

WOMEN – #12 Joana Heidrich / Anouk Verge-Depre (SUI)

- SUI gained berth by finishing 10th in Qualifying (12th but two teams ahead of them ineligible due to country quota)
 - SUI has played in 2 World Championship as a team (placed 9th in both 2017 and 2019)
 - Finishes during qualifying period (9, 25, 25, 17, 9, 9, 9, 17, 17, 17, 4, 1, 4, 9, 2, 1, 9, 17, 9, 2)
 - Played 20 events, 6 semifinals, 4 medals (2 golds, 2 silvers)
 - 51-35 match record, 116-86 set record
 - 2-0 in qualifiers, 26-18 in pool play, 17-11 in bracket play, 4-2 in semifinals, 0-2 in Bronze medal match, 2-2 in Gold medal match
 - 39-14 when winning the first set, 10-20 when losing the first set, 2 forfeit wins, 1 forfeit loss, 18-18 in third sets (lost first 6)
 - Began their partnership in February 2017 and placed 17th in both of their first 2 tournaments... in their 3rd event (won silver) the duo won 4 consecutive matches against teams seeded in the top 5
 - Entering Tokyo the duo has played 33 FIVB tournaments (1 gold, 4 silvers, 2 fourths)... the duo has been in the semifinals in 7 of their 33 FIVB events together (21%)... they are 1-6 in medal matches
 - As a country, Switzerland now has 7 different teams which have been in the Olympics but none have played twice... in the first 5 Olympics, Switzerland fielded a total of 3 teams, but in the last 2 Olympiads (including Tokyo), Switzerland has had 4 teams
 - Entering Tokyo SUI has won their last 3 matches (although 1 of them was by forfeit) against teams seeded #4 or better... their last lost was August 2020, when they had to forfeit in the gold medal match against fellow Swiss Nina Betschart and Tanja Huberli
 - SUI has a 26-28 record against the field... against teams seeded #1 to #8, SUI is 6-15; against teams seeded #9 to #16, SUI is 19-7; against teams seeded #17 to #24, SUI is 1-6
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- This is the 2nd Olympics for Heidrich (finished 5th in 2016 with Nadine Zumkehr)... including her partner there are now 4 (of the 9 total) Swiss women who have played in multiple beach volleyball Olympics
 - Heidrich has played 93 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she played 44 times with Nadine Zumkehr (2 golds, 2 silvers, 2 bronzes), 33 times with Verge-Depre, 9 times with Romana Kayser (best of 9th), 4 times with Isabelle Forrer (best of 17th), 2 times with Marlen Brunner (41st both times), and once with Nina Betschart (9th)... 4 of her 6 partners have been Olympians, and she has played just 11 tournaments with players who haven't competed in the Olympics
 - In her first 44 World Tour events, Heidrich had a best of 5th three times... then in back-to-back tournaments she won a bronze and then a gold, and those two events (Sochi, Russia and Xiamen, China in September 2015) were the same ones in which Verge-Depre earned her first two medals
 - Heidrich has a 3-2 match record in Olympics, including 2-1 in pool play
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- This is the 2nd Olympics for Verge-Depre (finished 9th in 2016 with Isabelle Forrer)... including her partner there are now 4 (of the 9 total) Swiss women who have played in multiple beach volleyball Olympics
 - Verge-Depre has played 93 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she played 60 times with Isabelle Forrer (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronzes, 2 fourths), and the other 33 times with Heidrich
 - In her first 42 World Tour events, Verge-Depre had a best of 5th two times... then in back-to-back tournaments she won a bronze and then a gold, and those two events (Sochi, Russia and Xiamen, China in September 2015) were the same ones in which Heidrich earned her first two medals
 - Verge-Depre played against Heidrich 8 times before becoming partners (Heidrich led 5-3 including one forfeit win)... 2 of the meetings were for medals, with Heidrich winning both a bronze and a gold
 - Verge-Depre has a 1-3 match record in the Olympics, including 1-2 in pool play