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Ooredoo Qatar Major, day 5: Yanguas-Garrido and Triay-Fernandez, first time in the final. King Arthur takes back the throne

Mike Yanguas and **Javi Garrido**'s magical week is not over yet. After having eliminated **Juan Lebron** and **Ale Galan** in the round of 16, the Spaniards – number 10 on the draw – achieved their second masterpiece in the space of three days, beating also the number 3 of the **Ooredoo Qatar Major** in Doha, the 'Superpibes' **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (3) who will therefore not be able to defend the title they won last year in Qatar. It ended 6-2 7-6 in one hour and 41 minutes, with Yanguas and Garrido dominating in the first set – with Javi's smashes delighting the Doha crowd – and also able to withstand the comeback of the Argentines: **Stupaczuk** and **Di Nenno**, however, paid the price for too many errors, even in the key points, giving way to **Yanguas/Garrido**, who tomorrow will be able to play for the title of the first Major of the year against **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (2), who in the other semifinal beat **Paquito Navarro** and **Sanyo Gutierrez** 6-0 6-4. It was a domination, that of 'Arturito' and the Argentine, which made things clear from the very first games: the adventure in Doha ends for the number 4, who after starting the season with a defeat in **Riyadh**, however, gave the impression of being on the rise. **Coello**, on the other hand, with this victory is already sure to return to the top of the **FIP ranking** from Monday, after being overtaken by Lebron and Galan victorious in the Riyadh Season P1.

WOMEN In the women's draw, on the other hand, **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** are hunting for a double. The world number 1s needed three sets and to come back from the first, but in the end they managed to beat 4-6 6-2 6-4 **Marta Ortega** and **Veronica Virseda** (4), who thus end their first tournament played together in the semifinals. Challenging **Josemaria/Sanchez** and trying to prevent the Spaniards from making it a back-to-back after the **Riyadh Season P1** will be another new pair, that of **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** (3). In a match that lasted an hour and 59 minutes, Triay and the 18-year-old (almost in tears after closing out the match) beat **Alejandra Salazar** and **Tamara Icardo** 7-5 6-4: a match that **Triay/Fernandez** had started very well (double break in the first set) before the comeback of **Salazar/Icardo**. Despite a small physical problem in the second set, which forced **Fernandez** to ask for a medical time out, Triay took the pair on her shoulders and tomorrow she will go in search of her second title in the **Premier Padel** circuit after the one she won in Rome, at the Foro Italico, paired with **Marta Ortega**.

Tomorrow is the most awaited day at the **Khalifa International Tennis&Squash Complex**: the finals will start at 5pm local time (3pm CET), first **Josemaria/Sanchez** against

Triay/Fernandez, then Yanguas/Garrido against Coello/Tapia.

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