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Milano Premier Padel P1, day 3. Belasteguín, 'una mas': Argentine wins and postpones farewell. Coello-Tapia and Triay-Fernandez ok

“Una mas”. **Fernando Belasteguín**'s career is not over yet. There is at least one more match before saying goodbye. That one, paired with **Tino Libaak**, against the Portuguese brothers **Nuno** and **Miguel Deus**, could have been the last, and for that, all the padel champions had taken their places in the first rows of the stands at the **Allianz Cloud** in Milano: from **Arturo Coello** to **Agustin Tapia**, from **Fede Chingotto** to **Juan Tello** and **Martin Di Nenno**, the last four Argentinians who grew up with the myth of **Bela**. But after 6-4 6-4 to the 'Deus brothers' in one hour and 15 minutes, coming back from a break down in the second set (he was down 4-2), Bela will be back on court again tomorrow, again on the centre court, in the second match of the evening session starting at 6 p.m., against **Javi Garrido** and **Lucas Bergamini**, the number 7 seed. **Belasteguín** will play between the matches of **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** and **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan**, the top two pairs on the draw: **Coello** and **Tapia**, in just 44 minutes, restarted from their 6-0 6-1 win over **Mario Ortega** and **Tonet Sans** after their triumph in **Acapulco** (41st win in a row, in the round of 16 are **Maxi Sanchez** and **Lucho Capra**), while **Chingotto** and **Galan** took 52' to eliminate 6-1 6-2 **Miguel Benitez** and **Alvaro Cepero** (on Thursday the duel against **Pol Hernandez Alvarez** and **Rama Valenzuela**). Good debuts also for **Martin Di Nenno** and **Juan Lebron** (6-4 6-1 to **Dani Santigosa** and **Miguel Lamperti**, in the round of 16 **Juan Tello** and **Inigo Jofre**), **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Mike Yanguas** (6-3 6-2 to **Enrique Goenaga** and **Teo Zapata**, tomorrow **Fran Guerrero** and **Jairo Bautista**), but also for **Paquito Navarro** and **Pablo Cardona**, who overcame **Facundo Dominguez** and **Nacho Piotta** 6-3 6-0, with Paquito taking the court with the surname **Compan** on his shirt, that of his mother who died a few days ago. In the round of 16, a direct clash between **Cardona** and another protagonist in the race for the last places in the **Premier Padel Finals**, **Sanyo Gutierrez**, paired with **José Diestro**.

WOMEN Winning debut in the women's draw for the first two pairs in the seeding: **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez**, who were coming from their victory in the **Acapulco Major**, conceded a set to **Raquel Eugenio** and **Martina Fassio** before closing in the third (6-3 4-6 6-0). Tomorrow, for **Gemma** and **Claudia** in the third match of the morning session, which will start at 9.30 a.m. CET on the centre court, are **Sofia Saiz** and **Marina Lobo**. Opening Thursday will be defending champions **Delfi Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez**, who after a 6-2 6-0 win over **Ana Catarina Nogueira** and **Laia Rodriguez** will face lucky losers **Lara Arruabarrena** and **Julia Polo**. The fight for the last place in the Finals will also continue: **Ale Alonso**, with **Andrea Ustero** (9), will face **Lucia Martinez Gomez** and **Carla Mesa**, with **Aranzazu Osoro**, who with **Veronica Virseda** (8) will find the Italian **Carolina Orsi** and **Nuria Rodriguez** in a match that will follow that of the Italian wild cards **Caterina Baldi** and **Giulia Dal Pozzo** against **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno** (5). Also still hoping for a ticket to Barcelona is **Tamara Icardo**,

who with **Claudia Jensen** (7) today beat **Marina Guinart** and **Victoria Iglesias** 6-2 6-2 and is expected to face **Marta Barrera** and **Marta Caparros** tomorrow.

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