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Foro Italico, immediately a surprise: Gonzalez-Gutierrez eliminated!

The **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel** gets into full swing, with matches putting at stake the qualification to the **Round of 16** and the debut of all the big names of the discipline, who arrived at **Foro Italico** for the **Roman Major** full of enthusiasm and desire to win.

The morning session of the men's draw immediately produced a big surprise. Round of 16 proved in fact fatal to **Gonzalez-Gutierrez**, seeded number 7 in the tournament: the pair composed by the veteran **Lamperti**, 45 years old in November, and the Italian-Argentine **Perino** repeated their debut success and won with a score of 7-6, 6-4. Predictions were fulfilled in the other three matches, where the seeded players prevailed to go through the Round of 16. Two set wins for **Bergamini-Ruiz** (11), finalists at Premier P1 in Milan, and **Sanchez-Capra** (9); the Argentine pair **Stupaczuk-Di Nenno** - second favorite of the tournament - needed instead three tight sets to beat the Spaniards **Diestro-Leal** in a comeback win (4-6, 6-3, 7-6), closing 10-8 in the decisive tie-break at the third match-point after unbelievably saving one to their opponents.

In the women's draw, a more than convincing debut for the No. 2 seeded pair, **Gemma Triay** and **Maria Ortega**. The Spaniards gave up just three games to compatriots **Carmen Castillon** and **Nuria Viviancos**, defeated by the score of 6-1, 6-2. At the end of the match "focus" was the main word for the two winners, with **Triay** greeting the **Centre Court** audience in Italian: "*It's a pleasure to be here playing in Italy, we are waiting for you tomorrow!*". Round of 16 qualification for seeded players in the other three morning matches: **Lobo** and **Rufo Ortiz** (15) prevailed in three sets, while **Martinez-Goenaga** (13) and **Collombon-Iglesias** (10) were two-set winners.

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