

WOMEN – #18 Wang Fan / Xia Xinyi (CHN)

- CHN gained berth by finishing 12th in Qualifying (16th but four teams ahead of them ineligible due to country quota)
 - CHN has played in one World Championship as a team (placed 17th in 2019)
 - Finishes during qualifying period (4, 9, 25, 25, 17, 17, 17, 9, 9, 9, 17, 5, 7, 5, 2, 25, 5, 17)
 - Played 20 events, 2 semifinals, 1 medal (1 silver)
 - 35-37 match record, 82-85 set record
 - 21-22 in pool play, 1-0 in Lucky Losers, 12-12 in bracket play, 1-1 in semifinals, 0-1 in Bronze medal match, 0-1 in Gold medal match
 - 29-9 when winning the first set, 4-28 when losing the first set, 2 forfeit wins, 11-16 in third sets
 - Began their partnership in October 2017 in Qinzhou, China in a three-star event, placing fourth... in their next tournament the duo won a silver medal, losing only to host country Australia's Mariafe Artacho and Taliqua Clancy
 - Entering Tokyo the duo has played 30 FIVB tournaments (4 silvers, 2 fourths)... the duo has been in the semifinals in 6 of their 30 World Tour events together (20%)... they are 0-6 in medal matches
 - CHN has played in Tokyo twice before, finishing 9th in both 2018 as well as the test event in 2019... CHN had to forfeit in 2018 and lost to USA's Alix Klineman and April Ross in 2019 after winning their lucky losers match to get to bracket play
 - After winning a silver in the four-star event in Chetumal, Mexico in November 2019, the duo did not compete internationally again until April 2021
 - CHN has a 15-30 record against the field... only 2 of the 45 meetings against current Olympic teams happened since 1/1/20 as nearly all of them came in 2017-2019... they are 0-14 against teams seeded #5 or better, and 15-16 against teams seeded #6 or lower
- This is the 2nd Olympics for Wang (finished 19th in 2016 with Yuan Yue)... there are now 4 Chinese women who have played in multiple beach volleyball Olympics
 - Wang has played 102 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she played 46 times with Yuan Yue (3 silvers), 30 times with Xia, 11 times with Yuanyuan Ma (best of 17th), 6 times with Changning Zhang (best of 25th), 4 times with Chen Xue (1 silver), 3 times with Yixin Zheng (best of 9th), and 2 times with Jingjing Ding (best of 9th)... she has played with 3 different Olympians (representing 80 of her 102 FIVB tournaments)
 - Wang made her World Tour debut when she was 16 years old, playing 5 World Tour events that season (2010) and 12 more the next year when she was 17
 - In her FIVB career, Wang is 0-13 in medal matches
 - Wang is the 4th youngest female in the tournament
 - Wang has a 2-2 match record in Olympics, including 2-1 in pool play
- This is the 1st Olympics for Xia
 - Xia has played 71 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she has played 30 times with Wang, 20 times with Chen Xue (2 golds, 1 silver, 2 bronzes), 13 times with Yuanyuan Ma (best of 9th four times), 5 times with Xinxin Wang (best of 5th), 2 times with Shuhui Wen (1 gold, 1 silver), and once with Yuanyuan Wang (17th)... she has played with 3 different Olympians (representing 55 of her 71 FIVB tournaments)
 - Xia has advanced to the semifinals in 13 of her 71 FIVB events (18%)
 - Xia made her FIVB World Tour debut at the age of 16, placing 9th... she won gold medals in both her 2nd and 3rd tournaments ever played... she is the only player (male or female) to win an FIVB tournament before turning 17, and she did it twice
 - Xia won medals in 4 of her first 6 FIVB tournaments, then went 26 straight events without getting to the semifinals