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## Puerto Cabello P2, day 4 Nieto and Sanz, the first semifinal of 2024 is real

**Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz**, the number 7 seed at the P2 in **Puerto Cabello (Venezuela)**, reached the first semifinal of their season and a great satisfaction: that of sitting at the table of the currently best players in the world. With a 6-7 7-5 6-1 comeback win over **Ayats/Guerrero**, Nieto (number 17 in the FIP ranking) and Sanz (19) will face **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** for a place in the final. The number 1 seed in the first P2 of the 2024 season continued their march with a 7-5 6-3 win over **Rubio/Sanchez**, authors of a super performance. In the bottom half, the Argentine derby was won by 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (2) against 'Minipibes' **Leo Augsburg** (19 years old) and Tino Libaak (18), who closed with a 7-5 6-0 defeat an exciting path that began in the qualifiers. Only **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** (3) stand between **Stupa/Di Nenno** and their first final of the season (three defeats in the three played so far in 2024); Chingotto and Galan defeated 6-2 7-5 **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez** (5), out in the quarters after two semifinals in a row in Doha and Acapulco.

**WOMEN** The Puerto Cabello P2 also confirmed the magic moment of **Maria Virginia Riera** and **Sofia Araujo**. The number 5 seed, finalists less than a week ago in Acapulco, qualified for the semifinals in Venezuela thanks to a 6-2 7-5 win over **Marta Ortega** and **Veronica Virseda** (3). The Argentine and the Portuguese will now face **Delfi Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez**, the leaders of the draw, who defeated 6-4 6-3 **Ruiz Soto/Rufo**. Predictions were respected in the bottom half of the draw, where **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** (2) passed the round after **Canovas/Velasco** withdrew (when the score was 6-3 3-0) and will now face **Alejandra Salazar** and **Tamara Icardo** (4), victorious 6-2 6-2 over **Llaguno/Sainz** (7). A semifinal that has already been played in 2024 at the Ooredoo Qatar Major in Doha, and which saw Triay/Fernandez win in two sets (7-5 6-4).

The semifinal schedule will start at 5 p.m. local time, 10 p.m. CET, with **Brea/Gonzalez-Riera/Araujo**; followed by **Coello/Tapia-Nieto/Sanz**, **Salazar/Icardo-Triay/Fernandez** and **Chingotto/Galan-Stupaczuk/Di Nenno**.

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