

MEN – #15 Adrian Carambula / Enrico Rossi (ITA)

- ITA gained berth by finishing 16th in Qualifying (18th but 2 teams not eligible due to country quotas)
 - USA has played in one World Championships as a team (placed 5th in 2019)
 - Finishes during qualifying period (2, 41, 4, 9, 9, 5, 25, 17, 9, 9, 17, 5, 4, 4, 4, 25)
 - Played 16 events, 5 semifinals, 1 medal (1 silver)
 - 41-30 match record, 93-70 set record
 - 3-1 in qualifiers, 20-12 in pool play, 17-8 in bracket play, 1-4 in semifinals, 0-4 in Bronze medal match, 0-1 in Gold medal match
 - 34-6 when winning the first set, 7-22 when losing the first set, 2 forfeit losses, 14-11 in third sets
 - Began their partnership in March 2019 and in their first tournament together they advanced from the qualifier in Sydney to win a silver medal
 - Entering Tokyo the duo has played 15 FIVB tournaments (1 silver, 4 fourths)
 - ITA began its partnership with 2 semifinals in its first 3 FIVB events together, then went 8 tournaments with a best of 5th before 3 straight semifinal appearances in their last 4... the duo has lost its last 4 matches heading into Tokyo, with 3 of those coming in three-set matches
 - In their partnership, ITA has gone undefeated in pool play 6 times, advancing to the semifinals in 5 of those
 - As a country Italy had a total of 4 men's teams in the first 5 Olympics with beach volleyball combined, but now has had the maximum of 4 teams in the last 2 Olympics (including Tokyo)
 - ITA played just one event in the 17-month period from September 2019 until April 2021... this year they were 15-4 in matches up until the semifinals (and were 0-6 in semifinal and medal matches)
 - ITA has a 12-18 record against the field... they are 7-5 against teams seeded below them, and 5-13 against teams seeded better than them (including 1-10 against teams seeded in the top 4)
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- This is the 2nd Olympics for Carambula (finished 9th in 2016 with Alex Ranghieri)... he becomes the 3rd men's player from Italy to be in multiple beach volleyball Olympics (Daniele Lupo and Paolo Nicolai are playing in their 3rd Olympics this year)
 - Carambula has played 51 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 29 times with Alex Ranghieri (2 golds, 1 bronze), 15 times with Rossi, and 7 times with Gabriele Pasquale (best of 33rd)
 - Carambula won a bronze in his second ever FIVB event as the #28 seed
 - Carambula played on the AVP Tour from 2007 to 2014... he played 23 times, with 12 of those events coming with 9 different partners (best of 9th once with Andrei Belov)... he played 11 times with Stafford Slick with a best of 3rd three times... those 11 events with Stafford were among his best 12 finishes ever on the AVP
 - Carambula has an 2-2 match record in Olympics, including 2-1 in pool play
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- This is the 1st Olympics for Rossi... he becomes the 12th different male from Italy to play in the beach volleyball Olympics
 - Rossi has played 38 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 19 times with Marco Caminati (1 gold), 15 times with Carambula, and once each with Matteo Ingrosso, Giacomo De Fabritiis, Jakob Windisch and Andrea Tomatis (best of 17th from that group)
 - Rossi made his FIVB debut in The Hague in 2014, and he and Matteo Ingrosso defeated Todd Rogers Theo Brunner in the qualifier to advance
 - Rossi lost his first 10 FIVB World Tour main draw matches, and 4 of them were by forfeit
 - Entering the One Star FIVB event in Aalsmeer, Netherlands in 2018, Rossi and Marco Caminati had gone 2-10 in its previous 12 matches (with one of the wins being a forfeit), but the duo went 4-0 and won the gold