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Betclíc Bordeaux Premier Padel P2, day 4 Belasteguín, here is the first semifinal in 2024

Fernando Belasteguín has been world number 1 for 16 years: he has won everything, but a semifinal in the 2024 **Premier Padel** circuit the Argentine has yet to reach. He did so in the **Betclíc Bordeaux Premier Padel P2**, paired with another Argentine, **Juan Tello**: the number 1 seed in the tournament at the **Arkéa Arena**, in the quarters, defeated **Javi Rico** and **Juanlu Esbri** in a comeback (4-6 6-4 6-3). Standing between **Belasteguín/Tello** and the final are **Momo Gonzalez** and **Alex Ruiz** (3), who qualified after **Alvaro Cepero** and **Miguel Benitez** withdrew in the third set, nevertheless ending a great week that began with the qualifiers. **Tello** and **Ruiz**, tomorrow's opponents not before 6 p.m. CET, also started 2024 together. The other semifinal, at the bottom half of the draw, will see **Lucas Bergamini** and **Pablo Cardona** (7), victorious 1-6 6-4 6-1 over **Collado/Diestro**, and the number 5 pair of **Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz**, who in the evening earned their third semi-final of the season after Puerto Cabello and Brussels by beating 6-7 6-2 6-3 **Goenaga/Ayats**.

WOMEN Making the surprise, at least looking at the entry list, in the women's draw were **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno**. But considering the magic moment of the two veterans, finalists in **Santiago** in the last of the three South American tournaments played before **Bordeaux**, one cannot be surprised by the success of the number 5 in the seeding over **Jessica Castelló** and **Claudia Jensen** (3) with a score of 5-7 6-4 6-3 at the end of a three-hour marathon. In the semifinals, for **Sainz/Llaguno**, there will be a rematch of the **Santiago** final against **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** (1), who beat **Lorena Rufo** and **Bea Caldera** (8) 6-3 6-4 in the quarters. The other semifinal, on the other hand, follow the order of the seeded players: on one side **Virginia Riera** and **Sofia Araujo** (4), victorious 6-1 7-6 over **Aranzazu Osoro** and **Marta Marrero** (7), and on the other **Marta Ortega** and **Veronica Virseda** (2), ahead 6-4 7-6 over **Alejandra Alonso** and **Andrea Ustero** (6). This will be the match that will open the semifinal schedule at 12 noon.

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