

## MEN – #12 Ilya Leshukov / Konstantin Semenov (ROC)

- ROC gained berth by finishing 9th in Qualifying
- ROC has played in one World Championship as a team (placed 9th in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (1, 3, 9, 3, 9, 17, 5, 17, 2, 9, 9, 3, 9, 5, 9, 2, 9, 5)
  - Played 18 events, 6 semifinals, 6 medals (1 gold, 2 silvers, 3 bronzes)
  - 58-28 match record, 121-71 set record
  - 32-11 in pool play, 20-12 in bracket play, 3-2 in semifinals, 2-0 in Bronze medal match, 1-3 in Gold medal match
  - 47-4 when winning the first set, 9-24 when losing the first set, 2 forfeit wins, 15-9 in third sets
- Began their partnership in February 2018 in Iran, advancing from the qualifier en route to a 9th-place finish
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 26 FIVB tournaments (2 golds, 1 silver, 3 bronzes)... the duo has been in the semifinals in 6 of their 26 World Tour events together (23%)... they are 5-1 in medal matches
- In their 2nd and 3rd tournaments as partners, ROC lost in the qualifier and finished 33rd both times... then in the 4th event together, ROC advanced from the qualifier and won the gold medal, the first such one for Leshukov... in both the semifinals and the gold medal match, ROC lost the first set and then came back to win the third set (17-15 in the semifinals and 18-16 for the gold)
- ROC's 2nd gold medal came in October 2018 in China, and they defeated fellow Russians Viacheslav Krasilnikov (Semenov's former partner) and Oleg Stoyanovskiy... Semenov's first 2 FIVB wins came in his home country, then his 4th came against his former partner
- Including Tokyo, the country of Russia has now had 7 different men's teams compete in the Olympics and none have played in two Olympics... that is the most of any country for men's teams
- In the first 5 Olympic Games in which beach volleyball was played, ROC fielded a total of 3 teams, but in Rio and Tokyo ROC has had 4 teams total
- ROC has a 30-26 record against the field... they are 7-16 against teams seeded #8 or better, and 23-10 against teams seeded #9 or lower
- This is the 1st Olympics for Leshukov
- Leshukov has played 33 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he has played 26 times with Semenov, 3 times with Alexander Likholetov (best of 17th), 2 times with Aleksander Margiev (best of 17th), and once each with 2016 Olympian Nikita Ljamin (9th) and with Vasili Ivanov (17th)
- Leshukov made his World Tour debut in Anapa, Russia when he was 18 years old... following that, Leshukov played in the 2014 FIVB U-21 World Championships in Cyprus... he and Aleksander Margiev played 3 qualifier matches, 5 pool play matches, then 4 matches in bracket play, semifinals and gold medal match... they won the first 11 matches before losing in the title match
- This is the 3rd Olympics for Semenov (finished 9th in 2012 with Serguey Prokopyev, finished 4th in 2016 with Viacheslav Krasilnikov)... he becomes the 1st player from Russia to play in 3 beach volleyball Olympics
- Semenov has played 100 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 32 times with Viacheslav Krasilnikov (1 gold, 3 silvers, 1 bronze), 26 times with Leshukov, 21 times with Yaroslav Koshkarev (1 gold, 1 bronze), 11 times with Alexey Pashtukhov (best of 9th), 6 times with Serguei Prokopyev (best of 9th four times), and 4 times with Dmitri Barsouk (best of 13th)... 4 of his 6 partners have been Olympians
- Semenov has a 6-5 record in Olympic matches, including 4-2 in pool play