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Alonso and Ustero, the “wonderkids” come at the number 1 on the Centre Court

Centre Court of the **Foro Italico**, second match of the afternoon session starting at 6 p.m.. Two very young players come at the number 1 in the women's draw of the **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel**, **Ariana Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria**. In two, **Alejandra Alonso** and **Andrea Ustero** are 33 years old: born in 2006 in Valladolid Alejandra, even in 2007 Andrea, from Barcelona. Two champions of the future, but also of the present, since a few days ago they won the Spanish title in **Torrent** (Comunidad Valenciana), beating 4-6 6-2 6-0 the pair formed by **Sandra Belver** and **Arantxa Soriano**.

While Alejandra started playing padel at the age of eight, convinced by her mother and sister and with the family set up a padel court in the backyard during the lockdown period, her father took little Andrea to the padel courts, which she soon began to enjoy more than tennis. *“Being alone on the court bored me, I felt I was missing something - said Ustero in an interview with Spanish newspaper AS -. These results came sooner than we expected, but there is a lot of work behind it”*. Feet on the ground, also because the road is very long: *“My parents are my idols, because I’m aware of the efforts they have made to get me where I am”*. On the idol, however, Andrea has no doubts: *“Paula Josemaria”*. One of the two players who will be on the other side of the net this afternoon.

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