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BNL Italy Major Premier Padel, day 5: Coello-Tapia and Triay still in the race for another title

Two more days. Then we will know which two pairs will be the king and queen of **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel**, the second major of the season that goes on thrilling Roman people at **Foro Italico**. Today the quarter finals were scheduled, and if in the men's draw all the top four seeds gained qualification, in the women's one **Jessica Castelló** and **Claudia Jensen** (5) with a practically perfect match eliminated **Delfi Brea** and **Alba Gallardo** (4) reaching the semifinals. Which will all be played tomorrow on the Centre Court starting at 3 p.m.

MEN In the **men's draw**, all the favourite "parejas" advance. **Arturo Coello and Agustin Tapia**, seeded number 1 and defending champions at Foro Italico, play a very solid match against **Mike Yanguas and Javi Garrido**: the two Spaniards, seeded number 6, hold their own especially in the first set, but end up surrendering 7-5 6-4 in an hour and 47 minutes of play. On Saturday, in the semifinals, **Coello and Tapia** will face **Paquito Navarro and Juan Lebron** on the Centre Court (second match), who are steadily progressing after the risks of their debut. The number 4 seeded pair beat 7-5 6-3 in one hour and 23 minutes **Alex Ruiz and Momo Gonzalez** (7): it will be the third semifinal for them against the top two players in the FIP Ranking after those lost at **P2 in Asuncion** and **P1 in Santiago**.

In the lower part of the draw, **Ale Galan and Fede Chingotto** (2) on one side and **Franco Stupaczuk and Martin Di Nenno** (3) on the other will compete for a place in the final. "Chingalan" prevailed 6-3 6-1 **Edu Alonso and Alex Arroyo** (11) in one hour and six minutes, while the Superpibes overcame 6-2 6-3 in 54 minutes **Lucas Campagnolo and Javi Leal** (13), who in the Round of 16 had ended the path of **Fernando Belasteguín and Juan Tello**.

WOMEN In the **women's draw**, the march of the top two top seeds proceeds swiftly and smoothly. **Gemma Triay and Claudia Fernandez** leave no chance to number 16 seeded Spanish countrywomen **Marina Guinart and Araceli Martinez**, defeated with a peremptory 6-0 6-1 in 51 minutes. In the semifinals it will be derby again for **Gemma**, who won in Rome last year paired with **Marta Ortega**, and the "Niña Maravilla": **Lucia Sainz and Patty Llaguno** (8), in fact, will be their rivals, after their 6-0 6-4 success over the pair formed by **Ksenia Sharifova and Lucia Martinez Gomez** (15). A match that will open Saturday's schedule and is thus repeated for the third tournament in a row, after **Triay and Fernandez's** victories in the **Santiago** final and **Bordeaux** semifinal.

Ari Sanchez and Paula Josemaria also confirmed themselves as a "steamroller": the two Spaniards, number 1 seeded and finalists in the last edition, knocked out 6-2 6-1 in less than an hour **Carla Mesa and Sara Ruiz Soto**, who bid farewell after an otherwise positive tournament. **Ari and Paula** will be pitted against **Castelló and Jensen** tomorrow in the third match on the Centre Court scheduled not before 7 p.m.: 6-1 6-2 in one hour and 11 minutes is the loss inflicted on **Brea** and the 18-year-old **Gallardo**, who joined the Argentine in Rome replacing the injured **Bea Gonzalez**.

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