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FIP PROMOTION Melbourne, Rafter's first padel victory

After the defeat in **Sydney**, the first victory of **Pat Rafter**'s second career came in **Melbourne**. In the first round of the **FIP PROMOTION**, the second Australian stage of the **CUPRA FIP Tour**, the former tennis legend paired with **Justin Thomas** beat 6-3 6-1 the No. 5 seeded pair of Japan's Tomita and Igarashi.

The tournament at **Game4Padel Docklands** then opened in the night (european time), with two draw tables – men's and women's – both with 32 pairs.

In the men's, the number 1 seed are Frenchmen **Manuel Vives** and **Julien Seurin**, already winners in **Sydney**.

In the women's, on the other hand, the pair to beat are **Nerea Santana** and **Patricia Calderaro**, also coming from their victory in last weekend's tournament.

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