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DRAW CEREMONY WELCOME



MARHABAN, BIENVENIDO, WELCOME TO THE DRAW CEREMONY FOR THE OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR 2023, THE FIRST OF 4 PREMIER PADEL MAJORS THIS SEASON - SPANNING 3 CONTINENTS AND 4 COUNTRIES - REFLECTING THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF THE SPORT GLOBALLY. WHICH IS CERTAINLY EVIDENT WITH THE EXPLODING POPULARITY OF THE SPORT HERE IN QATAR.

IN FACT, IT WAS LAST YEAR - RIGHT HERE IN DOHA - THE FIRST-EVER PREMIER PADEL EVENT WAS PLAYED - IN AN ELECTRIC WEEK OF ACTION - WHERE PAQUITO NAVARRO AND MARTIN DI NENNO CAPTURED THE INUGURAL TITLE.

THERE ARE 4 ADDITIONAL *PREMIER-ONE* EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - EXTENDING THE REACH OF THE SPORT TO A TOTAL OF 7 COUNTRIES, ON 5 CONTINENTS - GIVING THESE TALENTED ATHLETES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE SPORT WORLDWIDE.

DIGNITARY INTRODUCTIONS

- ◆ JOINING US FOR TODAY'S DRAW CEREMONY, HERE ON STAGE...
- ▶ SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION AND OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, **MR. TARIQ ZAINAL**.
- ▶ PREMIER PADEL TOUR DIRECTOR, **MR. ADEL AREF**.
- ▶ AND OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR SUPERVISOR, **MR. JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ**.
- ◆ ALSO JOINING US TONIGHT, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE STAGE...
- ▶ QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION BOARD MEMBER, **MR. MOHAMMED AL SUBAEI**.
- ▶ DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OOREDOO, **MS. MOZA AL MOHANNADI**.
- ▶ QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION BOARD MEMBER, **MR. KARIM ALAMI**.
- ▶ QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, **MR. SAAD AL MOHANNADI**.

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PLAYER WELCOME



WE'RE ALSO EXCITED TO HAVE SEVERAL OF THE STARS OF THIS YEAR'S **OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR** WITH US THIS EVENING, INCLUDING...

COKI NIETO | JORGE NIETO RUIZ (ESP)

CURRENT RANKING: 18



A SEMIFINALIST LAST SEASON AT THE PREMIER PADEL MAJOR IN MEXICO - HE ALSO REACHED THE ROUND OF 16 HERE IN DOHA, ITALY, AND PARIS -- AND TWO YEARS AGO, HELPED LIFT HIS COUNTRY TO THE QATAR OOREDOO WORLD PADEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE RIGHT HERE IN DOHA. FROM SPAIN, **COKI NIETO**.

SANYO GUTIERREZ | CARLOS GUTIERREZ (ARG)

CURRENT RANKING: 11



LAST YEAR, HE...REACHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OF THE SEASON'S FINAL MAJOR IN MEXICO, AND WAS A SEMIFINALIST AT THE PREMIER-ONE EVENT IN MADRID. A PROUD MEMBER OF THE REIGNING WORLD CHAMPIONS FROM ARGENTINA - THIS, IS *THE MAGICIAN OF SAN LUIS* - **SANYO GUTIERREZ**.

EL CAÑÓN DE PORT ALEGRE | PABLO LIMA (BRA)

CURRENT RANKING: 9



AND HE...IS THE MOST TALENTED PLAYER EVER TO EMERGE FROM BRAZIL - AND IS BACK IN DOHA AS PREMIER PADEL'S WORLD #9 - AFTER CAPTURING **TWO** PREMIER-ONE TITLES LAST SEASON, AND REACHING THE SEMIFINALS OF THE YEAR'S THIRD MAJOR IN PARIS. THIS IS ALSO, I'M SAD TO SAY, HIS FINAL SEASON ON TOUR. FROM BRAZIL, *EL CAÑÓN DE PORTO ALEGRE*, **PABLO LIMA**.

THE BOSS | FERNANDO BELASTEGUIN (ARG)

CURRENT RANKING: 3



FINALLY, A TRUE LEGEND OF THE SPORT, WHO'S BEEN THERE SINCE THE BEGINNING - INSPIRING THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF THE SPORT WITH HIS DYNAMIC ATHLETICISM INSIDE THE GLASS, AND GENUINE CHARACTER OFF THE COURT. HE'S WON IT ALL - YET CONTINUES TO PUSH THE SPORT TO NEW HEIGHTS - AND LAST SEASON, CAPTURED THE TITLE AT THE DEBUT PREMIER MAJOR IN MEXICO, REACHING THE QUARTERFINALS OR BETTER OF ALL EIGHT PREMIER EVENTS ON TOUR. FROM ARGENTINA - *THE BOSS* - **FERNANDO BELASTEGUIN**.

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SPONSOR GRATITUDE

- ↓ BEFORE WE BEGIN TODAY'S DRAW, WE'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT POSSIBLE:
- ▶ OOREDOO
 - ▶ QATAR DUTY FREE
 - ▶ BULLPADEL
 - ▶ ASPETAR
 - ▶ EXPO QATAR
 - ▶ PANDA HOUSE

DRAW CEREMONY BEGINS

AND NOW – THE OFFICIAL DRAW FOR THE OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR - DR. HAMOUDA WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE PLACEMENT OF OUR TEAMS IN THIS YEAR'S DRAW.

** ASHRAF HAMOUDA AND FIP REPRESENTATIVES CONDUCT THE DRAW

DRAW CEREMONY ENDS

- ↓ THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR TODAY'S DRAW CEREMONY.
- ▶ THE FIRST ROUND OF QUALIFYING STARTED TODAY HERE AT THE KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL TENNIS AND SQUASH COMPLEX, AND WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW. MAIN-DRAW PLAY FOR THE OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR STARTS TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00PM
 - ▶ IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL LET YOU SPEAK ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE PLAYERS AND DIGNITARIES. BUT FIRST, IF WE COULD HAVE ALL OF OUR DRAW CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS GATHER AT THE CENTER OF THE STAGE FOR SOME GROUP PHOTOS.
 - ▶ NOW, THEY'VE CERTAINLY BEEN GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS WITH OUR PLAYERS AND DIGNITARIES FOR ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS.
 - ▶ THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING US - WE CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO A MEMORABLE **OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR 2023**. HAVE A GREAT EVENING.