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## Rotterdam Premier Padel P1, Coello-Tapia the kings, Josemaria-Sanchez the queens

Number 1 seed at the beginning of the tournament and champions on Sunday. The destiny for **Arturo Coello, Agustin Tapia, Paula Josemaria and Ari Sanchez** was the same: the **Rotterdam Premier Padel P1** crowned the first two players in the men's FIP ranking and the first (tied on points) in the women's ranking. Nothing to do in the final for **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** in the men's final, just as there was nothing to do in the women's final for **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez**. Seventh title of the season for Josemaria/Sanchez, eighth for Coello/Tapia.

**MEN** The second tournament after the August break ended like the first, with **Coello** and Tapia triumphing in the Netherlands as they had done in Madrid. It ended 6-2 6-2 in one hour and 10 minutes, a match already headed with the double break in the first set. **Chingotto** and **Galan** had tried to break back before losing serve again in a set in which Coello made no mistakes. And double break it was in the second set too, with a smash on the glass by Galan. The number 2 seed had two chances to come back but the 5-1 win for Coello and Tapia brought the end of the match forward by a few minutes. *"Congratulations to our opponents who make us give our best every time and thanks to our whole team: the work is showing on the court – Coello said – . I dedicate the victory to my father, I had promised him before the match. Thanks also to Agus for the level on the court, but now we want to continue and grow further".* A dedication also for **Tapia**: *"To my grandmother, who is celebrating her birthday today. I'm very happy with the team we are, and it's nice to share the court with Arturo when he plays like this. It's been a great week, and now we go to his home".* The next tournament of the Premier Padel circuit will in fact be played in Valladolid.

**WOMEN** After Madrid, **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** didn't manage a double, beaten 6-4 in one hour and 51 minutes by **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**. If in the first set a break at the start was decisive, in the second the FIP number 1s were up 4-0, before suffering the comeback of Triay and Fernandez. Paula and Ari, however, again raised the bar in the decisive moment, taking home the trophy. *"It was a match with different moments –. admitted Paula -. Claudia and Gemma are impressive players and we knew they could turn it around. If they beat us, it had to be because of their merit and not our own. I think we succeeded, we were able to suffer in some points that were real rallies. I also want to congratulate them, Gemma, Claudia*

*and their whole team for the previous tournament and also for this one, because they are having an incredible season. From our side, I think there is little to reproach, last week we analysed the semifinal we lost and today we managed to win instead. I am super happy and I send a kiss to my family". "Eight days ago we lost and today was better – Ari added –. We were able to suffer when we needed to: we supported each other, we trusted each other and that was the key to win the match. I think when we are at this level and united as a team, we are really strong and we are showing that. We competed at a very high level, so now it's time to rest and think about the next challenge".*

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