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Day 4: Belasteguin-Yanguas, comeback win to gain the quarter finals; Navarro goes through

"Un **Belasteguin** nunca se rinde". He did not give up, as written on the lace of his racket, even in the **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel** Round of 16, staged today in the **Foro Italico** scenario. One set down against Spaniards **Arroyo** and **Rubio** and after losing the advantage break he had gained in the second, the Argentine ambassador of the discipline - along with partner **Mike Yanguas** - regained his head and his game and managed to close in three sets (2-6, 6-3, 6-4) in more than two hours, booking the pass for **Roman Major** quarter finals.

On **Day 4** of the tournament the number 1 seeded players in the men's and women's draw won and convinced. **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** opened the afternoon's schedule in style, overcoming **Rico** and **Gutierrez** 6-1 6-4 in one hour and fifteen minutes: the **Pietrangeli** was packed and in raptures for the world's strongest pair. Next up, Spaniards **Ari Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria** gave their compatriots **Martinez** and **Goenaga** no chance, beating them 6-2 6-1 in less than an hour's play. Number 2 seeded **Triay** and **Ortega** also won comfortably on the **Centre Court**, beating the number 12 seeded **Fernandez-Bidahorria** 6-0 6-1. The dream of Italian **Carolina Orsi**, paired with Spanish **Llaguno**, came to an end in the Round of 16: on court 8, stormed by fans, **Sanchez Alayeto** twins won 0-6, 6-3, 6-4. **Virsedá** and **Jensen**, seeded number 7, along with **Castello** and **Araujo**, number 8, and **Collombon** and **Iglesias**, number 10, go through.

In the evening, in the men's draw, the big surprise of the day. Number 5 seeded players **Ruiz** and **Tello** were eliminated by **Del Castillo** and **Benitez** with an eloquent 7-6, 6-2, while the second favourites for the final victory - the **Argentines Stupaczuk** and **Di Nenno** - needed another comeback win to beat in three sets (4-6, 6-3, 6-3) the **Spaniards Sanz** and **Nieto**. There was a great performance by **Chingotto** and **Paquito Navarro**, increasingly the idol of the **Foro Italico** to the tune of **Gala's 'Freed from desire'**: they gave up just four games to the **Spaniards Ramirez** and **Munoz**, who were overwhelmed 6-3, 6-1; the same result was achieved by **Coello** and **Tapia**, the number 4 seed, who beat **Solano** and **Chozas**.

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