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Day 4, all the stars to the quarter-finals: what a show on Friday in the Allianz Cloud

Ahead without problems. The **Milano Premier Padel P1** round of 16 lived up to expectations: all the strongest pairs qualified for the quarters, with the exception of **Fernando Belasteguín** and **Mike Yanguas**, who were forced to withdraw due to an elbow injury which created problems for 'Bela' also in the previous weeks. *"We are sorry not to be able to play, we were training very well - his words -. I'm so sad, but when these things happen you can't do anything about it"*. An emotional press conference, in which the Argentine also announced that 2024 will be his last year on the circuit. But what will start at **9.30 a.m.** on the **Allianz Cloud Centre Court** will be an unmissable Friday.

MEN On the day of the **Allianz Cloud** tribute to another legend like **Juan Martín Díaz**, **Ale Galán** and **Juan Lebrón** took only 44 minutes to defeat **'Pincho' Fernández** and **Gonzalo Rubio**. *"Before thinking about the title, we have to hope to repeat in the quarters the same level expressed today"*, explained Galán, who will be on the court tomorrow (fourth match) against **Rafa Mendez** and **Javi Rico**. The run of **Arturo Coello** and **Agustín Tapia** also continues, hunting for their fourth Premier title in a row in this incredible 2023: with 6-4 6-4 to **Nieto/Sanz (10)** they have earned the challenge against **Momo González** and **Javi Garrido (7)**. The first quarter-final (second match scheduled on the Centre Court) will be the most balanced: on one side **Fede Chingotto** and **Paquito Navarro** – 6-3 6-2 to **Lucas Bergamini** and **Victor Ruiz**, finalists in 2022 –, number 4 seed, on the other **Alex Ruiz** and **Juan Tello (6)**, with the latter sharing the 'pista' with Navarro until a few months ago. Also OK were **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno (3)** who, after suffering yesterday against Lamperti/Jimenez, came through in two sets (6-4 6-3) with **Munoz/Bautista**. The 'Superpibes', in the quarters, cross **Teodoro Zapata** and **Francisco Guerrero**, who took advantage of **Belasteguín/Yanguas'** withdrawal.

WOMEN Seven of the eight seeds in the women's draw have reached the quarter-finals. After the first-round exit of **Triay/Ortega**, the other two 'parejas', who have already won a Premier Padel title this season, played an impressive match. **Paula Josemaría** and **Ari Sánchez**, the number one seed and winners in Paris, were on court for only 53 minutes before closing 6-0 6-1 against **Nuria Rodríguez** and **Marta Talaván**; it took **Delfina Brea** and **Bea González** seven less to defeat **Clasca Vidella/Piltcher** with a double 6-0. It will be the Argentine and the Spaniard, the tournament's third seed, who will open the programme against another Argentine-Spanish pair, that of **Claudia Jensen Sirvent** and **Verónica Virseda (8)**, who broke the dream of Italians **Carlotta Casali** and **Emily Stellato**. **Sánchez/Josemaría**, on the other

hand, will feature in the third match against **Tamara Icardo** and **Maria Virginia Riera** (5). **Alejandra Salazar** and **Sofia Araujo** (6-0 6-4 to **Barrera/Merino**) also goes on the quarter-finals: tomorrow, the duel with **Patty Llaguno** and **Lucia Sainz** (7), who defeated the other Italian still in the draw, **Carolina Orsi** paired with **Carla Mesa**. In the evening, to close an extraordinary day, the quarter-final with the only non-seeded players: that between **Jessica Castelló** and **Aranzazu Ozoro** (6) and **Carmen Goenaga/Lucia Martinez**, who – before defeating **Canovas Paredes/Velasco Posteguillo** – had surprised **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay**.

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