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Ooredoo Qatar Major, day 3 Masterpiece of Yanguas-Garrido: out Lebron and Galan

The exploit of the week is that of **Mike Yanguas** and **Javi Garrido**. After two hours and 57 minutes of battle, the number 10 on the draw eliminated in the round of 16 the kings of Riyadh and number 1 in the **Ooredoo Major Premier Padel** in Doha, **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan**, who had won the first set in the tiebreak but had to bow to a super performance by Yanguas and Garrido. The match, played on the Centre Court and finished 6-7 7-6 6-4, confirms a trend: the level of the **2024 Premier Padel** is very high, and it will be a season in which we could see more than one such result. The outsiders are coming, and they strongly want the padel throne and the best places of the FIP ranking: **Yanguas**, by the way, had already beaten **Lebron** and **Galan** in a Major, at the **Foro Italico**, paired with **Fernando Belasteguin**. Yanguas and Garrido, at the top of the draw, will now in the quarters face **Alex Arroyo** and **Edu Alonso** (14), who beat **Ruiz/Tello** (7). The other quarter, at the top, will be between **Gonzalez/Chingotto** (5) and defending champions **Stupaczuk/Di Nenno** (8). At the bottom half, however, there is a winning debut for **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (6-2 6-4 to **Cruz Belluati/Fernandez**): in the quarters are **Nieto/Sanz** (9). The other quarter is between **Navarro/Gutierrez** (4) and **Cardona/Ruiz**, who got the better of **Fernando Belasteguin** and **Luciano Capra** (6).

WOMEN If **Lebron** and **Galan** will not be more on court in Qatar, in the women's draw number 1 **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** are still in the running, despite suffering for one set. Thanks to a 7-6 6-0 win over **Ana Caterina Nogueira** and **Beatriz Caldera**, they will advance to the quarter-finals, where they will find **Castelló/Jensen** (7). Five games conceded by **Brea/Gonzalez** (2) to **Osoro/Goenaga** (10), three by **Triay/Fernandez** (3) to **Rufo/Martinez** (11) and by **Salazar/Icardo** (5) to **Saiz/Merino**. A more painful 7-5 6-3 by **Ortega/Virseda** (4) to **Talavan/Rodriguez** (12). Russia's **Ksenia Sharifova** and Spain's **Esther Carnicero**, tomorrow's opponents of **Ortega/Virseda**, are the only non-seeded pair to have gained access to the quarter-finals.

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