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## Riyadh Season P1, day 1 Salazar and Icardo ahead with a thrill

The **Riyadh Season Premier P1**, the first tournament of the 2024 **Premier Padel** season, was about to open with a big surprise. **Alejandra Salazar** and **Tamara Icardo**, the number 4 seed, however, after losing the second set, resolved well a match that had become complicated, beating 6-3 2-6 6-1 **Araceli Martinez** and **Sara Ruiz Soto**, protagonists of a great performance especially in the second set. Also ok on their debut in the women's draw were the two former teammates of Salazar and Icardo, **Virginia Riera** and **Sofia Araujo** (5), with 6-2 6-3 to **Carlotta Casali** and **Lara Arruabarrena**, as well as **Jessica Castelló** and **Claudia Jensen** (6), who beat the very young Spaniards **Alejandra Alonso** and **Andrea Ustero** with the same score. The first round will be completed tomorrow with the debuts of the other favourite pairs: the fifth match on the Centre court will be between **Ari Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria** (1) and compatriots **Marta Talavan** and **Nuria Rodriguez**, while **Bea Gonzalez** and **Delfina Brea** (2) will open the schedule on court 1 against qualifiers **Carla Castillo Velarde** and **Lucia Peralta Exposito**. Also on Centre Court, as their second match, **Marta Ortega** and **Gemma Triay** (3) will open their last tournament as a pair against **Melania Merino Saez** and **Sofia Saiz Vallejo**.

**MEN** In the men's draw, on the other hand, the first 16 matches of the main draw were played, with as many pairs qualified for the second round, the one that will see the debut of the world's best players. Day 2 on the Centre Court will start at 10 a.m. local time (8 a.m. in Central Europe) with **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez** (4) against **Javi Rico** and **Juanlu Esbri**; the third scheduled match is between **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (2) against **Javi Ruiz** and the very young **Pablo Cardona** (2004) followed by **Fernando Belasteguain** and **Luciano Capra** (6) against the Italo-Argentinean **Aris Patiniotis** and **Facundo Dominguez**. After the match of Sanchez and Josemaria, debuts of the number 3 on the 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (against **Ayats/Guerrero**) and the number 1 seed **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** against **Daniel Windahl** and **José Solano Marmolejo**.

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