

## MILANO PREMIER PADEL P1 2022

### GALAN/LEBRON AGAINST BELA/COELLO: STAR SEMIFINAL

#### RUIZ/BERGAMINI-NAVARRO/TELLO FOR THE OTHER SPOT IN THE FINAL

*Milan, Dec. 9, 2022* - There are four pairs left to play for the last 2022 title of the Premier Padel circuit. And at Allianz Cloud in Milan, it will be an unmissable weekend, with an arena almost sold out and getting ready - as it has in recent days - to enjoy the performance of the best in the world. On one side, Alejandro Galan and Juan Lebron against Fernando Belasteguín and Arturo Coello; on the other, Victor Ruiz and Lucas Bergamini against Paquito Navarro and Juan Tello, who will launch the semifinals at 5 p.m. Three of the top four seeds will thus compete, the only exception being Ruiz and Bergamini, 13th seed but able to eliminate Stupaczuk and Lima (3) in the round of 16 and Sanchez/Capra (8) in the quarterfinals.

**RANKING AND HISTORY** At the top of the draw, here is the clash between those who dominate the world rankings and who for 16 years - from 2002 to 2017- stayed at the top of it. Alejandro Galan and Juan Lebron will face "legend" Fernando Belasteguín and Arturo Coello for a place in the final. After two wins that came in less than an hour, the Spanish talents had their first real test of the tournament, against Momo Gonzalez and Alex Ruiz (6th seed): they overcame it in an hour and 15' (7-5 6-1), suffering in the first set but managing to improve on the result of a week ago in Mexico (out in the quarters). On the other side of the net, there will be the 43-year-old Argentine and the 20-year-old Spaniard, who triumphed in Mexico last Sunday and are dreaming of making it two in a row. Earlier in the evening, Bela/Coello won their ticket for the semi in 2 sets (6-3 6-4) against Miguel Semmler and Joseda Sanchez, the only pair qualifying for the quarters not among the top seeds.

**PAQUITO IDOL** The other semifinal will feature Victor Ruiz and Lucas Bergamini opposing Paquito Navarro and Juan Tello. The adventure of the Spaniard and the Brazilian, last week in Monterrey's Major, stopped in the quarterfinals against Di Nenzo and Nieto; in the match that launched the day at Allianz Cloud, however, the thirteenth seed on the scoreboard provide a strong performance, with a 6-4 6-2 win in an hour and 26' to Argentinians Maxi Sanchez and Luciano Capra with wonderful shots. The quarterfinal showcasing Paquito Navarro and Juan Tello beating Federico Chingotto and Javi Garrido was tougher: it ended 6-3 3-6 7-5 in two hours and 14', with Navarro and Tello off to a great start, before conceding the second set but coming back in the third and last set, taking advantage of the extra rest day they had, given the forfeit of Campagnolo and Sanz. Among former teammates, then, Tello won and Chingotto lost, but as expected, the Milan audience chose Paquito Navarro as their idol, just as they did in May in Rome. So right after the match ended, Gala's "Freed from Desire", which is now known in padel as "Paquito is on Fire", was played by the Allianz Cloud speakers. And Navarro, of course, started jumping and dancing with the audience.

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