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BNL Italy Major Premier Padel, draw made Cremona and Cassetta dreaming Lebron/Galan

Emotions guaranteed for the Italian padel fans. The draw for the **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel** gave two possible games between Italian pairs and the world's strongest champions. **Juan Lebron** and **Alejandro Galan**, the number one seed in the tournament starting on Monday at the **Rome's Foro Italico** and exempt from the first round, await reigning Italian champions **Marco Cassetta** and **Simone Cremona** or Spaniards **Antonio Fernandez** and **Pablo Cardona**. The same fate awaits **Lorenzo Di Giovanni** and **Denny Cattaneo**, also wild cards and also in the top half: in case of a success against one of the eight pairs that will also pass the second qualifying round scheduled for Sunday, there would be the striking clash with **Fede Chingotto** and **Paquito Navarro**.

At the bottom half, **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** could face **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** in the semifinals. There are also great expectations for legend **Fernando Belasteguin**, who forms a pair made of two different generations with 21-year-old **Miguel Yanguas**. Sixth seed in the draw, Bela and Yanguas could face **Lebron** and **Galan** in the quarters. The other quarters, in case of prediction respected, could be: Ruiz/Tello-Chingotto/Navarro, Coello/Tapia-Gonzalez/Gutierrez and Silingo/Lima-Stupaczuk/Di Nenno. Making the draw, Italian **Giulio Graziotti** said: "I am very excited at the thought that I will have so many friends cheering for me – he said –. I don't know how I can react when I'll get on the court, I just know that I want to enjoy this experience to the full".

Among the women, making their debut on the **Premier Padel** circuit (the draw was made by **Alejandra Salazar**, out due to injury), **Bea Gonzalez** and **Delfi Brea**, who want to counter the dominance of **Ari Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria**, ended up right at the top of the draw led by the number ones, with a possible clash in the semifinals. At the bottom, with number two seeded **Gemma Triay** and **Marta Ortega**, there are **Tamara Icardo** and **Virginia Riera**. Nine Italians are competing, including the Roman **Carolina Orsi**, gold medal in the women's doubles at the European Games in Krakow. The Italian player and **Patty Llaguno** will play against the other Roman player **Carlotta Casali** and her partner **Julia Polo**, or against a pair coming from the qualifiers (scheduled for Monday). **Orsi/Llaguno** are in the eighth of the **Sanchez Alayeto** twins, pair number 7 on the draw and already beaten by the Italian in 2023. A pair coming from the qualifiers also for **Giulia Sussarello** and **Emily Stellato**, with a potential challenge with **Virseda/Jensen** in the second round. **Chiara Pappacena** and **Giorgia Marchetti** will face Spaniards **Clasca/Martinez**, while wild cards **Valentina Tommasi** and **Caterina Baldi** will play against former tennis player **Lara Arruabarrena** and partner **Sara**

Pujals. Two Spaniards also for **Francesca Ligotti** and her Portuguese partner **Catarina Castro**: the **De Osso/Rodriguez** duo await them.

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