

## WOMEN – #14 Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez (ESP)

- ESP gained berth by finishing in the top two at the Olympic Qualification Tournament in Haiyang, China in September 2019... they were 16th in Qualifying (20th but four teams ahead of them not eligible due to country quotas), and would have qualified via points
- This is the 3rd Olympics for ESP, tying for the most along with CUB's Dalixia Fernandez Grasset / Tamara Larrea Peraza and USA's Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh Jennings
- ESP has played in four World Championships as a team (placed 9th in 2011, 2013 and 2015 then 17th in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (9, 5, 17, 9, 9, 9, 17, 9, 5, 17, 3, 5, 5, 1\*, 9, 25, 17, 17, 17)
  - Played 19 events, 2 semifinals, 2 medals (1 gold\*, 1 bronze)
  - 45-32 match record, 106-78 set record
  - 2-0 in qualifier, 30-15 in pool play, 11-16 in bracket play, 0-1 in semifinals, 1-0 in Bronze medal match, 1-0 in Gold medal match\*
  - 37-11 when winning the first set, 7-21 when losing the first set, 1 win by forfeit, 14-18 in third sets
- Began their partnership in September 2007 when they were both 20 years old... their first event together was the 2007 FIVB U-21 World Championships in Italy (finished 4th)
- \* - - While ESP hasn't technically won an event, the duo was one of the top two teams in the September 2019 Olympic Qualification Tournament in Haiyang, China (two teams advanced)
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 124 FIVB World Tour tournaments (5 silvers, 2 bronzes, 3 fourths)... the 124 events is the 3rd most in FIVB history (FIN's Emilia Nystrom / Erika Nystrom 150, BRA's Carolina Salgado / Maria Clara Salgado 134), just ahead of AUT's Doris Schwaiger / Stefanie Schwaiger 123, and is the most among two players who aren't sisters
- After securing their Olympic berth ESP did not compete in any FIVB events in 2020, and has a 5-10 match record in 2021 so far (placing 9th, 25, then 17th three times)... all 5 of their match wins this year have been against teams seeded #20 or lower
- ESP won 3 medals in 2016, but since then have played 25 FIVB World Tour events without making the semifinals... in that span ESP has finished 5th 5 times, and all 5 times they were eliminated by teams that are competing in this year's Tokyo Olympics
- ESP has a 25-28 record against the field... they are 7-8 against teams seeded #7 or better
- This is the 3rd Olympics for Elsa (finished 9th in 2012 with Liliana and 9th in 2016 with Liliana)
  - Elsa has a 5-3 match record in Olympics, including 5-1 in pool play
- Elsa has played 130 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she has played 124 times with Liliana, 3 times with Amaranta Navarro (best of 17th), 2 times with Angela Lobato (best of 25th) and 1 time with Paula Soria (17th)
- This is the 3rd Olympics for Liliana (finished 9th in 2012 with Elsa and 9th in 2016 with Elsa)
  - Liliana has played 125 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she has played 124 times with Elsa, and once with Olga Matveeva (25th) in May 2011
- All 6 of Elsa's FIVB events with partners other than Liliana came in 2017 when Liliana was out on maternity leave (gave birth to her son Saul in August 2017)
  - In 2005 Liliana first played in FIVB Youth World Championships when she was 18 years old... she played in three Youth World Championships plus an FIVB Satellite event with other partners, but since

September 2007 has played just once on FIVB with a partner other than Elsa (in May 2011)

- Liliana has a 5-3 match record in Olympics, including 5-1 in pool play