



# ROUND ONE

DOHA, QATAR

DAY-1 MATCH-2 GLASS COURT

SEED	PLAYERS	RANK	NAT		G1	G2	G3		
[4]	DIEGO ELIAS	04	PER	3	11	11	11	-	-
	LEONEL CARDENAS	21	MEX	0	3	8	7	-	-

MATCH TIME 0:42

[4] DIEGO ELIAS -04- (PER)

2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

IN 2021 - RIGHT HERE IN DOHA - HE CAPTURED HIS VERY FIRST PSA PLATINUM TITLE, DEFEATING SUPERMAN PAUL COLL IN AN 83-MINUTE, BREATHTAKING FINAL - BECOMING THE FIRST PERUVIAN TALENT IN HISTORY TO LIFT ONE OF THE SPORT'S MAJOR TROPHIES. TODAY, JUST 3 YEARS LATER, HE'S NOW A 3-TIME PLATINUM CHAMPION, AN 8-TIME PLATINUM FINALIST, HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #1 - AND THIS AFTERNOON, RETURNS TO DOHA'S GLASS COURT AS THE REIGNING WORLD CHAMPION. NOW 6-2 TO START THE NEW SEASON, AFTER SEMIFINAL RUNS IN EGYPT AND PARIS - HE IS 2-TIME DOHA FINALIST, AND 2021 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC CHAMPION - THE PERUVIAN PUMA - DIEGO ELIAS.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
FINAL					
SEMIFINALS					
QUARTERFINALS					
LAST 16		RAPHAEL KANDRA	29	GER	NEXT
ROUND I		LEONEL CARDENAS	21	MEX	11-3 11-8 11-7   0:42

LEONEL CARDENAS -21- (MEX)

2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

A PAN AMERICAN GAMES BRONZE AND DOUBLES SILVER MEDALIST - LAST SEASON, THIS 24-YEAR-OLD EARNED HIS FIRST PSA BRONZE WORLD-EVENT TITLE IN CLEVELAND, MADE CAREER-BEST PLATINUM RUNS AT THE WINDY CITY OPEN AND EL GOUNA (REACHING THE LAST 16) - AND EARLIER THIS MONTH, CRACKED THE PSA'S TOP-20 FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND WITH A GREATER RANKING - COMES GREATER OPPORTUNITY. NOW 2-2 ON THE NEW SEASON FOLLOWING EGYPT AND PARIS - TODAY, HE FINDS HIMSELF BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT A PSA PLATINUM - BATTLING ANOTHER TOP-5 TALENT AND FORMER DOHA CHAMPION. FROM MEXICO, COMPETING IN HIS 2ND Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC - THIS IS LEONEL CARDENAS.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
ROUND I	[4]	DIEGO ELIAS	4	PER	3-11 8-11 7-11   0:42

## HEAD TO HEAD

THIS IS THE SECOND MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS. LAST NOVEMBER, THEY BATTLED IN THE SEMIFINALS OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES IN CHILE. DIEGO ELIAS EMERGED THE VICTOR IN THREE, THEN WENT ON TO CAPTURE HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE PAN-AMERICAN GAMES GOLD MEDAL.