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## Premier Padel Dubai P1, day 1 Salazar, the seven-time world champion is still hungry

Tears during the **Spanish** anthem have gone round the world. **Ale Salazar** celebrated her seventh **FIP World Padel Championships** title in an extraordinary career, but the strength of champions is to put successes behind them and think immediately about the next game. And Salazar did just that: paired with **Jessica Castelló** she made it through the first round of the **Dubai P1 Premier Padel**, beating **Ariadna Cañellas** and **Marta Borrero** 6-2 6-1. **Salazar** and **Castelló** are not the only world champions who debuted in Dubai with a victory: number 2 seed **Gemma Triay** and **Claudia Fernandez** also did well, thanks to a 6-2 6-3 win over **Barbara Las Heras** and **Sandra Bellver**. Tomorrow (with the programme starting at 8 a.m. Dubai time, 5 a.m. CET) it will be time for the other four players who were part of the team led by Iciar Montes in Doha, all scheduled on the centre court: **Paula Josemaria** and **Ari Sanchez** (1) will debut against **Merino/Carnicero**, **Marta Ortega** paired with **Sofia Araujo** (4) against **Barrera/Caparros**, **Bea Gonzalez** with **Delfi Brea** (3) against **Talavan/Bidahorria**.

**MEN** But Wednesday will also be the day the world champions return to the court in the men's draw at the FIP World Padel Championships. **Tino Libaak**, who secured the decisive point in Doha for Argentina, will play with **Fernando Belasteguín** as the number 10 seed against Jairo Bautista and Fran Guerrero, victorious 6-3 6-2 over **Fernandez/Jimenez**; partner **Leo Augsburg**, on the other hand, with **Alex Chozas** as the number 15 seed finds **Josete Rico** and **Agustin Gutierrez** (6-4 6-4 to **Santigosa/Lamperti**). But it will also be time for the top seeds: **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia** (1) versus **Miguel Gonzalez** and **Tonet Sans**, **Fede Chingotto** and **Ale Galan** (2) versus **Luis Hernandez** and **Javi Rico**, **Martin Di Nenno** and **Juan Lebron** (3) versus **Nacho Vilariño** and **Mario Del Castillo** and **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Mike Yanguas** (4) versus **Aris Patiniotis** and **Jesus Moya**.

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