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FIP Platinum Sardegna, the top players win and advance to the quarterfinals

The top players light up the scene at the **FIP Platinum Sardegna** and are getting ready to enter the most exciting stage of the tournament, with the quarterfinals scheduled for tomorrow starting at 9 a.m. At the **Tennis Club of Cagliari**, the star is once again the 'Legend' **Fernando Belasteguain** paired with **Javi Garrido**, who advance to the next round **against Fran Ramirez and Victor Mena**. As in day 1, it took three sets to prevail: after an easy 6-2 in the first, Ramirez and Mena came back with a 6-4 in the second, then rallied from 2-5 to 5-5 in the third before the decisive move by the top-seeded pair to close out the third set 7-5. The two will be back on the court tomorrow evening against the surprise of the day: newly reunited, **Alvaro Cepero and Pablo Lijo** defeated **Pablo Garcia and Xisco Gil** (6-3 7-5), the 8th seeds, in two sets.

TOLITO OUT, MAXI AND LUCHO OK The Sardinian Platinum says goodbye to two of the fans' favorite athletes: **Miguel Lamperti** and **Tolito Aguirre** conclude their first adventure together, losing in 2 sets to 1 against **Enrique Goenaga and Juanlu Esbri** (6-3 3-6 2-6), also an "experimental" pair in the tournament. A match that filled the stands of court 3, with the audience experiencing the same intensity and engagement as the players on the court. There was a lot of competitiveness on the court - between Tolito's "*Vamos Miguelito!*" shouts to pump up Lamperti, and Esbri's overwhelming growth game by game - making it one of the most thrilling matches so far. And tomorrow, another battle awaits **Esbri/Goenaga** in the quarterfinals against **Gonzalo Rubio and Alex Arroyo**, who today overcame the Italians **Abbate/Graziotti** (6-3 6-4). Another match to follow closely will be between the second-seeded pair, **Momo Gonzalez and Edu Alonso** (2), against **Leal/Campagnolo**, while **Maxi Sanchez and Lucho Capra** (3) will face **Guerrero/Garcia**.

WOMEN In the women's draw, the march continues smoothly for **Virginia Riera and Carmen Goenaga** (1), who in one hour won their match against **Barrera/Caparros** (6-0 6-4 the final score). The Argentine and the Spaniard will once again open the schedule on the Central court - all the women's pairs will play in the morning - where they will face **Melania Merino and Esther Carnicero**. All eyes will also be on court 1, where the most balanced match on paper will take place: on one side, **Carolina Orsi and Nuria Rodriguez** (5), who today easily defeated **Escacena/Lujan** (6-1 6-3), and on the other, **Ksenia Sharifova and Lucia Martinez** (4), who overcame **Vano/Polo** (6-4 6-2). The third-seeded pair, **Marina Guinart and Victoria Iglesias**, who today dropped only two games to **Cañellas/Navarro** (6-1 6-1), will take the court no earlier than 10.30 a.m.; **Aranzazu Osoro and Marta Marrero** (2) will play again on the

Central court against **Marina Lobo** and **Sofia Saiz**, after defeating the pair **Marchetti/Godallier**.

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