

Semi Finals - Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo, Italy vs. Pablo Herrera/Adrian Gavira, Spain

Paolo Nicolai



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	August 6, 1988 (27 yrs old)
Home Town:	Ortona
Resides:	Ortona
Height:	203 cm (6'8")
Weight:	91 kg (202 lbs.)
Seasons:	11
Tournaments:	81
Best Finish:	1st (4 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$335,163

Daniele Lupo



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Personal Info

Birth Date:	May 6, 1991 (24 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rome
Resides:	Rome
Height:	195 cm (6'5")
Weight:	80 kg (178 lbs.)
Seasons:	9
Tournaments:	61
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$289,238

Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	33	Money
FIVB	53	2	4	5	2	6	2	19	0	8	3	1	US\$573,675.00

Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Daniele Lupo - 2nd	Paolo Nicolai - 2nd
2014	Daniele Lupo - 1st	Paolo Nicolai - 1st

Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool H	Dmitri Barsouk / Nikita Liamin, Russia (24, Q5)	Lost 23-25, 12-21	0:49
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool H	Morten Kvamsdal / Christian Sorum, Norway (25, Q8)	Won 23-21, 21-19	0:37
Thu, 4/21/2016	Pool H	Jian Li / Zhuoxin Li, China (8)	Won 21-16, 21-15	0:30
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 1	Daniel Bergerud / Svein Solhaug, Norway (29, Q15)	Won 21-12, 21-13	0:27
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 2	Viacheslav Krasilnikov / Konstantin Semenov, Russia (6)	Won 17-21, 21-17, 15-12	0:44
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 3	Josh Binstock / Sam Schachter, Canada (10)	Won 21-18, 21-16	0:32
Sat, 4/23/2016	Semi-Finals	Adrian Gavira / Pablo Herrera, Spain (5)		

- Paolo Nicolai and Daniele Lupo have been playing together since 2011. They are playing in their 53rd FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Paolo is playing in his 14th FIVB World Tour final four with two gold, four silver, five bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- Daniele is playing in his 14th FIVB World Tour final four with two gold, four silver, five bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- This is Paolo's and Daniele's 2nd Final Four of 2016 (Silver Vitória Open).
- Paolo and Daniele finished 5th in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Paolo and Daniele finished 9th in the FIVB World Championships in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) and 17th in 2015 (The Hague).
- Paolo finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships in 2009 (Stavanger) with Matteo Varnier and 9th in 2011 (Rome) with Matteo Martino.
- Daniele finished 33rd in the FIVB World Championships with Andrea Tomatis in 2011 (Rome).
- Paolo and Daniele are currently ranked 14th in FIVB World Tour points in 2016 with 1,520 points and 12th in winnings with \$24,075.
- Paolo and Daniele rank 31st on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with two, 47th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 53, and 26th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$573,675.
- Paolo and Daniele have a career 185-92 (66.8%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 19-7 (73.1%) record in 2016, and an all-time record of 17-3 (85.0%) in Fuzhou.
- Paolo (2) and Daniele (2) each ranks 50th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Paolo (77) ranks 125th and Daniele (57) ranks 187th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Paolo (\$335,162) ranks 55th and Daniele (\$289,237) ranks 63rd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Paolo and Daniele won the gold medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2014 (Cagliari, Italy).
- 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 and Best Offensive Player in 2014.

## Pablo Herrera Allepez



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### Personal Info

Birth Date:	June 29, 1982 (33 yrs old)
Home Town:	Castellon de la Plana
Resides:	Castellon de la Plana
Height:	193 cm (6'4")
Weight:	88 kg (195 lbs.)
Seasons:	16
Tournaments:	141
Best Finish:	1st (5 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (4 times)
Career Winnings:	\$621,575

## Adrián Gavira Collado



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### Personal Info

Birth Date:	September 17, 1987 (28 yrs old)
Home Town:	Rincón de la Victoria, Málaga
Resides:	Tenerife
Height:	193 cm (6'4")
Weight:	89 kg (198 lbs.)
Seasons:	12
Tournaments:	102
Best Finish:	1st (2 times)
Career Winnings:	\$471,875

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	75	2	4	7	5	20	3	18	0	11	4	US\$866,200.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Did not play	Christian Garcia - 17th
2014	Adrian Gavira - 9th	Pablo Herrera - 9th

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool E	Stefan Basta / Lazar Kolaric, Serbia (28, Q13)	Won 21-12, 21-18	0:29
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool E	Nico Beeler / Alexei Strasser, Switzerland (21)	Won 21-16, 18-21, 15-7	0:35
Thu, 4/21/2016	Pool E	Youssef Krou / Edouard Rowlandson, France (12)	Won 21-11, 21-14	0:29
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 2	Christoph Dressler / Thomas Kunert, Austria (22, Q1)	Won 21-17, 21-15	0:33
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 3	Tri Bourne / John Hyden, United States (3)	Won 23-21, 21-18	0:34
Sat, 4/23/2016	Semi-Finals	Daniele Lupo / Paolo Nicolai, Italy (9)		

- Pablo Herrera and Adrian Gavira have been playing together since 2009. They are playing in their 75th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Pablo is playing in his 24th FIVB World Tour final four with four gold, five silver, eight bronze medals and six 4th place finishes.
- Adrian is playing in his 20th FIVB World Tour final four with two gold, five silver, seven bronze medals and five 4th place finishes.
- This is Pablo's and Adrian's 2nd Final Four of 2016 (Gold Xiamen Open).
- The last time a men's team won back to back FIVB World Tour titles was Latvia's Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Janis Smedins at Rio de Janeiro and Sochi in September, 2015.
- Pablo and Adrian finished 9th in the Olympic Games in 2012 (London).
- Pablo won the silver medal in the Olympic Games with Javier Bosma in 2004 (Athens) and finished 9th with Raul Mesa in 2008 (Beijing).
- Pablo and Adrian finished 5th in the FIVB World Championships in 2009 (Stavanger), 5th in 2011 (Rome), 5th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki), and 17th in 2015 (The Hague).
- Pablo finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Javier Bosma in 2003 (Rio de Janeiro), 33rd in 2005 (Berlin), and 9th in 2007 (Gstaad), both with Raul Mesa.
- Pablo and Adrian are currently ranked 22nd in FIVB World Tour points in 2016 with 1,310 points and 15th in winnings with \$22,875. They have one win in 2016 (Xiamen Open).
- Pablo and Adrian rank 31st on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with two, 21st on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 75, and 7th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$866,200.
- Pablo and Adrian have a career 257-139 (64.9%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 15-5 (75.0%) record in 2016, and an all-time record of 8-2 (80.0%) in Fuzhou.
- Pablo (4) ranks 39th and Adrian (2) ranks 50th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Pablo (138) ranks 22nd and Adrian (95) ranks 80th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Pablo (\$620,025) ranks 20th and Adrian (\$468,875) ranks 34th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Pablo and Adrian won the gold medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2013 (Klagenfurt, Austria).
- Pablo won the gold medal at the European Championship Final with Raul Mesa in 2005 (Moscow, Russia).
- Pablo won the silver medal at the U21 World Championships in 2001 (Le Lavandou, France) and the gold medal in 2002 (Catania, Italy), both with Raul Mesa.
- Adrian won the silver medal at the U21 World Championships with Alejandro Fernandez in 2007 (Modena, Italy).
- Adrian was named the FIVB World Tour Top Rookie in 2008.

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Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo lead the series 4-3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Winning Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/19/2016	Vitória Open	Winner 3	Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo	19-21, 21-18, 15-10	0:44
10/1/2015	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Finals	Pool A	Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo	24-22, 21-17	0:38
6/5/2015	Porec Major Series	Pool G	Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo	22-20, 21-14	0:37
7/26/2013	Long Beach Grand Slam	Semi Finals	Pablo Herrera/Adrian Gavira	24-26, 21-19, 15-13	1:01
7/6/2013	FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships	Winner 2	Pablo Herrera/Adrian Gavira	21-19, 21-16	0:39
4/29/2012	Silesia Open	Bronze Medal	Pablo Herrera/Adrian Gavira	21-16, 21-11	0:34
4/21/2011	Brasilia Open	Contender 4	Paolo Nicolai/Daniele Lupo	18-21, 21-18, 15-13	0:52

## Aleksandrs Samoilovs



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## Personal Info

Birth Date:	April 6, 1985 (31 yrs old)
Home Town:	Jurmala
Resides:	Riga
Height:	196 cm (6'5")
Weight:	96 kg (213 lbs.)
Seasons:	14
Tournaments:	134
Best Finish:	1st (8 times)
Best WT Finish:	1st (6 times)
Career Winnings:	\$492,388

## Janis Smedins



Photo:FIVB

## Personal Info

Birth Date:	July 31, 1987 (28 yrs old)
Home Town:	Kuldiga
Resides:	Kuldiga
Height:	191 cm (6'3")
Weight:	84 kg (186 lbs.)
Seasons:	14
Tournaments:	100
Best Finish:	1st (7 times)
Career Winnings:	\$414,213

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	38	6	5	2	2	9	0	10	0	2	1	US\$570,675.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Janis Smedins - 17th	Aleksandrs Samoilovs - 17th
2014	Janis Smedins - 4th	Aleksandrs Samoilovs - 4th

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool D	Daniel Bergerud / Svein Solhaug, Norway (29, Q15)	Won 21-10, 21-14	0:28
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool D	Maciej Kosiak / Maciej Rudol, Poland (20)	Won 21-10, 21-13	0:28
Thu, 4/21/2016	Pool D	Matteo Ingrosso / Paolo Ingrosso, Italy (13)	Won 21-16, 21-19	0:38
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 2	Martins Plavins / Haralds Regza, Latvia (16)	Won 21-18, 21-12	0:35
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 3	Dmitri Barsouk / Nikita Liamin, Russia (24, Q5)	Won By Forfeit	0:03
Sat, 4/23/2016	Semi-Finals	Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena, United States (1)		

- Aleksandrs Samoilovs and Janis Smedins have been playing together since 2013. They are playing in their 38th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Aleksandrs is playing in his 17th FIVB World Tour final four with six gold, six silver, two bronze medals and two 4th place finishes.
- Janis is playing in his 20th FIVB World Tour final four with seven gold, six silver, three bronze medals and three 4th place finishes.
- This is Aleksandrs's and Janis's 1st Final Four of 2016. Their last Final Four was a Bronze at Xiamen in September, 2015.
- 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), finished 9th in 2009 (Stavanger) and 17th in 2011 (Rome), both with Ruslans Sorokins, and finished 17th in 2015 (The Hague) with Martins Plavins.
- Janis finished 4th in the FIVB World Championships with Martins Plavins in 2011 (Rome).
- Aleksandrs and Janis are currently ranked 29th in FIVB World Tour points in 2016 with 1,130 points and 22nd in winnings with \$16,875.
- Aleksandrs and Janis rank 16th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with six, 86th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 38, and 28th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$570,675.
- Aleksandrs and Janis have a career 164-53 (75.6%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 13-5 (72.2%) record in 2016, and an all-time record of 11-5 (68.8%) in Fuzhou.
- Aleksandrs (6) ranks 32nd and Janis (7) ranks 24th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Aleksandrs (127) ranks 30th and Janis (89) ranks 98th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Aleksandrs (\$489,587) ranks 33rd and Janis (\$409,487) ranks 43rd in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Aleksandrs and Janis won the gold medal at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2015 (Klagenfurt, Austria).
- Aleksandrs and Janis won silver medals at the CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship Final in 2013 (Klagenfurt, Austria) and in 2014 (Cagliari, Italy).
- 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 World Tour Points Champions and were named the FIVB World Tour Team of the Year in 2013 and 2014.
- Janis was named the FIVB World Tour Best Hitter in 2013 and 2014, Best Offensive Player in 2013, Best Setter in 2013, and Sportsman in 2013.

## Phil Dalhausser



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	January 26, 1980 (36 yrs old)
Home Town:	Baden, Switzerland
Resides:	Ventura, CA
Height:	205 cm (6'9")
Weight:	90 kg (200 lbs.)
Seasons:	13
Tournaments:	92
Best Finish:	1st (32 times)
Career Winnings:	\$1,049,650

## Nick Lucena



Photo:FIVB

### Personal Info

Birth Date:	September 22, 1979 (36 yrs old)
Home Town:	Davie, FL
Resides:	Santa Barbara, CA
Height:	185 cm (6'1")
Weight:	61 kg (135 lbs.)
Seasons:	11
Tournaments:	81
Best Finish:	1st (3 times)
Career Winnings:	\$403,750

## Team Career Summary

Tour	Played	1	2	3	4	5	7	9	13	17	25	Money
FIVB	12	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	US\$197,000.00

## Previous Fuzhou Results

Year	Partner - Result	Partner - Result
2013	Sean Rosenthal - 1st	Did not play
2014	Sean Rosenthal - 9th	Did not play
2015	Did not play	Theo Brunner - 5th

## Fuzhou Matches

Date	Bracket	Opponent	Score	Time
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool A	Cheng Chen / Lizeng Zhang, China (32)	Won 21-13, 21-15	0:32
Wed, 4/20/2016	Pool A	Alexander Huber / Robin Seidl, Austria (17)	Won 21-16, 21-9	0:30
Thu, 4/21/2016	Pool A	Martins Plavins / Haralds Regza, Latvia (16)	Won 17-21, 21-15, 15-10	0:44
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 2	Matteo Ingrosso / Paolo Ingrosso, Italy (13)	Won 20-22, 21-15, 15-10	0:50
Fri, 4/22/2016	Winner 3	Lombardo Ontiveros / Juan Virgen, Mexico (7)	Won 21-17, 21-12	0:31
Sat, 4/23/2016	Semi-Finals	Aleksandrs Samoilovs / Janis Smedins, Latvia (4)		

- Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena first played together in 2005 before reuniting in 2015. They are playing in their 12th FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour tournament together.
- Phil is playing in his 61st FIVB World Tour final four with 32 gold, 13 silver, 11 bronze medals and four 4th place finishes.
- Nick is playing in his 18th FIVB World Tour final four with three gold, eight silver, three bronze medals and three 4th place finishes.
- This is Phil's and Nick's 4th Final Four of 2016 (Gold Puerto Vallarta Open, Silver Doha Open, Gold Maceió Open).
- Phil won the gold medal in the Olympic Games in 2008 (Beijing) and finished 9th in 2012 (London), both with Todd Rogers.
- Phil finished 7th in the FIVB World Championships in 2005 (Berlin), was World Champion in 2007 (Gstaad), won the bronze medal in 2009 (Stavanger), and finished 9th in 2011 (Rome), all with Todd Rogers and finished 9th in 2013 (Stare Jablonki) with Sean Rosenthal.
- Nick finished 17th in the FIVB World Championships with Brad Keenan in 2009 (Stavanger), 9th with Matt Fuerbringer in 2011 (Rome), 33rd with John Hyden in 2013 (Stare Jablonki), and 4th with Theo Brunner in 2015 (The Hague).
- Phil and Nick are currently ranked 4th in FIVB World Tour points in 2016 with 2,280 points and 2nd in winnings with \$51,500. They have two wins in 2016 (Puerto Vallarta Open, Maceió Open).
- Phil and Nick rank 26th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team gold medal list with three, 336th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team tournament list with 12, and 94th on the all-time FIVB World Tour team winnings list with \$197,000.
- Phil and Nick have a career 62-14 (81.6%) match record in FIVB World Tour Events, a 29-3 (90.6%) record in 2016, and an all-time record of 5-0 (100.0%) in Fuzhou.
- Phil (32) ranks 3rd and Nick (3) ranks 40th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual gold medals.
- Phil (92) ranks 92nd and Nick (81) ranks 118th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual tournaments.
- Phil (\$1,049,650) ranks 3rd and Nick (\$403,750) ranks 46th in all-time FIVB World Tour individual earnings.
- Phil and Nick won the gold medal at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit Trinidad and Tobago in 2015 (Turtle Beach, Trinidad and Tobago).
- Nick and Theo Brunner won the gold medal at the Norceca Beach Volleyball Circuit San Diego in 2013 (San Diego, United States).
- Phil was named the FIVB World Tour Best Blocker in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014 Best Hitter in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, Best Offensive Player in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012, Best Server in 2014, Best Setter in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2015, Most Improved Player in 2006, Most Outstanding in 2010, 2013, and 2014, and Sportsman in 2008.
- Phil and Todd Rogers were Team of the Year and Tour Champions in 2010.

## Series tied 1-1

Date	Tournament	Round	Winning Team	Score	Time
9/13/2015	Sochi Open	Gold Medal	Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Janis Smedins	24-22, 21-19	0:44
8/21/2015	Long Beach Grand Slam	Winner 2	Phil Dalhausser/Nick Lucena	17-21, 21-11, 15-12	0:54