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## Ooredoo Qatar Major, day 4

### Eternal Salazar: with Icardo beats Brea-Gonzalez, it's semifinal

As happened yesterday for the men's draw, also from the women's draw after the quarters there is one certainty: the final of the **Ooredoo Major Premier Padel** in Doha will not be the same as the **Riyadh Season P1**. Thanks to **Alejandra Salazar** and **Tamara Icardo**, the number 5 seed, who defeated **Delfi Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez** at the end of a beautiful match. The number 2 seeded players had started off better, ending the first set with a score of 6-2, before suffering the return of their opponents, who, after taking the match to the deciding set, dominated it by closing 2-6 7-5 6-1 in two hours and 14 minutes. Contending for a place in the final for **Salazar/Icardo** will be one of the new pairs that debuted in Qatar in this week, that of **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** (3), who defeated 6-1 6-3 **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno**. At the top of the draw they will face **Ari Sanchez/Paula Josemaria** (1) (double 6-3 to **Castelló/Jensen**) and **Marta Ortega/Veronica Virseda** (4) (6-2 6-0 to **Sharifova/Carnicero**).

**MEN** In the men's draw, after Tuesday's feat in the round of 16, the march of **Mike Yanguas** and **Javi Garrido** (10) continued: a 7-5 6-4 win over **Arroyo/Alonso** (14) brought the two Spaniards to play a great semi-final against the 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (3), who won 6-3 6-3 against **Chingotto/Gonzalez** (5). In the bottom half, however, **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (2) lived up to predictions, just one match away from their second final in two Premier tournaments in 2024: no chance for **Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz** (9), defeated 6-2 6-2 after an impressive performance (only 50 minutes). In the semifinals, **Coello** and **Tapia** will face **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez** (4), who after suffering in the round of 16 against **Rico/Esbri** defeated **Cardona/Ruiz** in two sets (6-4 6-4).

On **Thursday** the programme on the Doha Centre court will start at 15.30 local time (13.30 CET): **Triay/Fernandez** will open against **Salazar/Icardo**, then **Yanguas/Garrido** against **Stupaczuk/Di Nenno**. They will be followed by **Sanchez/Josemaria** against **Ortega/Virseda** and **Navarro/Gutierrez** against **Coello/Tapia**.

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