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Day 5. The best male semifinals on Saturday: top four seeds on court Coello ends 2023 on top, Josemaria and Sanchez open at 11 a.m.

The perfect semi-finals. **Number 1 vs. number 4, number 2 vs. number 3.** In the decisive weekend of the men's draw at **Milano Premier Padel**, all the stars will be on court: from **Ale Galan** and **Juan Lebron** to **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**, from **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** to **Fede Chingotto** and **Paquito Navarro**. The women's draw, meanwhile, brings three of the top four seeds: **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**, **Delfina Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez**, **Sofia Araujo** and **Alejandra Salazar**, with **Jessica Castelló** and **Aranzazu Ozoro** (6) the only pair out of the first four. At the **Allianz Cloud** it will be a fantastic day, as great as Day 5 of the last Premier of the year was: it starts at 11 a.m. with the first two semifinals (**Josemaria/Sanchez** against **Brea/Gonzalez** and **Lebron/Galan** against **Chingotto/Navarro**), not before 3 p.m. the second session, opened by **Araujo/Salazar** against **Castelló/Ozoro**, followed by **Stupaczuk/Di Nenno** against **Coello/Tapia**.

THE VISIT Today, Premier Padel Chairman **Nasser Al-Khelaïfi**, together with International Padel Federation (FIP) President **Luigi Carraro**, welcomed the Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Italian Republic, **Khalid bin Youssef Al Sada**, at the Milano Premier Padel P1. During their visit, they witnessed the quarter-finals match of **Sofia Araujo** and **Alejandra Salazar** vs. **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno**, and took a tour of the facilities.

MEN The first fact of **Milano Premier Padel P1** has come at the end of an epic match: with the success, paired with **Agustin Tapia**, against **Momo Gonzalez** and **Javi Garrido** (7-6 3-6 7-5 in two hours and nine minutes), **Arturo Coello** is sure to end 2023 at number 1 in the **FIP ranking**. With the 300 points gained for access to the semifinals, **Coello** thus becomes unreachable for **Galan** and **Lebron**, but the winners of Rome, Madrid, Mendoza and Paris took a huge risk against **Gonzalez** and **Garrido**, resolving in the third set (7-6 3-6 7-5) a match in which the first break points in favour came in the very game that gave victory to 'Arturito' and Tapia. The other three quarter-finals, however, had all ended in two sets: contending for the final to **Coello/Tapia** will be 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno**, who beat **Zapata/Guerrero** 6-4 6-2. At the top, however, the challenge between **Ale Galan** and **Juan Lebron** (6-2 6-3 to **Mendez/Rico**) and **Chingotto/Navarro**, who beat **Juan Tello** and **Alex Ruiz** (6-2 7-5) in the morning.

WOMEN The first semi-final of the women's draw, which will open at 11 a.m. on **Saturday** at the **Allianz Cloud**, will be between the two pairs who have already won a **Premier** this year: on one side **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**, who triumphed in the last round played at

Roland Garros, and on the other **Delfina Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez**, who had won in Madrid. The world number 1 with a double 6-3 beat **Tamara Icardo** and **Virginia Riera**, the number 3 did the same (6-1 6-4) against **Claudia Jensen Sirvent** and **Veronica Virseda**. At the bottom half, **Sofia Araujo** and **Alejandra Salazar** had a hard-fought victory over **Patty Llaguno** and **Lucia Sainz** (6-2 4-6 6-1), while late in the evening **Jessica Castelló** and **Aranzazu Ozoro** crushed the dream of **Carmen Goenaga** and **Lucia Martinez** (who were forced to withdraw when they were down 6-3 4-1), but left Milan remembering the win in their first round against **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay**.

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