

## WOMEN – #1 Melissa Humana-Paredes / Sarah Pavan (CAN)

- CAN gained berth by winning the 2019 World Championships, but also finished 1st in Qualifying (same points as USA but 1 more event played)
- CAN has played in two World Championships as a team (placed 4th in 2017 and 1st in 2019)
- Finishes during qualifying period (5, 4, 2, 5, 2, 17, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 2, 2, 9, 4, 17, 4)
  - Played 19 events, 10 semifinals, 7 medals
  - 74-28 match record, 160-80 set record
  - 31-9 in pool play, 33-9 in bracket play, 7-3 in semifinals, 0-3 in Bronze medal match, 3-4 in Gold medal match
  - 66-4 when winning the first set, 8-24 when losing the first set, 24-12 in third sets
- Began their partnership in September 2016... in their first event together, the World Tour Finals in Toronto, they lost in the country quota to Heather Bansley and Brandie Wilkerson... in their next tournament, they won a silver medal in a four-star event in Rio de Janeiro
- Entering Tokyo the duo has played 38 FIVB tournaments (6 golds, 6 silvers, 2 bronzes, 7 fourths)... they have reached the semifinals in 21 of the 38 events (55%), the finals 12 times (32%), and won 6 times (16%)
- In the span of a month in July-August 2019, CAN won the World Championships, an event in Edmonton and a five-star event in Vienna, but haven't won since then (on FIVB Tour)
- CAN did not compete on the FIVB Tour in 2020, but had won at least one event in each of the previous 3 years (2017-2019)... their 6 golds is the most of any team in that three-year span... the duo has won 6 of the 12 FIVB gold medals ever won by Canadian teams
- CAN began their partnership by winning 36 of their first 37 pool play matches on the FIVB Tour
- As a country, Canada now has 7 different teams which have been in the Olympics but none have played twice
- Entering Tokyo CAN has won 5 of the last 6 FIVB matches that have gone three sets
- On the AVP Tour the duo has played 9 times (won 2 times, finished second 2 times, and finished third 2 times)... in their 7 AVP events since the start of 2019, CAN has gone 3-6 against the two American teams in the Olympics, and 23-1 against all other teams
- CAN has a 59-24 record against the field... there are just 2 teams which they have played more than once which they have a losing record against (3-6 against #2 USA; 5-7 against #3 BRA)
- This is the 1st Olympics for Humana-Paredes
- Humana-Paredes has played 67 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... all 21 of her semifinal appearances have come in the 38 tournaments with Pavan... she played 28 times with Taylor Pischke (best of 5th 3 times) and once with Victoria Altomare (25th)
- Her father, Hernan Humana, was the coach of John Child and Mark Heese when they won the Bronze in Atlanta in 1996 (CAN's only Olympic medal ever in beach volleyball)
- 25 of Humana-Paredes' first 37 main draw matches on the FIVB World Tour were against teams that included at least one Olympian
- This is the 2nd Olympics for Pavan (finished 5th in 2016 with Heather Bansley)... she joins Annie Martin and Heather Bansley as the only CAN female players to be in multiple beach volleyball Olympics
- Pavan has a 4-1 match record in Olympics, including 3-0 in pool play
- Pavan has played 76 FIVB tournaments prior to Tokyo... she played 38 times with Humana-Paredes and the other 38 times with Heather Bansley (3 silvers, 3 bronzes) ... she has advanced to the semifinals in 28 of her 76 FIVB events (37%)
- Pavan made her FIVB debut at 26 years old (14 of the 48 players here are younger than 26)