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Riyadh Season P1, day 3

The tournament's 'fab three' advance, Yanguas-Garrido soar

A surprise, but not too much. The **Riyadh Season P1**, the tournament that opens the **Premier Padel** season, continues to make excellent victims: After the elimination in the second round of **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez** against **Javi Rico** and **Juanlu Esbri** (who also made it through to the round of 16 and seem to be serious about it) and **Fernando Belasteguin** and **Lucho Capra**, it was the turn of **Federico Chingotto** and **Momo Gonzalez** (5), beaten 6-3 7-6 by **Mike Yanguas** and **Javi Garrido** (10), with the latter having played with **Gonzalez** until a few weeks ago.

The top three seeded pairs at **Padel Rush** are still running. **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** (1) defeated **Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz** (9) 7-5 6-3 and now await **Campagnolo/Gutierrez** (13), just as **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (3) over **Gonzalo Rubio** and **Maxi Sanchez** (11) in two sets (6-4 6-1). **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (2) needed the third set, to beat the resistance of **Denis Perino** and **Alex Chozas**. The bottom half of the draw is the one that lost the most seeded players: in the quarters for Coello/Tapia there is **Alejandro Arroyo** and **Edu Alonso** (14), in a half of the main draw that also saw the defeat of **Alex Ruiz** and **Juan Tello** (7) by **Sager/Oria**, now awaited by **Rico/Esbri**.

WOMEN In the women's draw everything went according to predictions. Seven of the eight top seeds reached the quarter-finals, with the only 'exception' being the victory of the eternal **Carolina Navarro Bjork** (48 years old) and **Marina Guinart**, who defeated **Iglesias Segador/Las Heras** (8) and in the quarters will face **Delfina Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez** (6-1 6-2 to **Soriano/Mesa**). The other quarter in the top half of the draw will be between **Castelló/Jensen** (6) and **Ortega/Triay** (3). At the top, ok **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** (1) 6-1 6-3 over **Sharifova/Carnicero**; in the quarters, for the world number 1s, there is **Aranzazu Ozoro** and **Veronica Virseda** (7). The other quarter is between **Virginia Riera/Sofia Araujo** (5) opposing **Alejandra Salazar** and **Tamara Icardo** (4): until a few weeks ago they played 'crossed', tomorrow they will be back on the same court but in two different halves.

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