

February 24, 2024

## Riyadh Season P1, let the show begin Stupa-Di Nenno drawn in the same half of Lebron-Galan

The **2024 Premier Padel** season begins in **Saudi Arabia**. The **Riyadh Season P1** is the first event of a season that promises to be historic and exciting, with one professional circuit – Premier Padel – under the governance of the **International Padel Federation**, one calendar and one ranking. The main draw has been drawn, which from Monday will see the best world players on court, including confirmed and new pairs.

**MEN'S TOURNAMENT** - In the men's tournament, made up of 48 pairs, the 16 seeded players will enter the court directly in the second round. For **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan**, who won the last Premier in 2023, the P1 in Milan, there will be the winning pair of **Windahl/Marmolejo-Gonzalez/Luque**. Lebron and Galan are in the same half of the draw as 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno**, who are expected to play against Spaniards **Ayats/Guerrero** or a pair from the qualifiers. The final of the first Premier tournament in 2024 will not be like the same of the last one in 2023. **Chingotto/Gonzalez**, one of the new '*parejas*' of 2024, will debut against **Gil/Moya** or against two qualified.

In the bottom half, **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (winners of four Premier titles in 2023, in Rome, Madrid, Mendoza and Paris) await **J.Ruiz/Cardona** or a pair from the qualifiers. Among the most awaited new pairs is the return of the duo formed by **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez**, the number 4 seed: for them, **Rico/Esbri** or two qualified. The last season as a professional, **Fernando Belasteguin** will begin it with **Lucho Capra**; first match against the Italians **Patiniotis/Dominguez** or the wild cards **Althagib/Redha**.

**WOMEN'S DRAW** - On the other hand, 32 pairs compose the women's draw, with no 'bye': the world's best female players will also debut in the first round. Spanish derby for **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** (1) against **Talavan/Rodriguez**; a qualified pair for **Brea/Gonzalez** (2), winners in Milan in December. The Riyadh Season P1 will be the last tournament for **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay** (3) together: they will start with a match against **Merino/Saiz**. New partner for **Alejandra Salazar**, who will make her debut with **Tamara Icardo** (4) against

**Martinez/Ruiz Soto. Maria Virginia Riera and Sofia Araujo**, also new to the circuit and seeded number 5, await Italy's Carlotta Casali and Spain's **Lara Arruabarrena**.

\*\*\*\*\*

Press contacts:  
International Padel Federation  
Email: [press@padelfip.com](mailto:press@padelfip.com)