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DRAW CEREMONY WELCOME



MARHABAN, BIENVENIDO, WELCOME TO THE DRAW CEREMONY FOR THE OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR 2024, THE FIRST OF 4 PREMIER PADEL MAJORS THIS SEASON. AND THIS YEAR, WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HOST THE SPORT'S TOP TALENTS IN BOTH - MEN'S **AND WOMEN'S** COMPETITION - GRATEFUL TO SEE THE LADIES MAKE THEIR **OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR** DEBUT. IN FACT, TODAY'S DRAW WILL START WITH THE WOMEN'S DRAW -- THEN WE'LL CONDUCT THE DRAW FOR THIS YEAR'S FIELD OF MEN.

ON THE MEN'S SIDE - ARGENTINA'S **FRANCO STUPACZUK AND MARTIN DI NENNO** ARE THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS (AND THE 3-SEEDS IN THIS YEAR'S DRAW). MEANWHILE, THIS YEAR'S LADIES CHAMPIONS WILL MAKE HISTORY, AS THE **FIRST-EVER OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS**.

AND THIS SEASON, TRULY SETS THE STAGE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SPORT. IN 2024 - PREMIER PADEL EXPANDS FROM 8...TO **25 EVENTS** - IN **18 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES** - **SPANNING 5 CONTINENTS**. THE SEASON'S FIRST PREMIER-1 EVENT CONTINUES TONIGHT AND TOMORROW IN RIYADH -- WHILE QUALIFYING FOR THIS YEAR'S OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR IS UNDERWAY HERE AT THE KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL TENNIS AND SQUASH COMPLEX.

DIGNITARY INTRODUCTIONS

- ◆ JOINING US FOR TODAY'S DRAW CEREMONY, SEATED IN THE FRONT ROW...
- ▶ SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION AND OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, **MR. TARIQ ZAINAL**.
- ▶ QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION BOARD DIRECTOR, **MR. KARIM ALAMI**.
- ▶ DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS, OOREDOO QATAR, **MR. BADER ALKUWARI**.
- ▶ QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, **MR. SAAD AL MOHANNADI**.
- ◆ ALSO JOINING US TONIGHT, HERE ON STAGE TO CONDUCT OUR DRAWS...
- ▶ PREMIER PADEL SUPERVISOR, AND MAESTRO OF THE CHIPS - **MR. JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ**.
- ▶ TOURNAMENT REFEREE, AND DOHA FIXTURE - **DR. ASHRAF HAMOU DA**.

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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...

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ALBA PEREZ MOMHA (ESP)
LUCIA GARCIA TRELLA (ESP)

CURRENT RANKING: 101
CURRENT RANKING: 100



A PAIR OF RISING SPANISH STARS COMPETING IN THEIR 5TH PREMIER PADEL EVENT ON TOUR. BOTH WERE FINALISTS LAST YEAR ON THE FIP RISE CIRCUIT - AND TOMORROW, WILL MAKE THEIR OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR DEBUT IN ROUND-1 OF QUALIFYING. PLEASE WELCOME, **ALBA PEREZ** AND **LUCIA GARCIA**.

MANUELA SCHUCK SILVA (BRA)
LORENA VANO (ITA)

CURRENT RANKING: 80
CURRENT RANKING: 76



THIS WEEK, AT THE PREMIER-1 EVENT IN RIYADH, THEY MADE THEIR TEAM DEBUT IN QUALIFYING. ON MONDAY, THEY MAKE THEIR OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR DEBUT, IN ROUND-1 OF MAIN DRAW ACTION. AND IN JUST MOMENTS, THEY'LL FIND OUT WHO THEY PLAY IN THE OPENING ROUND. FROM BRAZIL AND ITALY - **MANUELA SCHUCK** AND **LORENA VANO**.

MOHAMED AL KHANJI

CURRENT RANKING: 230



BACK FOR HIS 3RD OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR - IN NOVEMBER, HE AND PARTNER JABOR AL-MUTAWA REACHED THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE **FIP PROMOTION PADEL ASIA**. WILD CARDS IN THIS YEAR'S DRAW, WE LOOK FORWARD TO HE AND JABOR MAKING US PROUD AGAIN IN SUNDAY'S OPENING ROUND, AND HOPEFULLY BEYOND! FROM QATAR - PLEASE WELCOME **MOHAMED AL KHANJI**.

IGNACIO PIOTTO ALBORNOZ (ARG)

CURRENT RANKING: 95



BACK IN DOHA ALONGSIDE MARIO ORTEGA - LAST YEAR, HE MADE HIS OOREDOO QATAR MAJOR DEBUT IN QUALIFYING - AND JUST LAST MONTH, THE PAIR REACHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OF **THE FIP PROMOTION LA CALA**. FROM ARGENTINA, **IGNACIO PIOTTO**.

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LUCAS BERGAMINI (BRA)
VICTOR RUIZ (ESP)

CURRENT RANKING: 18
CURRENT RANKING: 16

FINALLY - THIS TANDEM FIRST TEAMED-UP SHORTLY AFTER THE INAUGURAL PREMIER PADEL MAJOR HERE IN DOHA 2-YEARS-AGO...AND SINCE THEN, HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE TOP PADEL TEAMS IN THE WORLD. QUARTERFINALISTS AT THE MAJORS IN ITALY, PARIS AND MEXICO - THEY ALSO REACHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OF THE DEBUT PREMIER-1 EVENT HELD IN MILANO. THE 8-SEEDS IN THIS YEAR'S DRAW - THEY LAUNCH THEIR 2024 DOHA CAMPAIGN ON TUESDAY, IN THE SECOND ROUND. FROM BRAZIL AND SPAIN, **LUCAS BERGAMINI** AND **VICTOR RUIZ**.

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SPONSOR GRATITUDE

↓ BEFORE WE BEGIN TODAY'S DRAW, WE'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR VALUED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT POSSIBLE - INCLUDING:

- ▶ TITLE SPONSOR, **OOREDOO QATAR**
- ▶ **QATAR DUTY FREE**
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- ▶ **FNAC QATAR**
- ▶ **BULLPADEL**
- ▶ **EXPO QATAR 2023**
- ▶ **REDBULL**
- ▶ **RAYYAN MINERAL WATER COMPANY**

DRAW CEREMONY BEGINS

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

** JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ CONDUCTS THE WOMEN'S DRAW, THEN FOLLOWS WITH THE MEN'S 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 SUNDAY 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 2024**. HAVE A GREAT EVENING.