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Day 3. Galan-Lebron and Coello-Tapia go ahead to the round of 16 Stupaczuk-Di Nenno ok in 3 sets, Triay-Ortega out

Attention please. Who wants to take the throne of **Milano Premier Padel P1** will have to challenge the defending champions: a good debut at the Allianz Cloud for **Ale Galan** and **Juan Lebron**, who with their 6-3 6-4 win over **Pablo Cardona** and **Javier Ruiz** going to the round of 16, where tomorrow they will find **Antonio Fernandez** and **Gonzalo Rubio**. *"We come from a long and difficult year, but we are playing great padel, we come here to confirm last year's title"*, the promise of 'Lobo' Lebron. In the evening, there was an immediate reply from the dominators of 2023, **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**: the winners of the last four **Premier Padel** circuit tournaments defeated 7-5 6-2 **Ignacio Vilariño** and **Salvador Oria (Nieto/Sanz)** in the round of 16). Among the big in the men's draw, the 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** were the ones who had to suffer the most, not least because they were up against a **Miguel Lamperti** in great feeling: paired with the very young **José Jimenez**, Lamperti took the first set (7-5), only to lose the second with the same score. In the third and decisive set, all the quality of Stupa and Di Nenno came out (5-7 7-5 6-1), so they will face **Munoz/Bautista** tomorrow. Finally, a good comeback for **Fernando Belasteguin**: the Argentine legend, paired with **Mike Yanguas**, defeated the Spaniards **Quilez/Bueno** with a double 6-4.

WOMEN The first surprise of the tournament then came from the women's draw, which saw the defeat of the number 2 seed and winners of the Rome Major: **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay** lost against the very young **Carmen Goenaga** and **Lucia Martinez** (6-2 6-4), on a day that saw a tribute paid to **Mari Carmen Villalba**, who played her last career match (*"Mari Carmen Villalba's beautiful smile was for many years a mirror of the joy and passion with which she interpreted our sport"*, underlined FIP president **Luigi Carraro**) and the 6-3 6-1 of the number 1 on the draw, **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**, over **Bellver/Rodriguez**. But at the **Allianz Cloud** Italy was also celebrated, taking three players to the round of 16: in the morning, a great performance by **Carlotta Casali** and **Emily Stellato**, who after a 6-2 7-5 win over **Martinez/Ruiz Soto** are expected to face **Jensen/Virseda** (8) tomorrow morning, while in the afternoon **Carolina Orsi**, paired with Spain's **Carla Mesa**, got the better of **Caparros/Fassio** (7-6 6-4), and in the round of 16 will find **Llaguno-Sainz**, with the former playing with Orsi until last August.

NUMBERS Tomorrow, starting at 9.30 a.m., the round of 16 is scheduled (with the return of **Fede Chingotto** and **Paquito Navarro**, among others, on the court) in a **Milano Premier Padel P1** that is entering its decisive days. Taking advantage of the long holiday weekend, it is likely that the **Allianz Cloud** will be full again, as it was 12 months ago. Also because in Lombardy the passion for padel is growing, considering a 33% increase (Italian record) of courts and clubs compared to a year ago. *"Padel has the great merit of being able to involve and enthuse even those who do not usually practise sport – explained the Councillor for Sport, Tourism and Youth Policies of the Municipality of Milan, **Martina Riva** –. If Milan and Lombardy are recognised as reference points at a national level for facilities, it means that we have worked and are working in the right direction"*.

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