

Semi Finals - Laura Ludwig/Kira Walkenhorst, Germany vs. April Ross/Jennifer Fopma, United States

Laura Ludwig



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	January 13, 1986 (29 yrs old)
Home Town:	Berlin
Resides:	Kiel
Height:	181 cm (5'11")
Weight:	70 kg (155 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	118
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (Shanghai 2014)
Career Winnings:	\$591,800

Kira Walkenhorst



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	November 18, 1990 (24 yrs old)
Home Town:	Essen
Resides:	Hamburg
Height:	184 cm (6'0")
Weight:	75 kg (167 lbs.)
Seasons:	5
Tournaments:	30
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (Shanghai 2014)
Career Winnings:	\$166,200

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	22	1	2	2	2	5	0	4	0	4	1	US\$302,900.00

Previous Results Neither player has played in this venue before

Yokohama Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 7/22/2015	Pool F	Emily Day / Jennifer Kessy, United States (22)	Won 21-17, 21-11	0:34
Thu, 7/23/2015	Pool F	Taru Lahti / Riikka Lehtonen, Finland (27, Q6)	Won 21-10, 21-17	0:32
Fri, 7/24/2015	Pool F	Heather Bansley / Sarah Pavan, Canada (6)	Lost 21-18, 16-21, 8-15	0:48
Fri, 7/24/2015	Winner 1	Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude, Germany (17)	Won 21-13, 21-16	0:31
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 2	Louise Bawden / Taliqua Clancy, Australia (9)	Won 22-20, 18-21, 17-15	1:00
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca, Brazil (1)	Won 21-18, 21-18	0:37
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Jennifer Fopma / April Ross, United States (16)		

- Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 22nd FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Laura is playing in her 24th FIVB World Tour final four with one gold, 10 silver, seven bronze medals and five 4th place finishes.
- Kira is playing in her 8th FIVB World Tour final four with one gold, two silver, two bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- This is Laura's and Kira's 2nd Final Four of 2015 (4th Stavanger Major Series).
- Laura finished 9th in the Olympic Games in 2008 (Beijing) and 5th in 2012 (London), both with Sara Goller Niedrig.
- Laura and Kira finished 5th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) and 5th in 2015 (The Hague).
- Laura finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2005 (Berlin), 17th in 2007 (Gstaad), 9th in 2009 (Stavanger), and 9th in 2011 (Rome), all with Sara Goller Niedrig.
- Laura and Kira are currently ranked 10th in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 2,960 points and 8th in winnings with \$103,000.
- Laura and Kira have a career 79-42 (65.3%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 20-16 (55.6%) record in 2015, an all-time record of 5-1 in Yokohama.
- Laura and Kira rank 40th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with one, 148th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 22, and 49th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$295,900.
- Laura (1) and Kira (1) each ranks 52nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Laura (115) ranks 26th and Kira (28) ranks 302nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Laura (\$587,450) ranks 18th and Kira (\$157,500) ranks 107th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Laura and Kira won bronze medals at the 2013 CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2013 (Klagenfurt, Austria) and 2014 (Cagliari, Italy).
- Laura won gold medals at the European Championship Final with Sara Goller Niedrig in 2008 (Hamburg, Germany) and 2010 (Berlin, Germany).
- Laura won the gold medal at the U18 World Championships with Jana Kohler in 2003 (Pattaya, Thailand).
- Laura was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2007, Best Offensive Player in 2011, Best Defensive Player in 2013, and Most Inspirational in 2013.
- Kira was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2013 and Top Rookie in 2013.

April Ross



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	June 20, 1982 (33 yrs old)
Home Town:	Newport Beach, CA
Resides:	Costa Mesa, CA
Height:	185 cm (6'1")
Weight:	76 kg (169 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	102
Best Finish:	1st (16 times)
Career Winnings:	\$835,225

Jennifer Fopma



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	October 30, 1981 (33 yrs old)
Home Town:	Bellflower, CA
Resides:	Bellflower, CA
Height:	190 cm (6'3")
Weight:	75 kg (167 lbs.)
Seasons:	6
Tournaments:	33
Best Finish:	3rd (Berlin 2013)
Career Winnings:	\$74,163

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	US\$28,000.00

Previous Results Neither player has played in this venue before

Yokohama Matches

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Wed, 7/22/2015	Pool A	Chantal Laboureur / Julia Sude, Germany (17)	Won 21-18, 21-17	0:38
Thu, 7/23/2015	Pool A	Akiko Hasegawa / Yui Nagata, Japan (32)	Won 21-12, 21-16	0:32
Fri, 7/24/2015	Pool A	Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca, Brazil (1)	Lost 17-21, 18-21	0:38
Fri, 7/24/2015	Winner 1	Emily Day / Jennifer Kessy, United States (22)	Won 21-19, 21-17	0:38
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 2	Joana Heidrich / Nadine Zumkehr, Switzerland (26)	Won 17-21, 21-15, 15-13	0:54
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Sweat, United States (20)	Won 21-16, 21-18	0:43
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst, Germany (11)		

- April Ross and Jennifer Fopma are playing together for the first time in 2015. Jennifer is playing for the injured Kerri Walsh Jennings. They also played one FIVB World Tour event together in Phuket Thailand in 2013, finishing 9th.
- April is playing in her 45th FIVB World Tour final four with 16 gold, 12 silver, 10 bronze medals and six 4th place finishes.
- Jennifer is playing in her 2nd FIVB World Tour final four with one bronze medal.
- April won the silver medal with Jennifer Kessy at the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- April and Kerri Walsh Jennings finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2015 (The Hague).
- 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 Whitney Pavlik.
- Jennifer finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Brooke Sweat in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) 17th.
- April and Jennifer are currently ranked 49th in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 560 points and 34th in winnings with \$24,000.
- April and Jennifer have a career 8-2 match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 5-1 record in 2015, an all-time record of 5-1 in Yokohama.
- April (16) ranks 11th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- April (101) ranks 45th and Jennifer (32) ranks 275th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- April (\$831,175) ranks 8th and Jennifer (\$69,912) ranks 195th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Jennifer won the gold medal at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Dominican Republic with Brooke Sweat in 2013 (Boca Chica, Dominican Republic).
- 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.

Teams have not played each other in an FIVB event

Heather Bansley



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date: September 13, 1987 (27 yrs old)
 Home Town: Port Severn
 Resides: Toronto
 Height: 170 cm (5'7")
 Weight: 64 kg (142 lbs.)
 Seasons: 9
 Tournaments: 61
 Best Finish: 2nd (2 times)
 Career Winnings: \$185,000

Sarah Pavan



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date: August 16, 1986 (28 yrs old)
 Home Town: Kitchener, ON
 Resides: Kitchener, ON
 Height: 196 cm (6'5")
 Weight: 75 kg (167 lbs.)
 Seasons: 3
 Tournaments: 27
 Best Finish: 2nd (2 times)
 Career Winnings: \$139,225

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	41	Money
FIVB	27	0	2	1	0	7	0	2	0	8	4	1	1	US\$278,450.00

Previous Results Neither player has played in this venue before

Yokohama Matches

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Wed, 7/22/2015	Pool F	Taru Lahti / Riikka Lehtonen, Finland (27, Q6)	Won 21-18, 21-15	0:38
Thu, 7/23/2015	Pool F	Emily Day / Jennifer Kessy, United States (22)	Won 21-9, 21-12	0:31
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Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 2	Jamie Broder / Kristina Valjas, Canada (18)	Won 22-20, 21-14	0:43
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Fernanda Alves / Taiana Lima, Brazil (4, Q1)	Won 15-21, 21-15, 15-10	0:50
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Agatha Bednarczuk / Barbara Seixas, Brazil (2)		

- Heather Bansley and Sarah Pavan have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 27th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Heather is playing in her 4th FIVB World Tour final four with two silver medals and one bronze medal.
- Sarah is playing in her 4th FIVB World Tour final four with two silver medals and one bronze medal.
- This is Heather's and Sarah's 4th Final Four of 2015 (Silver Prague Open, Silver Porec Major Series, Bronze Gstaad Major Series).
- Heather and Sarah finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) and 5th in 2015 (The Hague).
- Heather finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Elizabeth Maloney in 2011 (Rome).
- Heather and Sarah are currently ranked 2nd in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 4,150 points and 4th in winnings with \$156,375.
- Heather and Sarah have a career 72-54 (57.1%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 36-14 (72.0%) record in 2015, an all-time record of 5-0 in Yokohama.
- Heather and Sarah rank 113th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 27 and 56th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$278,450.
- Heather (57) ranks 148th and Sarah (27) ranks 316th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Heather (\$184,375) ranks 87th and Sarah (\$139,225) ranks 123rd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Heather won gold medals at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Guatemala in 2011 (Guatemala City, Guatemala) and Puerto Rico in 2010 (Boqueron, Puerto Rico), both with Elizabeth Maloney.
- Heather won the silver medal at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Puerto Vallarta with Elizabeth Maloney in 2010 (Puerto Vallarta, Mexico).
- Heather won bronze medals at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Chiapas in 2010 (Chiapas, Mexico) and Cayman Islands in 2011 (Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands), both with Elizabeth Maloney.

Ágatha Bednarczuk



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	June 22, 1983 (32 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rio de Janeiro
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	182 cm (6'0")
Weight:	70 kg (155 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	84
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$381,300

Bárbara Seixas De Freitas



Photo:FIVB

Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 3, 1987 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rio de Janeiro
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	178 cm (5'10")
Weight:	67 kg (149 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	49
Best Finish:	1st (7 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$322,500

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	41	CQ	Money
FIVB	29	4	2	3	0	8	0	5	0	0	2	1	3	US\$517,200.00

Previous Results Neither player has played in this venue before

Yokohama Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 7/22/2015	Pool B	Ayumi Kusano / Shinako Tanaka, Japan (31)	Won 21-13, 21-8	0:29
Thu, 7/23/2015	Pool B	Jamie Broder / Kristina Valjas, Canada (18)	Won 19-21, 21-11, 15-10	0:51
Fri, 7/24/2015	Pool B	Katrin Holtwick / Ilka Semmler, Germany (15, Q3)	Won 21-19, 21-15	0:41
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 2	Sayaka Mizoe / Takemi Nishibori, Japan (8)	Won 21-12, 21-12	0:35
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Madelein Meppelink / Marleen Van Iersel, Netherlands (5)	Won 16-21, 21-19, 15-9	0:58
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Heather Bansley / Sarah Pavan, Canada (6)		

- Agatha Bednarczuk and Barbara Seixas have been playing together since 2012 but played with different partners in 2013. They are playing in their 29th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Agatha is playing in her 15th FIVB World Tour final four with four gold, four silver, four bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- Barbara is playing in her 13th FIVB World Tour final four with four gold, three silver and five bronze medals.
- This is Agatha's and Barbara's 5th Final Four of 2015 (Gold Prague Open, Silver Stavanger Major Series, Gold St. Petersburg Grand Slam, Gold The Hague World Championships).
- Agatha and Barbara won the gold medal in the FIVB World Championships in 2015 (The Hague).
- Agatha finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Sandra Pires in 2005 (Berlin) and 17th with Maria Antonelli in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Barbara won the bronze medal in the FIVB World Championships with Liliane Maestrini in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Agatha and Barbara are currently ranked 1st in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 4,900 points and 1st in winnings with \$240,000. They have three wins in 2015 (Prague Open, St. Petersburg Grand Slam, The Hague World Championships).
- Agatha and Barbara have a career 117-37 (76.0%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 43-5 (89.6%) record in 2015, an all-time record of 5-0 in Yokohama.
- Agatha and Barbara rank 16th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with four, 96th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 29, and 18th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$510,200.
- Agatha (4) and Barbara (4) each ranks 27th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Agatha (84) ranks 79th and Barbara (43) ranks 212th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Agatha (\$377,800) ranks 35th and Barbara (\$319,000) ranks 44th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Barbara won silver medals at the U18 World Championships with Carolina Salgado in 2003 (Pattaya, Thailand) and 2004 (Termoli, Italy).
- Barbara won the gold medal at the U19 World Championships with Carolina Aragao in 2005 (Saint Quay Portrieux, France).
- Barbara won gold medals at the U21 World Championships with Carolina Aragao in 2006 (Myslowice, Poland) and with Liliane Maestrini in 2007 (Modena, Italy).
- Barbara was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2012.

Agatha Bednarczuk/Barbara Seixas lead the series 2-1

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
6/12/2015	Stavanger Major Series	Winner 3	Agatha Bednarczuk/Barbara Seixas	21-19, 21-15	0:37
5/24/2015	Prague Open	Gold Medal	Agatha Bednarczuk/Barbara Seixas	21-12, 21-18	0:37
9/25/2014	São Paulo Grand Slam	Pool E	Heather Bansley/Sarah Pavan	22-20, 22-20	0:41

April Ross



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Personal Info

Birth Date: June 20, 1982 (33 yrs old)
 Home Town: Newport Beach, CA
 Resides: Costa Mesa, CA
 Height: 185 cm (6'1")
 Weight: 76 kg (169 lbs.)
 Seasons: 10
 Tournaments: 102
 Best Finish: 1st (16 times)
 Career Winnings: \$835,225

Jennifer Fopma



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Personal Info

Birth Date: October 30, 1981 (33 yrs old)
 Home Town: Bellflower, CA
 Resides: Bellflower, CA
 Height: 190 cm (6'3")
 Weight: 75 kg (167 lbs.)
 Seasons: 6
 Tournaments: 33
 Best Finish: 3rd (Berlin 2013)
 Career Winnings: \$74,163

Team Career Summary

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- April (16) ranks 11th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- April (101) ranks 45th and Jennifer (32) ranks 275th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- April (\$834,675) ranks 8th and Jennifer (\$73,412) ranks 186th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Jennifer won the gold medal at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Dominican Republic with Brooke Sweat in 2013 (Boca Chica, Dominican Republic).
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Heather Bansley

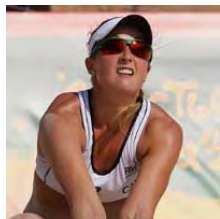


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Personal Info

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Home Town:	Port Severn
Resides:	Toronto
Height:	170 cm (5'7")
Weight:	64 kg (142 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	61
Best Finish:	2nd (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$185,000

Sarah Pavan



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 16, 1986 (28 yrs old)
Home Town:	Kitchener, ON
Resides:	Kitchener, ON
Height:	196 cm (6'5")
Weight:	75 kg (167 lbs.)
Seasons:	3
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Laura Ludwig



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Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
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Career Winnings:	\$601,300

Kira Walkenhorst



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Personal Info

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Resides:	Hamburg
Height:	184 cm (6'0")
Weight:	75 kg (167 lbs.)
Seasons:	5
Tournaments:	30
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
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Career Winnings:	\$175,700

Team Career Summary

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Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Talita Antunes / Larissa Franca, Brazil (1)	Won 21-18, 21-18	0:37
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Jennifer Fopma / April Ross, United States (16)	Won 21-19, 17-21, 23-21	1:06
Sat, 7/25/2015	Gold Medal	Agatha Bednarczuk / Barbara Seixas, Brazil (2)		

- Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 22nd FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Laura is playing in her 24th FIVB World Tour final four with one gold, 10 silver, seven bronze medals and five 4th place finishes.
- Kira is playing in her 8th FIVB World Tour final four with one gold, two silver, two bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- This is Laura's and Kira's 2nd Final Four of 2015 (4th Stavanger Major Series).
- Laura finished 9th in the Olympic Games in 2008 (Beijing) and 5th in 2012 (London), both with Sara Goller Niedrig.
- Laura and Kira finished 5th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) and 5th in 2015 (The Hague).
- Laura finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2005 (Berlin), 17th in 2007 (Gstaad), 9th in 2009 (Stavanger), and 9th in 2011 (Rome), all with Sara Goller Niedrig.
- Laura and Kira are currently ranked 8th in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 3,120 points and 6th in winnings with \$122,000.
- Laura and Kira have a career 80-42 (65.6%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 21-16 (56.8%) record in 2015, an all-time record of 6-1 in Yokohama.
- Laura and Kira rank 40th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with one, 148th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 22, and 43rd on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$321,900.
- Laura (1) and Kira (1) each ranks 52nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Laura (115) ranks 26th and Kira (28) ranks 302nd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Laura (\$600,450) ranks 18th and Kira (\$170,500) ranks 100th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Laura and Kira won bronze medals at the 2013 CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2013 (Klagenfurt, Austria) and 2014 (Cagliari, Italy).
- Laura won gold medals at the European Championship Final with Sara Goller Niedrig in 2008 (Hamburg, Germany) and 2010 (Berlin, Germany).
- Laura won the gold medal at the U18 World Championships with Jana Kohler in 2003 (Pattaya, Thailand).
- Laura was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2007, Best Offensive Player in 2011, Best Defensive Player in 2013, and Most Inspirational in 2013.
- Kira was named the FIVB World Tour Most Improved Player in 2013 and Top Rookie in 2013.

Ágatha Bednarczuk



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	June 22, 1983 (32 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rio de Janeiro
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	182 cm (6'0")
Weight:	70 kg (155 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	84
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$390,800

Bárbara Seixas De Freitas



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 3, 1987 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rio de Janeiro
Resides:	Rio de Janeiro
Height:	178 cm (5'10")
Weight:	67 kg (149 lbs.)
Seasons:	10
Tournaments:	49
Best Finish:	1st (7 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$332,000

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	41	CQ	Money
FIVB	29	4	2	3	0	8	0	5	0	0	2	1	3	US\$536,200.00

Previous Results Neither player has played in this venue before

Yokohama Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 7/22/2015	Pool B	Ayumi Kusano / Shinako Tanaka, Japan (31)	Won 21-13, 21-8	0:29
Thu, 7/23/2015	Pool B	Jamie Broder / Kristina Valjas, Canada (18)	Won 19-21, 21-11, 15-10	0:51
Fri, 7/24/2015	Pool B	Katrin Holtwick / Ilka Semmler, Germany (15, Q3)	Won 21-19, 21-15	0:41
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 2	Sayaka Mizoe / Takemi Nishibori, Japan (8)	Won 21-12, 21-12	0:35
Sat, 7/25/2015	Winner 3	Madelein Meppelink / Marleen Van Iersel, Netherlands (5)	Won 16-21, 21-19, 15-9	0:58
Sat, 7/25/2015	Semi-Finals	Heather Bansley / Sarah Pavan, Canada (6)	Won 25-23, 19-21, 15-12	
Sat, 7/25/2015	Gold Medal	Laura Ludwig / Kira Walkenhorst, Germany (11)		

- Agatha Bednarczuk and Barbara Seixas have been playing together since 2012 but played with different partners in 2013. They are playing in their 29th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Agatha is playing in her 15th FIVB World Tour final four with four gold, four silver, four bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- Barbara is playing in her 13th FIVB World Tour final four with four gold, three silver and five bronze medals.
- This is Agatha's and Barbara's 5th Final Four of 2015 (Gold Prague Open, Silver Stavanger Major Series, Gold St. Petersburg Grand Slam, Gold The Hague World Championships).
- Agatha and Barbara won the gold medal in the FIVB World Championships in 2015 (The Hague).
- Agatha finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Sandra Pires in 2005 (Berlin) and 17th with Maria Antonelli in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Barbara won the bronze medal in the FIVB World Championships with Liliane Maestrini in 2013 (Stare Jablonki).
- Agatha and Barbara are currently ranked 1st in FIVB World Tour points in 2015 with 5,060 points and 1st in winnings with \$259,000. They have three wins in 2015 (Prague Open, St. Petersburg Grand Slam, The Hague World Championships).
- Agatha and Barbara have a career 118-37 (76.1%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 44-5 (89.8%) record in 2015, an all-time record of 6-0 in Yokohama.
- Agatha and Barbara rank 16th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with four, 96th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 29, and 17th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$536,200.
- Agatha (4) and Barbara (4) each ranks 27th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Agatha (84) ranks 79th and Barbara (43) ranks 212th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Agatha (\$390,800) ranks 32nd and Barbara (\$332,000) ranks 44th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Barbara won silver medals at the U18 World Championships with Carolina Salgado in 2003 (Pattaya, Thailand) and 2004 (Termoli, Italy).
- Barbara won the gold medal at the U19 World Championships with Carolina Aragao in 2005 (Saint Quay Portrieux, France).
- Barbara won gold medals at the U21 World Championships with Carolina Aragao in 2006 (Myslowice, Poland) and with Liliane Maestrini in 2007 (Modena, Italy).
- Barbara was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2012.

Agatha Bednarczuk/Barbara Seixas lead the series 1-0

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
6/13/2015	Stavanger Major Series	Semi Finals	Agatha Bednarczuk/Barbara Seixas	24-22, 21-16	0:43