

ITTF COPA TANGO

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th October



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Thais Fraga Severo (BRA)

After winning the group one in wwomen's singles class 1-3

"I like participating in the Copa Tango, it allows me to gain competition rhythm in preparation for the Panamericans in Santiago 2023.

I saw my possible rivals from the other group and I haven't played against them yet this year, there will surely be a good semi-final match. I hope to give the best.

I really liked in today's matches to see that several issues that I worked on in training came up. I think I need to improve my agility for the semi-finals, but for being the first day I wasn't bad. Yes, I would like to correct those details"



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Alejandro Perez (ARG)

After defeating Arufuahirokazu Tateishi (11-8, 4-11, 11-6, 10-12, 11-9) at the quarter-final stage of men's singles class 8.

"It was a very difficult match where I couldn't feel comfortable but I'm happy for the victory.

I used my backhand a lot to be able to be consistent and play stringly from my forehand. I think these were my strengths to win the match. Mentality and the support from those in the stands were also key factors.

When I saw the list of players, the first thing I set as my goal was a podium place, but I lost a match in the group (he lost to João Nascimento Junior) everything became complicated for me. Now I have faith for tomorrow's semi-finals. I am optimistic."



Saturday 7th October

Carlos Moraes (Brazil)

After winning men's singles class 5, beating Elias Romero (ARG) in the final (9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-7)

"The mind was important. In all finals the head plays an important role. It wasn't an easy game against Romero but I was able to do things very well.

I have to continue like this to obtain more positive results. I am confident that this will be the case in the future.

I had the support of my Brazilian team in the stands, they were important at certain moments of the match.

It wasn't easy, Romero had many people from Argentina celebrating his points".



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Gabriel Copola (ARG)

Winner men's singles class 3, in the final he beat François Geuljans (FRA) 8-11 11-7, 11-6, 12-10.

"It is a special Copa Tango for me because I was in the first one, and 20 years later I play watching my daughters in the stands, there are many emotions.

I feel very comfortable in each Copa Tango and it is excellent to have been able to add a new gold medal at home. I have a fairly important solidity about the most positive aspects of the game. What I do, I do well and I maintain it in the game. In the crucial moment of the final (trailing 2-8 in the fourth game) I stuck to what I do best and was able to turn it around to win.

The Copa Tango does not let up. Year after year they continue to come from many countries to play. This edition there are 18 countries and many players who came in previous years, had a good time and came back. That fills us with joy, especially in a complex economic moment like the one we live in. It's nice to come to play in Argentina".

I am going with everything to my next goal, which is Santiago 2023; this was my first official tournament this year, and my rivals have already had many more. I have expectations and I know that I can do well in Chile".