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Coello e Tapia new kings of Rome 10,000 fans crown Arturo and Agustin

Ten thousand fans on the **Foro Italico Centre Court**, all for the four leading actors of a great final. The **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel** was won by **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**, who beat 7-5 7-6 Federico Chingotto and Paquito Navarro. If for Coello this is the second title in **Premier Padel** after last year's in **Monterrey** (paired with **Fernando Belasteguain**), **Tapia** writes his name in the roll of honor for the first time. **Paquito**, who nonetheless remains an idol of the **Rome** fans, lost his second final in a row at Foro, after the one a year ago - paired with **Di Nenno** - against **Lebron** and **Galan**. The first and only break of the first set came in the 12th game, with **Coello** and **Tapia** stealing serve to their opponents.

Chingotto and **Navarro** got off to a better start in the second set and immediately broke their opponents' serve, but **Tapia** and **Coello** clawed back the break in the eighth game thanks to an off-the-cuff backhand volley by **Navarro**. The score followed the serves until the tie-break, where **Paquito** invoked the audience's help to be "on fire" again, as the Gala hit that has now become his official song says. However, **Coello** and **Tapia** played a sumptuous tie-break and closed it with a resounding 7-2, unleashing their final joy.

*"It's incredible to play with such a crowd, I'm very happy because it's my first success in **Premier Padel** and it came here in Rome", **Tapia's** words, "It's an incredible setting, I'm very excited and I thank **Arturo**, it's very easy to play with him. Congratulations also to **Chingotto** and **Paquito**, they are very difficult opponents to face. Greetings to the people and...thank you Roma, we are champions!"*

*"It's incredible to have won here, in this setting of the **Foro Italico** in Rome: thank you for the organization, I couldn't be happier", the giant **Coello's** words on the court, "I also want to make wishes to my girlfriend, in a few minutes she'll celebrate her birthday. Thank you really to everyone!"*

The final scene, however, still goes to **Paquito Navarro**, undisputed idol of **Rome** and **Foro Italico**. He promised to return next year to try to win the tournament - he has lost the last two finals - proclaimed his love for the Eternal City and stared dancing together with the audience to the notes of "Freed from desire". An unforgettable tournament, for the first time in a combined format...an unforgettable week!

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