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Day 3, All the strongest players ahead Salazar, debut with a marathon

The top two seeds in the **Greenweez Paris Major Premier Padel** didn't disappoint expectations. Number 1 **Ari Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria** gave up only four games (6-1 6-3) to **Marta Borrero** and **Ksenia Sharifova**, while number 2 **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay** closed out their first match against **Aguilar Carrillo/Manquillo Alarda** with a double 6-0. Winning debuts also for the Madrid champions: **Delfina Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez** (3) defeated 6-4 6-2 **Araceli Martinez** and **Sara Ruiz Soto**.

World No. 4 **Alejandra Salazar**, who had been forced to miss the Rome and Madrid tournaments due to injury, also won her first match on the **Premier Padel** circuit: the Spaniard, paired with Portuguese **Sofia Araujo** (4), beat the very young **Alejandra Alonso** and **Andrea Ustero** in the most exciting match of the day, which ended 5-7 7-6 7-5 in two hours and 57 minutes.

The first big surprise of the tournament had come on Tuesday night, with the defeat of twins **Maria José** and **Maria Pilar Sanchez Alayeto** (5), beaten 6-3 5-7 6-4 by **Beatriz Caldera Sanchez** and **Ana Caterina Nogueira** in a match that ended after almost four hours.

Tomorrow, with the round of 16, the draw gets underway: **Sanchez/Josemaria** at 1 p.m. on the Philippe-Chatrier will face **Fernandez Sanchez/Iglesias Segador** (10), and also on the Centre Court as the third match, **Ortega/Triay** against **Rodriguez/Talavan** (12).

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