

MEN – #10 Tri Bourne / Jake Gibb (USA)

- USA is 1 of the 2 countries with the maximum of 4 Olympic teams (also Brazil)
- This is the first time ever these two players have played together
- USA (Taylor Crabb / Jake Gibb) gained berth by finishing 11th in Qualifying
- Crabb / Gibb finishes during qualifying period (9, 5, 5, 9, 9, 9, 17, 19, 9, 9, 4, 1, 5, 3, 9, 25, 9, 17, 17)
 - Played 19 events, 3 semifinals, 2 medals (1 gold, 1 bronze)
 - 44-32 match record, 100-79 set record
 - 25-15 in pool play, 16-14 in bracket play, 1-2 in semifinals, 1-1 in Bronze medal match, 1-0 in Gold medal match
 - 39-7 when winning the first set, 5-25 when losing the first set, 15-12 in third sets
- Bourne replaces Taylor Crabb... Taylor and his older brother Trevor Crabb were partners until the end of 2016... when they split Taylor went to play with Gibb (have been partners ever since)... Trevor and Bourne have been partners since September 2019
- Bourne has played in 2 World Championships (best of 4th) while Gibb has played in 8 World Championships plus the 3 Olympics (best of 5th four times among all those premier events)
- Between AVP and FIVB, Bourne and Gibb have played each other 31 times... Gibb leads 21-10, but the players have split the last 16 meetings (Gibb began the series with a 13-2 advantage)... they have played for an AVP title 4 times (once each year from 2013-2016), with Gibb winning 3 times... they have played in 8 AVP semifinals (Gibb leads 6-2)... they have met on the FIVB Tour 9 times (Gibb leads 8-1 but Bourne won the last meeting in Cancun in April 2021)
- This is the 1st Olympics for Bourne... he becomes the 20th men's player from the USA to be a beach volleyball Olympian... all 8 men's medals won by American males were won in the players' first time playing in the Olympics
- Bourne has played 61 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 37 times with John Hyden (1 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronzes), 21 times with Trevor Crabb (1 gold, 1 bronze, 3 fourths), 2 times with Mark Burik (best of 17th), and once with Derek Olson (5th)
- Bourne made his FIVB debut in December 2013 in Durban, South Africa with Derek Olson (who is the coach of the Morocco's men's team in Tokyo)... the pair advanced from the qualifier and finished 5th
- Bourne won his first FIVB gold medal in Berlin in 2014 with John Hyden after emerging from the qualifier... Hyden became the oldest player to win an FIVB tournament (41 years, 8 months, 15 days) and it also marked the largest age differential in winning partners as Bourne was 25 years, 0 months, 2 days old.
- This is the 4th Olympics for Gibb (finished 5th in both 2008 and 2012 with Sean Rosenthal, finished 19th in 2016 with Casey Patterson)... he and Phil Dalhausser become the first USA male players to compete in 4 beach volleyball Olympics
- Gibb has played 147 FIVB tournaments, winning 7 times (4 with Sean Rosenthal in 63 events, 2 wins with Casey Patterson in 44 events, and 1 win with Crabb in 33 events... he played 7 times with Stein Metzger with a best of 2nd)... Gibb has made the semifinals in 31 of his 147 FIVB tournaments (21%)
- Gibb has won an FIVB event with 3 different partners and all 3 times it was the player's first ever FIVB victory
- Gibb has an 8-5 match record in Olympics, including 6-3 in pool play
- If Gibb wins the gold, he will become the oldest player (male or female) to win any FIVB event (currently John Hyden 41y8m15d)... he would become the 2nd oldest to ever reach the semifinals... he is the oldest player (men or women) to play in a beach volleyball Olympics