

WOMEN – #16 Tina Graudina / Anastasija Kravcenoka (LAT)

- LAT gained berth by finishing in the top two at the Olympic Qualification Tournament in Haiyang, China in September 2019... they were 17th in Qualifying (21st but four teams ahead of them not eligible due to country quotas), and would have qualified via points
- LAT has played in one World Championship as a team (placed 9th in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (5, 17, 17, 9, 17, 25, 9, 9, 33, 17, 1, 17, 9, 1*, 25, 4, 17)
 - Played 18 events, 4 semifinals, 2 medals (2 golds*)
 - 42-31 match record, 89-78 set record
 - 7-1 in qualifier, 22-17 in pool play, 10-11 in bracket play, 1-1 in semifinals, 0-1 in Bronze medal match, 2-0 in Gold medal match
 - 37-3 when winning the first set, 4-28 when losing the first set, 1 win by forfeit, 16-7 in third sets
- * - - While LAT hasn't won an FIVB World Tour event, the duo was one of the top two teams in the September 2019 Olympic Qualification Tournament in Haiyang, China (two teams advanced) and also won the 2019 CEV European Championships in Moscow
- LAT first played together in August 2013 in the CEV U-18 European Championships in Belarus, finishing 9th when Graudina was 15 years old and Kravcenoka was 16... they also competed in the 2014 FIVB Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, again placing 9th... while they played more CEV events, their first World Tour event was in Poland in July 2017
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 26 FIVB World Tour tournaments (2 fourths)... their two best finishes (fourths) came in their last three FIVB events, placing fourth in Sochi at the end of May and fourth in Gstaad on July 11 (which was after the qualification period ended)
- This is the first time Latvia has fielded a women's team in the beach volleyball Olympics
- In the last event prior to Tokyo, LAT tied their FIVB best with a fourth in Gstaad, Switzerland... in pool play the duo defeated Megan McNamara and Nicole McNamara, the twins from Canada who played at UCLA (Graudina was 4-1 against them in college) and then defeated the #5 seed in Tokyo (AUS' Mariafe Artacho and Taliqua Clancy)... in bracket play they eliminated USA's Kelly Claes (USC alum) and Sarah Sponcil
- The country of Latvia has never won a women's gold medal on the FIVB Tour (won 1 silver and 1 bronze)
- LAT has a 12-23 record against the field... they are 0-8 against teams seeded #4 or better, 8-6 against teams seeded between #5 and #11, and 4-9 against teams seeded #12 or lower
- This is the 1st Olympics for Graudina
- Graudina has played 28 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she has played 26 times with Kravcenoka, and once each with Inese Jursona (33rd) and Jana Jaudzema (41st)
- Graudina is the 5th youngest female in the field
- Graudina played her first FIVB World Tour event in the 2015 Poland Grand Slam at the age of 17 (placed 33rd)
- Graudina was on the No. 1 pair at USC, winning the 2021 NCAA National Championship under head coach Dain Blanton
- This is the 1st Olympics for Kravcenoka
- Kravcenoka has played 29 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she has played 26 times with Graudina, 2 times with Alise Lece (25th both times), and once with Varvara Brailko (41)... the two events with Lece were in early 2019 while the event with Brailko was in April 2021 (all three of those came during the Olympic qualification period)
- Kravcenoka made her FIVB debut in July 2017 in Poland with Graudina, losing to ARG's two-time Olympian Ana Gallay and one-time Olympian Virginia Zonta in the match to get into the main draw