

MEN – #4 Alison Cerutti / Alvaro Filho (BRA)

- BRA gained berth by finishing 4th in Qualifying (tied with QAT but played 4 fewer events)
- BRA has played in one World Championship as a team (9th in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (9, 1, 17, 9, 5, 5, 9, 9, 1, 4, 2, 2, 17, 17, 17, 3, 5, 5, 17)
 - Played 19 events, 6 semifinals, 5 medals (2 golds, 2 silvers, 1 bronze)
 - 62-28 match record, 134-76 set record
 - 1-0 in country quota, 4-0 in qualifiers, 30-10 in pool play, 20-13 in bracket play, 4-2 in semifinals, 1-1 in Bronze medal match, 2-2 in Gold medal match
 - 53-6 when winning the first set, 9-22 when losing the first set, 20-10 in third sets (started 11-1 but then ended 9-9)
- BRA began their partnership in April 2019... in their 2nd event together, the duo won in a three-star tournament in Malaysia... in their first 4 FIVB events, they played in 1 country quota and 3 qualifiers
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 19 FIVB World Tour tournaments (2 golds, 2 silvers, 1 bronze, 1 fourth)... they have advanced to the semifinals in 6 of their 19 events (32%)
- BRA had 4 straight semifinals between July and August 2019 but then placed 17th in the World Tour Finals in September... the next time they competed internationally was 18 months later in March 2021... they enter Tokyo having placed 17th in 4 of their past 7 tournaments
- The country of Brazil has had 14 different men's teams compete in beach Olympics (second only to USA's 15)... just one Brazilian team has played in multiple Olympics though (Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos)... this is the first Olympics in which no Brazilian team is seeded in the top 3... Alison is seeking to become the third male player to win 3 medals, and the first to win two golds
- BRA has a 23-18 record against the field... they trail in the series against 4 different teams (0-2 against #1 NOR, 2-4 against #3 QAT, 1-2 against #9 NED, 0-3 against #11 CZE)
- This is the 3rd Olympics for Alison (won silver in 2012 with Emanuel Rego, won gold in 2016 with Bruno Oscar Schmidt)
- Alison has played 138 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he has played 41 times with Bruno Oscar Schmidt (12 golds, 4 silvers, 3 bronzes), 41 times with Emanuel Rego (7 golds, 8 silvers, 7 bronzes), 19 times with Alvaro, 15 times with Harley Marques (2 golds, 3 silvers, 3 bronzes), 9 times with Bernardo Romano (best of 9th), 8 times with Andre Loyola (1 silver), 3 times with Vitor Felipe (1 gold) and 2 times with Pedro Cunha (1 gold)
- Alison's first main draw on the FIVB World Tour came in Acapulco in October 2006 when Alison was 20 years old... in the 9th place match he eliminated Sean Scott and Kevin Wong
- Alison is 1 of just 2 players to win multiple World Championships (Emanuel Rego won 3)
- Alison has a 12-2 match record in Olympics, including 5-1 in pool play
- Alison shares a birthday (December 7) with his dad
- This is the 1st Olympics for Alvaro
- Alvaro has played 87 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he has played 23 times with Ricardo Santos (1 gold, 2 silvers, 2 bronzes), 19 times with Alison, 18 times with Vitor Felipe (best of 4th), 16 times with Saymon Barbosa (1 gold, 1 bronze), and the remaining 11 times with 6 different partners (won a gold with Pedro Solberg)
- In Alvaro's first FIVB World Tour event, he placed 4th with Neilton Santos in Quebec, losing twice to Jake Gibb and once to Phil Dalhausser... following that he had 3 straight losses in the country quota
- Alvaro's first gold medal match was in Poland in 2013, when he and Ricardo Santos defeated Alison and Emanuel Rego in the semifinals
- Before becoming partners, Alvaro played against Alison 6 times, with each player winning three times
- Alvaro had been the youngest player to compete in a gold medal match in a World Championships (22½ years old) before GER's Julius Thole took that honor in 2019 when he was 22 years and 1 month old