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FIP PLATINUM Sardegna, day 3 Gonzalez/Garrido and Sanchez/Capra ok with a thrill

Some suffered more, some less. But the big of the **FIP PLATINUM Sardegna** have all passed the round, accessing the quarter-finals scheduled for Friday. The international padel tournament promoted by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, Department of Tourism, Handicrafts and Trade, under the patronage of the Cagliari Municipality, got underway immediately with a thrill. **Momo Gonzalez** and **Javier Garrido**, the number 2 seed in the men's draw, took a huge risk. Against 'Pincho' **Fernandez** and **Pablo Cardona**, Gonzalez and Garrido were twice one point away from defeat, before turning the match and closing 4-6 7-6 6-4 in two hours and 19 minutes. And a trick by **Gonzalez** in the third set, a tweener pass with the help of the net, is already a candidate to become the point of the tournament. In the quarters, they will face **Gil/Moyano**, the number 5 seed (6-2 7-5 to **Gutierrez/Melendez**).

Things went much better for **Fede Chingotto** and **Mike Yanguas**, who beat **Javier Garcia** and **Javier Barahona** (6-2 6-4) in their last match on Centre Court. The journey of the number 1 seed will not continue against the Spaniards **Gonzalo Rubio** and **Alejandro Arroyo** (6), but against **Ivan Ramirez** and **Pablo Garcia Rodrigo**, the surprise players of the day. As well as Gonzalez/Garrido, number 3 seed **Maxi Sanchez** and **Luciano Capra** also suffered, needing a third set (6-4 3-6 6-3) to defeat **Joseda Sanchez** and **Javier Valdes**. In the quarters they will face **Mario Del Castillo** and **Nachi Sager**, who won 6-2 6-1 against **Denis Perino** and **Mario Huete Hernandez**. The other two Italian-Argentiniens **Nicolas Suescun** and **Facundo Dominguez** were also eliminated, having to surrender 7-6 6-2 to 'Coki' **Nieto** and **Javier Rico** (4), opponents in the quarterfinals of **Campagnolo/Esbri** in the match that will open the schedule at 9.45 a.m..

In the women's draw, top seed **Patri Llaguno** and **Lucia Sainz** (2) gave up only two games to the Dutch **Koek/Weterings** (6-1 6-1): in the quarters, the challenge to **Guinart/Navarro Bjork** (5), who were dominant (6-2 6-2) against qualifiers **Dominguez Gracia/Pozuelo Dominguez**. In two sets, the French **Collombon/Godallier** (4) and the Spanish **Martinez Lobo/Rodriguez** (6), tomorrow facing each other, have qualified for the quarters, but Italian padel is also celebrating. There will be a little derby between **Carolina Orsi** (with **Carla Mesa Salazar**) and **Lorena Vano Martin** (with **Letizia Manquillo Alarza**), but **Giorgia Marchetti** and **Chiara Pappacena** are also dreaming. After their 6-2 6-1 victory over the lucky losers **Alegre Masnou/Van der Hoek**, they will face Spain's **Beatriz Caldera Sanchez** and Portugal's **Ana Caterina Nogueira** (8), who defeated Belgium's **An-Sophie Mestach** and **Helena Wyckaert** (6-1 6-3). *"It would be a dream to play the final with 'Caro' – said Pappacena - I have no doubt*

that we would be together before, during and after the match, at dinner. In that case, of course, the loser would pay". The quarter-finals, net of possible changes of court, are all scheduled on the Centre Court: it will be a very long day in Cagliari, but one to be lived.

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