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## **Champions discover the Pietrangeli** "Everything is special here in Rome"

The legend ruled. "I think the Pietrangeli is the most beautiful tennis stadium in the world, with its characteristic statues. Playing in this historic setting, with these people, will be a memory for a lifetime". And if Fernando Belasteguin, a man who has played padel on every court on the planet, says so, it is probably so.

Doing a simple google search and typing the words "tennis", "Pietrangeli" and "wonderful", the result is hundreds of pictures from every possible angle of one of the courts that is universally recognised as one of the most iconic. This is said by the fans, and up to there it would be a subjective thought, but it is mainly said by male and female players who played on it. At the Internazionali d'Italia, when there is an Italian on the court to be supported by the warmth of the crowd, probably he will play on Nicola Pietrangeli, the court dedicated to one of the greatest Italian players of all time. But often it is also foreigners who appreciate its unique charm.

On Wednesday, Belasteguin and Navarro had made their debut on the Pietrangeli, on Thursday it was the turn of Lebron and Galan, then Josemaria and Sanchez, and finally Stupaczuk and Di Nenno. Lebron and Galan in one hour and 14 minutes defeated (6-1 6-4) Rico and Gutierrez to qualify for the quarter-finals of the BNL Italy Major Premier Padel. "Playing in Rome is beautiful on all courts – said Lebron –. So far we have played very little in Italy but I must say that there is a special feeling here". There is a smile on the face of the number one players in the world, who met again at the Foro after a few weeks 'apart' due to 'Lobo's' injury. 'I am happy - said Juan - and I will be as long as I play padel". Also happy were the many fans who filled the Pietrangeli and enjoyed a double show: that of Lebron and Galan and that of one of the most beautiful courts in the world. In one word, wonderful,

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