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FIP Promotion Città dei Templi (Sicily, Italy), Abbate - with Graziotti - prophet at home

He was the most awaited player and he did not betray expectations. Turning out to be a prophet at home. **Flavio Abbate**, born in the Sicilian city of Syracuse, won the **FIP Promotion Città dei Templi (also in Sicily)**, Italian leg of the **CUPRA FIP Tour**: seeded number 1 together with **Giulio Graziotti**, the Italian pair got the better 6-3, 6-4 of their fellow countrymen **Nicolas Brusa** and **Simone Iacovino**, seeded number 7. *“Champions of this fantastic tournament”*, **Abbate** said after the win, *“How nice to win at home!!! Giulio Graziotti, you were a train even in really tough conditions. Now let's go on, great things are ahead of us together”*. Also **Graziotti** didn't hide his joy. *“My brother”*, he said addressing **Abbate**, *“We are champions of this fantastic tournament played at your home!!! You have been devastating all week, helping me in so many situations. That said, you know what I think of you: I love you my friend”*.

Abbate and **Graziotti**, with their victory in the first weekend of June, joined **Frenchman Jeremy Scatena** in the ranking of the **CUPRA FIP Tour's most titled players** with eight titles won (5 Rise and 3 Promotion for each of the two Italians). Together, they have won six titles including five (**FIP Rise Kaunas**, **FIP Rise Rocks Lane**, **FIP Rise Pala Padel Nola**, **FIP Promotion Teramo** and, of course, **FIP Promotion Città dei Templi**) this year. Interestingly, **FIP Promotion Città dei Templi** had already seen the two Italians as winners, but with different teammates: in 2022 **Graziotti** with **Federico Beltrami**, in 2023 **Abbate** with **Brusa**.

In the **women's draw**, also prevailed the favourite pair leading up to the event. **Margarida Fernandes** and **Catarina Santos Domingos**, seeded number 1, got the better of the pair composed by **Italy's Valentina Tommasi** and **Spain's Aida Martinez Sanjuan** in the final. The match that awarded the title was truly exciting, with the two Portuguese women winning 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 after losing the first set with a clear 6-2. After reaching the semifinals at **FIP Rise Betsson Sweden II** and **FIP Promotion Teramo**, this is the first tournament won in the **CUPRA FIP Tour** for **Fernandes** and **Santos Domingos**.

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