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Day 2. Navarro and Chingotto show, happy 'Brea'rthday Galan-Lebron and Coello-Tapia on Wednesday

The **Allianz Cloud** in Milan was waiting for **Chingotto** and **Navarro**: **Fede** and **Paquito** were present. Winning debut for the number 4 seed in **Milano Premier Padel P1**, who in the evening beat the Italian-Argentinian 6-2 6-4 **Aris Patiniotis** and **Facundo Dominguez**, earning a place in the round of 16 of the men's draw. He won, Paquito, but most of all he had fun, thrilling the crowd that is filling the **Allianz Cloud**: fantastic side volley on set point and other shots that make him one of the most spectacular players on the circuit. On Thursday, in the round of 16, Navarro will have a rematch against **Lucas Bergamini** and **Victor Ruiz** (9), who last year - when **Paquito** was paired with **Tello** - defeated him in the semi-finals, denying him the duel with **Ale Galan** and **Juan Lebron**.

Wednesday will be the day of the debut of the top three seeds on the draw: Galan and Lebron will take the court as the third match on the Centre against **Pablo Cardona** and **Javier Ruiz** while, in the evening (not before 6 p.m.), it will be the turn of the other two *parejas* who complete the podium in the entry list. **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (3) will face **José Jimenez Casas** and **Miguel Lamperti**, with **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** closing the programme against **Ignacio Vilariño** and **Salvador Oria**. Double mission for Coello: to win with Tapia the fifth consecutive Premier Padel after **Rome**, **Madrid**, **Mendoza** and **Paris**, and to keep (it would happen in case of reaching at least the semifinals) the first place in the FIP ranking. *"But I will only celebrate when we are number 1 as a pair"*, Coello explained during the Media Day.

WOMEN Today was also the day of the debut of some of the big names in the women's draw, the big news of **Milan Premier Padel 2023**. Delfina Brea celebrated her 24th birthday on the court, beating – paired with **Bea Gonzalez** – 6-1 6-2 Spain's **Beatriz Caldera Sanchez** and Portugal's **Ana Catarina Nogueira**, complete with a cake on the court to celebrate the candles brought in the morning at breakfast by her colleagues. Earlier in the morning, on the other hand, **Alejandra Salazar**, one of the legends of the sport, who had missed the Rome Major in July due to injury, had celebrated her debut in **Premier Padel** in Italy with a success. She made it through the first round (paired with Portugal's **Sofia Araujo**) thanks to a 6-3 6-0 win over **Marina Martinez Lobo** and **Carolina Navarro Bjork**. On Wednesday, the first contact with the Allianz Cloud will be made by **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** (1), their second match on the centre court against **Bellver Fructuoso/Rodriguez Abajo**, and **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay** (2), opening the afternoon session (not before 6p.m.) against **Goenaga Garcia/Martinez Gomez**. The top two seeds, however, have already been able to breathe in

the air of the big event. *“Milan is beautiful, we can't wait to start”*, admitted on the Media Day **Gemma Triay**, who has already win with **Ortega** in July at the Foro Italico. There is also a bit of Italy on the court: at 10 a.m., **Carlotta Casali** and **Emily Stellato** against **Martinez/Ruiz Soto**, while the last match of the five scheduled on court number 1 will see Carolina Orsi, paired with Spain's Carla Mesa, against **Caparros Maldonado/Fassio Goyenche**. Out **Giorgia Marchetti** and **Chiara Pappacena**, defeated 6-1 6-4 by **Marta Barrera** and **Melania Merino**.

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