii / Megumi Murakami Japan (24) def. Sarah Day / Nicolette Martin United States (41) 21-16, 19-21, 15-9 (0:47)
- Match 4: Kelley Larsen / Emily Stockman United States (25) def. Jenny Kropp / Kendra VanZwieten United States (40) 21-19, 21-13 (0:35)
- Match 5: Brittany Howard / Kelly Reeves United States (37) def. Adriana-Maria Matei / Beata Vaida Romania (28) 21-14, 21-11 (0:28)
- Match 6: Taru Lahti / Anniina Parkkinen Finland (21) def. Avery Bush / Christina Matthews United States (44, Q6) 21-15, 21-19 (0:33)
- Match 7: Katarzyna Kociolek / Kinga Kolosinska Poland (20) def. Summer Nash / Megan Wheeler United States (45, Q7) 21-12, 21-18 (0:34)
- Match 8: Amanda Dowdy / Irene Pollock United States (29) def. Karissa Cook / Katie Spieler United States (36) 9-21, 21-17, 16-14 (0:46)
- Match 9: Alexandra Jupiter / Alexia Richard France (30) def. Ali McColloch / Geena Urango United States (35) 21-18, 13-21, 15-10 (0:54)
- Match 10: Falyn Fonoimoana / Alexa Strange United States (46, Q8) def. Niina Ahtiainen / Riikka Lehtonen Finland (19) 21-18, 17-21, 16-14 (0:50)
- Match 11: Katie Jameson / Tracy Jones United States (43, Q5) def. Jamie Broder / Taylor Pischke Canada (22) 21-19, 21-15 (0:33)
- Match 12: Angela Lobato / Amaranta Navarro Spain (27) def. Lara Dykstra / Sheila Shaw United States (38) 21-16, 21-15 (0:40)
- Match 13: Emily Day / Betsi Flint United States (26) def. Aurora Davis / Bree Scarbrough United States (39) 21-15, 21-17 (0:33)
- Match 14: Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez Spain (23) def. Briana Hinga / Bre Moreland United States (42, Q3) 21-12, 21-15 (0:35)
- Match 15: Svetlana Kholomina / Nadezda Makroguzova Russia (18) def. Agnieszka Pregowska / Aleksandra Wachowicz Poland (47, Q18) 21-11, 21-11 (0:27)
- Match 16: Lane Carico / Caitlin Ledoux United States (34) def. Mackenzie Ponnet / Kimberly Smith United States (31) 21-11, 21-17 (0:30)

Round 2

- Match 17: Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Sweat United States (1) def. Andrea Galindo / Claudia "Gorda" Galindo Colombia (33) 21-12, 21-13 (0:28)
- Match 18: Karla Borger / Margareta Kozuch Germany (17) def. Kelly Claes / Brittany Hochevar United States (16) 21-14, 21-19 (0:35)
- Match 19: Sara Hughes / Summer Ross United States (9) def. Miki Ishii / Megumi Murakami Japan (24) 21-17, 21-18 (0:36)
- Match 20: Kelley Larsen / Emily Stockman United States (25) def. Agatha Bednarczuk / Eduarda "Duda" Lisboa Brazil (8) 16-21, 21-19, 22-20 (0:53)
- Match 21: Fernanda Alves / Barbara Seixas Brazil (5) def. Brittany Howard / Kelly Reeves United States (37) 21-18, 15-21, 15-12 (0:52)
- Match 22: Victoria Bieneck / Isabel Schneider Germany (12) def. Taru Lahti / Anniina Parkkinen Finland (21) 21-17, 17-21, 15-13 (0:50)
- Match 23: Heather Bansley / Brandie Wilkerson Canada (13) def. Katarzyna Kociolek / Kinga Kolosinska Poland (20) 21-19, 21-15 (0:38)
- Match 24: Barbora Hermannova / Marketa Slukova Czech Republic (4) def. Amanda Dowdy / Irene Pollock United States (29) 21-16, 21-12 (0:30)

- Match 25: Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude Germany (3) def. Alexandra Jupiter / Alexia Richard France (30) 21-10, 21-16 (0:33)
- Match 26: Nina Betschart / Tanja Huberli Switzerland (14) def. Falyn Fonoimoana / Alexa Strange United States (46, Q8) 21-18, 18-21, 18-16 (0:56)
- Match 27: Joana Heidrich / Anouk Verge-Depre Switzerland (11) def. Katie Jameson / Tracy Jones United States (43, Q5) 21-8, 21-15 (0:36)
- Match 28: Maria Antonelli / Carolina Salgado Brazil (6) def. Angela Lobato / Amaranta Navarro Spain (27) 19-21, 21-19, 15-10 (0:53)
- Match 29: Alix Klineman / April Ross United States (7) def. Emily Day / Betsi Flint United States (26) 21-13, 21-10 (0:32)
- Match 30: Carolina Horta / Taiana Lima Brazil (10) def. Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez Spain (23) 21-12, 21-19 (0:34)
- Match 31: Svetlana Kholomina / Nadezda Makroguzova Russia (18) def. Kristyna Kolocova / Michala Kvapilova Czech Republic (15) 21-16, 19-21, 15-10 (0:51)
- Match 32: Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan Canada (2) def. Lane Carico / Caitlin Ledoux United States (34) 21-17, 21-12 (0:33)

Thursday's Contender Bracket Results: Women

Round 1

- Match 47: Ali McColloch / Geena Urango United States (35) def. Andrea Galindo / Claudia "Gorda" Galindo Colombia (33) 21-18, 21-13 (0:30)
- Match 48: Kelly Claes / Brittany Hochevar United States (16) def. Niina Ahtiainen / Riikka Lehtonen Finland (19) 18-21, 21-17, 15-13 (0:45)
- Match 49: Miki Ishii / Megumi Murakami Japan (24) def. Jamie Broder / Taylor Pischke Canada (22) 21-18, 21-18 (0:38)
- Match 50: Agatha Bednarczuk / Eduarda "Duda" Lisboa Brazil (8) def. Lara Dykstra / Sheila Shaw United States (38) 21-18, 19-21, 15-11 (0:44)
- Match 51: Brittany Howard / Kelly Reeves United States (37) def. Aurora Davis / Bree Scarbrough United States (39) 21-16, 21-12 (0:30)
- Match 52: Briana Hinga / Bre Moreland United States (42, Q3) def. Taru Lahti / Anniina Parkkinen Finland (21) 21-19, 21-12 (0:36)
- Match 53: Katarzyna Kociolk / Kinga Kolosinska Poland (20) def. Agnieszka Pregowska / Aleksandra Wachowicz Poland (47, Q18) 21-11, 21-13 (0:30)
- Match 54: Amanda Dowdy / Irene Pollock United States (29) def. Mackenzie Ponnet / Kimberly Smith United States (31) 16-21, 21-11, 15-10 (0:45)
- Match 55: Alexandra Jupiter / Alexia Richard France (30) def. Aline Chamereau / Lezana Placette France (32, Q1) 21-15, 21-18 (0:38)
- Match 56: McKenna Thibodeau / Madison Witt United States (48, Q20) def. Falyn Fonoimoana / Alexa Strange United States (46, Q8) 18-21, 21-16, 15-11 (0:38)
- Match 57: Katie Jameson / Tracy Jones United States (43, Q5) def. Sarah Day / Nicolette Martin United States (41) 17-21, 21-19, 15-12 (0:47)
- Match 58: Jenny Kropp / Kendra VanZwieten United States (40) def. Angela Lobato / Amaranta Navarro Spain (27) 21-19, 11-21, 15-9 (0:44)
- Match 59: Emily Day / Betsi Flint United States (26) def. Adriana-Maria Matei / Beata Vaida Romania (28) 21-16, 21-18 (0:33)
- Match 60: Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez Spain (23) def. Avery Bush / Christina Matthews United States (44, Q6) 21-18, 11-21, 15-13 (0:42)
- Match 61: Kristyna Kolocova / Michala Kvapilova Czech Republic (15) def. Summer Nash / Megan Wheeler United States (45, Q7) 21-10, 21-19 (0:32)
- Match 62: Lane Carico / Caitlin Ledoux United States (34) def. Karissa Cook / Katie Spieler United States (36) 16-21, 21-18, 15-11 (0:50)

On the men's side, teams from Argentina, Italy, and Norway posted a pair of winner's bracket victories each to lead 16 teams into the third-round of winner's bracket play.

Julian Azaad/Nicolas Capogrosso of Argentina, Marco Caminati/Enrico Rossi of Italy and Anders Mol/Christian Sorum of Norway posted seed-break-through wins to advance to Friday's schedule unbeaten along with five teams from Brazil, two each from Latvia and the United States, and one each from Austria, The Netherlands, Poland, and Spain.

Currently seeded 28th in this event, Azaad and Capogrosso opened play Thursday by defeating 37th Oscar Brandao/Ricardo Santos of Brazil 2-1 (18-21, 21-19, 15-13) in 51 minutes before upsetting fifth-seeded Viacheslav Krasilnikov/Nikita Liamin of Russia 2-0 (21-17, 21-19) in 35 minutes.

Caminati and Rossi, seeded 27th, posted a 2-0 (21-15, 21-10) win in 32 minutes over 38th-seeded Ed Ratledge/Eric Zaun of the United States before surprising Oleg Stoyanovskiy/Igor Velichko with a 2-0 (21-16, 21-19) victory in 51 minutes over the fifth-seeded Russians.

The 18th-seeded Mol and Sorum opened with 2-0 (21-12, 21-15) victory in 27 minutes over 47th-seeded qualifiers Kacey Losik/Garrett Wilson of the United States before upsetting 18th-seeded Sam Pedlow/Sam Schachter of Canada 2-0 (21-16, 21-19) in 41 minutes.

To open play Friday, Azaad/Capogrosso challenge 12th-seeded Adrian Gavira/Pablo Herrera of Spain, Caminati/Rossi confront 11th-seeded Martins Plavins/Edgars Tocs of Latvia, and Mol/Sorum meet second-seeded and reigning FIVB world champions Evandro Goncalves/Andre Loyola of Brazil.

Other third-round matches in the winners bracket have top-seeded Phil Dalhausser/Nick Lucena of the United States meeting 16th-seeded qualifiers Saymon Barbosa/Alvaro Filho of Brazil, ninth-seeded Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Janis Smedins of Latvia against eighth-seeded and Rio 2016 Olympic champions Alison Cerutti/Bruno Oscar Schmidt of Brazil, 13th-seeded qualifiers Gustavo "Guto" Carvalhaes/Vitor Felipe of Brazil challenging fourth-seeded Piotr Kantor/Bartosz Losiak of Poland, third-seeded Clemens Doppler/Alexander Horst of Austria playing 14th-seeded Theo Brunner/John Hyden of the United States and seventh-seeded Alexander Brouwer/Robert Meeuwssen of The Netherlands playing 10th-seeded Pedro Solberg/George Wanderley of Brazil.

Thursday's Winner Bracket Results: Men

Round 1

- Match 1: Avery Drost / Chase Frishman United States (32) def. Sergiy Grabovskyy / Fiodar Kazhamiaka Canada (33, Q4) 21-18, 25-23 (0:46)
- Match 2: Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb United States (17) def. David Vander Meer / Logan Webber United States (48, Q24) 21-17, 21-14 (0:32)
- Match 3: Markus Bockermann / Lars Fluggen Germany (24) def. Adam Roberts / Spencer Sauter United States (41) 21-9, 21-19 (0:29)
- Match 4: Maxim Sivolap / Artem Yartzutkin Russia (25) def. Yu Koshikawa / Koichi Nishimura Japan (40) 21-19, 21-16 (0:38)
- Match 5: Julian Azaad / Nicolas Capogrosso Argentina (28) def. Oscar Brandao / Ricardo Santos Brazil (37, Q6) 18-21, 21-19, 15-13 (0:51)
- Match 6: Jasper Bouter / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (21) def. Michael Brunsting / Ty Loomis United States (44) 21-11, 21-17 (0:32)
- Match 7: Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (20) def. Andrew Dentler / Raffe Paulis United States (45) 21-15, 21-18 (0:35)
- Match 8: Casey Patterson / Stafford Slick United States (29) def. Jeremy Casebeer / Reid Priddy United States (36) 16-21, 23-21, 15-12 (0:56)
- Match 9: Miles Evans / Billy Kolinske United States (30) def. Trevor Crabb / John Mayer United States (35) 20-22, 21-19, 19-17 (0:59)

- Match 10: Grant O'Gorman / Ben Saxton Canada (19) def. Jonathan Drake / Chris Luers United States (46, Q21) 21-16, 21-10 (0:33)
- Match 11: Mariusz Prudel / Jakub Szalankiewicz Poland (22) def. Maddison McKibbin / Riley McKibbin United States (43) 24-22, 21-12 (0:43)
- Match 12: Marco Caminati / Enrico Rossi Italy (27) def. Ed Ratledge / Eric Zaun United States (38) 21-15, 21-10 (0:32)
- Match 13: Chase Budinger / Sean Rosenthal United States (39) def. Quincy Aye / Youssef Krou France (26) by Forfeit
- Match 14: Billy Allen / Ryan Doherty United States (23) def. Mark Burik / Curt Toppel United States (42) 21-15, 21-17 (0:32)
- Match 15: Anders Mol / Christian Sorum Norway (18) def. Kacey Losik / Garrett Wilson United States (47, Q23) 21-12, 21-15 (0:27)
- Match 16: Aaron Nusbaum / Michael Plantinga Canada (31, Q3) def. Armin Dollinger / Simon Kulzer Germany (34) 11-21, 21-19, 15-12 (0:47)

Round 2

- Match 17: Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena United States (1) def. Avery Drost / Chase Frishman United States (32) 21-19, 21-17 (0:45)
- Match 18: Saymon Barbosa / Alvaro Filho Brazil (16, Q2) def. Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb United States (17) 18-21, 24-22, 15-10 (0:55)
- Match 19: Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins Latvia (9) def. Markus Bockermann / Lars Fluggen Germany (24) 21-14, 21-11 (0:30)
- Match 20: Alison Cerutti / Bruno Oscar Schmidt Brazil (8) def. Maxim Sivolap / Artem Yartzutkin Russia (25) 21-14, 21-15 (0:31)
- Match 21: Julian Azaad / Nicolas Capogrosso Argentina (28) def. Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (5) 21-17, 21-19 (0:35)
- Match 22: Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera Spain (12) def. Jasper Bouter / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (21) 21-17, 24-22 (0:37)
- Match 23: Gustavo "Guto" Carvalhaes / Vitor Felipe Brazil (13, Q1) def. Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (20) 21-16, 21-15 (0:37)
- Match 24: Piotr Kantor / Bartosz Losiak Poland (4) def. Casey Patterson / Stafford Slick United States (29) 21-17, 21-18 (0:36)
- Match 25: Clemens Doppler / Alexander Horst Austria (3) def. Miles Evans / Billy Kolinske United States (30) 21-15, 17-21, 15-12 (0:49)
- Match 26: Theo Brunner / John Hyden United States (14) def. Grant O'Gorman / Ben Saxton Canada (19) 21-11, 21-15 (0:31)
- Match 27: Martins Plavins / Edgars Tocs Latvia (11) def. Mariusz Prudel / Jakub Szalankiewicz Poland (22) 7-6 retired (0:13)
- Match 28: Marco Caminati / Enrico Rossi Italy (27) def. Oleg Stoyanovskiy / Igor Velichko Russia (6) 21-16, 21-19 (0:51)
- Match 29: Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwssen Netherlands (7) def. Chase Budinger / Sean Rosenthal United States (39) 21-17, 21-13 (0:33)
- Match 30: Pedro Solberg / George Wanderley Brazil (10) def. Billy Allen / Ryan Doherty United States (23) 21-13, 21-19 (0:33)
- Match 31: Anders Mol / Christian Sorum Norway (18) def. Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (15) 21-16, 21-19 (0:41)
- Match 32: Evandro Goncalves / Andre Loyola Brazil (2) def. Aaron Nusbaum / Michael Plantinga Canada (31, Q3) 18-21, 21-12, 15-11 (0:51)

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- Match 48: Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb United States (17) def. Jonathan Drake / Chris Luers United States (46, Q21) 21-12, 21-13 (0:29)
- Match 49: Markus Bockermann / Lars Fluggen Germany (24) def. Maddison McKibbin / Riley McKibbin United States (43) 21-10, 21-17 (0:34)
- Match 50: Ed Ratledge / Eric Zaun United States (38) def. Maxim Sivolap / Artem Yartzutkin Russia (25) 21-17, 16-21, 15-13 (0:47)
- Match 51: Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Nikita Liamin Russia (5) def. Quincy Aye / Youssef Krou France (26) by Forfeit
- Match 52: Jasper Bouter / Christiaan Varenhorst Netherlands (21) def. Mark Burik / Curt Toppel United States (42) 19-21, 21-14, 15-9 (0:49)
- Match 53: Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen Mexico (20) def. Kacey Losik / Garrett Wilson United States (47, Q23) 15-21, 21-15, 15-13 (0:44)
- Match 54: Casey Patterson / Stafford Slick United States (29) def. Armin Dollinger / Simon Kulzer Germany (34) 21-14, 21-13 (0:33)
- Match 55: Miles Evans / Billy Kolinske United States (30) def. Sergiy Grabovskyy / Fiodar Kazhamiaka Canada (33, Q4) 21-16, 21-19 (0:35)
- Match 56: Grant O'Gorman / Ben Saxton Canada (19) def. David Vander Meer / Logan Webber United States (48, Q24) 21-9, 21-13 (0:28)
- Match 57: Adam Roberts / Spencer Sauter United States (41) def. Mariusz Prudel / Jakub Szalankiewicz Poland (22) by Forfeit
- Match 58: Oleg Stoyanovskiy / Igor Velichko Russia (6) def. Yu Koshikawa / Koichi Nishimura Japan (40) 21-10, 21-13 (0:26)
- Match 59: Oscar Brandao / Ricardo Santos Brazil (37, Q6) def. Chase Budinger / Sean Rosenthal United States (39) 21-13, 21-19 (0:33)
- Match 60: Billy Allen / Ryan Doherty United States (23) def. Michael Brunsting / Ty Loomis United States (44) 21-14, 21-18 (0:31)
- Match 61: Sam Pedlow / Sam Schachter Canada (15) def. Andrew Dentler / Raffae Paulis United States (45) 16-21, 21-10, 15-9 (0:39)
- Match 62: Jeremy Casebeer / Reid Priddy United States (36) def. Aaron Nusbaum / Michael Plantinga Canada (31, Q3) 21-12, 21-19 (0:37)

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