

Semi Finals - April Ross/Kerri Walsh Jennings, United States vs. Natalia Dubovcova/Dominika Nestarcova, Slovak Republic

**April Ross**

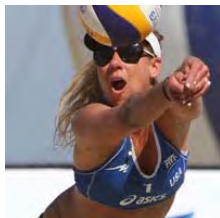


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**Personal Info**

**Birth Date:** June 20, 1982 (32 yrs old)  
**Home Town:** Newport Beach, CA  
**Resides:** Costa Mesa, CA  
**Height:** 185 cm (6'1")  
**Weight:** 76 kg (169 lbs.)  
**Seasons:** 9  
**Tournaments:** 91  
**Best Finish:** 1st (14 times)  
**Career Winnings:** \$719,225

**Kerri Walsh Jennings**



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**Personal Info**

**Birth Date:** August 15, 1978 (35 yrs old)  
**Home Town:** San Jose, CA  
**Resides:** Manhattan Beach, CA  
**Height:** 188 cm (6'2")  
**Weight:** 70 kg (155 lbs.)  
**Seasons:** 13  
**Tournaments:** 94  
**Best Finish:** 1st (48 times)  
**Career Winnings:** \$1,167,670

**Team Career Summary**

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	8	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	US\$197,500.00

**Previous Stavanger Results**

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2002	Did not play	Misty May-Treanor - 4th
2003	Did not play	Misty May-Treanor - 2nd
2004	Did not play	Rachel Scott - 3rd
2007	Jennifer Kessy - 1st	Misty May-Treanor - 3rd
2008	Jennifer Kessy - 3rd	Misty May-Treanor - 1st
2009	Jennifer Kessy - 1st	Did not play
2010	Jennifer Kessy - 9th	Did not play
2011	Jennifer Kessy - 1st	Misty May-Treanor - 5th

**Stavanger Matches**

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool A	Irmelin Sannarnes / Ane Tveit Hjortland, Norway (32)	Won 21-17, 21-9	0:29
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool A	Xinyi Xia / Chen Xue, China (17)	Won By Forfeit	
Thu, 6/26/2014	Pool A	Marta Menegatti / Viktoria Orsi Toth, Italy (16)	Won 21-14, 21-16	0:32
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 2	Tanja Goricanec / Tanja Huberli, Switzerland (30, Q15)	Won 21-16, 19-21, 15-10	0:44
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 3	Emily Day / Summer Ross, United States (13)	Won 21-16, 21-14	0:32
Fri, 6/27/2014	Semi-Finals	Natalia Dubovcova / Dominika Nestarcova, Slovak Republic (19)		

- April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings have been playing together since the end of 2013. They are playing in their 8th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- April is playing in her 41st FIVB World Tour final four with 14 gold, 12 silver, nine bronze medals and five 4th place finishes.
- Kerri is playing in her 74th FIVB World Tour final four with 48 gold, 15 silver, seven bronze medals and three 4th place finishes.
- This is April's and Kerri's 3rd Final Four of 2014 (Gold Fuzhou Open, Gold Moscow Grand Slam).
- April won the silver medal with Jennifer Kessy at the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Kerri is a three-time defending Olympic games gold medalist, winning with Misty May-Treanor in 2004 (Athens), 2008 (Beijing), and 2012 (London).
- April finished 37th in the FIVB World Championships in 2007 (Gstaad), won gold in 2009 (Stavanger), and finished 5th in 2011 (Rome), all with Jennifer Kessy and finished 5th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) with Whitnev Pavlik.
- Kerri finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2001 (Klagenfurt), won gold in 2003 (Rio de Janeiro), 2005 (Berlin), and 2007 (Gstaad), and won the silver medal in 2011 (Rome), all with Misty May-Treanor.
- April played in the Olympic Games, with Jennifer Kessy in 2012 (London) silver.
- April and Kerri are currently ranked 3rd in FIVB World Tour points in 2014 with 2,820 points and 1st in winnings with \$126,000. They have two wins in 2014 (Fuzhou Open, Moscow Grand Slam).
- April and Kerri rank 14th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with four.
- April and Kerri rank 361st on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with eight.
- April and Kerri rank 66th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$197,500.
- April (14) ranks 12th and Kerri (48) ranks 1st in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- April (90) ranks 63rd and Kerri (94) ranks 52nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- April (\$718,675) ranks 11th and Kerri (\$1,167,670) ranks 5th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.

- Kerri was named the FIVB World Tour Best Blocker in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2012, Best Hitter in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2012, Best Offensive Player in 2007, Most Inspirational in 2011 and 2012, Most Outstanding in 2007, 2012, and 2013, Sportsperson in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2012, and was the FIVB World Tour Points Champion in 2002 with Misty May-Treanor.
- April was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2007, Best Hitter in 2009 and 2011, Best Offensive Player in 2009, and Best Server in 2011 and 2012.

#### Natalia Dubovcova



Photo:FIVB

#### Personal Info

Birth Date:	July 5, 1990 (23 yrs old)
Home Town:	Bratislava
Resides:	Bratislava
Height:	188 cm (6'2")
Weight:	73 kg (162 lbs.)
Seasons:	8
Tournaments:	42
Best Finish:	5th (3 times)
Career Winnings:	\$70,025

#### Dominika Nestarcova



Photo:FIVB

#### Personal Info

Birth Date:	December 12, 1984 (29 yrs old)
Home Town:	Bratislava
Resides:	Bratislava
Height:	178 cm (5'10")
Weight:	63 kg (140 lbs.)
Seasons:	6
Tournaments:	38
Best Finish:	5th (3 times)
Career Winnings:	\$70,025

#### Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	41	Money
FIVB	38	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	11	2	7	11	US\$140,050.00

#### Previous Stavanger Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2011	Dominika Nestarcova - 33rd	Natalia Dubovcova - 33rd

#### Stavanger Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool C	Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Sweat, United States (14)	Won 21-18, 15-21, 15-11	0:49
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool C	Karla Borger / Britta Buthe, Germany (3)	Lost 19-21, 18-21	0:36
Thu, 6/26/2014	Pool C	Tanja Goricanec / Tanja Huberli, Switzerland (30, Q15)	Won 21-17, 21-17	0:33
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 2	Isabelle Forrer / Anouk Verge-Depre, Switzerland (21)	Won 15-21, 21-11, 16-14	0:46
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 3	Fan Wang / Yuan Yue, China (15)	Won 21-14, 21-15	0:35
Fri, 6/27/2014	Semi-Finals	April Ross / Kerri Walsh Jennings, United States (1)		

- Natalia Dubovcova and Dominika Nestarcova have been playing together since 2009. They are playing in their 38th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Natalia is playing in her 1st FIVB World Tour final four.
- Dominika is playing in her 1st FIVB World Tour final four.
- Natalia and Dominika finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Natalia and Dominika are currently ranked 19th in FIVB World Tour points in 2014 with 1,400 points and 12th in winnings with \$49,000.
- Natalia and Dominika rank 68th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 38.
- Natalia and Dominika rank 89th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$140,050.
- Natalia (38) ranks 215th and Dominika (38) ranks 215th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Natalia (\$70,025) ranks 173rd and Dominika (\$70,025) ranks 173rd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.

#### April Ross/Kerri Walsh Jennings lead the series 1-0

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
6/20/2014	Berlin Grand Slam	Winner 2	April Ross/Kerri Walsh Jennings	21-17, 21-13	0:31

Madelein Meppelink



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	November 29, 1989 (24 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rhenen
Resides:	The Hague
Height:	184 cm (6'0")
Weight:	75 kg (167 lbs.)
Seasons:	8
Tournaments:	56
Best Finish:	1st (Corrientes 2013)
Career Winnings:	\$173,850

Marleen Van Iersel



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	January 7, 1988 (26 yrs old)
Home Town:	Breda
Resides:	Amsterdam
Height:	178 cm (5'10")
Weight:	70 kg (155 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	91
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$326,650

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	US\$86,000.00

Previous Stavanger Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2008	Did not play	Marloes Wesselink - 41st
2009	Did not play	Sanne Keizer - 5th
2010	Marloes Wesselink - 5th	Sanne Keizer - 5th
2011	Marloes Wesselink - 25th	Sanne Keizer - 4th

Stavanger Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool F	Heather Bansley / Sarah Pavan, Canada (22)	Won 21-13, 21-15	0:31
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool F	Jennifer Fopma / Whitney Pavlik, United States (27, Q6)	Won 21-11, 21-14	0:30
Thu, 6/26/2014	Pool F	Katrin Holtwick / Ilka Semmler, Germany (6)	Lost 19-21, 16-21	0:40
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 1	Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst, Germany (2)	Won 19-21, 21-16, 15-6	0:47
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 2	Carolina Salgado / Maria Clara Salgado, Brazil (8)	Won 21-12, 16-21, 15-9	0:42
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 3	Agatha Bednarczuk / Barbara Seixas, Brazil (4)	Won 21-13, 21-23, 15-12	0:53
Fri, 6/27/2014	Semi-Finals	Elsa Baquerizo / Liliana Fernandez, Spain (5)		

- Madelein Meppelink and Marleen Van Iersel are a new team in 2014. They are playing in their 5th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Madelein is playing in her 6th FIVB World Tour final four with one gold, one silver, one bronze medal and two 4th place finishes.
- Marleen is playing in her 14th FIVB World Tour final four with two gold, one silver, four bronze medals and six 4th place finishes.
- This is Madelein's and Marleen's 2nd Final Four of 2014 (Bronze Moscow Grand Slam).
- Madelein finished 9th in the Olympic Games with Sophie van Gestel in 2012 (London).
- Marleen finished 9th in the Olympic Games with Sanne Keizer in 2012 (London).
- Madelein finished 37th in the FIVB World Championships with Marloes Wesselink in 2011 (Rome) and 17th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) with Sophie van Gestel.
- Marleen finished 5th in the FIVB World Championships in 2009 (Stavanger), 9th in 2011 (Rome), and 9th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki), all with Sanne Keizer.
- Madelein and Marleen are currently ranked 7th in FIVB World Tour points in 2014 with 2,280 points and 7th in winnings with \$86,000.
- Madelein and Marleen rank 512th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with five.
- Madelein and Marleen rank 131st on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$86,000.
- Madelein (1) ranks 48th and Marleen (2) ranks 32nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Madelein (51) ranks 168th and Marleen (80) ranks 82nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Madelein (\$172,850) ranks 88th and Marleen (\$323,900) ranks 38th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Madelein and Marleen won the gold medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2014 (Cagliari, Italy).
- Marleen won the gold medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final with Sanne Keizer in 2012 (The Hague, Netherlands).
- Marleen won the gold medal at the U21 World Championships with Danielle Remmers in 2008 (Brighton, England).
- Marleen bronze medals at the U21 World Championships with Marloes Wesselink in 2006 (Myslowice, Poland) and in 2007 (Modena, Italy).
- Marleen won the silver medal at the U19 World Championships with Danielle Remmers in 2006 (Bermuda, Bermuda).
- Marleen was named the FIVB World Tour Best Server in 2010 and Most Improved Player in 2009.

## Elsa Baquerizo McMillan



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### Personal Info

Birth Date:	June 25, 1987 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	New York, NY
Resides:	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Height:	182 cm (6'0")
Weight:	68 kg (151 lbs.)
Seasons:	8
Tournaments:	69
Best Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$210,175

## Liliana Fernández Steiner



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	January 4, 1987 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Alicante
Resides:	Alicante
Height:	178 cm (5'10")
Weight:	74 kg (164 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	73
Best Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$211,275

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	41	57	Money
FIVB	67	0	2	1	2	9	1	13	3	14	10	7	3	1	US\$420,350.00
FIVB Jr/Youth	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	US\$0.00
Overall	68	0	2	1	3	9	1	13	3	14	10	7	3	1	US\$420,350.00

## Previous Stavanger Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2010	Liliana Fernandez - 33rd	Elsa Baquerizo - 33rd
2011	Liliana Fernandez - 25th	Elsa Baquerizo - 25th

## Stavanger Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool E	Henriette Iatika / Elwin Miller, Vanuatu (28, Q8)	Won 18-21, 21-14, 15-13	0:46
Wed, 6/25/2014	Pool E	Isabelle Forrer / Anouk Verge-Depre, Switzerland (21)	Won 21-19, 24-22	0:38
Thu, 6/26/2014	Pool E	Louise Bawden / Taliqua Clancy, Australia (12)	Won 21-17, 21-13	0:32
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 2	Ana Gallay / Georgina Klug, Argentina (23, Q1)	Won 21-23, 22-20, 15-13	0:54
Fri, 6/27/2014	Winner 3	Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Sweat, United States (14)	Won 21-19, 21-18	0:34
Fri, 6/27/2014	Semi-Finals	Madelein Meppelink / Marleen Van Iersel, Netherlands (11)		

- Elsa Baquerizo and Liliana Fernandez have been playing together since 2008. They are playing in their 67th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Elsa is playing in her 6th FIVB World Tour final four with two silver medals, one bronze medal, and two 4th place finishes.
- Liliana is playing in her 6th FIVB World Tour final four with two silver medals, one bronze medal, and two 4th place finishes.
- This is Elsa's and Liliana's 2nd Final Four of 2014 (4th Moscow Grand Slam).
- Elsa and Liliana finished 9th in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Elsa and Liliana finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2011 (Rome) and 9th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Elsa and Liliana are currently ranked 10th in FIVB World Tour points in 2014 with 1,960 points and 8th in winnings with \$76,000.
- Elsa and Liliana rank 23rd on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 67.
- Elsa and Liliana rank 22nd on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$420,350.
- Elsa (67) ranks 105th and Liliana (68) ranks 103rd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Elsa (\$210,175) ranks 67th and Liliana (\$211,175) ranks 66th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Elsa and Liliana won the bronze medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2012 (The Hague, Netherlands)
- Elsa and Liliana won the silver medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2013 (Klagenfurt, Austria).
- Elsa and Liliana won the silver medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Baden Masters in 2014 (Baden, Austria).

## Madelein Meppelink/Marleen Van Iersel lead the series 1-0

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
6/15/2014	Moscow Grand Slam	Bronze Medal	Madelein Meppelink/Marleen Van Iersel	21-19, 18-21, 15-12	0:52