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## Premier Padel Kuwait City P1, day 6 Stupaczuk and Yanguas' perfect day: "Chingalan" out after 14 finals in a row

**Franco Stupaczuk** and **Mike Yanguas** have already won a tournament on the **Premier Padel** circuit, in Newgiza, but they were dreaming a day like this. A perfect match, against a pair – the one formed by **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** – who had reached the final 14 times in 14 tournaments since they started playing together (from Puerto Cabello). This time, however, the number 4 seed overturned the predictions, finishing 6-3 6-1 in a match played with quality and intensity, in which 'Stupa' and Yanguas did not concede a single break point to their opponents. A match that started well right away, with a break in the opening set; in the second set, however, the break came at 3-1, without the '**Chingalan**' being able to win any more games. To complete the masterpiece, however, the Argentine (who, from Monday, will be number 5 in the FIP ranking) and the Spanish will have to contend with the world's best players: because if Chingotto and Galan stopped for the first time in the semifinals, the march of **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** continued. On Sunday, they will go in search of the 12<sup>th</sup> title of their incredible season. Coello and Tapia closed out an otherwise unforgettable week for **Fran Guerrero** and **Jairo Bautista**, who reached their first career semi-final on the Premier Padel circuit. Coello and Tapia conducted the match with authority; Bautista and Guerrero will be able to celebrate a jump of five (he will be number 23) and six positions respectively (he will be number 25) in the FIP ranking from Monday.

**WOMEN** The women's final, which will open the programme at 5 p.m. local time (3 p.m. CET), will be between the top two seeds. On one side will be **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez**, in their 12<sup>th</sup> final of the season (eight wins and three losses), and on the other side **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez**, who have won four titles in 2024. The world number 1s suffered in the first set against **Marta Ortega** and **Sofia Araujo** (4), suffering the counterbreak at 4-4 but dominating the tiebreak 7-0. In the second set, however, after a break for the Spaniard and the Portuguese, Paula and Ari won six games in a row (7-6 6-1). In the second semi-final, on the other hand, Triay and Fernandez dominated, and thanks to a 6-0 6-2 victory over **Delfi Brea** and **Bea Gonzalez**, the number 3 seed and winners of the P1 in Dubai, returned to play a final that had been missing since the P2 in **Valladolid** two months ago. Facing them were Paula Josemaria and Ari Sanchez, with whom the head-to-head record is five wins each (3-1 in the finals for Paula and Ari).

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