



MUNICH 2022 DAY 5 PREVIEW – BEACH VOLLEYBALL

CHASING THE CHAMPS AS BEACH VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

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It will be a case of chasing the reigning champions when the European Championships Munich 2022 beach volleyball tournament begins on Monday.

There are 32 teams per gender competing to be crowned European champions, with 31 of the 32 teams per gender out to catch the title holders - Tanja Hüberli and Nina Brunner from Switzerland, and Norway's Anders Mol and Christian Sørum.

SWISS BELLS RINGING FOR VICTORY

Hüberli and Brunner triumphed in Vienna in 2021 with victory over the Netherlands' Raisa Schoon and Katja Stam, who are in Munich and aiming to go one better.

The Swiss pair's best result since victory in Vienna is a third-place finish in Ostrava on the Volleyball World Beach Elite 16 Series, while Schoon and Stam won Elite 16 gold in Rosarito, Mexico.

Germany's best hopes for a medal come from Cinja Tillmann and Svenja Müller in the women's competition, and Clemens Wickler and Nils Ehlers in the men's.

Tillmann and Müller won silver at the Rome 2021 World Championships, while Wickler is one half of the pair who claimed silver at the Hamburg 2019 World Championships. He also featured at Tokyo 2020 but had to team up with a new partner for Munich 2022 after his long-term partner Julius Thole decided to end his professional sporting career and focus on his studies.

FIVE IN A ROW FOR NORWEIGIANS

Mol and Sørum are the dominant beach volleyball pairing of the past four years and they have the trophies to confirm it.

Tokyo 2020 gold, Rome 2021 gold and four consecutive European titles have meant the Norwegian pair have had to continually extend their trophy cabinets, and they begin Munich 2022 as first seeds.

New partnerships have begun to take place since Tokyo 2020, but the one who is likeliest to push Mol and Sørum the hardest is Alexander Brouwer and Robert Meeuwsen.



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The Dutch duo were world champions back in 2013 and won Rio 2016 bronze, but they have yet to win a European title, with third place in 2017 their best finish.

FOUR MATCHES TO START

The CEV EuroBeachVolley 2022 will be held at Königsplatz in Munich city centre, which also serves as venue for the Munich 2022 sport climbing events. Monday's action will be kicked off by German pair Müller/Tillmann (GER) going up against Vieira/Chamereau (FRA) at 17:15, with three more women's pool games on the agenda. Competition will fully get underway on Tuesday, with all teams in action.