



# 2023 AVP PRO BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR

## Season Event #1 • Pro Series #1

Miami, Florida • March 16 – 19, 2023

**ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT** – The AVP is celebrating its 40th anniversary and the schedule makers couldn't wait as this tournament in Miami is the earliest the AVP has begun play since 1998. This marks the fifth different city the AVP has had its opener in the last five years. Total prize money for this tournament will be \$125,000, with equal payouts for men and women, and the season payout totals \$1,600,000 before the Championships.

- The main draw will be a 16-team, double elimination format. Ten teams from each gender are granted entry directly into the main draw from having sufficient points (from the best four events points totals from their last five AVP and AVPNext tournaments) plus up to two wild cards. The remaining four teams in each gender will earn a spot via the qualifier tournament, a single elimination event on Thursday, March 16. The main draw begins on Friday, March 17 and concludes on Sunday, March 19, and will be played on three courts at Lummus Park. General admission is free while premium seats are available for purchase at [avp.com](http://avp.com). The championship matches will be around 1:30 pm ET for the men and 2:30 pm ET for the women.

- Live streaming of stadium court matches takes place Friday through Sunday on ESPN+. Live streaming on Court 1 will take place on the Bally Live app. Camryn Irwin, Kyle Friend, Matt Bishop and Mark Schuermann will combine to handle the announcing duties.

**TOP MIAMI TEAMS** – The top-seeded men's team, Taylor Crabb and Taylor Sander, begin the 2023 season with momentum as they won their last two events of 2022 (the season championships in Phoenix and the Tour Series event in Huntington Beach). In nine previous AVP tournaments as partners, this duo has advanced to the semifinals seven times, to the finals five times, and collected the two aforementioned titles. The duo has won eight consecutive matches, and in their partnership (nine AVP events entering Miami), they have only had consecutive losses once (last match in Fort Lauderdale and first match in Atlanta). Taylor Crabb also ended the 2022 season with a victory in Tavares (Fla.) alongside Phil Dalhausser, so he has won three straight AVP tournaments. Seven of the last 11 season openers have been won by the top-seeded team.

- The women's top-seeded team is playing together for just the third time (second time on the AVP). Melissa Humana-Paredes and Brandi Wilkerson recently became partners and placed second in their debut in Chicago last season. The pair competed internationally in Doha last month, placing fifth, and both players represented Canada in the last Olympics. Humana-Paredes has won twice on the AVP Tour in addition to four seconds and two thirds in her short time (11 tournaments played prior to Miami). Wilkerson has four seconds and five thirds on the AVP Tour, accomplishing those placings with four different partners. The good news for the team is that in the last eight AVP season openers, the number one seeded team has won six times.

**SEASON OPENERS** – This is the first time since 2014 that the AVP that the season opener is taking place in the state of Florida, when it was held in St. Petersburg, and the third time ever the inaugural event has been in Miami (also in 2007 and 2008). There have been 13 different states to host a season-opening tournament and Florida leads the pack with 16 of the 40 openers (including this year), followed by California with six. Texas and Hawai'i are the only other states with more than two on that list. The previous season openers in Florida have taken place in Clearwater, Daytona Beach, Delray Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Miami, Pensacola, Panama City and St. Petersburg. The player with the most victories in season debuts is Phil Dalhausser, who won eight times including last year. In addition, Dalhausser was slated to play in the finals of the 2010 opener in Ft. Lauderdale, which was never held due to weather. Karch Kiraly tallied six wins, with Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos getting five wins in the first event of a year.

- All of the AVP season-opening events since the start of the 2001 have been dual-gender. Excluding 2011, when there were no seeds for the four-team tournament, either the number one or number two seed has won each of the women's season debuts with just two exceptions (in Atlanta 2021 and in Austin 2022 as both times were won by Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss). The top-seeded team has won six of the last eight, and 14 overall in that span, while the number two team has won five times. Just because the top teams had success doesn't mean it came easy, as 11 of the finals in that span have gone three sets. April Ross has claimed the title seven times, including three of the last five, all in the span from 2012-2020. That figure ties Kerri Walsh Jennings for the most, just ahead of Misty May-Treanor's six victories on opening day.

**WEATHER OR NOT** – The last two times an AVP tournament wasn't able to be completed due to weather were both in Florida. In September 2013 in St. Petersburg, Fla., weather deteriorated quickly after the semifinals. The men played the championship match two weeks later in Santa Bara, Calif., but the women decided not to play and to split the prize money (with each team finishing in second place). In April 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, the women's match was able to be played but not the men's. The two teams decided to split the prize money and each finish in second place.

**SCHEDULE SNAPSHOT** – The 2023 AVP schedule has 12 tour stops, the second most the AVP has had since 2009 (behind the 15 last season). The 12 women's tournaments marks the 10th time in AVP history there have been that many. The nine different states that the Tour is visiting is the second most since the 2008 season (12 different states last year), with only California hosting more than one (this year will be the site of four events). It is only fitting that the AVP begins the season in Florida given that three of the first five AVP events ever were in Florida, and in total has hosted the second most events in Tour history. The mid-October finish is the latest for the Tour (besides last year) since 2013, which previously had been the last time an event was held as late as October. Last season the AVP held one in November and one in December (both of which were firsts on the AVP Tour). Three locations are slated to have night sessions (New Orleans, Atlanta, and the Championships). The combined total of \$1,600,000 in prize money (in addition to the Championships) also features the third most the Tour has distributed since 2009.

• The Tour is divided into four different classifications. One level is the Tour Series, which comprises four different events in four different states from June to October. These events will all have on-site qualifiers the day before the main draw begins. The Pro Series has four events from March through July, including the Tour's first three tournaments of the year. The first three events all will have an on-site qualifier, with the fourth, in Hermosa Beach, using results from a Tour Series event to round out the field. Once again the Gold Series, with three events, will be held towards the end of the season, as the three this year will be in August and September. Each of the three will have a different manner of qualifying. Atlanta will use a Tour Series event, Manhattan Beach will have an on-site qualifier the day before, and Chicago will use an AVPNext tournament. The last type of event is the AVP championships, which will be held in a location to be determined in September. Last season the six-team draws were based on the best two out of the three results in Gold Series events.

### 2023 AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Schedule

Event Dates	Location	Tournament Format	Prize \$
<b>March 16 - 19</b>	<b>Miami, Florida</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000
<i>AVP has earliest season opener since 1998; first time beginning in Florida since 2014</i>			
<b>April 13 - 16</b>	<b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000
<i>Both men's and women's top-seeded teams won in 2015, 2016 and 2022, the last 3 times the AVP played here</i>			
<b>May 18 - 21</b>	<b>Huntington Beach, California</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000
<i>Huntington Beach is fourth most frequented stop in AVP history; first of four California stops on 2023 Tour</i>			
<b>June 9 – 11</b>	<b>Virginia Beach, Virginia</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
<i>Just the third time since 2002 that the AVP has a tournament in Virginia (along with 2010 and 2022)</i>			
<b>June 30 – July 2</b>	<b>Denver, Colorado</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
<i>Only two previous AVP events in Denver were in 1987 and 2022; this will be second time in Colorado since 2008</i>			
<b>July 6 - 7</b>	<b>Oshkosh, Wisconsin</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
<i>All previous AVP events in Wisconsin before 2022 had been in Milwaukee; this was 1st new AVP city since 2013</i>			
<b>July 7 - 9</b>	<b>Hermosa Beach, California</b>	16-team double elimination	\$125,000
<i>Just the fifth time since 2011 that the AVP is playing in Hermosa Beach</i>			
<b>Aug 4 – 6</b>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>	16-team double elimination	\$300,000
<i>First Gold Series event of 2023; one of three 2023 locations to have night sessions</i>			
<b>Aug 18 – 20</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach, California</b>	32-team double elimination	\$300,000
<i>Biggest event on the schedule in terms of both main draw and qualifier sizes; Gold Series event #2</i>			
<b>Sep 1 – 3</b>	<b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	16-team double elimination	\$300,000
<i>Chicago trails only Manhattan Beach on list of most frequented stops in AVP history; Gold Series event #3</i>			
<b>Sep 22 – 23</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<i>Season Championships; Only invitational on schedule</i>			
<b>Oct 13 – 15</b>	<b>Laguna Beach, California</b>	24-team double elimination	\$50,000
<i>First time the AVP has played in Laguna Beach since 1988; fourth California stop on 2023 Tour</i>			

**250 AT 5280** – When the AVP takes the tour to new heights (5,280 feet to be exact) in Denver in early July, it will mark the 250th women's tournament in the history of the AVP. The women have played in 23 different states over the years. All AVP events since August 2001 have been dual gender, a streak of 196 events coming into the 2023 season. There were 10 seasons, all between 1987 and 1998, in which the women had no AVP tournaments (during that span there was a women's only tour, the WPVA). Entering this season there have been 64 different women win an AVP title (including Tour Series), with Kerri Walsh Jennings (77) and Misty May-Treanor (66) leading the pack. A total of 10 different women have won at least 10 AVP titles.

**MIAMI HISTORY** – This marks the seventh time ever that a men’s event is being held in Miami, and the last time was in 2008. The women have had just two prior AVP tournaments here, in 2007 and 2008. Although several other tours have held events here, including P&R, WPVA, NVL, Pro Beach and FIVB (in 1994).

- Phil Dalhausser has won the last two times the AVP has played here (2007 and 2008), winning both times alongside Todd Rogers. The only other players besides Dalhausser competing this event that played then are Ed Ratledge (13th in 2007 with Albert Hannemann and fifth in 2008 in with Jake Gibb) and Billy Allen (17th in 2007 with AJ Mihalic and 25th in 2008 with Braidly Halverson). The 2007 victory for Dalhausser was his 10th career win on the AVP Tour.

- The women have only had two AVP tournaments here prior to this season, in 2007 and 2008. The eight teams in the semifinals those two seasons featured at least one beach Olympian on seven of the teams, including five of the seven American women who have won an Olympic beach volleyball medal. The 2007 victory was the first ever on the AVP Tour for Nicole Branagh, who would go on to win a total of 17 times on the AVP Tour and compete in the 2008 Olympics. The 2008 victory was number 90 for Misty May-Treanor. No women playing this weekend had played in either of those two events.

- Here are the results of all of the AVP tournaments held in Miami:

#### **MEN – AVP events**

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1987	Mike Dodd / Karch Kiraly	Scott Ayakutubby / Brent Frohoff	Sinjin Smith / Randy Stoklos	Al Janc / Dana McFarland
1989	Andrew Smith / Dan Vrebalocich	Sinjin Smith / Randy Stoklos	John Hanley / Steve Obradovich	Mike Dodd / Tim Hovland
1994	Karch Kiraly / Kent Steffes	Brian Lewis / Ricci Luyties	Adam Johnson / Randy Stoklos	Mike Dodd / Mike Whitmarsh
1997	Jose Loiola / Kent Steffes	Mark Kerins / Andrew Smith	Scott Ayakutubby / Brian Lewis	Dain Blanton / Canyon Ceman
2007	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	Matt Olson / Jason Ring	[3rd] Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger
2008	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Nick Lucena / Sean Scott	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] Anthony Medel / Fred Souza

#### **WOMEN – AVP events**

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd
2007	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross	Dianne DeNecochea / Barbra Fontana	Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh
2008	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Rachel Scott / Tyra Turner	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross

**FLORIDA’S FINEST** – The AVP’s all-time leader in team victories is the tandem of Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos, who won 90 AVP titles as a pair. It should come as no surprise that they are also the winningest team in the Florida AVP events, either. This will be the 75th AVP men’s tournament held in the state of Florida, and Smith / Stoklos have won 17 of those. Kent Steffes, the only player besides Karch Kiraly to win over 100 AVP titles, won 23 of those here in Florida. In the last five times Florida has hosted an AVP tournament, five different teams have won (excluding 2010 when the finals were never played). Championship match scores are only available since the 2003 Fort Lauderdale tournament. In the 12 completed men’s title matches in that span in the state of Florida, nine were sweeps.

- The women are playing for the 20th time in Florida on the AVP Tour. Linda Hanley and Nina Matthies won the first five tournaments played in Florida, but then Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings came along and won six times. Both May-Treanor and Walsh Jennings won again in Florida with different partners. Until last year (excluding the 2013 event which was cancelled before the finals), every winning team had at least one beach Olympian and only two players won titles in Florida who had not participated in an Olympics (mostly because they played prior to beach volleyball becoming an Olympic sport). Of the 12 championship matches with scores available, seven went to a third set (including five of the last six). Four of the last five title matches have been won by the team which lost the first set.

**ELEVEN ON THE PODIUM** – Last year in the 15 AVP events, 11 different men’s teams won a title. Phil Dalhausser won three times, each time while playing with a partner for the first time ever. Five of the 15 titles went to one of the Crabb brothers. In the 15 championship matches, there were 14 unique matchups, as only Tri Bourne / Trevor Crabb vs Theo Brunner / Chaim Schalk was featured twice.

- Not to be outdone, the women also had 11 different teams claim a title last season. Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss and Larissa Maestrini / Lili Maestrini (three wins each) were the only teams to win multiple times, but individually Julia Scoles won twice. A total of 45 different women advanced to the semifinals in the 15 tournaments. Perhaps the most challenging title match for play-by-play announcers was in Waupaca, where Carly (Kan) and Kaitlyn (Malaney) defeated Katie (Dickens) and (Jennifer) Keddy. At least third place finishers Kylie (Deberg) and Kahlee (York) didn’t advance to the championship match.

**BIRTHDAYS** – Three players will celebrate their birthdays during this week’s AVP tournament. On Friday, Taylor Sander turns 31. On Saturday Karolina Marciniak turns 35. On Sunday Katie Hogan turns 29.

**MIAMI SAND BITS** – Of the 72 men's players competing this weekend (and of the information known), there is one teenager competing (18-year old Zephyr Dew) and six players in their 40's, led by 46-year old Ed Ratledge and 45-year old Jon Mesko. Of the heights known, the shortest is Jon Justice (5'1") while at the other end of the spectrum are three 6'9" players (Andy Benesh, Phil Dalhausser and Charlie Siragusa). A total of 11 of the players are originally from Florida, and all from different cities within the state. Four main draw players list Florida as their current residence (Phil Dalhausser, Piotr Marciniak and teammates Dave Palm and Roberto Rodriguez), while 16 qualifier players are Florida residents. Athletes who went to school in Florida include Phil Dalhausser (Central Florida), Mark Bucknam (Florida Southern), Jon Justice (Florida State) and Peter Connole (West Florida). The players with the most experience are Phil Dalhausser, Ed Ratledge and Billy Allen, while Charles Herron is making his pro beach volleyball debut. Phil Dalhausser, with 62 AVP titles, has the most of any player here, and is more than the total number of tournaments played for all but 13 players. Following Dalhausser is Taylor Crabb (11 AVP wins). Out of 36 partnerships, 20 are competing together for the very first time and only two have played together 10 or more times before Miami (Timothy Brewster / Kyle Friend 15 previous events and Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander 14). Just one team here has previously won a Pro Series AVP title as Taylor Crabb / Taylor Sander have a pair of AVP victories. On the Tour Series, Dave Palm / Roberto Rodriguez won twice and Tim Bomgren / Piotr Marciniak won once.

- There are also 72 women playing this weekend, and of the information known the two youngest are 14-year old Thias Treumann and 17-year old Ashley Pater. On the flip side, Larissa Maestrini (40) is the oldest, followed by 36-year old Deketa Stubblefield. Katie Lindstrom (5'4") and Jade Race (5'4") are the shortest competitors, while at the other end of the spectrum are a pair of 6'4" players, Katie Hogan and Jennifer Keddy. There are 13 players who are originally from Florida, with only Jupiter being the repeat city. The duo of Larissa / Lili are currently Florida residents, as are three others in the main draw (Karolina Marciniak, Brook Bauer and Megan Rice), while 20 of the qualifiers call Florida home. Five women are making the pro beach volleyball debuts (Rafaela Biegelmeier, Kelsey Mollick, Jenna Phillips, Yana Sokolovska and This Treumann). Five players have played in more than 95 tournaments, and all of them were born outside of the U.S. (Larissa Maestrini, Melissa Humana-Paredes, Lili Maestrini, Brandie Wilkerson and Karolina Marciniak). Larissa Maestrini is the all-time FIVB wins leader with 62 titles, to go with four AVP wins (three on the Tour Series). Of the 36 women's tandems, 19 are playing alongside each other for the first time while the most experienced are Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil, Larissa Maestrini / Lili Maestrini and Brook Bauer / Katie Horton. The two teams competing here which have previously won an AVP Pro Series title as partners are Terese Cannon / Sarah Sponcil and Carly Kan / Jennifer Keddy, while Larissa / Lili have won three Tour Series titles.

**GPS TO THE MAIN DRAW** – Here's a look at teams can qualify for each tournament's main draw:

- Miami (Pro Series) – on-site qualifier
- New Orleans (Pro Series) – on-site qualifier
- Huntington Beach (Pro Series) – on-site qualifier
- Virginia Beach (Tour Series) – on-site qualifier
- Denver (Tour Series) – on-site qualifier
- Waupaca (Tour Series) – on-site qualifier
- Hermosa Beach (Pro Series) – top 4 teams from Virginia Beach
- Atlanta (Gold Series) – top 4 teams from Denver
- Manhattan Beach (Gold Series) – on-site qualifier plus wild cards from Waupaca
- Chicago (Gold Series) – top 4 teams from Seaside (AVPNext event on August 10-12)
- Laguna Beach (Tour Series) – on-site qualifier

**RIGHT AT HOME** – Phil Dalhausser has lived most his life in Florida and went to college at the University of Central Florida. And when the AVP has its season opener in Florida, you can be assured that he will be at his best. Dalhausser won the season openers in Miami both previous times (2007 and 2008), as well as in Panama City to begin the 2009 campaign. In 2010 he was slated to play in the finals in Ft. Lauderdale, but that match was never played due to weather. He placed third in St. Petersburg in 2014, the last time the AVP began a season in Florida. Those three wins (Miami twice and Panama City) were Dalhausser's only Florida wins on the AVP Tour until the season finale last year in Tavares.

**OLYMPICALITY** – This week's AVP event features six players who have played in the Olympics (either indoors or on the beach). Players here have competed for three different countries.

- Men with Olympic experience:

- Phil Dalhausser played beach in 2008 (won gold), 2012 (ninth place), 2016 (fifth place), and 2020 (ninth place)
- Paul Lotman played indoors in 2012 (fifth place) and was an alternate for the 2016 team

- Women with Olympic experience:

- Melissa Humana-Paredes played beach in 2020 for Canada (fifth place)
- Brandie Wilkerson played beach in 2020 for Canada (fifth place)
- Sarah Sponcil played beach in 2020 (ninth place)
- Larissa Maestrini played beach for Brazil in 2008 (fifth place), 2012 (won bronze) and 2016 (fourth place)

**RELATIVELY SPEAKING** – Piotr and Karolina Marciniak are a married couple that are each playing in their respective gender's event. The two Florida residents (Port St. Lucie) competed on the AVP Tour in the same tournament seven times last season. Piotr finished higher in Austin and Virginia Beach (which he won) while Karolina placed higher in Manhattan Beach, Huntington Beach (she placed third) and Tavares, and the duo had the same finishes twice (in New Orleans and Hermosa Beach). Larissa and Lili Maestrini are a married couple that also reside in Florida (Celebration). They are playing as partners on the AVP Tour for the 15th time, with three Tour Series wins to their credit. Veronica and Victoria Corcoran are twin sisters that are playing in the qualifier, marking their third AVP event as partners.

**PHIL PLEADING FOR THE FIFTH (PLACE)** – Phil Dalhausser's seven wins in season openers is the most in AVP history (won in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020 and 2022). He is currently tied with Mike Dodd with 62 wins all time, and can occupy fifth place on the leaderboard all by himself with his next win. The other top players who have reached that mark (Karch Kiraly, Kent Steffes, Randy Stoklos, Sinjin Smith and Mike Dodd) all played in an era that saw 20-27 tournaments a year while the AVP has had 84 total events since the start of the 2010 season. Among the top six in AVP victories, Dalhausser has won 41% of all the tournaments entered and trails Kent Steffes and Karch Kiraly (by 40.53% to 40.52%) in that category. His 74.7% winning percentage in championship matches is second only to Steffes at 76.1%. One side note about the victory tally is that the AVP has had six tournaments which were never completed due to weather, and four of those (including one in which Dalhausser was slated to play in the finals) gave ties for second place without crediting any wins for players. But twice the AVP gave wins to multiple players, so Dodd, Sinjin and Stoklos all got two wins when there were four teams in those two events credited with victories.

- Entering Miami Dalhausser has compiled a career AVP main draw match record of 587-154 (.792). More impressively, since the start of the 2006 season (his fourth year on the Tour), he is 514-100 (.837). Dalhausser had to pull out of the tournament in Atlanta to begin the 2021 AVP season, which marked the sixth time in his AVP career that his event ended in a forfeit loss. Since winning in Austin in 2005, Dalhausser had won at least one title (AVP or FIVB) in 16 consecutive seasons until that streak ended in 2021.
- Here is a look at the top six players on the AVP's all-time wins list, both with totals and then by percentages of tournaments entered:

	Wins	2nd	3rd	4th	Finals	Semis	Events
Karch Kiraly	122	52	43	12	174	229	301
Kent Steffes	102	32	20	12	134	166	218
Randy Stoklos	96	74	43	21	170	234	307
Sinjin Smith	92	54	30	10	146	186	241
Mike Dodd	62	73	63	32	135	230	309
Phil Dalhausser	62	21	24	1	83	108	153

	Wins	2nd	3rd	4th	Finals	Semis	Events
Karch Kiraly	40.53%	17.3%	14.3%	4.0%	57.8%	76.1%	301
Kent Steffes	46.8%	14.7%	9.2%	5.5%	61.5%	76.1%	218
Randy Stoklos	31.3%	24.1%	14.0%	6.8%	55.4%	76.2%	307
Sinjin Smith	38.2%	22.4%	12.4%	4.1%	60.6%	77.2%	241
Mike Dodd	20.1%	23.6%	20.4%	10.4%	43.7%	74.4%	309
Phil Dalhausser	40.52%	13.7%	15.7%	0.6%	54.2%	70.6%	153

**COVID SHUTDOWN** – On Friday of this tournament will mark the third anniversary of the AVP halting play due to COVID. The AVP had originally hoped to reschedule most events and cancel some, but in the end the Tour had to settle for competition in a "bubble" as it was called in other sports. The AVP held three tournaments in Long Beach on consecutive weekends without any fans and taking all necessary precautions to prevent / reduce the spread of COVID.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – This season there has been one completed international event in Doha, Qatar. Tina Graudina and her partner in the Olympics Anastasija Samoilova placed fourth. This weekend there is a Challenge event in La Paz, Mexico which has numerous teams competing who would otherwise be playing on the AVP Tour. On the men's side, Tri Bourne / Chaim Schalk and Theo Brunner / Trevor Crabb are in the main draw, while Evan Cory / Logan Webber and Billy Kolinske / Hagen Smith are in the qualifier. The women have two of the top teams, Kelly Cheng / Sara Hughes and Taryn Kloth / Kristen Nuss, and are joined in the main draw by Hailey Harward / Kelley Kolinske and Megan Kraft / Emily Stockman. Corrine Quiggle / Sarah Schermerhorn, Toni Rodriguez / Savvy Simo and Jessica Gaffney / Zana Muno are all in the qualifier.

• Here is a look at players and teams who competed on the AVP Tour which have been in the semifinals of an international event this year.

#### WOMEN

Tina Graudina / Anastasija Samoilova – 4th Place – Doha, Qatar – February 5