

Semi Finals - Jon Stiekema/Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands vs. Daniele Lupo/Paolo Nicolai, Italy

Jon Stiekema



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Personal Info

Birth Date: May 8, 1988 (25 yrs old)  
 Home Town: Groningen  
 Resides: The Hague  
 Height: 200 cm (6'7")  
 Weight: 90 kg (200 lbs.)  
 Seasons: 7  
 Tournaments: 30  
 Best Finish: 4th (Xiamen 2013)  
 Career Winnings: \$40,150

Christiaan Varenhorst



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date: May 6, 1990 (23 yrs old)  
 Home Town: The Hague  
 Resides: The Hague  
 Height: 211 cm (6'11")  
 Weight: 105 kg (233 lbs.)  
 Seasons: 8  
 Tournaments: 37  
 Best Finish: 2nd (Brighton 2008)  
 Best WT Finish: 4th (Xiamen 2013)  
 Career Winnings: \$51,950

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	41	Money
FIVB	21	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	4	3	5	US\$78,300.00

Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Christiaan Varenhorst - 25th	Jon Stiekema - 25th

Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool E	Christian Garcia / Francisco Alfredo Marco, Spain (21)	Won 21-19, 21-17	0:39
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool E	Josh Binstock / Sam Schachter, Canada (28, Q12)	Won 21-19, 18-21, 15-10	0:53
Thu, 4/24/2014	Pool E	Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins, Latvia (5)	Lost 17-21, 16-21	0:37
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 1	Lorenz Petutschnig / Tobias Winter, Austria (22, Q2)	Won 21-15, 21-13	0:28
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Martins Plavins / Aleksandrs Solovejs, Latvia (18)	Won 21-18, 21-17	0:34
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Jonas Kissling / Mats Kovatsch, Switzerland (26, Q9)	Won 21-15, 21-17	0:34
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Daniele Lupo / Paolo Nicolai, Italy (7)		

- Jon Stiekema and Christiaan Varenhorst have been playing together since 2010. They are playing in their 21st FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Jon is playing in his 2nd FIVB World Tour/Open final four with one 4th place finish.
- Christiaan is playing in his 2nd FIVB World Tour/Open final four with one 4th place finish.
- Jon's and Christiaan's last Final Four was a 4th Place Finish in Xiamen 2013.
- Christiaan finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Daan Spijkers in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Jon and Christiaan rank 178th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 21.
- Jon and Christiaan rank 151st on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$78,300.
- Jon (29) ranks 309th and Christiaan (32) ranks 285th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Jon (\$40,150) ranks 230th and Christiaan (\$51,950) ranks 211th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Christiaan won the silver medal at the U21 World Championships with Alexander Brouwer in 2008 (Brighton, England).
- Christiaan was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2012.

## Daniele Lupo



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	May 6, 1991 (22 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rome
Resides:	Rome
Height:	195 cm (6'5")
Weight:	80 kg (178 lbs.)
Seasons:	7
Tournaments:	37
Best Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$127,950

## Paolo Nicolai



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 6, 1988 (25 yrs old)
Home Town:	Ortona
Resides:	Ortona
Height:	203 cm (6'8")
Weight:	95 kg (211 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	57
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Best WT Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$173,875

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	Money
FIVB	29	0	2	4	1	2	2	11	0	3	2	1	US\$251,100.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Paolo Nicolai - 2nd	Daniele Lupo - 2nd

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool G	Jonas Kissling / Mats Kovatsch, Switzerland (26, Q9)	Won 21-18, 21-15	0:34
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool G	Jan Dumek / Premysl Kubala, Czech Republic (23, Q3)	Lost 23-25, 19-21	0:44
Thu, 4/24/2014	Pool G	Cheng Chen / Likejiang Ha, China (10)	Won 21-15, 21-15	0:37
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Tiago Santos / Jefferson Santos Pereira, Qatar (32)	Won 21-18, 24-22	0:35
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Alexander Brouwer / Michiel van Dorsten, Netherlands (13)	Won 18-21, 21-15, 15-11	0:45
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Jon Stiekema / Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands (12)		

- Daniele Lupo and Paolo Nicolai have been playing together since 2011. They are playing in their 29th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Daniele is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two silver and four bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Paolo is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two silver and four bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Daniele's and Paolo's last Final Four was a Bronze in Xiamen 2013. They had four Final Four finishes in 2013, including a silver medal in Fuzhou.
- Daniele and Paolo finished 5th in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Daniele and Paolo finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Daniele finished 33rd in the FIVB World Championships with Andrea Tomatis in 2011 (Rome).
- Paolo finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2009 (Stavanger) and 9th in 2011 (Rome), both with Matteo Martino.
- Daniele and Paolo rank 115th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 29.
- Daniele and Paolo rank 59th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$251,100.
- Daniele (33) ranks 274th and Paolo (53) ranks 174th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Daniele (\$127,950) ranks 117th and Paolo (\$173,875) ranks 97th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Paolo won the silver medal at the U19 World Championships with Francesco Giontella in 2006 (Bermuda, Bermuda).
- Paolo won gold medals at the U21 World Championships with Francesco Giontella in 2007 (Modena, Italy) and in 2008 (Brighton, Great Britain).
- Paolo was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2012.

## Daniele Lupo/Paolo Nicolai lead the series 2-1

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
10/26/2013	Xiamen Grand Slam	Bronze Medal	Daniele Lupo/Paolo Nicolai	22-20, 21-19	0:39
8/24/2013	Moscow Grand Slam	Winner 2	Jon Stiekema/Christiaan Varenhorst	25-27, 21-17, 15-13	0:50
5/3/2012	Shanghai Grand Slam	Pool K	Daniele Lupo/Paolo Nicolai	21-19, 21-14	0:34

Aleksandrs Samoilovs



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	April 6, 1985 (29 yrs old)
Home Town:	Riga
Resides:	Riga
Height:	196 cm (6'5")
Weight:	95 kg (211 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	108
Best Finish:	1st (5 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (3 times)
Career Winnings:	\$303,850

Janis Smedins



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	July 31, 1987 (26 yrs old)
Home Town:	Kuldiga
Resides:	Kuldiga
Height:	190 cm (6'3")
Weight:	90 kg (200 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	76
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$229,775

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	14	3	2	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	US\$201,800.00

Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Janis Smedins - 17th	Aleksandrs Samoilovs - 17th

Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool E	Josh Binstock / Sam Schachter, Canada (28, Q12)	Lost 19-21, 26-24, 8-15	0:57
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool E	Christian Garcia / Francisco Alfredo Marco, Spain (21)	Won 21-14, 21-17	0:35
Thu, 4/24/2014	Pool E	Jon Stiekema / Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands (12)	Won 21-17, 21-16	0:37
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera, Spain (3)	Won 23-25, 21-17, 16-14	0:55
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Emanuel Rego / Pedro Salgado, Brazil (4)	Won 21-14, 21-19	0:35
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Alison Cerutti / Bruno Oscar Schmidt, Brazil (6)		

- Aleksandrs Samoilovs and Janis Smedins have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 14th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Aleksandrs is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with three gold, three silver and one bronze medals.
- Janis is playing in his 11th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with four gold, three silver, two bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Aleksandrs's and Janis's last Final Four was a Gold in Durban 2013. They had six Final Four finishes in 2013 including gold medals in Corrientes, Moscow, and Durban.
- Aleksandrs finished 9th in the Olympic Games with Martins Plavins in 2008 (Beijing) and finished 9th with Ruslans Sorokins in 2012 (London).
- Janis won the bronze medal in the Olympic Games with Martins Plavins in 2012 (London).
- Aleksandrs and Janis finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Aleksandrs finished 37th in the FIVB World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2007 (Gstaad), and finished 9th in 2009 (Stavanger) and 17th in 2011 (Rome), both with Ruslans Sorokins.
- Janis finished 4th in the FIVB World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2011 (Rome).
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 23rd on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team gold medal list with three.
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 257th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 14.
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 76th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$201,800.
- Aleksandrs (3) ranks 37th and Janis (4) ranks 36th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual gold medals.
- Aleksandrs (101) ranks 61st and Janis (65) ranks 142nd in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Aleksandrs (\$301,050) ranks 53rd and Janis (\$225,050) ranks 75th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Aleksandrs won the gold medal at the U21 World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2005 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).
- Janis won the bronze medal at the U18 World Championships with Ingars Ivanovs in 2004 (Termoli, Italy).
- Aleksandrs and Janis were the FIVB World Tour Points Champions and were named the FIVB World Tour Team of the Year in 2013.
- Janis was named the FIVB World Tour Best Hitter in 2013, Best Offensive Player in 2013, Best Setter in 2013, and Sportsperson in 2013

## Alison Conte Cerutti



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	December 7, 1985 (28 yrs old)
Home Town:	Vitória
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	203 cm (6'8")
Weight:	106 kg (235 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	75
Best Finish:	1st (14 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (11 times)
Career Winnings:	\$589,800

## Bruno Oscar Schmidt



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	October 6, 1986 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Brasília
Resides:	Vitória
Height:	185 cm (6'1")
Weight:	85 kg (189 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	77
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$304,525

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	US\$4,500.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Did not play	Pedro Salgado - 5th

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool F	Tri Bourne / John Hyden, United States (27, Q11)	Won 21-16, 21-18	0:39
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool F	Lorenz Petutschnig / Tobias Winter, Austria (22, Q2)	Won 22-20, 21-16	0:39
Thu, 4/24/2014	Pool F	Alexandr Dyachenko / Alexey Sidorenko, Kazakhstan (11)	Won 14-21, 21-15, 15-10	0:44
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Phil Dalhausser / Sean Rosenthal, United States (2)	Won 15-21, 21-17, 15-12	0:55
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Alvaro Filho / Ricardo Santos, Brazil (1)	Won 21-14, 16-21, 17-15	0:54
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins, Latvia (5)		

- Alison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt are playing in their 1st FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Alison is playing in his 37th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with 11 gold, 11 silver, 10 bronze medals and four 4th place finishes.
- Bruno Oscar is playing in his 14th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two gold, four silver, three bronze medals and four 4th place finishes.
- Alison won the silver medal in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London) with Emanuel Rego.
- Alison won the silver medal in the FIVB World Championships with Harley Marques in 2009 (Stavanger) and won the gold medal in 2011 (Rome) and finished 4th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki), both with Emanuel Rego.
- Bruno Oscar finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Joao Maciel in 2009 (Stavanger), finished 9th with Benjamin Insfran in 2011 (Rome), and 5th with Pedro Salgado in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Alison and Bruno Oscar rank 647th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$4,500.
- Alison (11) ranks 12th and Bruno Oscar (2) ranks 46th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual gold medals.
- Alison (71) ranks 124th and Bruno Oscar (70) ranks 129th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Alison (\$581,450) ranks 20th and Bruno Oscar (\$299,025) ranks 54th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Alison was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2009, Best Blocker in 2011, Best Hitter in 2011 and 2012, Best Offensive Player in 2011, and he and Emanuel were the FIVB World Tour Champions and were named Team of the Year in 2011.
- Bruno Oscar was named the FIVB World Tour Best Defensive Player in 2013 and Most Improved Player in 2010.

Teams have not played each other in an FIVB event

### Jon Stiekema



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#### Personal Info

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**Height:** 200 cm (6'7")  
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**Best Finish:** 4th (Xiamen 2013)  
**Career Winnings:** \$40,150

### Christiaan Varenhorst



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#### Personal Info

**Birth Date:** May 6, 1990 (23 yrs old)  
**Home Town:** The Hague  
**Resides:** The Hague  
**Height:** 211 cm (6'11")  
**Weight:** 105 kg (233 lbs.)  
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**Tournaments:** 37  
**Best Finish:** 2nd (Brighton 2008)  
**Best WT Finish:** 4th (Xiamen 2013)  
**Career Winnings:** \$51,950

### Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	41	Money
FIVB	21	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	4	3	5	US\$78,300.00

### Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
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### Fuzhou Matches

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Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Martins Plavins / Aleksandrs Solovejs, Latvia (18)	Won 21-18, 21-17	0:34
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Jonas Kissling / Mats Kovatsch, Switzerland (26, Q9)	Won 21-15, 21-17	0:34
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Daniele Lupo / Paolo Nicolai, Italy (7)	Lost 19-21, 15-21	0:35
Sat, 4/26/2014	Bronze Medal	Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins, Latvia (5)		

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- Jon's and Christiaan's last Final Four was a 4th Place Finish in Xiamen 2013.
- Christiaan finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Daan Spijkers in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Jon and Christiaan rank 178th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 21.
- Jon and Christiaan rank 151st on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$78,300.
- Jon (29) ranks 309th and Christiaan (32) ranks 285th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Jon (\$40,150) ranks 230th and Christiaan (\$51,950) ranks 211th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Christiaan won the silver medal at the U21 World Championships with Alexander Brouwer in 2008 (Brighton, England).
- Christiaan was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2012.

## Aleksandrs Samoilovs



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## Personal Info

Birth Date:	April 6, 1985 (29 yrs old)
Home Town:	Riga
Resides:	Riga
Height:	196 cm (6'5")
Weight:	95 kg (211 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	108
Best Finish:	1st (5 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (3 times)
Career Winnings:	\$303,850

## Janis Smedins



Photo:FIVB

## Personal Info

Birth Date:	July 31, 1987 (26 yrs old)
Home Town:	Kuldiga
Resides:	Kuldiga
Height:	190 cm (6'3")
Weight:	90 kg (200 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	76
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$229,775

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	14	3	2	1	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	US\$201,800.00

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Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
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Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Alison Cerutti / Bruno Oscar Schmidt, Brazil (6)	Lost 21-13, 21-23, 7-15	0:53
Sat, 4/26/2014	Bronze Medal	Jon Stiekema / Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands (12)		

- Aleksandrs Samoilovs and Janis Smedins have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 14th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Aleksandrs is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with three gold, three silver and one bronze medals.
- Janis is playing in his 11th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with four gold, three silver, two bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Aleksandrs's and Janis's last Final Four was a Gold in Durban 2013. They had six Final Four finishes in 2013 including gold medals in Corrientes, Moscow, and Durban.
- Aleksandrs finished 9th in the Olympic Games with Martins Plavins in 2008 (Beijing) and finished 9th with Ruslans Sorokins in 2012 (London).
- Janis won the bronze medal in the Olympic Games with Martins Plavins in 2012 (London).
- Aleksandrs and Janis finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Aleksandrs finished 37th in the FIVB World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2007 (Gstaad), and finished 9th in 2009 (Stavanger) and 17th in 2011 (Rome), both with Ruslans Sorokins.
- Janis finished 4th in the FIVB World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2011 (Rome).
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 23rd on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team gold medal list with three.
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 257th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 14.
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 76th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$201,800.
- Aleksandrs (3) ranks 37th and Janis (4) ranks 36th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual gold medals.
- Aleksandrs (101) ranks 61st and Janis (65) ranks 142nd in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Aleksandrs (\$301,050) ranks 53rd and Janis (\$225,050) ranks 75th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Aleksandrs won the gold medal at the U21 World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2005 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).
- Janis won the bronze medal at the U18 World Championships with Ingars Ivanovs in 2004 (Termoli, Italy).
- Aleksandrs and Janis were the FIVB World Tour Points Champions and were named the FIVB World Tour Team of the Year in 2013.
- Janis was named the FIVB World Tour Best Hitter in 2013, Best Offensive Player in 2013, Best Setter in 2013, and Sportsperson in 2013

## Series tied 1-1

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
4/24/2014	Fuzhou Open	Pool E	Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Janis Smedins	21-17, 21-16	0:37
10/23/2013	Xiamen Grand Slam	Pool D	Jon Stiekema/Christiaan Varenhorst	21-15, 19-21, 15-12	0:49

Daniele Lupo



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	May 6, 1991 (22 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rome
Resides:	Rome
Height:	195 cm (6'5")
Weight:	80 kg (178 lbs.)
Seasons:	7
Tournaments:	37
Best Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$129,700

Paolo Nicolai



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 6, 1988 (25 yrs old)
Home Town:	Ortona
Resides:	Ortona
Height:	203 cm (6'8")
Weight:	95 kg (211 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	57
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Best WT Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$175,625

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	Money
FIVB	29	0	2	4	1	2	2	11	0	3	2	1	US\$254,600.00

Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Paolo Nicolai - 2nd	Daniele Lupo - 2nd

Fuzhou Matches

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- Daniele is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two silver and four bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Paolo is playing in his 8th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two silver and four bronze medals and one 4th place finish.
- Daniele's and Paolo's last Final Four was a Bronze in Xiamen 2013. They had four Final Four finishes in 2013, including a silver medal in Fuzhou.
- Daniele and Paolo finished 5th in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Daniele and Paolo finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Daniele finished 33rd in the FIVB World Championships with Andrea Tomatis in 2011 (Rome).
- Paolo finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2009 (Stavanger) and 9th in 2011 (Rome), both with Matteo Martino.
- Daniele and Paolo rank 115th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team tournament list with 29.
- Daniele and Paolo rank 59th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$254,600.
- Daniele (33) ranks 274th and Paolo (53) ranks 174th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Daniele (\$129,700) ranks 115th and Paolo (\$175,625) ranks 95th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Paolo won the silver medal at the U19 World Championships with Francesco Giontella in 2006 (Bermuda, Bermuda).
- Paolo won gold medals at the U21 World Championships with Francesco Giontella in 2007 (Modena, Italy) and in 2008 (Brighton, Great Britain).
- Paolo was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2012.

## Alison Conte Cerutti



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### Personal Info

Birth Date:	December 7, 1985 (28 yrs old)
Home Town:	Vitória
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	203 cm (6'8")
Weight:	106 kg (235 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	75
Best Finish:	1st (14 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (11 times)
Career Winnings:	\$591,550

## Bruno Oscar Schmidt



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	October 6, 1986 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Brasília
Resides:	Vitória
Height:	185 cm (6'1")
Weight:	85 kg (189 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	77
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$306,275

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	US\$8,000.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Did not play	Pedro Salgado - 5th

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool F	Tri Bourne / John Hyden, United States (27, Q11)	Won 21-16, 21-18	0:39
Wed, 4/23/2014	Pool F	Lorenz Petutschnig / Tobias Winter, Austria (22, Q2)	Won 22-20, 21-16	0:39
Thu, 4/24/2014	Pool F	Alexandr Dyachenko / Alexey Sidorenko, Kazakhstan (11)	Won 14-21, 21-15, 15-10	0:44
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 2	Phil Dalhausser / Sean Rosenthal, United States (2)	Won 15-21, 21-17, 15-12	0:55
Fri, 4/25/2014	Winner 3	Alvaro Filho / Ricardo Santos, Brazil (1)	Won 21-14, 16-21, 17-15	0:54
Sat, 4/26/2014	Semi-Finals	Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins, Latvia (5)	Won 13-21, 23-21, 15-7	0:53
Sat, 4/26/2014	Gold Medal	Daniele Lupo / Paolo Nicolai, Italy (7)		

- Alison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt are playing in their 1st FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour/Open tournament together.
- Alison is playing in his 37th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with 11 gold, 11 silver, 10 bronze medals and four 4th place finishes.
- Bruno Oscar is playing in his 14th FIVB World Tour/Open final four with two gold, four silver, three bronze medals and four 4th place finishes.
- Alison won the silver medal in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London) with Emanuel Rego.
- Alison won the silver medal in the FIVB World Championships with Harley Marques in 2009 (Stavanger) and won the gold medal in 2011 (Rome) and finished 4th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki), both with Emanuel Rego.
- Bruno Oscar finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Joao Maciel in 2009 (Stavanger), finished 9th with Benjamin Insfran in 2011 (Rome), and 5th with Pedro Salgado in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Alison and Bruno Oscar rank 478th on the all-time FIVB World Tour/Open team winnings list with \$8,000.
- Alison (11) ranks 12th and Bruno Oscar (2) ranks 46th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual gold medals.
- Alison (71) ranks 124th and Bruno Oscar (70) ranks 129th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual tournaments.
- Alison (\$583,200) ranks 20th and Bruno Oscar (\$300,775) ranks 54th in all-time FIVB World Tour/Open individual earnings.
- Alison was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2009, Best Blocker in 2011, Best Hitter in 2011 and 2012, Best Offensive Player in 2011, and he and Emanuel were the FIVB World Tour Champions and were named Team of the Year in 2011.
- Bruno Oscar was named the FIVB World Tour Best Defensive Player in 2013 and Most Improved Player in 2010.

Teams have not played each other in an FIVB event