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BNL Italy Major Premier Padel, day 3: big do not disappoint, thrilling win for Paquito and Lebron

Many confirmations and a few surprises on **Day 3** of the **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel**. Today, at the **Foro Italico** in **Rome**, the **Round of 16** were up for grabs, and all the big names in the second **Major** of the season were on the court: the main favourites on the two main draws did not fail to live up to expectations, with a few shivers for **Paquito Navarro** and **Juan Lebron**, who nevertheless managed to qualify.

MEN Attendance at Pietrangeli 1 was able to admire the victories of **Arturo Coello/Agustin Tapia** and **Fede Chingotto/Ale Galan**, the top two seeds in the men's draw. **Rome** defending champions **Adrian Marques** and **Mario Huete**, who came from the qualifiers, 6-4 6-4, while 'Chingalan' overcame **Italy's Simone Cremona** and **Portugal's Nuno Deus** 6-0 6-4. Tango was danced on the Centre Court, with the **Superpibes** - the Argentines **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno** (3) - who beat 6-0 7-5 **Emilio Sanchez Chamero** and **Javier Valdes**. Also doing well was the 'Boss', the eagerly awaited **Fernando Belasteguain**, who, paired with **Juan Tello**, got the better of **Jose Solano (Spain)** and **Daniel Windahl (Sweden)**: 6-4 6-4 for the 'pareja' number 5 in the Roman seeding. On the other hand, **Paquito Navarro**, Foro Italico idol, and **Juan Lebron**, who needed three sets (6-3 4-6 7-5) to overcome **Italian-Argentine Denis Perino** and **Spaniard Pablo Garcia**, suffered more than expected. The No. 4 seeded pair will face **Lucas Bergamini** and **Victor Ruiz** (10) tomorrow in the second match on Centre Court, where the schedule will be closed by **Coello/Tapia** who will follow the **Chingotto/Galan** match against **Bautista/Guerrero**.

WOMEN Everything went according to plan for **Ari Sanchez** and **Paula Josemaria**, who beat **Sofia Saiz** and **Marina Lobo** 6-2 6-1 in the women's draw. Tomorrow the two Spaniards, seeded number 1, will take on countrywomen **Bea Caldera** and **Lorena Rufo** (11), who beat qualifiers **Raquel Eugenio** and **Martina Fassio** 7-5 6-2 in the third match on the main court. **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez**, number 2 on the draw, gave up just four games to qualifiers **Marta Arellano** and **Carla Castillo**. **Gemma** and **Claudia**, winners of the last two tournaments on the circuit (**Santiago** and **Bordeaux**), will open tomorrow's programme on the Centre court against **Giorgia Marchetti** - the only Italian left on the draw - and **Frenchwoman Lea Godallier**, who today eliminated the number 14 pair **Carolina Orsi** and **Carolina Navarro**. Also out were the pairs seeded number 7, **Alejandra Salazar** and **Carmen Goenaga**, and number 12, **Nuria Rodriguez** and **Laia Rodriguez**. **Delfi Brea** won 7-6 in the third set, paired with 18-year-old **Alba Gallardo** due to the injury suffered by her partner **Bea**

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