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FIP Rise Kaunas, title to Italians Abbate and Graziotti

Italian triumph in the FIP Rise in Kaunas (Lithuania). Flavio Abbate and Giulio Graziotti lifted the trophy, starting as the eighth seed but able to beat the number 2 in the draw – Castillo Valverde/Jorge Alfaro – in the quarters and to complete their perfect weekend thanks to a 7-5 6-3 win in the final over Finland's Max Sjovall and Argentina's Juan Pablo Andrada.

“What a great happiness – said Graziotti –. I say thank to Flavio for the heart and courage we put into the tournament. Special thanks also to those who followed us from Italy. Work always pays off and we don’t want to stop now”. “I am speechless – Abbate added –. I dedicate this trophy to the people who even from a distance don’t stop to support me”.

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