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It was announced today that [Elaine Youngs and Nicole Branagh](#) have clinched the number 2 spot for the U.S. Olympic Beach Volleyball Team.

Now, I really don't have anything against these two. Branagh has been a spitfire all season. EY has been EY; fearless, fierce and simply the hardest working woman in all of Pro-Beach Volleyball. They've earned it. The combustion between these two is enough for a hundred beach weenie roasts.

EY has maintained her bad girl image often talking smack about other players. Also they have done a great job of ratcheting up a more visible fan base. Baby blue "I 'heart' BY" shirts adorn every tourney I have been to this year.

I was just hoping that this would be the year that things really got all shaken up in the brackets. I was really hoping for a Jen Boss/April Ross or Rachel Wacholder/ Tyra Turner to slip in and give us real fans a little more to chomp on. With the regular absence of the top four teams in the

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domestic AVP tour, us real fans have had few too many morsels to chew on this Olympic Enhanced season. We needed a real underdog, [like in swimming.](#) However, do we now have something better?

What we have now is a real big American Rivalry going into China. A team united by their country but divided by what has happened in between lines drawn in the sand.



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