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Rotterdam Premier Padel P1, day 4: the top seeds don't fail. Chozas and Augsburger continue to dream

Two confirmations and two new entries from the **Comunidad de Madrid Premier Padel P1**. The second of the three European tournaments in a row is ready to enter the decisive weekend: at the **Ahoy Rotterdam**, the familiar faces are the usual ones, those of **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** at the top of the draw and those of **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** at the bottom. The number 1 seeds, already winners last Sunday in Spain, were only on court for an hour and 4 minutes before beating **Alex Ruiz** and **Javi Garrido** (6) 6-3 6-1. In the semifinals, in the second match of the morning session starting at 10 a.m. CET, **Coello/Tapia** will find the big surprise of the week, the Argentinians **Alex Chozas** and **Leo Augsburger** who, after having defeated **Martin Di Nenno** and **Juan Lebron** in the round of 16, continued their march by beating **Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz** 3-6 7-6 6-4, coming back from behind as they had already done on Thursday in the round of 16. In the evening, however, came the successes of the number 4 and number 2 pairs on the draw: **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Mike Yanguas**, with 6-2 4-6 6-3 in two hours and 35 minutes to **Juan Tello** and **Fernando Belasteguin**, redeemed their elimination in the quarters in Madrid by qualifying for the semifinals for the first time since they have been playing together as a pair. Tomorrow, however, it will be the 'Chingalan', who in the most awaited match of the day stopped the run of **Paquito Navarro** and **Pablo Cardona** (5) 6-2 6-2 in 55 minutes.

WOMEN Opening the semifinals schedule in Rotterdam at 10am CET, however, will be the challenge at the top of the women's draw. On one side, **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**, who in just 55 minutes gave up three games to **Aranzazu Osoro** and **Veronica Virseda** (6-2 6-1); on the other side, **Lucia Sainz** and **Patty Llaguno** who, thanks to a 6-4 6-3 win over **Jessica Castelló** and **Alejandra Salazar**, after being eliminated in the first round in Madrid, return to play a semi-final that had been missing since the P1 in Malaga, when they lost to the world number 1s. In the bottom half, not before 4 p.m., **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** – who in the evening eliminated **Ksenia Sharifova** and **Lucia Martinez Gomez** with a double 6-3 – will take on **Marta Ortega** and **Sofia Araujo** (4), who in the evening session match on court number 2 won 6-3 6-1 over **Marina Guinart** and **Victoria Iglesias**.

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