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## FIP Rise Diputacion de Malaga, Del Castillo-Mendez and Pozuelo-Atencia won the titles

**Mario Del Castillo** and **Rafa Mendez** were the two favourites in the **FIP Rise Diputacion de Malaga**. And the two Spanish didn't fail, lifting the trophy in Andalucia by beating the number 2 seed **Cayetano Rocafort** and **Alejandro Jerez** in a hard-fought final (4-6 7-6 6-4). Del Castillo gained one position in the FIP ranking, rising to number 56; for Mendez, on the other hand, a leap of four positions, from 84 to 80. *"Thank you very much to the Nueva Alcantara Club for all the attention it has given us over the past few days – said Mendez –. We had a lot of fun and we were able to win a title"*.

The women's tournament was won by the number eight seed on the draw, **Ainara Pozuelo** and **Valeria Atencia**, who beat the youngsters **Claudia Escacena** and **Sara Foguer Lapuente** (6-4 7-6) in the final. For Pozuelo, +17 in the FIP ranking (she is now number 146); four positions were gained by Atencia, who climbed to number 121. *"It was a perfect weekend, with five victories at the end of five very tough matches – Pozuelo's words –. Thank you Valeria for fighting by my side in this tournament"*. *"There are no words to describe the happiness of this weekend – added Atencia –. Thank you Ainara for being with me in this tournament and thank you to my family for supporting me closely"*.

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