

MEN – #2 Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Oleg Stoyanovskiy (ROC)

- ROC gained berth by winning the 2019 World Championships... the duo finished 2nd in Qualifying
- ROC has played in one World Championship as a team (won gold in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (2, 3, 1, 9, 1, 5, 4, 4, 1, 17, 5, 9, 9, 1, 5, 5, 9, 17, 9, 4, 3)
 - Played 21 events, 10 semifinals, 7 medals (4 golds, 1 silver, 2 bronzes)
 - 78-25 match record, 167-71 set record
 - 39-5 in pool play, 28-11 in bracket play, 5-5 in semifinals, 2-3 in Bronze medal match, 4-1 in Gold medal match
 - 64-7 when winning the first set, 13-18 when losing the first set, 1 win by forfeit, 21-13 in third sets (started 11-3 but then ended 10-10)
- Began their partnership in October 2018 just as the Olympic qualification period was beginning... ROC won medals in 4 of their first 5 events and advanced to the semifinals in 7 of their first 9 tournaments together... they won 27 of their first 30 matches as partners on the FIVB Tour... after that stretch ROC had a span of 9 World Tour events in which they made the semifinals just once (but it was their win in the World Championships)
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 20 FIVB World Tour tournaments (4 golds, 1 silver, 2 bronzes, 3 fourths)... they have advanced to the semifinals in 10 of their 20 events (50%), to the finals 5 times (25%) and won 4 times (20%)
- During the qualification period, RUS lost 5 pool play matches, and 4 of them were in three-set matches (3 of those were after winning the first set)
- ROC has won 4 golds on the FIVB Tour, which ranks 4th among teams in Tokyo (NOR's Anders Mol / Christian Sorum 12, USA's Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena 9, NED's Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwsen 7)
- Stoyanovskiy won his first FIVB World Tour gold medal in Xiamen, China in April 2018, defeating Krasilnikov in the title match
- ROC's last two wins were in big events (World Championships and World Tour Final), both in 2019
- ROC has a 31-17 record against the field... they are the only team with a winning record against #1 NOR (3-2)... 3 of their gold medals were won against #7 GER
- This is the 2nd Olympics for Krasilnikov (finished 4th in 2016 with Konstantin Semenov)... he becomes one of 3 Russians to play in multiple beach volleyball Olympics
- Krasilnikov has played 74 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 32 times with Konstantin Semenov (1 gold, 3 silvers, 1 bronze), 20 times with Stoyanovskiy, 20 times with Nikita Ljamin (2 golds, 2 silvers, 1 bronze), and 1 time each with Alexey Pastukhov (bronze) and Ruslan Bykanov (41st)
- Krasilnikov lost his first qualifier match in his first World Tour event (in 2012), but then the next season won a bronze and a silver then placed 5th
- Krasilnikov has a 5-2 match record in Olympics, including 3-0 in pool play
- This is the 1st Olympics for Stoyanovskiy
- Stoyanovskiy has played 56 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he played 26 times with Artem Yarzutkin (1 silver, 2 bronzes), 20 times with Krasilnikov, and 10 times with Igor (Velichko (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
- Stoyanovskiy's first career World Tour was in Moscow in 2014 when he was 17 years old... his first match was against Phil Dalhausser and Sean Rosenthal, of the 8 players he faced, 7 were (or would become) Olympians... he was eliminated by his current partner Krasilnikov
- Stoyanovskiy won his first FIVB World Tour medal in Iran in February 2016... he became the 3rd youngest male to earn a medal and the team was the youngest men's team to ever win a medal