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FIP Platinum Mexico, day 1 The big boys stay in the running. Cardona starts with a thrill

The best players on court in the **FIP Platinum Mexico** in the hunt for points for the **Premier Padel Finals** are still in the running. Today the round of 16 is scheduled, with the top seeds expected to face another test, starting with **Javi Garrido** and **Lucas Bergamini**, the number 1 players in the men's draw (the Brazilian is number 17 in the FIP Race), who after their 6-3 6-4 win over Insa/Aromi will face Pol Hernandez Alvarez and Rama Valenzuela. At the bottom half, however, it took two tiebreaks for **Alex Arroyo** and **Alex Ruiz** (number 2 seeded and respectively no.18 and 19 in the Race) to get the better of Pablo Castillo and Candido Alfaro: in the round of 16, they will duel with qualified Renzo Gabriel and Ivo Agustin Nunez. Victory in two sets for **José Diestro** and Race number 16 **Sanyo Gutierrez** (3) over Belar Vera Lopez and Victor Tur Checa, while **Javi Garcia** and Race number 15 **Pablo Cardona** (5) won 6-2 3-6 7-6 over Mexican lucky losers Jose Pablo Padilla and Javier Hazouri.

WOMEN Good debut in the women's draw for **Ale Alonso**, who as number 17 on the FIP Race paired with **Lucia Sainz** as the number 1 seed is chasing a place in the Finals: the Spaniard beat Dubins/Lucendo 6-2 6-3 and will face Carla Touly and Ana Dominguez in the round of 16. Also ahead were the number 2 seed **Virginia Riera** (number 19 on the Race) and **Julieta Bidahorria**, double 6-2 to Mexicans Ana Maria Cabrejas and Camila Ramme Coellar.

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