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Premier Padel lands in Argentina Coello and Tapia looking for a hat-trick

Everything is ready in **Mendoza** for the fourth round of the **Premier Padel** circuit, the first in **South America**: after the Majors in **Doha** and **Rome** and the P1 Premier in **Madrid**, Premier lands in Argentina for another P1. Great expectations at the **Arena Aconcagua**, where over the weekend the qualifications for the main draw were completed. There are 48 pairs, of which eight qualified and 16 already in the second round. As was the case in Madrid, it will be played indoors and the strongest players in the world will be on the court. In Mendoza, only the men's draw is scheduled, after Rome and Madrid had played in combined mode. A choice, as specified by **FIP President Luigi Carraro**, due exclusively to logistical-organisational reasons, with the Premier Padel that from 2024 will always see both men and women on the court.

There has been a change in the entry list, with **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** who, thanks to the **Rome-Madrid double**, have surpassed Fede **Chingotto** and Paquito **Navarro** to become the third ranked pair and therefore the third seed in the draw. They will debut against the winners of the match between **Scatena/Bueno** and **Chozaz/Cepero**. Unchanged, however, the top two, with **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** leading the seeding despite the complicated moment the number 1 ranking pair is experiencing. Lebron just returned to Rome after a wrist injury, but the Spaniards did not go beyond the quarters at the Foro and even beyond the round of 16 in Madrid. Debut against a qualified pair: **Sanchez Blasco/Rolla** or **Andornino/Restivo** and potential semifinal against Coello and Tapia.

Number 2 on the draw, the Argentines **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno**, who will therefore also be able to count on the support of the home crowd (same for their compatriots **Sanchez-Capra**, semi-finalists in Madrid). Stupa, who was forced to retire in Madrid, is ready to return to the court, looking for his second consecutive title in Mendoza after the one he won in 2022 paired with Pablo Lima. Debuts against **Gaspar/Mouliaa** or wild cards **Britos/Rivero**. **Chingotto** and **Navarro**, meanwhile, will face either **Gutierrez/Huete Hernandez** or French qualifiers **Guichard/Blanqué**. The other qualified pairs are **Leygue/Insa Sotillo**, **Lopez/Rubini**, **Calleja/Andenmatten Gudiño**, **Di Bene/Salandro** and **Gonzalez Galan/Puppo**. In total, four Argentinean pairs qualified, as Argentinean is the legend **Fernando Belasteguín**, who with **Mike Yanguas** forms the sixth seed in the draw: they will meet **Leygue/Insa Sotillo** or **Gil/Sager** in the second round. Today the first eight matches of the main draw, the curtain rises on great padel in Mendoza.

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