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Mar del Plata Premier Padel P1, the verdicts: third triumph for Chingalan, it's party time again for Ari and Paula

The escalation of **Federico Chingotto** and **Alejandro Galan** continue, while **Ariana Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria** return to celebrate. On a day made unforgettable by the farewell ceremony of the 'Boss' **Fernando Belasteguín**, who played for the last time in 'his' Argentina at **Mar del Plata Premier Padel P1** before retiring, the tournament staged the finals and in the men's draw the number 2 seeded pair overcame **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**, 'avenging' the previous week's defeat in the Paraguayan capital Asuncion. In the women's final, the number 1 seeded pair defeated **Delfina Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez** in three sets after a battle lasting over three hours, putting an end to their opponents' streak of 20 wins in a row, as they had won the last four P2s played.

MEN'S FINAL 'Un gracias eterno'. The men's final was preceded by a tribute to **Belasteguín**, probably the strongest player of all time, who, after Friday's elimination, came down to the Centre court with his family to greet and thanking his people: in his speech, 'Bela' could not hold back his tears and at the end the crowd cheered him with choruses and applause. On the court, **Chingotto** (new No. 6 in FIP ranking, passed Stupaczuk and Navarro) and **Galan**, a pair 'born' this season at the end of March, played a match on the rise against **Coello** and **Tapia** - respectively number 1 and 2 in the FIP ranking - and managed to win in three sets: for them it was their third success (after the P2s in Brussels and Sevilla) in five tournaments played together in the **Premier Padel circuit**. **Chingotto** and **Galan** managed to regain a break in the first set, but it was a monologue of their opponents, who won fluently 6-2 in 38 minutes thanks to 23 winners (against 8). The second set also ended 6-2, but this time in favour of the number 2 seeded pair. The final was decided by the third set, where **Chingotto** and **Galan** broke the balance at 2-2 and closed with another 6-2 in one hour and 41 minutes. *"I have to thank Federico for the strength of belief, the team and all the people here. The match was going badly, he is an outlier as a partner: thank you for delivering this final to me"*, **Galan** said after the triumph. **Chingotto** almost couldn't speak for the crowd's chants: *"Congratulations to Coello and Tapia, an incredible pair: it's always difficult against them. I am happy with the credit Ale gave me, but he was decisive for this victory. I won in front of my people, thank you for believing in me"*.

WOMEN'S FINAL The first set was dominated by **Ari** and **Paula**, who trailed 5-0 and then closed 6-1 in 47 minutes. A clear superiority for the No. 1 in the FIP Ranking, highlighted by just nine unforced errors and the balance of "winners", 20 compared to **Brea** and **Gonzalez's**

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lose their serve, in the seventh game: the Superpibas, however, gained the immediate counterbreak and managed to close 7-5 in an hour and 20 minutes. The match is wonderful. **Brea** and **Bea** approached the deciding set focused and pushed by the crowd, but **Ari** and **Paula** held their own point by point. The score followed the services until the ninth game, when the Spanish pair got the decisive break and then managed to close 6-4 on the third championship point. *"We had not won since Doha, we often lost by details, but we managed to come back"*, smiled **Paula Josemaria** talking about the third title of the season, after the **Major** in **Qatar** and the **P1** in **Riyadh**. **Ari Sanchez** is also on a high: *"Winning here is unique and wonderful, thanks to Paula and all the staff working with us. This win makes us happy and boosts us mentally"...*

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