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Premier Padel Kuwait City P1, day 5 Coello and Tapia forced to the third set by Garrido and Bergamini: but the record is safe

Few times, as in the quarter-finals of the **Premier Padel Kuwait City P1**, has **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia**'s record of victories close to be broken. The dominators of the circuit, and winners of 11 titles this season, were faced with a pair who gave an extraordinary performance, and above all of taking the number 1 seeded players to the third set, something that had not happened before the final since the Rome Major in June. After two hours and 45 minutes of show, however, **Lucas Bergamini** and **Javi Garrido** were defeated by Coello and Tapia, who, by winning 7-5 5-7 6-1 in their 33rd consecutive match, guaranteed themselves the chance to play the semifinals, where they will find **Fran Guerrero** and **Jairo Bautista**, more and more the surprise of this season's ending, which brings the Spaniards (number 31 and 28 in the FIP ranking) their first career semifinal in the **Premier Padel** circuit thanks to a 6-4 6-4 win over **Coki Nieto** and **Jon Sanz** (6). The semifinals of the bottom half will instead see the number 2 and 4 seeded players face each other: after some suffering in the first two rounds, **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** closed out their duel against **Pablo Cardona** and **Paquito Navarro** (5) in an hour and 9 minutes, with a score of 6-2 6-4. On the other hand, **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Mike Yanguas** (4) had to work hard to eliminate **Inigo Jofre** and **Juan Tello**, the number 13 seed, in three sets (6-1 4-6 6-2) which ended a great tournament.

WOMEN The top four seeds in the women's draw are still in the running and will compete in the most eagerly awaited semi-finals on Saturday (starting at 2 p.m. local time, 12 p.m. CET). At the top half, **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** were on court for an hour and 43 minutes before breaking the resistance of **Aranzazu Osoro** and **Veronica Virseda** (6-4 6-2). The Argentine consoled herself with a virtual entry among the 16 players who would now play the Barcelona Premier Padel Finals, considering the Race. Paula and Ari will face **Marta Ortega** and **Sofia Araujo** (4), victorious 6-4 6-3 over **Ale Salazar** and **Jessica Castelló**, after a match that lasted one hour and 59 minutes, in Saturday's opening match. The marathon of the day, in the women's tournament, was **Delfi Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez** (6-2 6-7 6-3) winning over **Tamara Icardo** and **Claudia Jensen**: after two hours and 42 minutes, the Argentine and the Spanish can still hope for a P1 double after Dubai, but they will have to face **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** (2), who after suffering a set against **Lorena Rufo** and **Bea Caldera**, closed 7-5 6-0 in one hour and 38 minutes.

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