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The First 'Full' Day in Foro Italico among first times, surprises and 'Players Party'

The first day of the **Roman Major**, after the weekend dedicated to the men's qualifiers, was full of emotions and first times. Undoubtedly, the most important one came with the girls' debut on the 'blue' of **Foro Italico**, a historic moment, with the qualification of the women's draw. It was a fantastic sight, with the players swarming between the four courts scattered around the venue, the legendary **Pietrangeli** and the Centre Court, the temple of international tennis. Among the big names on the court, immediately **Victor Ruiz** and **Lucas Bergamini**, finalists in the Milan PP1 against **Lebron** and **Galan**.

By the way, yesterday was the first Roman day of the FIP ranking number one couple, with a training session at the Pietrangeli followed by the fans in the venue. Also curious was the affectionate greeting of some Roma fans - one of them wearing the jersey of Giallorossi captain Lorenzo Pellegrini - to Argentinean **Federico Mouriño**, evidently because of his surname, which directly recalls the Special One, José Mourinho. Then, during the match between **Cattaneo/Di Giovanni** and **Inzerillo/Moreau**, the picturesque and former Top 20 Frenchman **Benoit Paire** appeared in the stands - cheering on his countrymen: "*Jerome Inzerillo is a dear friend of mine: we used to play tennis together when we were young, he told me he played in Italy, so I came to see him very willingly, taking advantage of the fact I am playing San Benedetto del Tronto Challenger this week*".

Yesterday evening, while one of the circuit's best-loved players, **Miguel Lamperti**, was putting on a show on the court, there was the '**Players Party**', an event dedicated to all the players for which they gave up the 'technical look' in favour of a particularly stylish outfit, amid music, flowers and a candlelit atmosphere.

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