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Ooredoo Qatar Major, day 2 Gemma, Paquito, Marta: the day of first times

For **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez**, after their surprising ko in the opening round of the **Riyadh Season P1**, came the first victory of the season. The number 4 on the **Ooredoo Qatar Major** draw advanced to the second round of the first **Major** of the year (they had benefited from a bye in the first round) by beating qualifiers **Cordoba/Iriart** 6-2 6-2. Tomorrow, however, on their way will be **Javi Rico** and **Juanlu Esbri**, the two Spanish players who defeated **Navarro** and **Gutierrez** in Saudi Arabia. But it was also the day of the first victory of the new pairs in the women's draw: **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez**, number 3 in the seeding, won 6-2 6-0 over the French **Collombon/Ginier Barbier**, while **'Martita' Ortega** and **Veronica Virseda** (4) did the same (6-4 6-2 over **Castillon/Piltcher**). **Osoro/Goenaga** also performed well, giving up just one game to **Arruabarrena/Casali** in their first match.

DEBUT The big boys did not fail to win: **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** (1) beat **Daniel Windahl** and **José Solano Marmolejo** (6-3 6-3) in one hour and nine minutes, **Stupaczuk/Di Nenno** (3) 6-2 6-3 over **Jofre/Hernandez**, **Gonzalez/Chingotto** (5) 6-4 6-3 over the Argentinean talents **Libaak** and **Augsburger**, **Belasteguín/Capra** (6) 7-6 6-3 over the **Melendez brothers**. Among the women, successes on the debut for the finalist pairs in Riyadh: 6-0 6-3 by **Josemaria/Sanchez** over **Cañellas** and **Navarro**, 6-1 6-2 by **Brea/Gonzalez** over **Fassio/Borrero**. Out went number 6 **Riera/Araujo**, beaten by **Sharifova/Carnicero**, and number 8 **Iglesias/Las Heras**, defeated by **Vano/Schuck**. **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**, who took advantage of **Zapata/Goenaga's** withdrawal, didn't take the court.

TUESDAY Tomorrow the tournament gets into full swing with the round of 16: the most fascinating challenge is that between **Lebron/Galan** and **Yanguas/Garrido** (10). The two champions from **Riyadh** have made a great start to the season, but on the other side of the net there will be two strong opponents. For **Josemaria/Sanchez**, however, the threat is 45-year-old Portuguese **Ana Caterina Nogueira**, paired with **Beatriz Caldera**.

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