



2010 Pro Beach Volleyball Players Championship

Hahana Beach • Cincinnati, Ohio

September 2 - 5, 2010

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT— Originally slated as the 11th event on the 12-tournament AVP schedule, Cincinnati is hosting the first domestic professional beach volleyball event since the AVP shut its doors. Hahana Beach, a new six-court permanent beach volleyball facility serves as the location. The event has seven men's teams and eight women's teams receiving an invite to the tournament, with the men's field being rounded out with one team emerging from a 10-team open qualifier, which will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 12:00 pm. The main draw will take place Friday, September 3 through Sunday, September 5, and will be a double elimination format until the semifinals, at which point it becomes single elimination. The 20 men's players in the qualifier will play nine matches on two courts, while the 16 men and 16 women in the main draw will play a total of 26 matches over the three days. The championship matches are scheduled for Sunday, September 6 at 2:00 pm (ET) and 3:30 pm (ET), with the men's first followed by the women's. The field includes four Olympic Gold Medalists as well as four other beach volleyball Olympians and the defending World Champions. Following the 2008 Olympics, in which the United States became the first country to win both gold medals in beach volleyball, Mason was the site of the initial domestic event following the Beijing Games. The line of fans awaiting entry two hours before the play started amazed AVP officials and the event featured record sell-out crowds.

TALE OF THE TAPE – The 14 men invited into the main draw range in age from 28 (Aaron Wachtfogel) to 37 (John Hyden and Sean Scott), with just three players under the age of 30. They range in height from 6'1" (Nick Lucena and Aaron Wachtfogel) to 6'9" (Phil Dalhausser and Will Strickland), with six players listed as 6'7" or taller. While the vast majority live in California, the players grew up in Florida, Hawai'i, Nevada and Utah in addition to California. • The women range in age from 28 (April Ross and Lisa Rutledge) to 42 (Dianne DeNecochea), with five of the 16 players under the age of 30. They range in height from 5'8" (Brooke Hanson and Rachel Scott) to 6'4" (Dianne DeNecochea), with nine players listed as 6'0" or taller. While like the men most live in California, the 16 players hail from Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Texas and Brazil in addition to California. • Two married couples will be competing here in Cincinnati. Kerri Walsh and Casey Jennings were married in 2005, and twice have won on the same weekend (in Seaside Heights, N.J. in 2006 and in San Francisco in 2007). Sean Scott and Rachel Wacholder Scott wed in 2007, and while they haven't won on the same weekend as a married couple, they both won in Boulder in 2005 prior to being married.

2010 AVP and FIVB Tour Schedule / Results

Event Dates	Location	Men's Winner or Top USA finisher	Women's Winner or Top USA finisher
April 16 - 18	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (2 nd) Matt Fuerbringer / Nick Lucena (2 nd)	Nicole Branagh / Misty May-Treanor
April 19 - 25	Brasilia, Brazil	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (4 th)
April 29 - May 2	Santa Barbara, California	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan
May 3 - 8	Shanghai, China	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (4 th)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (1 st)
May 17 - 23	Rome, Italy	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (1 st)
May 25 - 30	Myslowice, Poland	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	no women's event
May 25 - 30	Seoul, Korea	no men's event	Angie Akers / Tyra Turner (2 nd)
June 3 - 6	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
June 7 - 14	Moscow, Russia	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (2 nd)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (2 nd)
June 15 - 20	Prague, Czech Republic	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	no women's event
June 18 - 20	Virginia Beach, Virginia	Matt Fuerbringer / Nick Lucena	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
June 25 - 27	Belmar, New Jersey	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
June 28 - July 4	Stavanger, Norway	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (3 rd)	Nicole Branagh / Misty May-Treanor (3 rd)
July 5 - 11	Gstaad, Switzerland	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	3 teams placed ninth
July 16 - 18	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
July 19 - 25	Marseille, France	no USA teams	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (5 th)
July 24 - 25	Long Beach, California	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Nicole Branagh / Misty May-Treanor
July 26 - Aug. 1	Klagenfurt, Austria	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (5 th)
Aug. 2 - 8	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Angie Akers / Tyra Turner (9 th)
Aug. 9 - 15	Kristiansand, Norway	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (4 th)
Aug. 16 - 22	Aland, Finland	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers (1 st)	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross (5 th)
Aug. 24 - 29	The Hague, Netherlands	Casey Jennings / Kevin Wong (1 st)	Angie Akers / Tyra Turner (3 rd)
Oct. 26 - 31	Sanya, China	no men's event	TBD
Nov. 2 - 7	Phuket, Thailand	no men's event	TBD

PAST YEARS IN CINCINNATI – Cincinnati has hosted an AVP tournament eight times previously, with the last five years both genders having played together in Mason. Other cities in Ohio to host professional beach volleyball events include Cleveland (10 men's, two women's), Fairborn (one women's) and Powell (two women's). In addition, the Hot Winter Nights Tour played in Cleveland in 2009 and Columbus in 2008 and 2009. For three straight years starting in 1988, Cincinnati hosted a women's event on the WPVA Tour. In 2005 Rachel Wacholder and Elaine Youngs ended Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh's 50-match winning streak which had started just after the Olympics in 2004. That win also gave Wacholder her first domestic victory. In 2007, May-Treanor and Walsh won their 50th team titles on the Crocs AVP Tour, while the other 21 teams to win had collectively won 59 tournaments. The 2008 win by Nicole Branagh and Youngs ended some record streaks for May-Treanor and Walsh, including 19 consecutive tournament victories (overall), 112 straight matches (overall), and 72 consecutive AVP matches. Among the top 10 players on the women's domestic all-time victory list, six have won a title in Cincinnati or Mason. • John Hyden won his first career victory in 2005, playing with Mike Lambert for just the second time ever (were also in the finals in their first event together). As the number 12 seeds, they became the lowest seeded team (along with Jake Gibb and Adam Jewell in Austin in 2004) to win an AVP tournament since the reorganization in 2001. Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers won in 2007, giving them their 10th domestic victory of the year, the first to win that many since 1997, and won three straight times here before Hyden and Sean Scott won in 2009. Here are the results of the WPVA and AVP tournaments held in Cincinnati:

MEN

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1993	Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes	Eduardo Bacil / Jose Loiola	Scott Ayakatumby / Adam Johnson	[3rd] Tim Hovland / Brian Lewis
1994	Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes	Mike Dodd / Mike Whitmarsh	Eduardo Bacil / Jose Loiola	Adam Johnson / Randy Stoklos
1995	Adam Johnson / Karch Kiraly	Eduardo Bacil / Stein Metzger	Eduardo Garrido / Andre Gomes	[3rd] Roberto Lopes / Franco Neto
2005	John Hyden / Mike Lambert	Dax Holdren / Jeff Nygaard	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena	[3rd] Paul Baxter / Jason Ring
2006	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] Dax Holdren / Sean Scott
2007	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] John Hyden / Brad Keenan
2008	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Nick Lucena / Sean Scott	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal
2009	John Hyden / Sean Scott	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Will Strickland / Aaron Wachtfogel	[3 rd] Matt Olson / Kevin Wong

WOMEN

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd
1988	Linda Chisholm / Jackie Silva	Nina Matthies / Julie Thornton	Kathy Gregory / Janice Harrer	Kathy Hanley / Elaine Roque
1989	Linda Chisholm / Janice Harrer	Rita Crockett / Jackie Silva	Nina Matthies / Elaine Roque	Gail Castro / Lori Forsythe
1990	Karolyn Kirby / Jackie Silva	Linda Chisholm / Janice Harrer	Nina Matthies / Elaine Roque	Patty Dodd / Lisa Strand-Ma'a
2005	Rachel Wacholder / Elaine Youngs	Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh	Mimi Amaral / Tatiana Minello	Jennifer Kessy / Holly McPeak
2006	Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh	Annett Davis / Jenny Jordan	Dianne DeNecochea / Holly McPeak	Jennifer Kessy / Rachel Wacholder
2007	Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh	Dianne DeNecochea/Barbra Fontana	Jennifer Fopma / Holly McPeak	Angie Akers / Brooke Hanson
2008	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
2009	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Brooke Hanson / Lisa Rutledge	[3 rd] Priscilla Lima / Tatiana Minello

CINCINNATI PARTNERSHIPS – Out of the seven invited men's teams, three are new partnerships. Jake Gibb and Casey Jennings are teaming up for the first time ever, as are Brad Keenan and Matt Olson. Matt Heath and Nick Lucena are playing for the first time after Lucena's regular partner Matt Fuerbringer had to withdraw due to injury. Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers completed the AVP season with a perfect 34-0 match record, having won five of the six events they competed in. Internationally, the duo won their last 23 matches dating back to a July 30th match which they forfeited. The duo collected nine FIVB titles on the year, the most in either men's or women's international history. They also became the first U.S. men's team to win the FIVB points championship since 1993. John Hyden and Sean Scott have won four titles together, including last year in Mason. Will Strickland and Aaron Wachtfogel are in their second season competing together, and advanced to the semifinals in three of the last four AVP tournaments. Ryan Mariano and Ed Rutledge first played together in 2007, making them second only to Dalhausser and Rogers in terms of partnership experience among the teams here. • The women's field also features two partnerships making their debut, both of which include a player who has won here before; Priscilla Lima and Rachel Scott as well as Brooke Hanson and Kerri Walsh. All three teams which won an AVP title this season are competing here, along with two of the three other teams which reached an AVP final. Jennifer Kessy and April Ross won four times domestically in addition to winning twice on the FIVB Tour in 2010. The duo won their last nine domestic matches, seven of those coming against teams seeded in the top 10. Nicole Branagh and Misty May-Treanor started their partnership together this season, and it has yielded two domestic victories. Angie Akers and Tyra Turner are in their second season together, and their silver medal in Seoul marked the best international finish for an American team other than Kessy and Ross this year. Annett Davis and Jenny Johnson Jordan, winners this season in Santa Barbara, have played in 153 pro beach events together, more than any other tandem in history. Dianne DeNecochea and Brittany Hochevar are first-year partners who played for the title in Santa Barbara, while Ashley Ivy and Lisa Rutledge became partners in mid-July.

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ON THIS DATE – No players will be celebrating their birthday during the four days of this event, but here are some things which happened in the past on these dates:

- Sept. 2 – in 1990 the WPVA played in Cincinnati, with Karolyn Kirby and Jackie Silva claiming the title... in 2001 Jennifer Kessy first tasted victory, winning an FIVB Challenger event in Thailand with Heather Lowe... in 2006 Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers teamed to win their eighth title together in Cincinnati... in 2007 Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won their 80th title as partners in Cincinnati.
- Sept. 3 – in 1989 Cincinnati hosted a WPVA event won by Linda Chisholm and Janice Harrer... in 2005 Todd Rogers and Sean Scott teamed to win in Chicago... in 2006 Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won their 61st title as partners in Cincinnati.
- Sept. 4 – in 1993 Karch Kiraly and Kent Steffes, second in all-time team victories, won in Cincinnati... in 1994 Powell, Ohio served as the location for the WPVA's Top of the Tour individual event, won by Barbra Fontana... in 2005 Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won their 44th title together in Chicago.
- Sept. 5 – in 2004 Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won in Chicago in their first appearance following the Athens Olympics, the 29th win for the team.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING – Here are the leaders in various statistical categories through the seven AVP events (except for percentages, all leaders based on per game averages):

MEN	Aces -	Fred Souza, 1.17	Phil Dalhausser, 1.09	Scott Lane, 1.00
	Blocks -	Phil Dalhausser, 2.36	Sean Scott, 1.76	Brad Keenan, 1.68
	Digs -	Albert Hannemann, 5.82	Matt Olson, 5.78	Nick Lucena, 5.50
	Kills -	Ed Ratledge, 7.18	Casey Patterson, 7.08	Sean Scott, 6.96
	Hitting Percentage -	Phil Dalhausser, .517	Casey Patterson, .466	Steven Grotowski, .449
WOMEN	Aces -	Erin Gray, 1.36	April Ross, 1.13	Katie Jameson, 1.02
	Blocks -	Lisa Rutledge, 1.53	Elaine Youngs, 1.06	Dianne DeNecochea, 0.88
	Digs -	Brooke Hanson, 7.17	Brooke Sweat, 6.59	Claire D'Amore, 6.33
	Kills -	Nicole Branagh, 7.99	Rachel Scott, 7.94	Jenny Johnson Jordan, 7.69
	Hitting Percentage -	April Ross, .523	Elaine Youngs, .491	Annett Davis, .485

Men's Player	Birth Date	Age	Home Town	Resides	Height	College(s)	Seasons
Phil Dalhausser	1/26/1980	30	Baden, Switzerland	Ventura, Calif.	6'9"	Central Florida	8
Jake Gibb	2/6/1976	34	Bountiful, Utah	Costa Mesa, Calif.	6'7"	Utah	11
Matt Heath	1/8/1975	35	Fort Myers, Fla.	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	6'6"	Stetson / Florida Atlantic	9
John Hyden	10/7/1972	37	Pensacola, Fla.	Sherman Oaks, Calif.	6'5"	San Diego State	10
Casey Jennings	7/10/1975	35	Las Vegas, Nev.	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	6'3"	Brigham Young	12
Brad Keenan	8/10/1981	29	Westminster, Calif.	Santa Ana, Calif.	6'8"	Pepperdine	5
Nick Lucena	9/22/1979	30	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	6'1"	Florida State	9
Ryan Mariano	4/1/1976	34	Lake Forest, Calif.	Lake Forest, Calif.	6'3"	Long Beach State	9
Matt Olson	1/2/1980	30	Cardiff, Calif.	Carlsbad, Calif.	6'2"	Arizona	11
Ed Ratledge	12/16/1976	33	Fountain Valley, Calif.	Huntington Beach, Calif.	6'8"	UCLA	11
Todd Rogers	9/30/1973	36	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Solvang, Calif.	6'2"	Cal-Santa Barbara	16
Sean Scott	6/29/1973	37	Kailua, Hawaii	Redondo Beach, Calif.	6'5"	Hawaii	14
Will Strickland	12/26/1980	29	Malibu, Calif.	Malibu, Calif.	6'9"	Stanford	7
Aaron Wachtfogel	11/8/1981	28	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Hermosa Beach	6'1"	Pacific	10

Women's Player	Birth Date	Age	Home Town	Resides	Height	College(s)	Seasons
Angie Akers	6/30/1976	34	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Redondo Beach, Calif.	6'0"	Notre Dame	9
Nicole Branagh	1/31/1979	31	Orinda, Calif.	Torrance, Calif.	6'2"	Minnesota	7
Annett Davis	9/22/1973	36	Long Beach, Calif.	Valencia, Calif.	5'11"	UCLA	12
Dianne DeNecochea	11/16/1967	42	Brooklyn, Mich.	San Diego, Calif.	6'4"	Tennessee	12
Brooke Hanson	3/11/1981	29	Woodland Hills, Calif.	Ventura, Calif.	5'8"	California-Santa Barbara	9
Brittany Hochevar	5/26/1981	29	Fowler, Colo.	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	6'0"	Long Beach State	7
Ashley Ivy	10/29/1980	29	Arlington, Texas	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	5'11"	Stanford	6
Jenny Johnson Jordan	6/8/1973	37	Sherman Oaks, Calif.	Wexford, Pa.	5'10"	UCLA	13
Jennifer Kessy	7/31/1977	33	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	San Clemente, Calif.	6'0"	Southern California	11
Priscilla Lima	12/19/1979	30	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Redondo Beach, Calif.	5'11"	Louisiana-Lafayette	7
Misty May-Treanor	7/30/1977	33	Santa Monica, Calif.	Coral Springs, Fla.	5'9"	Long Beach State	12
April Ross	6/20/1982	28	Newport Beach, Calif.	Costa Mesa, Calif.	6'1"	Southern California	5
Lisa Rutledge	9/10/1981	28	Vista, Calif.	San Diego, Calif.	6'2"	Arizona	6
Rachel Scott	6/15/1975	35	Laguna Beach, Calif.	Redondo Beach, Calif.	5'8"	Colorado	12
Tyra Turner	7/21/1976	34	Fort Myers Beach, Fla.	Fort Myers Beach, Fla.	6'1"	Central Florida	8
Kerri Walsh	8/15/1978	32	San Jose, Calif.	Hermosa Beach, Calif.	6'3"	Stanford	10