

MEN – #9 Alexander Brouwer / Robert Meeuwsen (NED)

- NED gained berth by finishing 6th in Qualifying
- NED has played in four World Championships as a team (won gold in 2013, finished 17th in 2015, 2017 and 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (9,4,17,5, 9, 17, 17, 2, 3, 9, 5, 5, 9, 3, 2, 9, 17, 9, 17, 17, 9, 17, 1)
 - Played 23 events, 6 semifinals, 5 medals (1 gold, 2 silvers, 2 bronzes)
 - 64-37 match record, 139-88 set record
 - 2-0 in qualifiers, 40-14 in pool play, 17-17 in bracket play, 3-2 in semifinals, 1-1 in Bronze medal match, 1-3 in Gold medal match
 - 55-6 when winning the first set, 6-30 when losing the first set, 3 wins by forfeit, 1 loss by forfeit, 16-17 in third sets
- NED first played as partners in a CEV event in The Hague in May 2008, losing in the country quota... the duo began their partnership in April 2011 in Brazil, with their first main draw match against Marica Araujo / Ricardo Santos... in the next 7 events the duo failed to advance from the qualifier, including a loss in Klagenfurt to Casey Jennings / Kevin Wong
- In their first 23 FIVB events together, NED had a best of 5th (once) and 9th (6 times)... then in their 24th tournament, they secured their first ever gold medal – in the 2013 World Championships... they were the lowest seeded team (13th) to ever win the World Championships
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 100 FIVB World Tour tournaments (7 golds, 7 silvers, 6 bronzes, 6 fourths)... they have advanced to the semifinals in 26 of their 100 events (26%)
- The only team in Tokyo with more international experience is ESP's Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera (122 FIVB events entering Tokyo)... their 7 gold medals ranks 3rd among teams competing here
- NED enters Tokyo having placed 17th in 4 of their last 6 tournaments, but in that span they also won in Ostrava in the last tournament of the qualifying period
- The Olympic teams from the Netherlands have finished very close to their seeding (in 2008 seed #5 finished 5th, seed #18 finished 17th; in 2012 seed #5 finished 4th; in 2016 seed #2 finished 3rd, seed #5 finished 5th)
- NED has a 51-57 record against the field... they are 12-9 against teams seeded in the top 6... they have faced 20 of the possible 23 opponents (have not played #15 ITA, #20 MAR, #24 AUS)
- This is the 2nd Olympics for Brouwer (won bronze in 2016 with Meeuwsen)
- Brouwer has played 100 times with Meeuwsen, 5 times with 2008 Olympian Emiel Boersma (best of 33rd), 4 times with 2016 Olympian Christiaan Varenhorst (best of 25th), and 2 times with Michiel van Dorsten (best of 5th)
- The last time Brouwer played on the FIVB Tour with a partner other than Meeuwsen was in May 2014 in Shanghai, when he finished 9th after three losses, all to American teams (one with Jake Gibb, one with Nick Lucena, and one with Phil Dalhausser)
- Brouwer has a 6-1 match record in Olympics, including 3-1 in pool play
- This is the 2nd Olympics for Meeuwsen (won bronze in 2016 with Brouwer)
- Meeuwsen has played 102 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... he has played 100 times with Brouwer, and once each with Jan-Joost van den Bogert and with 2016 Olympian Christiaan Varenhorst, losing in the country quota both times... the tournament with van den Bogert was the only FIVB World Tour event in van den Bogert's career
- The last time Meeuwsen played on the FIVB Tour with a partner other than Brouwer was in August 2010
- Meeuwsen has a 6-1 match record in Olympics, including 3-1 in pool play